

# **The Drive Methodist Church**

**Newsletter**

**June 2010**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

The FIFA world cup begins this month. Teams from 32 Countries compete for the Jules Rimet trophy and who knows England might just win !. Already the flag of St George is flying on many cars (Betty Griffiths will be pleased) and the mood of the nation is poised for a festival of football to appear on our TV screens every day for at least a Month. Of course there are those who will read this who will quietly groan at this prospect but even if you are not a football fan I invite you to consider the magnificent global reach this competition has and its influence on world unity.

As a family, on the occasion of previous World Cup tournaments, we have attempted to eat the main days meal according to the national dish of one of the countries competing that day. We have enjoyed cuisine from Africa, Asia, South America, North America, the far east, and of course Europe. Sushi, Paella, Enchiladas and Burgers have all been on the menu. This is all in contrast to when I was growing up with rice, pasta and couscous were all considered very strange.

Globalisation is unstoppable and has been since well before Sir Walter Raleigh brought back his potato to England in 1565. Modern methods of travel and communication have accelerated the pace of globalisation to an almost incomprehensible pace in the last twenty years. Within the context of this rapid global integration there are many who fear loss of identity as all the changes impact on virtually every aspect of our living. We need to recognise that our identity is not just shaped by our history but also be how we view our future. National identity will always be important and good to be celebrated but such needs to recognise the importance and value that other nations and nationalities bring to our global identity which we all hold in common.

The Kingdom of God was described by Jesus as being like a banquet and this would be based on Isiah's Messianic description of a such a banquet in Isiah 25: 6, "*And the Lord of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all nations on this mountain; a banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, and refined aged wine*" At this heavenly banquet, prepared for all people, the English might enjoy their Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding, the Africans their Goat Curry and the South Americans their Tacos and Chilli.... But until we can all enjoy a bit of each others' then the feast will not begin. Come on England!!

Stephen

## **FROM THE EDITOR.**

At the time of writing this piece it looks as if this edition will be fairly small. That does not mean that there is nothing going on at the church, just that few have messages they wish to pass on.

Please keep the newsletter by your side so that you can look to see if there is anything on which might be of interest to you. I will try to keep you informed, but I am only able to do that if you bring events and meetings to my attention. The last day for receiving material for the next edition will be Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

Roy Brunnen.

## **RUBY MacDONALD**

I wish to thank all those who expressed sympathy following the death of my mother Ruby MacDonald. They were a comfort to me and I hope you will understand and forgive me for not replying to everyone individually.  
Jeanie MacDonald

## **REQUEST FOR WOOL**

Masie Mitchell knits blankets for a charity and is running out of wool. If anyone has any double knit wool they would like to donate please let Masie have it, or pass it via Janet & Roy. White wool seems to be in short supply, but any colour is acceptable.  
Masie Mitchell.

## **VISITING**

There is always a need for visitors to those of our members who live in sheltered housing or care homes. These places do an excellent job in looking after our vulnerable people, but they can become a little lonely at times. Maisie Mitchell and Lottie MacDonald are currently living in Birchwood, Clayhall Avenue and I am sure they would welcome a short visit.  
Roy Brunnen.

## **BIRTHDAYS.**

This Month we remember the birthdays of two of our young members

Florence Smith

Susannah Normanton.

## **WEEKDAY MEETINGS**

The services of Morning Communion and Evening Prayers have been discontinued for the summer months.

Brian Taylor

## **CHURCH FELLOWSHIP**

The Church Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>**. At 8.00 pm in the Church Parlour. *(This is the second Tuesday in the month, because the first Tuesday is the day following the Spring Bank Holiday Monday.)*

The speaker on this occasion will be Miss Jennifer Benfield who occasionally preaches in our church. Her subject is “My Time in Nigeria”. What was Miss Benfield doing in Nigeria? I have no idea, so please come along with me and we will all find out. Refreshments are served,  
Frank Sayers.

The Drive Scout & Guide Group  
invite you to enjoy a

# Fun Day & BBQ

with our Annual General Meeting

Saturday 26th June

3pm to 6pm

Rodings Activity Centre

Roding Lane South

Sideshow

Section  
Displays

Refreshments

Camp Fire

Games

Entry £1

Children in uniform free if accompanied  
by a parent/guardian

## SUSANNAH OFF ON ANOTHER CHALLENGE

Dear Friends,

Last summer I travelled to Nepal and did some voluntary work in a day centre for disabled children called Asha Bal Bikash Sewa (ABBS). The work the staff do for the children there is amazing. The centres provide the children with an opportunity to learn, have fun and make friends. I had such an amazing time there I did not want to leave. A recently set up project has found 557 children in need of help in just four villages! The centre need all the money it can get to finance its staff and transport for the children.

