

# Open Door

**The Newsletter of  
Old Coulsdon Congregational Church**

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**Welcome to OLD COULSDON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
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**This community Church was formed in 1953 and has been on its present site since 1958. We hope you will enjoy visiting and sharing worship with us. Please make yourself known to the Minister, one of the Deacons, or a Steward, if you have any questions or queries.**

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Church organisations and contacts.**

## FROM THE MINISTER



Dear Friends

This month we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival. Giving thanks to God for his goodness to us and blessing us with the amazing diversity of foods that we eat. Harvest is also a time for giving thanks to all who are part of our fellowship and the wider church of Jesus Christ. And that's not all. Harvest is also an opportunity to give thanks for our world and to all we can to show Christ's love in our everyday lives – what we say, do, think, how we treat others.

As we reflect on this, we also need to be aware that unless we reverse our current human trends, the earth will become increasingly barren and all life on this planet diminished.

We need, friends, to repair, to interconnect *with* nature and to do something about the damage we as a race have caused.

In Judaism, the Hebrew phrase 'Tikkun Olam' [repairing the world] has been used in rabbinical texts for centuries. This denotes humanity's responsibility, not only to keep the world in harmony and good order, but to bring it closer to the state for which it was created by God.

Tikkun Olam is a simple but practical notion: We have lived for many years in the developed world on the principal of a throw away society. An example: I tried to get my toaster repaired last year. Problem one: Finding someone to repair it!! Problem two: the cost. The bill to repair was three times the cost of a new toaster. I rest my case.

**The need for Tikkun Olam is, in my view, urgent. Very urgent. We need to not only heal our broken wounds, but heal the wounds.**

**Perhaps the word required is Moderation. Moderation offers a far more balanced and harmonious vision. It seeks the greater good and thus sharpens our concerns for the poor and weak. It leads what Thomas Berry calls “a more benign mode of presence” on the earth.**

**Pope Francis recently did not mince his words when he addressed the United Nations Assembly. He said “The earth is beginning to look like an immense pile of filth, and, if we don’t change our behaviour, it won’t be long before we make it uninhabitable – for ourselves and for future generations”.**

**BUT it’s not all negative and I end with two positives, from Socrates and, another comment from Pope Francis:**

**Socrates wrote: “I love to go out to the market place, to the overflowing stalls and discover how many things I can live perfectly happily without”.**

**At the same address to the UN, Pope Francis said:**

**“Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little”.**

**Friends, Tikkun Olam is more than a good idea: It is essential for our survival.**

**Grace and Peace**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Malcolm" or a similar name, is crossed out with a large, bold, black X.

**Pastor Malcolm**

## **NOTES FROM THE MINISTER**

**THANK YOU!! – WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING**  
on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

What can I say – A wonderful morning, a full Cameron Hall, great work from our Events Team, a real buzz AND a wonderful result.

We raised £560 to go to McMillan Cancer Support which is the best result we've ever achieved. **THANK YOU.**

### **OPENING AND DEDICATION OF THE GRANGE PARK PERIMETER PATH:**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 11am

Everyone is warmly welcomed to Grange Park on October 7<sup>th</sup> when the new perimeter path and memorial benches will be formally opened and dedicated at 11am. I will be leading the short dedication service as we give thanks for the work and dedication that has gone into this community project.

**NOTE: The Church is being used for the first Flu Jab Clinic during the day.**

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL with Communion**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 10am

This year's Harvest Festival will be on October 8<sup>th</sup> and your generosity is requested to bring items of produce and goods that can go down to the Purley Food Hub where it will be well used and received.

**Please bring contributions in on either Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30am -12noon, when we are setting up for Harvest OR on the morning of the Service on October 8<sup>th</sup>.**

***The Church will NOT be available to drop off contributions on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> due to the Flu Clinic. Many thanks.***

## **CHURCH MEETING & CHURCH AGM:**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30pm.**

**All friends are reminded that the Church Meeting and AGM will be held in the Church on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Coffee and Tea are available in the Heath Room from 10am.**

**All are welcome and come and be part of this important date in the Church year.**

**A reminder that anyone may speak with the Chairman's agreement but only Church Members may vote if one or more are called.**

## **SPECIAL COFFEE POT**

**– WORLD DAY OF PRAYER COMMITTEE**

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Everyone is warmly invited to a special coffee pot in the Heath Room on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30am. Your support will be greatly appreciated.**

