

NEWSLETTER

The Drive
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A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER

BERNARDINO MANDLATE

Friends

I hope and pray that as you plan and prepare your holidays to wherever you may choose to go or be, you will always spare time for God. He is always with you even when you are doing the most mundane things in life.

As you benefit from the hospitality of people wherever you may find yourselves this summer, I would like you to think of the hospitality that you can offer to others who may be in need of hospitality in those places or closer home.

It would be good if we could spare a thought for those who need our prayers. This is a kind of hospitality that we can give, praying for, and sometimes with those who desperately need our prayers. There those who are not well, those going through difficulties of any sort in their families or workplace, those for whom summer season is just like any other season, nothing changes in their lives. Some may be open about their needs for prayer and others may feel the need for privacy and not talk openly about their needs, all the same, we should be kind and hospitable to all in our prayers.

When we read Matthew 10, Jesus sends his disciples out into the world to make a difference in people's lives. He sends them to proclaim the good news, to cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, etc. He sends them into a world that is filled with conflict that will affect them. But at the end of the chapter he tells them to expect hospitality from those they see and visit. The reward of that hospitality is the fact that they will be welcoming Jesus and consequently God.

We are instructed by the gospel to welcome strangers, to open the door at the stranger knocking. To offer even a simple cup of cold water. We still live in a conflicting world, where people want to take advantage of others, but still expected to offer hospitality. I pray that the Lord will enable each and everyone to be able to discern his will, and enable us to be hospitable even amidst the real dangers of today's world, society and community. My prayer is "give us Lord the resolve to do what is right no matter where it takes us". Enjoy your summer and may the good Lord keep you blessed throughout.

Bernardino

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

(Those I know about)

29 th July	Tim Wright
19 th August	Bambo Banjo

From time to time one of us is asked for the words of the second verse to Happy Birthday. I am therefore printing the words to the two verses we sing so regularly.

Happy birthday to you
Happy birthday to you
Happy birthday, dear
Happy birthday to you

Happy birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God's richest blessings
Be poured out on you.

Congratulations to **Matthew and Louise Foster**. Matthew has gained a 2.1 joint Honours degree in German and History and Louise has passed with distinction her first year exams in trademark law.

We congratulate **Ian and Ann Warden** on the occasion of their Pearl Wedding anniversary, (30 years) which is on August 22nd.

Ann has now been moved to King George Hospital where she will be receiving treatment to get her moving. Her speech is already improving.

Barbara Foster wishes to thank all those who have supported her in their prayers and good wishes. She hopes to be able to attend church once she is well enough.

Jeannie MacDonald is settling well in her new flat in Homeheather House. She is, however, still very frail.

We are very sorry to hear that **Catherine Sayers** is poorly. She is home after an overnight stay in hospital and Jo reports that her Mum will be having follow up tests.

Mary Gilbert has had a fall and has broken her hip and is now in Whipps Cross Hospital. Many will remember Mary and Frank as they cleaned the Hall block for many years. We wish her well.

We remember other members who have not been able to join us recently – **Daphne Stanley, Jackie Higgins, Leotta Alleyne, Les Jiggins** - and we wish them well

On a happier note, **Liam Terrence Charles** was baptised on Sunday 19th July and we were pleased to welcome him, his family and friends on this special occasion. We welcome Liam into the Church family

Janet Wragg

CHURCH LUNCHES IN JULY AND AUGUST

We shall return to the Cranbrook Room on July 26th. and to the Hall for our Summer Buffet on August 23rd., courtesy of the Pre-School, who will be away on their holidays. Please put your name down early and join in the fun.

SHARE-A-SKILL

The computer skills course had to be cancelled and will now hopefully be rescheduled for September – Watch out for the notices

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER TEA PARTY

There will be a tea party and table top sale in the church parlour on Friday 29th July at 2.00pm, in order to raise funds for expenses for the local committee on which our church is represented.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

At our June meeting, we enjoyed a visit from Councillor Keith Prince, Leader of London Borough of Redbridge Council, who gave us a most interesting account of the working of the committees and decision making processes involved in providing all the many services which the Council controls. Councillor Prince spoke with humour and made us all realize the enormous amount of time which all the 63 Councillors give to ensure the smooth running of the services provided.

