

June 2009

Church Family News

We are delighted that James Ray Alder will be baptised in our church during the morning service on Sunday 14th June.

We wish every blessing on James, sister Charlotte, parents Joanne and Terry, grandma Anne and all his large family.

We congratulate Catherine Sayers on attaining her 80th birthday on Wednesday 24th June. She is still giving many hours of devoted service to our church. We wish her many more years of health and happiness

We also congratulate Susannah Normanton on reaching her 18th birthday on Saturday 27th June. We wish her success in her exams this summer, and in her chosen career.

We think of all our young people who are taking exams this summer, and wish them success in their future studies.

Barbara Foster – Editor

Church Fellowship

Anne and Ian Warden will be at our next meeting on June 2nd, to talk about their trip to Australia last summer with illustrations.

Do come. Lifts and refreshments are always available.

A happy occasion

Ruth Joyce and her elder daughter Samantha celebrate their 60th and 40th birthdays within a few days of each, on May 11th and 8th. They decided to celebrate in Lyon, where Samantha lives, with as many of the family as were able to travel there.

The high spot of the reunion was the arrival of Natalie, Ruth's younger daughter who lives in Australia. This was unexpected and Ruth was delighted. We wish them all many more such happy occasions.

JUNIOR CHURCH

It is wonderful to have our new families joining us in church and it is great to have the children take part in Junior Church too. We welcome them all

As we are now having Junior Church every Sunday we are in need of volunteers to come out and be part of the sessions with the children. You won't have to do every week but you will go on a rota. If you would like to help us, please see me or Michelle.

Barbara Foster

Barbara has been on the Junior Church rota for many years. She has decided to "semi retire" but will be around to be called upon if needed. I would like to say a big thank you to Barbara for all the time she has given to Junior Church over the years. My children always enjoyed Barbara's drama sessions!

BBQ and Picnic

This will be on July 5th at 1.00 pm at the Rodings. If you need transport to the Rodings, please speak to me and I can arrange this.

We will have meat and vegetarian food available. If you could supply some food for the BBQ, we would be most grateful and a list will be at the back of the church for you to put your name on.

There will be a raffle and donations basket at the BBQ and all money raised will go to Susannah's trip to Nepal in the summer. If you have any raffle prizes you would like to donate then please give them to me or Michelle.

Any questions then please phone.



Jo Wright

Junior Church Superintendent

Lorna's summer adventure

On the 15th of July I will arrive in the sweltering heat of Delhi. I will then be travelling in a mini bus to Manali which is on the outskirts of the Himalayas. The team and I will then begin a 14 day trek from Manali over the Hampta Pass at 4600m and up via the lake of Chandratat (Moon Lake) at 4800m. The trek finishes at the Baralarcha Pass at 5100m where the team will travel back via Darcha village. This could be for new school text books, desks, paint, and animals such as goats.

I would like to say a **huge thank you** to everyone who has collected money for the smartie tubes and to those who generously donated towards the trip. I am very excited about the trip and I will take lots of photos! Thanks once again.

Lorna Wright

BBQ & Picnic 2008



Now how did he do that?



***Good food and fun
and games for all
the family***



Join us on July 5th

Christian Aid Week

This was the theme for our May "All Age Worship" Service. One group, after watching a Christian Aid video were invited to prepare an acrostic on that theme.

Creator Lord you never intended
some people to have all the food
HIV just a chronic disease in the West
may it soon be the same all over the
world Lord
Rich countries closing their eyes to
those in need. You never intended it
be like that
Interest-selfinterest leads to much
misery
Suffering could be so reduced if we
cared enough
Trees, grass, crops dying for water
when wells/irrigation could be
provided
Illness so little money needed to treat
TB/ Malaria
Action is needed but how apathetic
we can be
Need so great we can't conceive it.

Animals given can change the life of a
village
In your name Lord we would show
the world sense for
Donations – however small can make
dreams come true



Christian Aid is a charity
Helping those in poverty and in need
of
Relief
It is there for people all around the
world
Some may think it just a Christian
based organisation
That is true but a range of religions
are
Involved with the running too.
At the moment they are continuing to
work in countries who are in
Need of help and support after the
tsunami

Always there for those
In need around the world
Donate today and help to save lives

Christ proclaimed the so sad truth
Have ye the poor forever more
Rise up don't let your neighbours be
Indurated with poverty's sweet curse
Salvation so hard for the rich and
greedy
Total victory is only by faith and
service
Institutional change is but a folly
Action from your Heart and soul
Needed now to help the folk who cry
out to the True God

Abandon us not oh Lord of mercy
Increase our joy of loving you
Deny us not your heavens home!

