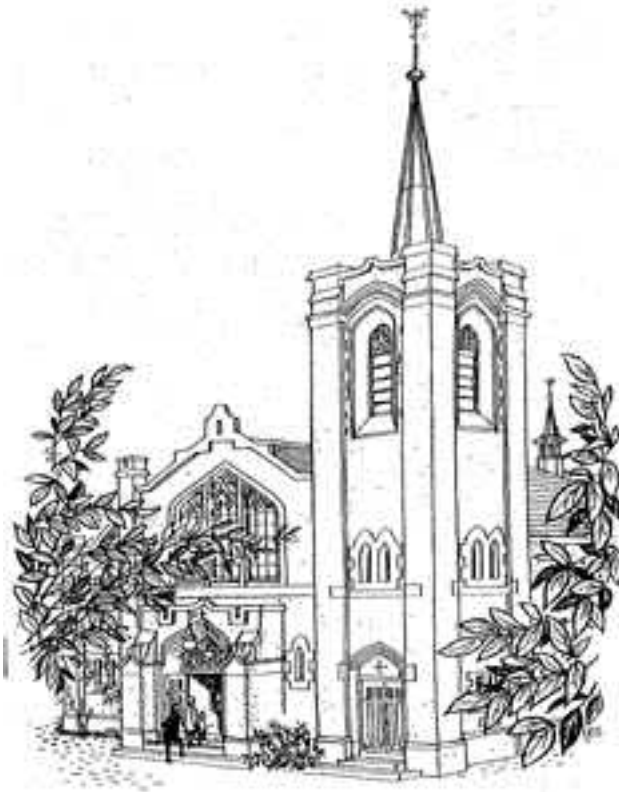


The Drive Methodist Church
Eastern Avenue, Ilford, Essex, IG1 3PP

NEWSLETTER

July/August 2013



Minister: Revd Bernardino Mandlate

<http://www.the-drive-methodist-ilford.org.uk>

From our Minister.
Revd. Bernardino Mandlate.

Hi Friends

This has not been a good month for our family. Death visited us three times in a space of 48 hours. My mother left us unexpectedly on a Friday and 48 hour later two close cousins followed her. But time will heal the wounds and life goes on. We still have to take time and go to Mozambique and be with the families that were touched by these deaths.

I would like to indulge on your time in asking you to join us in praying for Mozambique. There has been a few incidences of armed violence which creates political instability. We hope it is a one off thing, but the potential for banditry and consequent instability in the country is there. There is much cause for concern. The country is expected to have general elections next year. May God help us.

Wimbledon has just started and summer?! is upon us, if we have a summer that is. As I write, it looks gloomy, the wind is too fresh, the clouds have covered the sun and summer seems to be far from us. Let us hope the sun will shine soon. I pray to God that all your summer plans will be blessed by God and all will be well.

Our prayers continue to be made for those who are not well. We are concerned for their well being and also grateful to those who find time to be by their side on our behalf. Keep it up, your endeavour are highly appreciated.

In Luke 8:39 Jesus tells a man who he has just helped with cleansing his demons, to go 'and declare how much God has done for you.' This is what our life is about, to acknowledge God's intervention in our lives. It helps to take stock of what God does in our lives. It helps to share with others what God has done and continues to do in our lives. And in the process of sharing, we are even more blessed by God, as we bless those with whom we share our stories. Please do carry on sharing with others what God is doing in your lives.

May the Lord God bless you all with a proper summer. May the Lord bless you as you go about enjoying your summer days and holidays for those of you who will be going away.

God bless, Dino.

4th July

This is the date when the choir has its last meeting before a summer break. As usual they will be having a short music and prayer evening to which we are all invited. We enjoy their work leading our services on Sundays, and it would be good if as many of us as possible were to attend this evening.