Our Chair person was Roy, who asked some interesting and stimulating questions, which enabled Mr. Prince to tell us of all the plans which are afoot for the celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and also the Olympics so close on our doorstep.

Roy has told us in a recent Newsletter about his life, which included 28 years of service as a councillor on the London Borough of Redbridge and a year as mayor, which was a very time consuming and demanding service to the community.

Our last meeting of the 2010/2011 session is on **Tuesday July 5th** when **Saria Yakub** will tell us about her work with the FAITH FORUM in Redbridge. All the speakers we have invited from 'outside our own church circle' have proved to be most interesting, giving us insights into what goes on in our borough. Do come along at 8.00 pm. It will be daylight and refreshments are served.

LOCAL PREACHERS RECOGNITION SERVICE.

On Sunday 12th June, the three new local preachers, Stella Allen, Leela Knight, and Ian Sheach, took part in a special service at Goodmayes Church.

In spite of the appalling weather, the service was well supported. The service was led by the Superintendent Minister, Revd. Stephen Pool. The sermon was preached by Revd. Stuart Jordan, who represented the London District North of the Thames.

It must be some years since three local preachers have been admitted together. We are fortunate that they are all well known to us at the Drive.

Susan Ruckes

NEWS FROM BLACKMORE

Doreen and I have no regrets moving to Blackmore almost four years ago although sometimes it only seems like yesterday.

On the map, Blackmore is half way between Chelmsford and Brentwood with a reliable bus service to each town. We have a large village green with much activity on the two duck ponds. There are also stocks on the green but thankfully the majority of the residents are law abiding.

We are also blessed with a post office and village shop. One can socialise most evenings at the village hall. There is a quiz evening once a month and an amateur repertory company puts on about four shows a year including a pantomime. There is a vast area for children, and activities of all ages.

To quench your thirst there are two public houses close by and an excellent tea room open most days which also does breakfast and light snacks.

Recently a bi-centennial summer fayre took place. A four day event on the village green which was very well supported with a large percentage of the proceeds going to "Help for heroes charity".

Doreen & Eddie Larney.

"RAYSIN HOPE"

Tea in the garden.

The rain was constant so tea in the garden became tea in the front room as many people joined us once again to sample afternoon tea which included a selection of Indian sweets and savouries which were kindly given to us by my neighbour. The house buzzed with lots of laughter and chatter and an amazing sum of £343 was raised for the charity. We thank everyone for your ongoing support, Our news letter will be available in July.

Ann Dellow & family.

REGROUPING FOR MISSION.

On Saturday 18 June I attended a meeting at Goodmayes Church which was titled as above. All ten churches in the circuit were invited to make a short presentation about their church, and how it is providing for the churches mission to local people, and their community needs.

The morning was spent examining the meaning of Christianity, and the Methodist church, and hearing the presentations. I gave this churches presentation, showing how we meet both the Christian and community needs within our area.

I was unable to stay for the afternoon session which went on to explore and discuss the way forward taking into account size of the current congregations, and use of buildings, and the current financial situation within the circuit.

Roy Brunnen.

THE DRIVE METHODIST CHURCH THEN AND NOW.

As some of you know, I am trying to build up a picture in words and pictures of the history of The Drive church. I have the leaflets which were published in 1978 for 75 years of Methodism in The Drive, and 60 years of Methodism at The Drive which was produced in 1988.

Betty Griffiths has been most helpful by lending me her record of life in the church from her christening, which was the first christening at The Drive Church, through the War Years, (1939 to 45 of course) and up to the present. I feel privileged to have these memories shared with me, and I would welcome further memories or comments to add to these. You do not have to have been at the church many years to have memories, I also want up to date things, such as how did you come to join us, and what are your thoughts on the church, and what would you like to see changed.

Depending on the amount of material I get, I intend to put it in a small history record, and may be able to publish "tasters" in the news letter.

Roy Brunnen.