## **CLOCKS AND WATCHES BACK 1 HOUR**

**– Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

**A reminder that British Summer Time ends on the night of 28<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Please remember to put all clocks and watches BACK 1 hour when you go to bed on that Saturday evening. GMT begins in the early hours of Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October.**

## **ADVANCE NOTICE: SPECIAL QUIZ NIGHT FOR ST JOHN'S SPIRE FUND**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**As a contribution for our Church to support our brethren at St John's in their Spire Fund Appeal, we are putting on a special Quiz Night on Friday evening, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Cameron Hall.**

**I'm hoping that we can field 2 OCC teams and I'm sure Karen/Brian and Jackie will be approaching keen volunteers!!**

# BRUCE WATSON

15 September 1937 – 16 August 2023

A lovely crowd of people came to Bruce's funeral on 12th September.

It was a moving service, and a tribute to Bruce's life. Bruce's son Neil gave a particularly touching tribute.

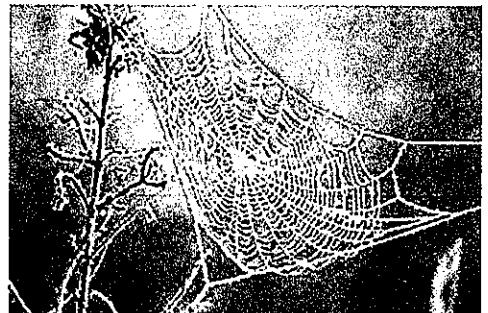


**We all miss Bruce and remember him with love and affection.** *Heather*

*Heather*

In a letter written in 1818, poet John Keats talks of the intricate wonder of a spider's web.

**He notes that this masterpiece of design – on the inside – is supported by very few anchor points.**



**Looking at a web, picked out in the morning frost, what he described could be seen.**

**The web was anchored in just four places.**

**We might not have many things we can depend on in life, but the measure of us will be what we can build between them.**

## OCTOBER

**"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness....." an often quoted phrase, being the first line of John Keats' Ode to Autumn. It is certainly a good description.**

**The Anglo-Saxons called October Winterfylleth meaning the 'fullness' of winter'. Acorns fall from the trees this month – but oak trees don't produce acorns until they are 50 years old. And, millions of trees are planted accidentally by squirrels forgetting where they buried their nuts!**



## FOLKLORE

### **4<sup>th</sup> St Francis Day**

**English folklore claims that on this day swallows are supposed to fly to the bottom of ponds and hibernate through the winter.**



**In the days before the idea of migration was understood, this seemed a reasonable explanation for their sudden disappearance. The fact that swallows skim the surface of ponds for insects may have been the starting point for this theory.**

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**"Dry your Barley in October - or you'll always be sober"**

**This ancient advice means that barley must be properly dried before it is stored - before wet weather, ie in October. Otherwise, it will rot and so fail both as an animal feed and a key ingredient of beer, barley wine and whisky. Therefore you will not have enough barley to make an alcoholic drink.**

## **BIBLE SUNDAY – 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

At the recent Coronation the King was given a Bible with the words '*the most valuable thing that this world affords*'. As Bible Sunday is celebrated this month, let's ask why we should read the Bible?

The Bible isn't a single book, but a library of 66 books, composed by some 44 writers over 1500 years in a range of styles including history, poetry, prophecy, letters and apocalyptic (looking at the end times). Despite having a number of different writers, it claims one authority - God Himself! '*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work*' (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible is inspired ('*the word of God in the words of men*') and equips us to live for God in every aspect of our lives. We also have the promise of the Holy Spirit to guide us when we read: '*when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth*' (John 16:13). How should we read the Bible? Let's consider the following guidelines:

***Right time:*** We need a regular routine, which will meet our needs. This will vary according to our circumstances: e.g., a mum at home with young children, somebody with a demanding job or a retired person.

***Right Place:*** We need to find a space where we can be undisturbed (e.g. lounge, bedroom, train or kitchen).

***Right Version:*** We need a version of the Bible which we can readily understand and use. A number of versions are available (e.g. NIV, The Message), as well as Bible apps we can access on our phone.

***Right Help:*** Reading notes also help us to understand a passage and apply it to our lives.

Let's get reading!!

## **HARVEST – PLENTY FOR US ALL**

With harvest in mind, there is a definition of “plenty”, often attributed to American statement Benjamin Franklin.

He gave a small boy a shiny red apple, almost as big as his hand. The boy received it happily. He gave the boy another apple – the lad was delighted. Then he gave him a third apple.

No matter how hard he tried, the boy couldn’t hold these three large apples in his hands – and in the end he dropped them all and cried.