Roy Brunnen

7th July

This is the date of our Church Anniversary, and the service will be led by Rev. Stephen Normanton as our special guest. He will also be conducting a communion during the service. It will be nice to renew our acquaintance with him and hopefully Phillipa will be with him. (I shall be keeping an eye on her and my tie.) Please do support this service, and you will all be welcome at the BBQ which will follow at our scout base, the Rodings in Roding Lane South, after the service. Roy Brunnen.

Sponsored Bike Ride

I will be taking part in the Prudential Ride London bike ride on Sunday 4th August. This is a 100 mile timed event following the Olympic road race route. I will start from the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, following the route down through London, through Richmond to the hilly countryside of Surrey before heading back to finish on The Mall.

I am raising funds for Kidney Research UK. If you would like to sponsor me, please let me know and I will be round with a form soon.

Thank you

Matthew Foster

Visit to Wesley's Chapel

I am organising a visit to the newly completely renovated and enlarged Museum of Methodism at Wesley's Chapel, City Road on Saturday July 20. Through the good offices of Mike Seviour it will be possible for some people to travel in the Scout/Guides minibus. But all the seats are already taken.

Anyone else who wishes to join the party is welcome to make their own way to Wesley's Chapel by public transport.

The nearest Underground station is Old Street on the Northern Line. Take exit 4 for City Road. The Chapel is three minutes walk down City Road.

We will assemble at Wesley's Chapel at 12 noon. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be provided.

I suggest we each contribute £3. The whole project has cost 1 million pounds. Please let me know if you want to come.

Frank Sayers.

Homelessness – a Circuit event.

Do you ever walk past a person sitting outside a shop and wonder how to react when asked for some "change"?

Gill College talked about her work with Whitechapel Mission and her interviews with some of those who use the facilities.

In an hour or so, Gill gave us something different to think about – a new slant on the problems of people living on the streets.

When we finished the discussion, there was a wonderful buffet supplied by the Grange Hill and Circuit ladies. As there were only about twenty of us present, we all went home with "doggy bags"!

Susan Ruckes.

A Special Thank You

For all the teams that helped make the "Coronation Tea" a success, and all the hard work before hand.

I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves, and went away with fond memories.

Janet Wragg

I am sure those of us who attended the "Coronation Tea" would join with me in thanking Janet for organising the event which was most enjoyable. It certainly brought back some memories for me, and included in this thanks must be her husband family and friends who gave us music and joy.

Roy Brunnen.

Summertime

The New Essex Choir invite you to 'Summertime', a concert of songs from Opera and Musical Theatre to be given in The Drive Methodist Church, Ilford at 7.30 pm on Saturday 6th July 2013. The music will be followed by a buffet supper in the adjacent hall.

Included in the programme will be

A Portrait of Gershwin,
Selection from Carousel,
Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from Nabucco,
Habanera from Carmen,
Dido's lament from Dido and Aeneas,
Bridal chorus from Lohengrin.

The choir will be conducted by Lawrence Tatnall with piano accompaniment by Peter Miller.

The Drive Methodist Church has level access and is at the junction of The Drive and Eastern Avenue (A12) Ilford near Redbridge Station. Bus routes 66, 145 and 366 pass by. There is a small car park and unrestricted parking in local roads. The postcode is IG1 3PP.

Tickets price £12 (children under 5 free)
(includes buffet supper)
available from
www.newessexchoral.org.uk
or at the door.

Circuit Meeting 11th June

Four delegates from our church attended the above meeting, which took place at Barkingside church.

There was much discussion on the current position and business of the circuit, which was factual and clear.

The retirement of Diane Lilley was reflected on as she will be missed, and a hard act to follow. She will complete her service in at the end of August, and a replacement for her will start on the 1st September. The post has been advertised for the past month, and the meeting agreed to formally authorise the post to be for 20 hours per week, and I am pleased that a number of our members have shown an interest in taking on the task. At the time of writing this an appointment has not been made.

