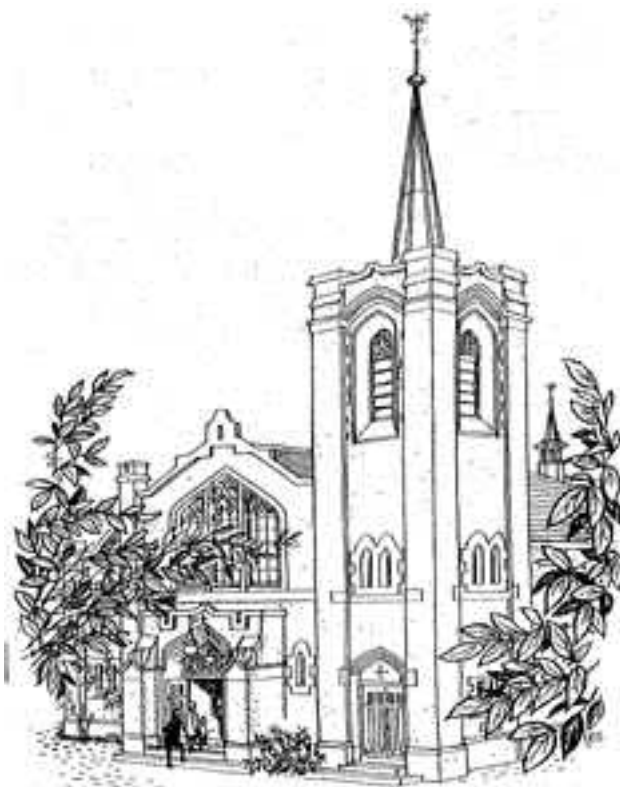


The Drive Methodist Church
Eastern Avenue, Ilford, Essex, IG1 3PP

NEWSLETTER

July / August 2014



Minister: Revd Bernardino Mandlate

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**From our Minister.
Rev. Bernardino Mandlate.**

Friends

Summer is with us, as I write, it's the longest day of the year and Ghana has just played Germany to a draw in the World Cup, faring better than our team who has so far lost both games and heading home soon. We wish well to whoever eventually wins the cup. We also wish to poor of Brazil on whose doorsteps the World Cup is being played. We hope there will be a bettering to their life conditions as a result of the investment made.

Ian and Anne Warden are leaving us because they are moving away from Redbridge. We wish them well in their new set up wherever that may be in Ipswich and Yorkshire. We pray that God will continue to be kind to them as He has been so far and that Anne's health may know some improvement. We will miss them lots. We are grateful for their commitment to the life of our church and the contributions they made over the years. Please have that same commitment to your new church family when you eventually join one in the near future and may God's blessing go with you.

As for us, we will continue to be God's witnesses in the community around us, we will continue to show God's love to people around us and to the church family as usual. Let us pray for each other as we do so. May the spirit of Pentecost renew every and each one of us.

Friends, I pray to God that you will all have a good summer, that God will bless you with enough good health as to enjoy whatever summer may bring, be it Wimbledon, strawberries or even a good proper summer in our gardens and the public parks where we tend to spend time.

The promise Jesus made to His disciples, to be with them to the end of time, is a promise that is extended to all who have come to believe in their witness. I believe that we are all included in that promise. God is always with you individually and collectively. In whatever errands you find yourself doing or in your time out with God, be assured that His presence is by your side and also with those you love and you wish them well.

As we enjoy God's presence with us, we are asked to share the love of God with people we come across in our daily duties. Be it people we know but especially the one we don't know, God loves them too. Don't be shy. God is not shy. Care because God cares for you. Love because God loves you. Forgive because God forgives you too. Be kind because God is kind to you too.

Happy summer, God bless

Dino

In loving and affectionate memory

Of Eugene Gabbidon a dear son and brother who passed away to higher service on the 2nd August 2003. We still remember your still small voice. We miss you but your work on earth was done.

Rest in peace

From mum, Vida, Derek and family
Amy Gabbidon.

Moving on



As Ann & Ian Warden move on to pastures new we thank them for their years of dedication, service, commitment and love and friendship they have given over the years. They are moving on to Ipswich. They hope to eventually move again and settle in North Yorkshire, where Anne started life.

Mike tells me that Ian grew up in Ilford. He joined the cubs at The Drive at the age of 8 before moving up to the Scouts. As an adult, he returned as an Assistant Cub Scout Leader with the Cranbrook Park Pack, eventually taking over as leader for a number of years. When work commitments meant he was unable to get to Cubs on time, he transferred to the Scout Troop for a short time as Assistant Scout Leader.

Anne came to The Drive in 1978 when she got a teaching post in Dagenham after leaving teacher training college. She had been actively involved in Guiding in her home town of Scarborough and immediately joined the 5th Ilford Guides, initially as an Assistant Leader, then as Leader. She continued in that role until she became District Commissioner, later taking on a County role.

