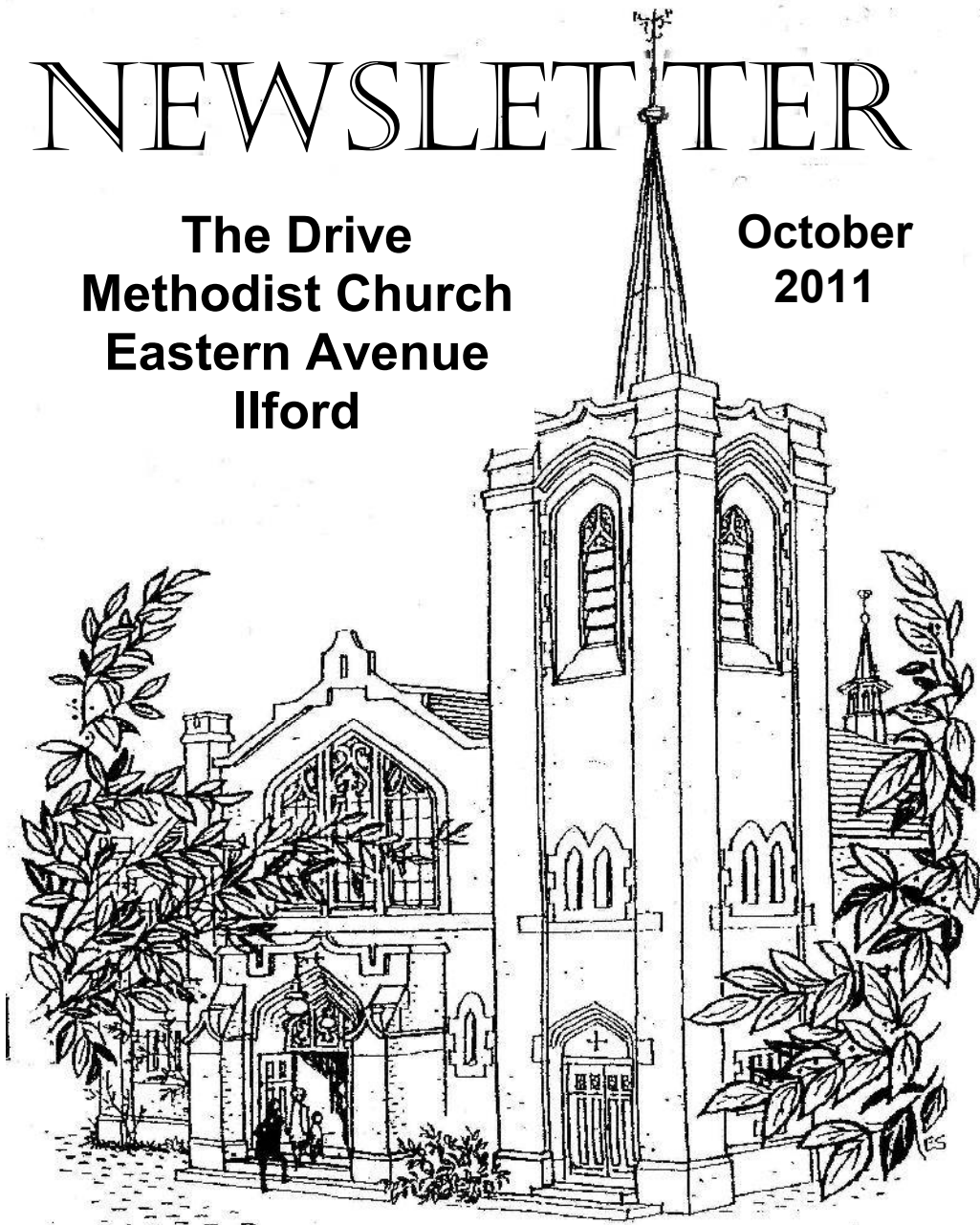


# NEWSLETTER

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## **From our minister Revd. Bernardino Mandlate**

### **Friends**

As I write this piece, we and most churches around the country are celebrating Harvest in the land of plenty, while we watch on our TV screens news of mal nourished people around the world. Some because drought made their crops to fail like in the horn of Africa, mostly in Somalia, others because flooding made their crops to fail, Pakistan comes to mind, yet others because internal conflict makes it difficult for them to work in their fields. There are plenty others who spend their lives producing cash crops, crops they don't need for their sustenance but the temptation of cash makes them concentrate their energies on these crops that can sell.

But we have to celebrate the fact that we have plenty to the point that we have lost the sense of seasons when it comes to food. We have everything available all year round to satisfy our needs and our wants, because the rest of the world makes sure we have what we need or want all the time. We have plenty because God our creator has provided for us and as we celebrate we need to remember to praise God for His bounty provisions. But we also need to remember our duty to share what God has provided for us with others who are less fortunate, those often going without around the world and in our own backyard.

2 Corinthians 9:9-11 shows Paul explaining to us the fact that God has given us resources so that we may be generous and share God's blessings with others. We are stewards of what God has given us and we should use it wisely without wasting. Take a look at what you throw away from your fridge or from your weekly shopping, and the reasons why you have to throw away that much; think of how many would have their daily bread from what we waste every day or every week.

Take time to think of ways avoid wasting and consequences that less wasting would have on the rest of the world. Think about what if we could send what we waste to the rest of the world, to people who are desperate for anything they can get hold of to put in their mouths or those of their children. Think of how you would feel if you could share more of what you waste with others who go without in our own backyard.

Think about water, when you brush your teeth, do you remember to turn off the tap while you brush your teeth or, like me, you leave the tap running while you do the brushing; how many litres of water you spend on that exercise. Can we save water? It is a way of celebrating and sharing with others the meagre resources our world has.

Let this harvest be a special one. Make sharing possible. Praise God as you do so. God expects you to be grateful for His provisions. God bless

**Bernardino**

## **FAMILY NEWS**

### **A Birthday**

Our birthday wishes to Louise Foster whose birthday is on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Thank you.**

Anne and I would like to say a big thank you to all church friends who phoned and sent cards since Anne has been ill and also on the occasion of our pearl wedding anniversary we are so appreciative of all you have done and also your continued prayers at this difficult time.

Thank you again

**Ian & Anne Warden.**

### **Thank You**

A big thank you to all the kind folk who donated, decorated, and delivered the Harvest Gifts. They were much appreciated. Thank you also to the people who cooked, prepared, and served the buffet on Harvest Sunday. As always everyone enjoyed it.

**Catherine Sayers.**

## **Saturday Work Morning**

There will be a work morning, when we will be doing necessary jobs to ensure our church looks its best. The date is October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and work starts at 10.00am. Please come and help if you can.

## **Church Lunch**

The next church lunch will be on October 25<sup>th</sup>, in the Cranbrook room.

**Catherine Sayers**

## **Hadrians wall walk In aid of Raysin Hope**

I arrived in Corbridge Northumbria on the 12<sup>th</sup> September after travelling through gale force wind and rain. The outlook for a walk that would take me twelve hundred feet up along Hadrians wall path was not looking good but on the next day the gales had subsided into bursts of blustery wind, rain, and occasional sunshine. So I set off from Portgate, climbing the first of numerous ladders and stiles, which eventually led me through fields, over crags, up hills and into the mud!! You name it and I got over it, around it, or climbed it. It was the most incredible experience and I saw the most beautiful sights amidst 2000 years of history. To quote "what did the Romans do?" how much space have I got? I have the photo's to prove it. I am pleased to say I did not suffer one blister and even my weariness on the most challenging day soon subsided after a delicious meal and a glass of wine in the farm house at the end of the day. I've certainly got the walking bug as I am now looking at the Jurassic Park Trail in Dorset for next year.

A date for your diary. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 10am to 12noon. Coffee morning in the church parlour supporting "Raysin Hope and the Drive church development fund.

Many thanks for your support

**Ann Dellow.**

## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

The 2011/2012 Season of the Church Fellowship  
begins on **TUESDAY OCTOBER 4**  
at 8.00pm in the Church Parlour with an  
programme entitled  
**"Here and There - Roy and Frank show  
slides"**.

Refreshments are served.

Lifts can be arranged on request.

This will be a fairly informal evening.

Other meetings will be more serious, with speakers.

Programmes are available

### **Junior Mission for All. (JMA)**

On 16<sup>th</sup> October during the morning service there will be the presentation of certificates to those young people who have collected money throughout the year. They do a valuable job supporting this work.

Any young person who would like to start collecting should speak with Diane Foster, or one of the stewards who will willingly arrange to get them a box.

### **Roy Brunnen**

#### **Rejoice!- a concert by the New Essex Choir**

Matthew Watts - conductor

Christopher Moore - organ

HENRY PURCELL - Anthem 'Rejoice in the Lord alway'

BENJAMIN BRITTEN - Festival Cantata 'Rejoice in the Lamb'

JOHANNES BACH - Advent Cantata 'Sleepers, wake!'

Soloists: Orjan Hartveit, John Bacon, Inge-Lise Parsons.

In the church on Saturday 26th November 2011 at 7.30 pm.

Tickets (£10 concessions £8) available from Brian Taylor.

### **Brian Taylor**

## **Betty's Memories.**

Some few Months ago I invited anyone who has a story or memories of life, whether it be in the church, local area, or their life so far, to let me have their experiences for us all to share.

Betty Griffiths has been kind enough to share her many years living in Redbridge, and a lifetime of being a member of this church with me. And I will pass some of those memories on over the coming months. Perhaps they will jog the mind of some others of you, and we can build a picture of life in years gone by.

### **Betty says,**

When one young boy was about three years old, his mother took him with her when she helped with the Harvest Festival decorations. At the Harvest Festival Service the next day the minister said "I saw you helping with the Harvest decorations yesterday, tell everybody what you did".

"I ate the grapes" said the boy proudly.

## **Raysin hope support group**

I recently met Gina Rutterford who has been appointed by Brain Tumour UK to be co-ordinator of support groups.

A meeting was arranged with Kim Grove senior neuro nurse specialist for Queens Hospital.

All of us brought to the meeting our different experiences of working and caring for people with brain tumour,s.

We decided that a venue in the Queens Hospital area would be most suitable and I have since visited some possible locations and given feed back to Gina & Kim.

In next Month's newsletter I am hoping to report that we have a place date and time for our first meeting of the brain tumour support group.

**Ann Dellow**

## **Gladys Danzelman**

As some of you will remember, Gladys was a member of our church for many years.(around 60 years) Before moving away to be near her Daughter. She passed away on August 26<sup>th</sup>, aged 96 in a nursing home in Devon.

Gladys was born 1<sup>st</sup> August 1915 in Ilford. She was one of twins but her twin brother died shortly after birth.

She was also known for writing poetry, and this is one which was read at her funeral.

### **Pause for reflection.**

O what a joyous privilege  
To live in glorious Devon  
The country side in summer  
Is a little touch of Heaven.

The views are quite breathtaking  
Of trees and lakes and hills  
And little country cottages  
With flowers on window sills.

The woods are full of bird life  
Is we are quiet we will hear them sing  
And over hills and valleys  
See a falcon on the wing

We can wander by the little stream  
Tumbling over rocks  
See holes and burrows where there lurks  
A badger, rabbit or fox.

Wild flowers in such abundance  
In hedge rows everywhere  
And by streams where it is boggy  
You'll find iris growing there.

Yes, there are many lovely rivers,  
Some shallow and some deep  
And if you are very lucky  
You may even see trout leap.

The moors provide a peaceful scene  
As sheep graze contentedly  
And pony's with their foal abound  
Nuzzling, or sleeping peacefully.

And when were weary from our walk,  
And need to rest a while  
There's many a quaint country inn  
Where you'll be welcomed with a smile.

Refreshed with a long cool drink  
We can wander on our way  
See more delights of the countryside  
So much to enjoy each day.

And when we think about it deeply  
There's no denying this,  
That all this scenery, creatures, birds  
Which we would surely miss.

Come from the Lord  
Who made all things good  
From the tallest tree  
To the violet in the wood

So let us be thankful  
For all we love best  
The trees and the sunset  
And the bird upon its nest.

For the beauties of nature  
Cannot be surpassed  
And we thank god for them  
For these are the things that last.

**20<sup>th</sup> June 1985.**

### **From Pam Murphy.**

I am sure some of you will know Pam Murphy, who was a local preacher and member of our congregation until a few years ago. She has sent an email to say that her son Toby got married to Safron on 13<sup>th</sup> August in a stone barn, in the middle of a field, near Shepton Mallett, Somerset.  
I am sure we wish them much happiness.



## OCTOBER DIARY

Sat	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Share a Skill morning. All welcome.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Morning Service led by Dr S. Kow Arthur</b>
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Morning Service led by Mr Geoffrey Freeman</b>
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship
Thu	13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Church coffee morning Gardeners Cafe, Valentines Mansion
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Share a Skill morning. All welcome
<b>Sun</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>JMA Sunday - Morning Service &amp; Holy Communion led by Rev. Bernardino Mandlate</b>
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship
Thu	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Church work morning.(Cleaning) Regrouping for Mission meeting
<b>Sun</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>One World Week Morning Service led by Mrs Kristyna Hebb</b>
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Church Lunch
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship
Thu	27 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Morning Service led by Rev. Jill College</b>