Progress on the merging of Barkingside and Gants hill churches was discussed at some length. Advice from the church has been received, but the person who looked at both churches with a view to recommending which would be the building most likely to serve best is unable to make a recommendation as both have benefits which benefit the community.

The suggestion that both sites should be valued to see if the financial benefit would be better from one over the other. The meeting felt it is premature to take this action which would cost about £1200 per site, and it was therefore agreed to delay this as it may only be necessary to have on site valued following future agreement from the churches concerned. It was however agreed to fund a community outreach worker for three years starting in September this year to work with the churches affected.

Seven kings church building has now been listed by English Heritage as a grade two site of architectural interest. This means that any changes to the building must now be approved by English Heritage as well as the Methodist Church, and our circuit before any work can take place. Consideration of the proposal to merge Seven Kings and Goodmayes church is still under consideration.

The position within the circuit in relation to local preachers offering their services, and the reduction of ministers within the circuit still remains a problem, and makes the filling of the rota very difficult. It

therefore follows that there will continue to be "Local arrangement" weeks for the foreseeable future.

We were informed that churches must record and retain minutes of their meetings, and the completed books passed to the local authority archive in due course.

The next circuit meeting will be on the 18th September 2013, at Goodmayes Church.
Roy Brunnen.

New Essex Choir - 'Summertime'

The next concert to be given by NEC in the church will be on Saturday 6th July at 7.30 pm.

The programme for 'Summertime' will be from Opera and Musical Theatre and include a Portrait of Gershwin, a selection from Carousel, and choruses by Purcell, Smetna, Mozart and Verdi. The evening will conclude with a buffet supper.

Tickets price £12 will be available from Kathleen and Brian Taylor.

Sale of Jewellery

Donna has some jewellery which she wishes to sell to raise funds for the junior church, and will be putting it on a table at the back of the church, please buy some of this if it suits you, there will be a box for your money also on the table.

Roy Brunnen.

Thank you

Peter Sharp would like to thank those members who took the trouble to design, write, and laminate a name sign for him to put outside his flat. He is most grateful.

Roy Brunnen

NEW ESSEX CHOIR



Summer time

Bizet,
Mozart,
Gershwin,
Verdi, Wagner,
Purcell, Smetna,
Rogers and Hammerstein
Opera and Musical Theatre

FOLLOWED BY A BUFFET SUPPER

Saturday 6th July
7.30 pm

The Drive Methodist Church

Ilford IG1 3PP

(at junction with Eastern Avenue)

Tickets £12 (under 5 free)

www.newessexchoral.org.uk



July Diary

Tue	2 nd	8.00pm	Church Fellowship
Thu	4 th	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat	6 th	10.00am	Share-a-skill in the church parlour New Essex Choir Concert
Sun	7th	10.45am	Church Anniversary. Morning Service with Holy Communion led by Revd. Stephen Normanton. Choir Practice
Thu	11 th	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Sun	14th	10.45am	Morning Service led by Revd. Bernardino Mandlate Morning Holy Communion Choir Practice
Tue	16 th	10.00am	Morning Holy Communion
Thu	18 th	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Fri	19 th	10.00am	Coffee in the park. Gardeners Cafe, Valentines Mansion
Sun	21st	10.45am	Morning Service. With Jo and the Junior Church. Choir Practice
Thu	25 th	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Sun	28th	10.45am	Morning Service led by Miss Janet Tweedale. Church Lunch.
Tue	30 th	1.00pm	Church Lunch.

August Diary

Sun	4th	10.45am	Morning Service led by Mr Ian Sheach.
Sun	11th	10.45am	Morning Service Church Members Coffee in the park. Gardeners Cafe Valentines Mansion
Fri	16 th	10.00am	Coffee in the park. Gardeners Cafe Valentines Mansion
Sun	18th	10.45am	Morning Service Led by Dr Leela Knight
Sun	25th	10.45am	Morning Service Church Members Church Lunch
Tue	27 th	1.00pm	Church Lunch