THE NATIVE AMERICANS & SPIRITUALITY

Revd. Linda McMurray returned to the Seven Kings Church on Sunday 5th June for the Sunday School Anniversary.

Linda gave a talk with slides about her stay at a Native American mission. The talk was interesting and informative. There were some surprising similarities to parts of the Bible. We longed to learn more.

Susan Ruckes.

ST PETERS CHURCH, ALDBOROUGH HATCH

Saturday 25th June saw us making a visit to St Peters Church annual flower festival. We were accompanied by Audrey Runneckles. The theme this year was Nursery rhymes, and there were even one or two I had not heard of. The displays this year were in my view some of the best I have seen, and it was very easy to recognise the various rimes. There was also their usual craft fair, where there were some very interesting goods for sale.

During the afternoon a very varied programme of entertainment was planned, but we were not able to stay for these. After having a very pleasant lunch we made our way back to the car.

Roy Brunnen.

300TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST PAULS CATHEDRAL

A service of thanksgiving took place on Tuesday 21st June in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh and His Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester.

The service was to mark the anniversary of the present building which was designed by Sir Christopher Wren. It is, of course, Britain's only Baroque Cathedral.

The Dean, and the Right Reverend Graeme Knowles, preached the sermon. He reminded us that worship had taken place on the site for many years before the present building. He stressed the importance of people as well.

The music was varied and included some of my favourites Bruckner's (Locus Isle) and part of Haydn's Creation. We also sang "All for Jesus!" from Steiner's Crucifixion. My only disappointment was that there was so little coverage in the media.

Susan Ruckes.

NEW HYMN BOOK



September sees the publication of a new Hymn Book by the Methodist Church. It has a mixture of the hymns we are used to, and new hymns which we no doubt will learn over the months and years.

The Church Life committee will be considering whether to buy copies for church use at their next meeting.

There is an offer of purchasing them at reduced prices if ordered by the end of this year. The offer prices are – Words edition £7.50 instead of £9.00 – Music edition £25.00 instead of £30.00, and Large Print

Words edition £12.50 instead of £15.00.

If we are to use this new resource, there is obviously a saving to be made by buying whilst the offer of reduced prices is available.



Summer Buffet Concert

Presented by
the New Essex Choir

With Guest Soloist Keith Gurry - Violin

Conductor - Matthew Watts

Programme includes:

The Sprig of Thyme - Rutter

Medley of Pop Hits

Folk Songs and other light music

Saturday 9th July, 2011 at 7.30 pm

The Drive Methodist Church, The Drive, Ilford. IG1 3PP

Tickets (including Supper): £12, Children £6, under 5s free
Box Office: (020) 8550 8677 www.newessexchoral.org.uk



**Seen outside a church in
America!**

JULY DIARY

Sat	2 nd	10.00am	Share a Skill
Sun	3rd	10.45am	Church Anniversary & Holy Communion Led by Revd. Mandlate
		1.00pm	BBQ at the Rodings
Tue	5 th	8.00pm	Church Fellowship
Wed	6 th	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship
Sat	9 th	7.30pm	Concert by the New Essex Choir
Sun	10th	10.45am	Morning Service. Led by Revd. Jameelee
Wed	13 th	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship
Fri	15 th	10.00am	Coffee in the park. Gardeners Cafe
Sun	17th	10.45am	Morning Service. Led by Revd. Mandlate
Wed	20 th	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship
Sun	24th	10.45am	Morning Service. Mr J. Nicholls
		5.00pm	Ministerial leaving service at Seven Kings Church
Tue	26 th	1.00pm	Church Lunch
Sun	31st	10.45am	Morning Service. Led by Revd. Mandlate

AUGUST DIARY

Sun	7th	10.45am	Morning Service with Holy Communion Led by Revd Mandlate & Ms Driscoll
Sun	14th	10.45am	Morning Service. Led by Mr Sheach
Fri	19 th	10.00am	Coffee in the park. Gardeners Cafe
Sun	21st	10.45am	Morning Worship led by Frank Sayers
Tue	23 rd	1.00pm	Church Lunch
Sun	28th	1045am	Morning Service led by Tony Miller, Director of Whitechapel Mission.