Christians
Helping
Reduce
Injustice
Starvation and
Tragedy
In
Areas of
Need

Aid
Involves
Donating – **SO DO IT!**

Christian Aid Concert

The New Redbridge Wind Orchestra gave a concert in our Hall on Saturday 9th May. The orchestra played a varied popular programme to a large appreciative audience. There was a happy interval when we enjoyed tea and cakes.

The concert raised £545 for Christian Aid. Thanks to Kaye Larbi and his helpers for organising the event.

Susan Ruckes

Website Guest Book Entry by Mary and David Walker

Those who do not have access to our website may well be interested in the following entry in the Guest Book.

"As we were married in Cranbrook Park Church by my Father Rev J. Hollis Walker and Dr. GF Hollinghurst on 25 July 1959 we are visiting Ilford on 26th and 27th September and hope to visit a few old haunts - after a long break.... We hope to share in Worship on the Sunday morning. Every blessing...."

Scout & Guide Plant Sale

Thanks to Andy Marriott and Tony Holton for organising the Group's Plant Sale on 9th May. Also to all the Executive Committee members and leaders who supported on the day - setting up, selling and providing refreshments. The Brownies did a great job with their stall of decorated plant pots and handcrafted cards and another stall of tempting home made cakes.

The sale raised in excess of £450 for our funds. Many thanks to all who turned out and supported us.

A Circuit Service

A Circuit Service for the commissioning of KRYSTYNA HEBB as a circuit Pastoral Worker took place at Old Dagenham Methodist Church on Sunday 10th May. The service was conducted by Rev Stephen Normanton and Rev Stephen Poole.

Krystyna intends visiting all the churches in the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit - look out for her during the next few months.

Susan Ruckes

A Favourite Prayer

This prayer comes from a book of favourite prayers chosen by people from all walks of life. This one was chosen by Tessa Sanderson. She writes

"There have been so many times in my life that I have called upon the Lord, our Heavenly Father not just for myself but also for the hope of others. With this in mind I recall a special moment in which a friend wrote this verse of hope for me. I have never forgotten it"

If, through the unguarded moment of the evening
Sadness has crept into your heart
Let it sail away with the setting sun
Because tonight is God's night for peacemaking

Diary June 2009

Tues 2nd	8.00 pm	Church Fellowship. Anne and Ian Warden will talk about their visit to Australia last summer
Wed 3rd	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship – Rev Stephen Normanton
Sun 7th	Trinity Sunday	
	10.45 am	Miss Janet Tweedale
	6.30 pm	Rec Stephen Normanton
Wed 10th	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship. To be arranged
Thur 11th	8.00 pm	Choir practice
Sun 14th	M.H.A. Sunday	
	10.45 am	Rev Stephen Normanton.
		Baptism of James Ray Alder (see page 2)
	6.30 pm	Circuit Service at Gantshill
Wed 17th	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship
Thurs 18th	9.00 pm	Choir practice
Sun 21st	Refugee Week	
	10.45 am	Mrs Philippa Normanton
Wed 24th	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship
Thurs 25th	9.00 pm	Choir practice
Sat 27th	2.30 pm	at The Drive <u>Thanksgiving and Blessing</u> on the marriage of <u>Susannah and Wyatt Wilcox</u> . Susannah is the daughter of <u>Rev Michael and Mrs Jane Moon</u> who invite you to share in this joyful occasion.
Sun 28th	10.45 am	Rev Stephen Normanton. Family Communion (Communion collection for Church Development Fund)

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Wed 1st	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship – Rev Stephen Normanton
Thurs 2nd	8.00 pm	Choir practice
Sun 5th	Church Anniversary	
	10.45 am	Rev Stephen Poole
	1.00 pm	Junior Church BBQ and Picnic at the Rodings (page 3)

Would you please hand in items for the July/August Newsletter by Sunday 21st June

Circuit Diary

Sat 6th	10.30 am	Beacontree Heath Summer Fete
Sun 14th	2.30 pms	Stratford New Town Sports Centre. Circuit Mission and Social Responsibility Event will be followed by worship at Gantshill Church
Sat 20th	11.00 am	Old Dagenham Jumble Sale



VALENTINE SINGERS

AN AMERICAN EVENING

Including music by Gershwin, Barber, Lauridsen
and Bernstein

Saturday 4th July at 7.30 pm

St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook E12 5HH

Tickets £12, £10 seniors, £7 students &
benefit holders

Available from Andrew Taylor

£2 off every ticket purchased before
4th July