

# NOVEMBER 2008

## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

The speaker for our November meeting on **Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup>** at 8.00 pm in the Church Parlour will be the **Rev John Enever** from St. Andrew's Church, who will tell about his chaplaincy work at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. Please come to hear about this very worthwhile and valuable support work. Lifts and refreshments are available, as always.

### *TRIBUTE TO CONNIE*

It always intrigues me, that, at a Thanksgiving Service, held in respect of a friend who is no longer with us, we often hear about the earlier life of that friend, which we knew nothing about! Many of us in church for Connie's Thanksgiving, didn't know that, as a little girl, she was taught to sing and dance. As a young woman she was happy in a musical group, which entertained troops during the second world war, in and around London. She was very keen to go overseas, to entertain troops over there, but her father would not let her!

(I think that Fathers had more influence in those days!)

Connie enjoyed singing, and all that music in our church, particularly the songs from our new Songbook. She also enjoyed the monthly lunches and the "special" ones - just a week before she died, she was enjoying our Harvest Lunch. She had to leave a little early, because her little dog would be looking for her. Connie, a kind, gentle, unassuming lady, will be missed by us all here at The Drive. BARBARA

### **ACTION FOR CHILDREN - 'SLIDES' EVENING'**

We spent a most entertaining evening looking at pictures from as near as the restoration work being carried out at Valentines Mansion in Cranbrook Park and as far away as Moscow, and many other interesting places around the globe. So far the event has raised £105, and there are promises of donations from people who could not be there. We thank every who came and helped in so many ways to make the evening such a success. CATHERINE & FRANK

### **JMA PRESENTATION SERVICE**

Please join us for our JMA Presentation Service on **16<sup>th</sup> November**, led by Philippa, when certificates and badges will be presented to our JMA members.

I am very pleased to report that this year the amount raised by The Drive for JMA through our collectors plus donations and fund raising comes to over £500.

This is a great achievement so thank you to everyone who has supported JMA this year.

DIANE FOSTER

### ***CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER & PREACHING PLAN***

The new Plan, for November 2008 to January 2009 is now available at the back of the Church. It contains much interesting news and is well worth reading. Do get hold of a copy.

### ***REDBRIDGE FAITH FORUM***

Faith-building visits are open to all.

The next one will be at **722/730 High Road, Ilford on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
**from 10.30 am to 11.30 am**

Also on **Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup>**, a meeting will be held at **St. Andrew's Church, The Drive**  
**between 7 pm and 9 pm.,**

for people with views about Mental Health, and Emotional Well-being to help develop a training course for Faith Communities in Redbridge.

### ***"PICNIC BY THE PEACE POLE"***

As I crossed Valentines Park on the afternoon of Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September and observed teenagers playing football **ON THE BANDSTAND**, my thoughts were far from peaceful . . . .

When I reached the picnic via the café, several groups of people had gathered near the Peace Pole and giant cedar. Vegetarian food had been set out on a trestle table. The centrepiece was a loaf labelled "Peace 2008 Picnic", which had been made by the organiser, Max Reid. After photographs had been taken, Mr. Reid cut the loaf and it was distributed to those present. The bread was delicious.

The Peace Pole is not easy to find for those unfamiliar with the park. One reserved gentleman new to the area took thirty-five minutes to find us, but he found the café twice while searching for us. A few signs next time would help. SUSAN RUCKES

**Looking back** to events across London, to celebrate "London Week of Peace", we are once again indebted to Susan, who supports as many of these events as possible and brings back much material for our Newsletter. She has a copy of the Ilford Recorder, which contains a report of "Picnic by the Peace Pole", as a centre-spread. Do ask her to share this report with those who are interested.