They met through their involvement in Scouting and Guiding at The Drive and were married at The Drive in 1981. They were both actively involved in the Drama Group for a number of years and of course have both served in various capacities and on committees at the church.

It was Anne who encouraged forward thinking and planning which led to her being very active in many of the church's projects, and served on the planning group for two of the phases of the redevelopment scheme.

She also organised a day of fund raising activities to bring people together under the title of "Drive Alive"

Church premises "Users Meetings" to keep in touch with the users of our premises were inaugurated by Anne, and was the driving force behind our first "Christmas tree festival", and mince pies at the bus stop outside our church.

She also headed the Planning Group which developed our 2006 five year plan.

Brian Taylor

Church Fellowship

Our meeting on Tuesday July 1st will be

The Frank & Roy evening.

Frank will be testing your knowledge by showing some slides and asking you to identify their location.

Roy will follow this by talking a little about his time as the Mayor of Redbridge from 1986 – 1987.

Please do come along at 8.00pm. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.
Frank Sayers.

Summer Closures for repairs

The Hall building will be closed from Monday 4th August to Monday 18th August for replacement of lighting, floor maintenance and some redecoration.

The Parlour will be closed Monday 11th August to Saturday 16th August for redecoration.
Brian Taylor

Calling all Girls aged 7 to 10 New Brownie Pack

We are extremely hopeful that we will be able to re-open our Brownie Pack in September this year. Leaders have been found and we have the necessary time available in the hall. All we need now is the Brownies!

The new leaders will be holding an initial meeting in the church hall at **6.30pm on Wednesday 2nd July**. If you have a daughter between the ages of 7 and 10, who may be interested in joining. Please bring them along to the meeting where they will be able to meet the leaders and talk with some other local Brownies to learn about the programme and activities which will be available.
Mike Seviour.

Share – A – Skill

Saturday 5th July (Last session until October)

Bring a man's shirt – White or Pale colour and embroidery threads.
We are learning Appliqué. All are welcome.

Janet Wragg.

Church BBQ Sunday 6th July



We are having our annual church BBQ at The Rodings scout hut, after the church anniversary service (approx 1.30pm) on Sunday 6th July.

Everyone is welcome to join in the food, fun and fellowship. Burgers and sausages will be provided.

Please bring other dishes to share. They can be savoury or sweet, salads are always popular too.

A list is at the back of the church for you to sign to say you are coming and what dish you will be bringing.

If anyone needs a lift or directions then please see Jo Wright.
Let's hope the sun shines!

Jo



WW1 Sing Along on Saturday 19th July

We would like people to bake cakes for this event, so if you would be kind enough to donate a cake it will be most appreciated. Please let Jo Wright know what cake you will be baking.

Thanks

Jo Wright

There are still some tickets available. Do come and bring your voices with you. To buy tickets please see Janet Wragg.

Sugarcraft

The branch of the British Sugar Guild which meets monthly in the Parlour will be holding a demonstration which will focus on sugar Peonies on Saturday 26th July 1 – 4 pm. Everyone is invited. Admission £5. Free refreshments.

Brian Taylor

A Request

We realise that it is not always possible to get to Church on a Sunday in time for the commencement of the service at 11.15 a.m. There are many reasons for this such as heavy traffic and delays, buses cancelled or running late, children deciding to be awkward and taking a long time to get ready etc.

We have all had these and similar problems in the past and fully aware that delays are inevitable. Please do not let the prospect of being late deter you from attending – we still want to see you.

One thing that we would ask, however, is that, if you happen to arrive during a period of prayer, then you wait in the foyer until the prayer has finished so as not to distract the congregation from their devotions. Your co-operation in this would be much appreciated.

Susan's Travels **Redbridge Green Fair**

Redbridge Green Fair took place on Sunday 25th May 2014. About 5,000 people attended the event, but as there were many stalls and activities, it never seemed crowded.

Many of us chose to have a vegetarian lunch from a variety of food stalls provided by various nationalities. Redbridge Faith Forum had a stall. Joy was there with her traidcraft goods and Saira from The Drive's Pre-school committee. The quakers from Wanstead also had a stall with literature. They were collecting small change for the food

bank. It would be interesting to know how much they raised during the day.

Musicians provided entertainment. Often it was a welcome opportunity to sit down and listen. Among many performers there was a local group called the Travelling Tilbury's.

A there was plenty of sunshine, but rather too much wind at times. You can find things to buy at the Green Fair that are not easy to find in shops. Home made marmalade from the St John's Ambulance Team, home made soap and hand cream with natural ingredients, apple juice from Kent all make shopping at the Green Fair a pleasant experience.

I am fortunate to live "Across the road" and did not have to carry my (bio-degradable) bags too far.
Susan Ruckes.

Methodist Central Hall, Westminster.

This is not to be confused with the place down the road. Ilford National Trust Association arranged a visit on Saturday 7th June. The tour began with a short film, which I had never seen before. It explained that, as well as being a church, it was always designed to be a conference centre and meeting place. Religious symbols were cleverly incorporated in the design so they were not obvious to those attending a secular meeting for instance. Filmed from above, the beautiful staircase leading to the great hall appears to be the shape of a scallop shell. Scallop shells appear everywhere. Our guide told us about the scheme to raise money to buy the site and build the Central Hall. Each person paid exactly one guinea. The names of the donors were written in huge books. We were shown the Stratford to Ilford section of one book. I recognised about half a dozen names including H Berry the organist at Ilford High Road Methodist Church. Does anyone remember Souster, the shoe shop in Clements Road? I am grateful to my aunt, Mrs Audrey Sherrell, for giving me information on some other names.

After the tour, many of us went down to the Wesley Café for lunch.
Susan Ruckes.

Redbridge Faith Forum

The AGM took place on Thursday 19th June at the Gurdwara Singh Sabha London East, near Homebase in Seven Kings.

A few changes to the constitution have been proposed and accepted. This follows the 2011 census. There have been changes within the faith groups.

There will be:-

- 1) 2 trustees from each of the 5 major faiths – Christian, Jews, Hindu's, Muslims, Sikhs.
- 2) Up to 2 trustees from smaller faith groups – Baha'i, Buddhist, & Zoroastrians.

When I apologised to the chairman for having to leave early, I was asked if I was going home to watch the Football!!
Susan Ruckes.

Parliament Choir

On Wednesday 9th July the Parliament Choir is giving a concert in Westminster Hall. This is a concert for the general public in the oldest part of the Houses of Parliament, not usually accessible unless as part of a tour.

The German Parliament Choir is singing with us. The concert commemorates the centenary of the first world war and the 300th Anniversary of the Hanoverian Monarchy. The works to be performed are Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise", "Handel's Zadok the Priest" and our chorus Master Nicholas O'Neill's setting of the Parliament Prayer, "Of All Persons and Estates".

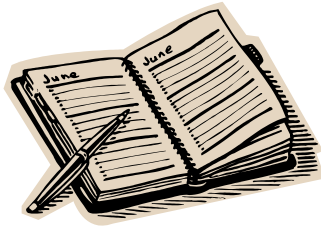
Tickets are available from Susan Ruckes, or on line at www.parliamentchoir.eventbrite.co.uk.

If you are unable to be there on 9th July, come and hear us perform the whole programme again in November.....in Berlin.
Susan Ruckes.

An Evening with Mr Gilbert and Mr Sullivan

You are invited to an evening of music in the church followed by supper in the hall on Saturday 12th July commencing 7.30 pm. The New Essex Choir will be presenting highlights from six of the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas in a concert that will include many familiar tunes.

Tickets price £12 from Brian Taylor or on the door.



July Diary.

Tue 1 st	8.00pm	Church Fellowship
Thu 3 rd	7.30am	Evening Prayer led by our Choir.
Sat 5 th	10.00am	Share-a-skill in the church parlour
Sun 6th	11.15am	Church Anniversary Led by guest preacher Revd. Marie Segal Followed by the church BBQ At The Rodings. Roding Lane.
Sat 12 th		New Essex Choir concert In the church
Sun 13th	11.15am	Morning Service led by Mr John Nicholls.
Tue 15 th	10.00am	Morning Communion
Fri 18 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning at the Gardeners Cafe, Valentines Mansion
Sun 20th	11.15am	Morning Service with Holy Communion led by Revd. Bernardino Mandlate.
Tue 22 nd	2.30pm	Tea & Cake in the church parlour All are welcome. Bring your friends.
Wed 23 rd		Pre School term ends.
Sun 27th	11.15am	Morning Service led by Revd. Bernardino Mandlate.

August Diary

Sun 3rd	11.15am	Morning Service led by Sister Vera Nicholls
Sun 10th	11.15am	Morning Service led by Mr Ian Sheach
Fri 15 th	10.00am	Coffee at the Gardeners Cafe, Valentines Mansion.
Sun 17th	11.15am	Morning Service led by Mrs Tabitha Jumbé
Sun 24th	11.15am	Morning Service led by Revd. Jan Tate.
Tue 26 th	2.30pm	Tea in the Church Parlour
Sun 31st	11.15am	Morning Service with Holy Communion. Led by Revd. Jan Atkins.

Mission Statement Of The Drive Methodist Church.

The Drive Methodist Church aims to be faithful to the commandments of Jesus, and the calling of the Methodist Church. The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission, and to fulfil the promises detailed in the Methodist worship book.

In seeking to be faithful The Drive Methodist Church is committed to:

Provide a weekly opportunity for all people to worship God in Christ, Enable people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care.

Be a good neighbour to the immediate and wider community.

Sharing our faith with others through pastoral care, church activities and communication.

March 2013.