One apple was a good thing. Two were plenty. Beyond that.....

This harvest time, may we take what we need, and share/donate elsewhere.

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### **A Harvest Festival Tale:**

A small boy came to the Harvest Festival, bringing a basket of five apples. The Minister, who knew that all these little thank-offerings had been provided by the families, announced to the children that he would personally thank their parents.

The lad with the five apples piped up, rather shame-facedly “When you thank my mum, please remember to thank her for six apples”.

## LOYALTY

In Edinburgh, the capital city of Scotland, stands Greyfriars Graveyard. In 1858 a faithful dog called Bobby followed the remains of his beloved master to this cemetery. Here the dog stayed on or near the graveside until his death, 14 years later.



This is a story about loyalty. More poignantly, many people have devoted themselves to others through all kinds of circumstances. It's amazing what some people have gone through in giving their lives to someone to ensure their comfort, safety, and well-being.

There are numerous examples of loyalty in the Bible. The widow Ruth refused to return home to Moab to be with her people. Instead, she committed herself to staying with her mother-in-law, Naomi, whatever happened.

The young David, many years before he became king, and Jonathan the son of King Saul promised to look out for each other no matter what ill befell them.

Moses was faithfully loyal to God. They spoke with each other as if they were friends! He served God endlessly despite the frustrations of leading a vast crowd of people through the desert for 40 years.

What about us? How loyal are we to God? A difficult question, when so much can sway our eyes, our minds, emotions and behaviour in a world that thinks it doesn't need a faithful and loving God to care for them! It's easy to be loyal when times are good, but a different thing when hardships surround us.

Do we ever feel uncomfortable singing hymns about courage, obedience and service? Some provoke a challenge. Do we *really* mean all the words we sing?

*serve Thee to the end.* It is a stirring declaration of faith, with prayer requests that we be steadfast in all circumstances. While it is good to sing hymns about loyalty, we should also endeavour to work out what our commitment to God really entails.

Jesus made some testing statements about loyalty, and warned His hearers about weighing up the pros and cons before following Him. Jesus said 'Take up your cross'. This challenging phrase is the ultimate test of our devotion and dedication to Him.

Loyalty in all relationships is a joy to behold, but no loyalty is greater than our loyalty to the Lord. Fortunately, God knows our weaknesses and will always pick us up when we stumble and will forgive us when we fail. After all, Jesus is 100% loyal to us and promised "I will never leave you and never forsake you."

Amen to that!

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### **FRIENDSHIP CLUB – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

After our break in August we met in the Heath Room.

Audrey welcomed us back and gave us details for the afternoon. She then introduced Mark Cooper who had come to entertain us.

He sang to us for about 45 minutes, including songs from Elvis to Dean Martin! He said we had to finish with "Sweet Caroline" which was very popular!! He is so very kind. After a vote of thanks he was presented with a small gift.

We then enjoyed a 'cuppa' and cakes (thank you Audrey).

Our next meeting on 11th October is our Annual General Meeting, so please make an effort to attend – we really need more help! We may have time for a game or something after!

*Audrey*

## **I KNOW MY SHEEP**

One day, a shepherd set out to medicate a flock of 200 sheep. It turned out though that he only had enough for 180 of them, so he left them wandering the hillside overnight and returned the next morning to medicate the other 20.

He was asked "How could you know which had been dosed and which hadn't". And he looked up in amazement. "Because I know all my sheep" he replied.



Out of 200 identical (to most of us) sheep, he found his 20 because he knew them.



**Isn't it a comfort that the Great Shepherd, with the whole world to care for, knows each of us individually?**

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## **THE SHEPHERD'S WAR**

When war broke out in 1914, there were many who were anxious to do something for their country. However, one French shepherd was considered too old to join the fighting forces. So, what could he do instead, he wondered.

Every day as he looked after his sheep, he collected the acorns that lay around, and planted them in the scrubland where his flock grazed.

During the years of conflict he planted thousands of trees – and today there are acres of forest to give testimony to his act of faith.

The old shepherd would never see the fruits of his labours. He just did what he felt was right – and what was within his powers to do.

**IN OUR WORDSEARCH** are the important words describing the life and times of St Luke.

**St Luke has his feast day on 18<sup>th</sup> October.** He was an educated gentile, a physician. In modern terms, he was Turkish. He accompanied Paul on his missionary journey around the Middle East, and later, when Paul was under house arrest, stayed with him.