To help raise money for ABBS I am climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in September 2010. I am going as part of a group of 20 Students from Cardiff University, where I am studying Physiotherapy. I am trying to raise £5000. To help ABBS continue to support the children. Please visit my online sponsor form on <http://www.sponsorformonline.co.uk/susannahnormanton.asp> and make a pledge. I do need to collect the money before I go, so once you have made a pledge I will email you about ways to pay. Any amount you chose to sponsor me will be greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to ABBS. Please contact me if you want further information about the centres or if you have any questions about my trip. Also, as a little incentive for you to sponsor me, the names of everyone who donates will be put into a raffle and the name I pick out will get their picture printed on a T shirt that I will wear to the summit of Kilimanjaro. I will take a photo with it on and get it framed for you!. On behalf of everyone at ABBS I want to say a HUGE thank you for sponsoring me! THANK YOU!

With love,  
Suzannah

The following two quotes are from various church bulletins.

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

## SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP PLANT SALE

The Plant sale held on May 8<sup>th</sup> was a great success and raised in excess of £500 for Group funds which will go a long way to funding our contribution to the refurbishment of the headquarters and the re-roofing of the shelter. We were fortunate to receive a lottery grant of over £5000 to help fund this work but, as normal, it was dependent on the Group raising the balance.

We are most grateful to all who came out to support the sale and would like to pay particular thanks to Kay Whiddon and the staff and parents of the Pre-School who sold £180 worth of plants in the week following the sale. Our stock is not bought on a sale or return basis so it is therefore essential to our final profit that any stock left over from the sale is sold. It is due largely to the Pre-School that our left over stock was completely sold out within a week.

Our next event is the Fun Day and Bar-be-cue to be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June at the Rodings to supplement our AGM. See the notice elsewhere in this edition and see you there.

John Taylor  
Group Chairman

## THE OPEN DOOR PROJECT

A service to youth by the Methodist Churches in North Ilford.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Project is to be held on  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010, at 7.30 pm  
At The Open Door Centre, Barkingside.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in the Project.

Papers for the meeting may be obtained from the Secretary.

## CONCERT

The New Essex Choral Society will be giving their summer buffet concert in the church on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010 at 7.30 pm. The programme will have a theme of peace and conflict and will include:

Choral Suite from Armed Man – Karl Jenkins

Choral Selection from West Side Story

Medleys from Les Miserables and Guys and Dolls.

The Concert will be followed by a buffet supper to be served in the hall.

Tickets £12, children £6, under 5s free, from Brian Taylor.

Brian Taylor.

## CIRCUIT SUMMER EVENT

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June

2.30 pm Activities for all ages at Central Park, Wood Lane Entrance,  
Dagenham

(lots of car parking space available)

At 4.30 pm Come and enjoy the BBQ at Beacontree Heath Methodist Church

6.00 pm Circuit Service at Beacontree Heath

Some of the answers which had to be marked by a Nun when children were set questions at a Catholic Elementary School

In the first book of the bible, Guinessis. God got tired of creting the world so he took the Sabbath off.

Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption

The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

The first commandments was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple



## CHURCH DIARY

Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Creative Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Morning Service. All Age Worship</b>
		<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Led by Revd Stephen Normanton.</b>
			<b>Evening service led by Revd. Poole</b>
Tue	8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Church Fellowship in the Parlour. My time in
Nigeria. Jennifer Benfield			
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship
		8.00 pm	Property Committee Meeting
Thu	10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 pm	Coffee Morning. Gardeners Cafe, Valentines Mansion
<b>Sun</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Morning Service, Holy Communion &amp;</b>
			<b>Baptism.</b>
			<b>Led by Revd Stephen Normanton</b>
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship
Thu	17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Morning Service. Led by Miss J Benfield.</b>
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Tue	22 <sup>nd</sup>	1.00 pm	Church Lunch in the Parlour
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship
Thu	24 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Church work morning.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Morning Service. Led by Mr J Nicholls.</b>
Wed	30 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship