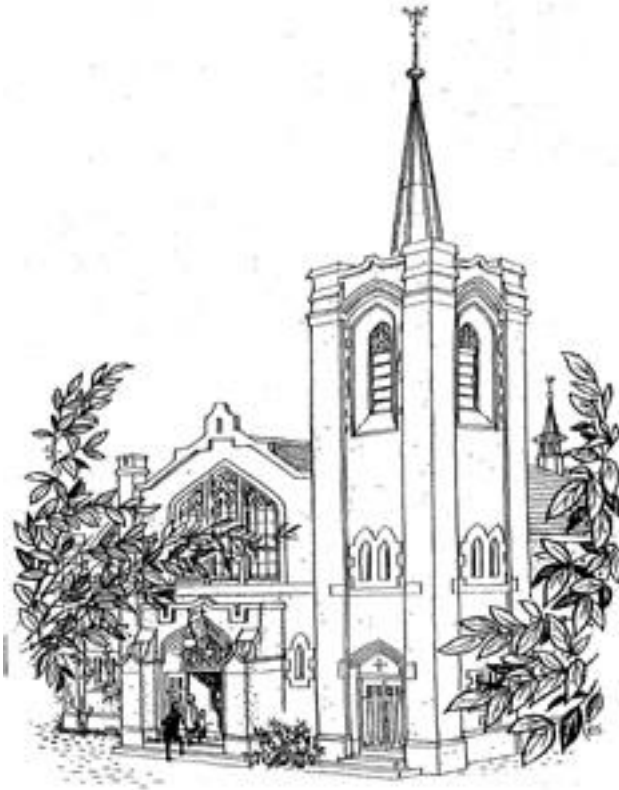


The Drive Methodist Church
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NEWSLETTER

May 2012



Minister: Revd Bernardino Mandlate

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FROM BERNARDINO MANDLATE OUR MINISTER.

Friends

We have just celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each time we celebrate Easter, it becomes a constant reminder that we serve a living God, God who became like us to experience life as a human being with all its weaknesses and fallacies.

This time around we celebrate it in April which incorporate Earth day. Like the story of resurrection, we have to the resurrect planet earth where we live. We need to change most of lifestyles to preserve what is left of earth and to begin to replace some of its energy and capabilities to sustain life for generations to come.

Global warming is real, oceans are rising, mountain glaciers are melting down. Rain forests are diminishing because human activity, e.g. illegal logging. Wild life is at risk of extinction because of human greed. Elephants and rhinos are killed for their tusks. We are fishing fish out of existence, just to name a few instances. We need to do something to reverse the course of destruction and to begin to put back into earth what we have taken. If we can begin to reverse the cycle of destruction, that will be like Christ's resurrection to generations to come. They will be able to pinpoint the good changes that may happen with our involvement. Do something and be proud of your contribution to save the planet.

Friends, we have had in the last few months, new people joining us for worship on a regular basis. We need to move on and care for them. I suggest that we take the time to know who they are, whether they are willing/ready to become members of our church, or transfer their membership from other churches they may have attended in the past to our church. May be we could make arrangements to welcome some of them officially during the summer or soon after. Your assistance will be appreciated. If you want to transfer to us let us know.

If you want to become a member please let us know so we can take the necessary steps towards making it happen for you and for the church. We are here to serve and worship together.

Now, as we prepare to celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee in June, I pray that many of us will come and join in the activities being planned for the day. Offer yourself to do or help with something. Get in touch with Janet Wragg and she will be able to make suggestions to you. Don't be shy.

I pray that the Lord will continue to be kind and bless you immensely.

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WEDDING

The Marriage Service for Clare Dellow and Christopher Marlow will be held at The Drive on Saturday 2nd June at 1pm.

BIRTHDAY

1st May Martin Runeckles

FAMILY NEWS

Our good wishes and prayers are with our friends who have health problems.

May Levett is back in hospital.

Mary Gilbert is still in hospital and we remember Frank at this difficult time.

Mike Seviour has suffered a detached retina and after the operation he is currently recovering at home.

Our thoughts are also with those continuing their recovery – Anne Warden, Elsie Blanchard, Audrey Runeckles and Barbara Foster, who we are pleased to see back in Church.

We are pleased to welcome to the Church Family Kofi Claude Mbia Daniels, son of Louise and Harry and Kaiyron Kenville Agyeman Rowland son of Shama and Josh who were baptised on the 22nd April.

It was good to see Rev. Peter Hudson and Celia, John and Sheila Woodbridge and Jennifer (Hull) Hudson at Jeannie's Memorial Service.

Audrey Taylor

A Memorial Service was held for Jeanie MacDonald on Sunday 22nd April at 4.00pm. The service was well attended and a number of people spoke of their recollections of her involvement in local dramatics, Charity organisations and Church life. The service was followed by tea and cakes in the Church parlour when many of those present could meet and chat to people they do not see very often.

Roy Brunnen.

A GREENER DRIVE

Recycling boxes have now been obtained and placed outside the hall kitchen door, where the dustbins used to be kept. Please use these boxes for your waste paper, cardboard, cans and bottles. All other rubbish should be placed in the large green container in the car park. Thanks to the Pre-school staff who are going to put the boxes out for collection each week.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

We did not meet during March and April, so that we could attend the Lenten Studies with St Andrew's and Cranbrook Baptist Churches. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 1st when our organist and choirmaster, Andrew Taylor will present a programme entitled "Musical Journeys". Do come along at 8.00pm for what is sure to be an entertaining evening.

Frank Sayers.

TOY BOX

The Junior Church have raised £42.00 for the charity "Toy Box". They have done this by selling peppermint creams and cupcakes over the past few months.

Toy box is a Christian charity committed to helping street living and street working children and those at risk of becoming so, principally in Latin America.

Some of our young people, who took part in the cupcake making, also decided to donate some of the money they had raised to the funds for "Share a Skill".

Jo Wright

IRIS RUBY BENNETT – WRIGHT

Steven and I would like to say a huge thank you for all the cards, presents, love and support that we have received on the birth of our daughter Iris.

She enjoyed coming to see everyone on Easter Day.

Lorna Wright and Steven Bennett

TOP TEN BEAUTY TIPS

1. For attractive lips, - speak words of kindness.
2. For beautiful eyes, look for the good in other people
3. To lose weight, let go of stress, hatred, anger, contentment and the need to control others.
4. To improve your ears, listen to the word of God.
5. To improve your nose, smell the roses in your life and count your blessings, giving thanks for each one of them.
6. For poise, walk with knowledge and self-esteem. Rather than walk this earth lightly, walk firmly with determination and leave your mark.
7. To strengthen your arms, hug at least three people a day. Touch someone with your love.
8. To strengthen your heart, forgive yourself and others. Don't worry and hurry so much.
9. To strengthen your back, carry someone else's burden for them.
10. For the ultimate in business, casual or evening attire put on the robe of Christ; it fits like a glove but allows room for growth. Best of all, it never goes out of style and is appropriate for any occasion.

Do these things on a daily basis – and they will certainly make you a more beautiful person.

Submitted by Josie Jiggins.

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WORSHIP - Introducing Singing The Faith

**From: The Drive
Methodist Church in
Ilford**



Some weeks after acquiring the new Methodist hymn book, *Singing the Faith*, members of the congregation at The Drive Methodist Church, Ilford, were invited to submit requests for hymns to be sung at a special service to welcome the new book.

The response was so great that choirmaster

Andrew Taylor had to put together two services, one for new and less familiar hymns and songs and one for the old traditional favourites.

Diane Foster said: "The first of these services was held recently and the congregation raised the roof with the help of the choir. We sang 13 modern hymns and worship songs, including music and words from different parts of the world. The choir sang no. 65 "Sing of the Lord's goodness" and during the collection, no. 667 O "Watcher in the wilderness"."

The junior church also took part with a lovely rendition of no. 42 "O Sing to the Lord". During the prayers of intercession the congregation sang no. 780 "Stay with me". The service closed with everyone blessing each other singing no. 772 "May the road rise up".

Email: Andrew Taylor: music@the-drive-methodist-ilford.org.uk

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50th ANNIVERSARY - CONGRATULATIONS

It was my parents 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 14th April.

Mum and Dad met here at The Drive many years ago, got married here and both my brother and I were christened here too.

Over the years they have both taken on many roles and responsibilities within the church, and the church, and its many family members have played a wonderful part in their lives.

Happy Anniversary!

Jo Wright



EASTER EGG HUNT

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Easter Egg Hunt and supported the Junior Church.

There were lots of crafts and activities that the Junior Church team ran and a big thank you goes to them too.

My friend Jackie Mercer, along with her children Elliot and Milly, came and taught us some circus skills and a good time was had by all.

Jo Wright

EASTER EGG HUNT AT THE DRIVE

I thoroughly enjoyed all the crafts and activities that we did at church on the day before Easter. I made a grass head with Dianne, three chocolate nests (1 for mum, 1 for dad and 1 for myself) with Anne and an Easter card and basket with Lorraine. I also had my face painted as a butterfly by Michelle. It was marvellous! I helped to colour the picture of Jesus riding on a donkey to Jerusalem which John was going to display in church. Unlike last year, we had had to find two small Easter eggs with our names on it. I was the last to find my eggs! We finished off with a lady from my school who came to teach us circus skills. The hardest was juggling with the beanbags and the Spinning Plate. The easiest was juggling with the special fabric cloths. I had mastered it well because I practised this with my Brownie friends before. I managed to juggle 5 cloths! It was fun!

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The Greatest Easter Activities Ever

It was an egg-tastic day at the Easter egg hunt at our Drive Methodist Church. There were lots of things to do and everyone had fun.

After making crafts, there was an Easter egg hunt and a circus lady who taught us some very fun but non-dangerous circus skills, very exciting! Let's see what I got up to!

- Colouring in pictures of palm Sunday and Jesus tomb,
- Making an Easter nest crunch cake ,
- Decorating biscuits with different colour icing,
- Colouring in more pictures,
- Making a grass head,
- Having a face paint,
- Making another Easter nest crunch cake,
- Finding my egg on the Egg hunt,
- Designing an Easter basket and card,
- Learning circus skills,
- Eating a yummy hot cross bun.

I had a great time making things and taking part in activities but most of all I liked being with my friends and celebrating....

EASTER

Thea Garner

JUBILEE PARTY

We would appreciate home made cakes for the tea party on Saturday 16th June. If you can supply some cake/cakes then please see me. Collection of the cakes can be arranged.

Jo Wright

ANNE WARDEN – REGION CHIEF COMMISSIONER’S AWARD

Anne Warden was awarded the Region Chief Commissioners Award on Tuesday 27th March 2012, for her service to Guiding over the last 30 years. Anne retired from Guiding after he second stroke in January 2010. The award was recommended by the present County Commissioner as Anne has run the unit at The Drive from 1979 to 1995, has held the rolls of District, Division and Acc County Commissioner from 1987 till 2002. There is a fuller report following this report from Sandra Runeckles who also received a long service medal for her 30 years service.

Ian Warden.

Anne was presented with the above award by the Guide Region Chief Commissioner at a social evening in March. This was in recognition of her services to Guiding. I first met Anne in 1979 when I was asked to be first aider at her licence camp at Chigwell Row campsite. This was quite eventful involving a bee sting and a broken elbow! At the time Anne was Guide Guider at The Drive and I soon joined her as her assistant. She was very efficient and as she loved camping, we got into a regular routine of a weekend camp followed by a week long summer camp every year - always very well planned and prepared by Anne.

These were usually preceded by a day out early in the year to visit potential new camp sites, followed by getting lost on the way home as we were all chatting too much and missed our turning. As soon as we left a summer camp our conversation would turn to “where would we camp the next summer”. In the early years Anne would bring her guitar to camp to accompany our campfire singing – many favourites such as Ilkley Moor (from Yorkshire) and one I have never heard anywhere else – I’m a little car of tin! In 1995 we celebrated (at camp naturally) Anne’s 30th consecutive summer

camp with a number of visitors and a big cake, the sun even came out and we could take our waterproofs off.

Anne's talent was obviously being noted by others as in 1987 she was asked to take over as Ilford West District Commissioner, followed in 1993 with a term as Ilford Division Commissioner. This was followed by a term as Assistant County Commissioner during which she was involved in various projects to celebrate 90 years of Guiding. Anne's big project was FAME (Fun and Music Event), this combined her excellent organisational skills with her love for crafts and music. She later planned Drive Alive on 2002 as a smaller version to fundraise for the church. Also, in 2000 Anne put her sewing skills to good use as she joined a group of Guiders to make a Standard for Ilford Division which was dedicated in October 2000 to celebrate 90 years of Guiding and the Millennium. Anne has also used her love of history to research and write (with another Guider) a book, 'We're Guides All Guides – A History of the Girl Guide Association in Ilford Division 1910 – 2003', I have a copy if anyone would like to see it.

Overall a very well deserved award.

Sandra Runeckles

C R Y – CARDIAC RISK IN THE YOUNG

Some of you may recall that Peter and I helped my brother and sister in law fundraise for C R Y following the death of their young son James (our nephew), and many of you also gave donations. With this in mind I thought you may be interested to know that after 3 years, sufficient monies were raised to provide a unit and doctors to run cardiac testing (echocardiography) for the young people in the areas of Bexhill on sea and Battle. (James went to school in Bexhill).

This testing was made available for all young people attending senior schools in the local areas and this amounted to several thousand children. The tests took place on Easter Saturday and amazingly only 100 parents opted to have their children tested. Of these 100 children; 1 young man was found to have a significant defect and was referred for immediate surgery. Another was found to have a cardiac defect that would need careful monitoring and 4 others gave cause for concern that would need to be followed up.

None of these young people had previously presented with any health concerns.

James died aged 13 from a condition known as ALCAPA (Anomalous origin of the Left Coronary Artery arising from the Pulmonary Artery (ALCAPA) a rare but serious congenital anomaly. Prior to his death James showed no signs of ill health.

Presently, the prognosis for patients with ALCAPA is dramatically improved as a result of both early diagnosis using echocardiography with colour flow mapping and improvements in surgical techniques, including myocardial preservation.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Lorraine Bendon.

THE DRIVE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
Saturday June 16th, from 2pm to 4pm
In the Church Hall & Grounds

Outside attractions

2pm to 3pm Children's Games, and Side Shows.

In the Hall

The Earl Gray Swing Band
Rhythm & Blues Duo
Magic Tricks
Table Games
Creativity for all
Bonny Baby Competition
Raffle.

The National Anthem will be played at 3pm, following which Tea will be served. (Ticket holders only)

Tickets are £3 for adults and £1 for children, available from Roy Brunnen, John Taylor, Janet Wragg or Brian Taylor.

Janet Wragg.

MAY DIARY

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| Tue | 1 st | 8.00pm | Church Fellowship |
| Thu | 3 rd | 7.00am | London Mayor & Assembly Election |
| | | 8.00pm | Choir Practice |
| Sat | 5 th | 10.00am | Share a Skill in the Parlour and Scout & Guide Group Plant Sale. |
| Sun | 6th | 10.45am | Morning Service with Holy Communion led by Revd. Mandlate |
| Thu | 10 th | 8.00pm | Choir Practice |
| Sun | 13th | 10.45am | Morning Service. Christian Aid. Led by Dr Leela Knight |
| Thu | 17 th | 8.00pm | Choir Practice |
| Fri | 18 th | 10.00am | Coffee in the Park. Gardeners Cafe Valentines Mansion. |
| Sun | 20th | 10.45am | Morning Service Favourite Hymns from Singing the Faith |
| Tue | 22 nd | 1.00pm | Church Lunch |
| Sat | 26 th | 10.00am | Work Morning |
| Sun | 27th | 10.45am | Morning Service. Led by Sister Vera Nicholls. |
| Thu | 31 st | 8.00pm | Choir Practice. |

Dates for your diary

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| Saturday 16 th June | Church Diamond Jubilee Celebrations (see page 10) |
| Thursday 28 th June. | Informal Evening Prayer with the choir. |