Luke's gospel is outstanding for its portrait of the compassion of Jesus; his gospel contains some of the most moving parables. He was a master story-teller such as the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. (Luke 15:11-32). Read it (this time) not as a sacred text but as a brilliant piece of story-telling; subtle repetitions ('your son, this brother of yours') believable characters, drama and profound emotion.

In Acts, Luke gave us the history of how the Christian Church began and grew. Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing).



His symbol is an ox.

There are more women in Luke's Gospel than in any of the others, but also more 'outsiders' who are shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. Here is a Jesus for the whole world and for every one of us.

Thank you, Dr Luke.

# WORDSEARCH

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## **RAINBOWS – A MEMORY FROM EVELYN**

**The note about the rainbow in the September Open Door reminded me of my own “Rainbow Moment!”**

**I set off excitedly on a lone adventure to trek across the Yorkshire Moors, with map and compass and lots of energy.**

**My journey began with an overnight coach trip – unwisely believing that I would sleep and save myself one hostel night. At 3.00am the coach pulled into a bleak concrete “cave” of a stop-over place. Police had been called and were there to meet us, as a stolen purse had been reported en route. A search was made – we all had to leave our seats. When allowed to remount, a young woman was seen to be walked away under police escort. So much for my sleep!**

**We arrived at Leeds Coach Station at 6.00am and discovered, to my dismay, nothing open at that time – no coffee! I also discovered that the bus station was well away from the coach station, and a long (dry) trek across town. I found the bus I needed for the next stage of my journey, but as we travelled, down came the rain! That was not in my plans either.**

**Feeling a bit glum I alighted at my designated start to my walk and let the bus pull away. As I did so I could see the distant hills and all the green around me – I could also see a wonderful double rainbow stretching from one side of the vista to the other – complete. What a wonderful greeting and heart lifting vision.**

**God was saying “All is well –get walking!”**

**I did walk for one wonderful week and several enjoyable stays at Youth Hostels. Wonderful memories.**

## **GOD IS ABLE**

### **- TO USE US TO MEET OTHERS' NEEDS**

We are all familiar with the story of the Feeding of the 5000 (Matthew 14:13-21). It reminds us that God is able to use us in meeting the needs of others. As Jesus says to the disciples: '*you give them something to eat*'(16).

#### **We need to share God's compassion:**

Jesus responded to need, by showing '*compassion*'(v14) on the crowds. This isn't simply feeling sorry for others, but being ready to act on their behalf. Its being prepared to enter into their experience and see them as God sees them. You cannot demonstrate compassion at a distance!

#### **We need to share God's heart:**

It is said that '*The buck stops here!*' God wants us to take responsibility for those in need. The disciples tried to pass the buck, telling Jesus to '*send the crowds away*' (v15). Are we looking for God-given opportunities in church, work or our communities to demonstrate God's love to those who cross our path.

#### **We need to share what we have:**

This story reminds us of the challenges of meeting peoples' needs! The disciples only had five loaves and two fish to feed 5000+ people! It is not simply a matter of what we have, but what God can do with it. They offered what they had to Jesus and He multiplied it to feed the people, leaving 12 basketfuls of leftovers. Are we prepared to let God use what we have: our words, prayer and acts of love?

**'Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for that one person.'**

*(from The Rev Paul Hardingham's series  
on the ways in which 'God is able').*

## GOD CAN USE EVERYTHING WE GIVE HIM

The story is told of a man in charge of building a great church, who was pestered by an apprentice who wanted to design the glass for one of the windows.

Finally, he agreed that the apprentice should be given one very small window. BUT - the apprentice would have to provide all the materials himself.

Undaunted, the apprentice carefully swept up all the stray bits of coloured glass that had been discarded and set to work. Slowly, and with great care, he pieced together a window of rare beauty. When the church was finally opened, many people stopped to stare in wonder at his small, but so beautiful, iridescent window.

Our lives can be like that - no matter how small we may feel, or that we have only scraps to offer to God, He can still help us use every bit of time and energy and love we do have, to build a life that is beautiful, and which will reflect the glory of God to others.

**T**here is a legend which claims that the Cunard shipping line wanted to call their new ship *Queen Victoria*. So they asked King George V if they could use the name of “the most illustrious and remarkable woman who has ever been the Queen” for the new passenger liner.

The King said he would ask her when he got home. And that, so the story goes, is how ship number 534 received the name *Queen Mary*.

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**What's the shortest verse in the Bible? People generally answer “Jesus wept”. John 11:35**

At 9 letters long, its the shortest verse if you read it in an English translation. But it is 16 letters long in Koine Greek, the original language of the New Testament.