### ***MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING***

Thank you to everyone who supported me on this occasion. Once again it proved to be a popular and sociable morning, but, best of all it raised a brilliant £313 to help fund the magnificent work of MacMillan Nurses. AUDREY TAYLOR

### ***TRAIDCRAFT CATALOGUE***

The new Traidcraft catalogue includes everything you need for your fair trade festive season. Decorate with handmade ornaments, lay the table with their new white Christmas ceramics' range from Thailand and toast the New Year with glasses from their Bolivian recycled glass range. There are some beautiful Christmas cards and gift ideas for all the family.

There are catalogues in church, so please take one and let me know what you would like to order. You are asked to pay for your order after delivery and cheques should be made out to

Philippa Normanton. Thank you for your continued support of Traidcraft as they aim to fight poverty through trade.

PHILIPPA NORMANTON

## **CHRISTMAS SHOE - BOX APPEAL 2008**

Please remember to bring in your boxes by **NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**.

On **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**, there will be the **SHOEBOX PACKING SESSION**  
from 10.30 am to 12 noon at The Drive, in the Church Parlour

### ***NOVEMBER***

Because it's often chill and grey,  
Many people, sad to say,  
Do not like November .....

And yet, for some, it may possess  
A certain gentle charm.  
Bereft of summer's comeliness,  
Bare fields, so still and calm.  
And misty, against a pewter sky,  
Are strangely restful to the eye.

Then, in the hedgerows linger yet  
The glossiest berries, hips and haws,  
Crimson and purple, shining jet,  
And bright vermilion, while the moors,  
Aglow with bracken's tawny blaze,  
Are lovelier than in sunny days.

And aromatic scents abound,  
Mingling on the frosty air,  
From little bonfires all around,  
And fallen leaves, and gardens where  
Tangy chrysanthemums unfold  
Their petals, russet, red and gold.

And though foreshortened is the day,  
When lights on every side gleam through  
The early twilight's hazy blue,  
In such a cosy, friendly way,  
Then in all truth, I have to say  
I rather like November

***Kathleen O'Farrell***

WILL YOU PLEASE HAND ITEMS FOR THE DECEMBER/ JANUARY

NEWSLETTER TO BARBARA FOSTER, **BY SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup>. NOVEMBER,**  
OR PLACE THEM IN THE APPROPRIATE ENVELOPE IN THE MINISTER'S VESTRY.

## DIARY NOVEMBER 2008

<b>SUN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10.45 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Rev. Stephen NORMANTON - with All-Age-Worship</b> <b>All Saints' Service at Gantshill Church <i>(NO SERVICE AT THE DRIVE)</i></b>
TUES	4	8.00 pm	Church Fellowship – Speaker: Rev. John Enever – <i>see page 2</i>
WED	5	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Rev. Stephen Normanton
THUR	6	8.00 pm	Choir Practice
SAT	8	10.30 am	CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL PACKING SESSION - in the Church Parlour
<b>SUN</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Mr. John NICHOLLS</b>
TUES	11	8.00 pm	Great Events, Session 4 - GOOD FRIDAY: Rev. Stephen Normanton
WED	12	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - <i>to be arranged</i>
THURS	13	8.00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>SUN</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>J. M. A. SUNDAY (Junior Mission for All) - Mrs. Philippa NORMANTON</b>
TUES	18	8.00 pm	Great Events - Session 4 – EASTER - led by Peter Foster
WED	19	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - <i>to be arranged</i>
THURS	20	8.00 pm	Choir Practice
SAT	22	10.00 am	Work Morning
<b>SUN</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Rev. Stephen NORMANTON - Family Communion -</b> <b><i>Collection at Communion for St. Francis Hospice</i></b>
TUES	25	1.00 pm 8.00 pm	Church Lunch Great Events - Session 6 - PENTECOST
WED	26	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - <i>to be arranged</i>
THURS	27	8.00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>SUN</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b> <b>Rev. Denys BAMENT</b>

## DIARY DECEMBER 2008

WED	3	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Rev. Stephen Normanton
THUR	4	8.00 pm	Choir Practice

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**ADVENT 2**

**10.45am**

**Rev. Stephen NORMANTON - All-Age-Worship**

**6.30 pm**

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