

In perspective

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To say that we live in unprecedented times is probably an understatement: the weather systems are breaking records across the world, senior politicians are playing fast and loose with conventional diplomacy, nations are invading other nations and claiming to be the innocent parties, artificial intelligence is taking over tasks that we once believed only humans could do. And these are just a few examples.

Yet, you could argue that every age in the history of the world is unprecedented. One of my favourite books is ‘The Faber Book of Reportage’, a remarkable collection of eyewitness accounts that draws on the voices and emotions of the people who experienced some of history’s most memorable events. It seems that there have always been extraordinary things going on in our world and nothing has stayed still for too long.

But whether you believe we live in unique times or not, people will always be seeking stability and a sense of meaning in an ever-changing situation. In the Bible, the apostle Paul tells us that when everything is stripped away, three things will remain: faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these is love!


We could do a lot worse than stay faithful and loyal to each other, be hopeful and positive about the world in which we live and demonstrate loving-kindness towards each other.



"MUSIC IN THE GARDENS"

Rain or shine, we're in for a treat this week with the English Jazz Orchestra. Led by the multi-talented Martyn Stogden, they say "We like playing classic swing charts, including Basie, Ellington, Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Dorsey Bros and, of course, a touch of Glenn Miller too." So we can expect all our blues to be smoothed away as we also enjoy the delicious cakes and refreshments.

We're very grateful to all our performers who are sharing their talents voluntarily, which enables us to offer Music in the Gardens as a free event. Takings from refreshments and donations will be given to church funds, with 25% donated to Freedom from Torture.

We are always happy to discuss issues around the Christian faith – or life in general! Please let us know any particular requests for prayer or action. Our Minister, Rev Matt Lunn, is available to assist with special services such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. During the week, the church can be contacted at 020 8365 2466 or via info@mhmc.org.uk. To find out more about the church's activities please ask for leaflets or see www.mhmc.org.uk  MuswellHillMethodist

We hope to take photographs for use in future publicity. We will avoid close-ups, especially of children, but if you would prefer your family not to be included in these, please let us know.