In the same language, 1 Thessalonians 5:16, “Rejoice always”, has only 14 letters.

Being the shortest verse has no significance, but the fact that the answer can be looked at from two points of view, and be so very different, shows that the same approach can be taken to life.

Do we look at the things of this world and weep, or do we rejoice?

It depends on how we choose to “read” this thing called life.

## LIFE IN A NUTSHELL

Accept good advice  
gracefully, as long as  
it does not interfere  
with what you intended  
to do in the first place.

*Gene Brown*

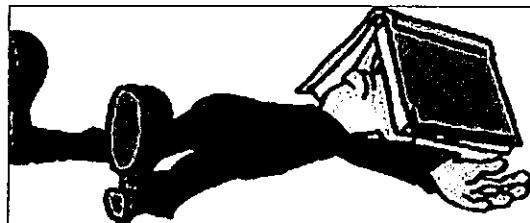


Advice is what  
we ask for when  
we already know  
the answer but  
wish we didn't.

*Erica Jong*

Another flaw in the human character is that everybody  
wants to build and nobody wants to do the maintenance

*Kurt Vonnegut*



Life is a tough school, because  
the exams come first, and the  
learning comes afterwards.

*Sir John Marks Templeton*

Lord, give me the courage to change the things which can be  
changed, the serenity to accept the things that cannot be changed  
and the wisdom to know the difference.

To err is human but to  
really foul things up  
requires a computer.

*Anon*



Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent.

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

After all, tomorrow is another day. *Margaret Mitchell*

## CHURCH DIARY – OCTOBER 2023

**Coffee Pot/Welcome Place Wednesdays and Saturdays 10.30am – 1pm/2pm**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Service for THANKSGIVING SUNDAY</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Prepare the Church for Harvest Festival</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Formal Opening and Dedication of the PERIMETER Path</b> and Benches in Grange Park (the church is being used for Flu Jabs – all day).
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL including Holy Communion</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2.00pm 7.30pm</b>	<b>CFC AGM (Heath Room) CTC EG Meeting (St Aidan's)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>CHURCH MEETING AND CHURCH AGM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>SPECIAL COFFEE POT</b> <b>RUN BY THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER COMMITTEE.</b>
			<b>Christmas Fair Committee Meeting (At Jan's)</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	

<b>MINISTER ON ANNUAL LEAVE: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> inclusive</b>			
<b>Friday</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Film Club (Out of Africa)
<b>Sunday</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Morning Service led by the Deacons
<b>Saturday</b>	28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NOTE: CLOCKS AND WATCHES ETC <u>BACK ONE HOUR</u> TONIGHT</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Service for BIBLE SUNDAY

**ADVANCE DATES FOR NOVEMBER**

<b>Friday</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Special Quiz Night In aid of St John's Spire Fund
<b>Sunday</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (No Communion) Followed by the Community Service at the War Memorial at 10.50am
<b>GOD LOVES YOU AND IS ALWAYS WITH YOU - AMEN</b>			

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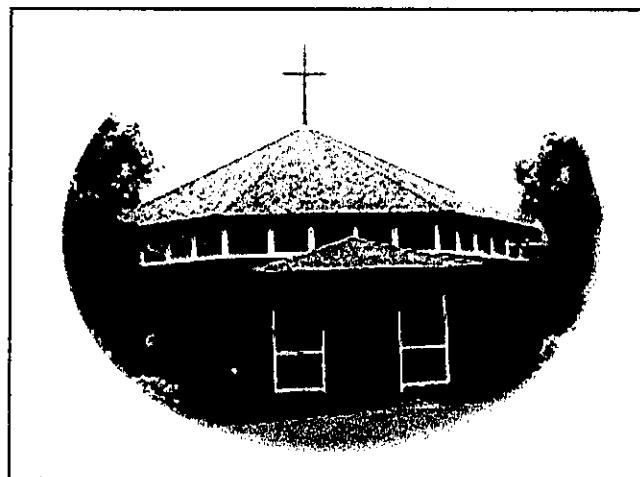
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**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YEAR 2003**

**DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY YEAR 2013  
of the formation of the Church**

**DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY YEAR 2018  
of the Opening of the Church Building**

**Over 70 YEARS OF SERVICE  
1953 - 2023**



- \* A Christian Church**
- \* A Caring Church**
- \* A Community Church**

**Our Mission Is  
To Share Christ's love with the Community**