

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

# NEWSLETTER

September 2015



Minister: Revd Bernardino Mandlate

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

## **A Message from our Minister Rev. Bernardino Mandlate**

Dear Friends

We are at the beginning of another Methodist Connexional year. This is usually a time for new beginnings in some churches where ministers have moved on and new ones move in.

In our Circuit, two ministers moved on to new appointments and they are being replaced by two new ones. Unfortunately for us, the second minister joining us will only be able to do so in January, which means, the next four months will be difficult to cover for all of us. But God willing, we will survive and see the time through.

Let me welcome back all those who had gone somewhere on holiday, this summer. I hope you had a good time and you are coming back to the new year refreshed. We had a good time during our short break as we celebrated our thirtieth wedding anniversary in August. God has been kind with us. We have felt blessed.

We were so sorry to hear of the death of David Pipe. I understand that he struggled with cancer which eventually took his life. May his soul rest in peace as we pray that God will comfort his family. This is the way that eventually, all of us, one at a time will leave this world. Some may suffer illness before and others may just go naturally in their sleep. While that doesn't happen, we need to keep praying to God that he will sustain us and keep us going as we continue to worship him. Jesus Christ is kind and caring. He died on the cross for us. His death did not abolish the natural death that is part of our being humans. But his death enables us to join him in life eternal, granted that we have invested in our relationship with God and our neighbours.

May I encourage each and every one of you to, please, work and fine tune your personal relationships with our Lord Jesus Christ, and with each other. Let us continue to be a welcoming church. It is healthy to be a welcoming church. It is wonderful when visiting people find warmth in our church. It makes them want to come back to see us and in the process some stay with us. Not that I worry about numbers but quality of church is more important. What we do matters a great deal. Let us keep it up. Let us be true witnesses of God's kingdom around our community.

May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of you. ***Dino***

## **Welcome Back**

I hope you have had a good summer and have now returned to work and your "normal" life.

Children back at school, sometimes a new school or perhaps starting university.

If you feel you would like to tell us about your travels, whether they be near or far, we would like to hear from you.

It may be that you have taken pictures whilst you were away and would like to show them at the annual picture and slide evening a little later in the year.

As for Janet and I, we had an enjoyable summer at "Stopathome bay" otherwise called Windowbay doing and enjoying our garden when it was nice enough. Our view is that we are on holiday every day, and whilst our Lord allows us, we will do what we have done all our lives, serve you and those we are able to help get the most out of life.

***Roy Brunnen.***

## **Vida Gabidon**

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Vida who died at the age of 95 years. She was a member of our church for years, and continued to attend whenever she was able to. Our thoughts are with her family and friends many of whom attended the funeral service in The Drive church. The service was very well organised by her family, and in excess of 200 people turned up to remember her and show their respect for this very pleasant lady. The service included eulogy from family members, and songs from a very good professional singer.

There was also a well organised communion which most of the congregation took at the same time as the final viewing. Following the service the family and guests moved on to the City of London Cemetery for the final committal.

***Roy Brunnen.***

## **David Pipe The Quiet Man**

We were all so shocked and distressed to hear that David Pipe had quietly slipped out of life before any of us had realised how very ill he was for, although he had battled multiple sclerosis, diabetes and other medical problems for quite a while there was never a word of complaint or a hint of self pity from him.

He was a quiet man, who had a great sense of humour. He could always see the funny side of things, and made little of his condition which gave him limited mobility. He was always pleasant and friendly to everyone at church, at church lunches and when taking part in any church activities, which he regularly attended and helped at. He was always the first to give a hand with anything that needed doing however menial it might be. He could still drive and he was always ready to act as chauffeur for anyone who needed a lift anywhere or something taken somewhere, such as those who have difficulty getting to the shops or to the hospital or other appointments.

He never said much, but somehow he always seemed to be on the wavelength of anyone in any kind of trouble and there was always a gentle word of praise or encouragement for anyone to whom life was being less than kind. It gave him enormous pleasure to be of use, no matter how much it cost him in time, inconvenience or physical pain. When Anne Dellow set up a Brain Tumour charity in memory of her husband Ray he immediately volunteered to help in any way he could and it was not long before he was acting as a volunteer helper to sufferers and carers who came to Anne for help and advice. There are many who have cause to be grateful to this quiet, gentle man who had the great gift of being a wonderful listener.

Our quiet man – our quiet gentle David – was kind, caring and warm-hearted we'll miss him. We'll miss him a lot.

***Betty Griffiths.***

## **Congratulations**

To Roy Brunnen who has recently completed the Worship leaders course, tutored by the Revd. Jan Tate. This involved the study of choosing the relevant material for the theme of a service, such as which version of the Bible should be used, the choice of hymns, and the compilation of the Prayers. Well done!

***Frank Sayers.***

## **Junior Church**

We would really like to welcome new adult leaders into our Junior church team. We are a friendly bunch who enjoys working with the amazing young people at The Drive.

We need assistants who support the main group leader and we need group leaders too.

Training would be given and a DBS form would need to be filled in. If you are interested then please see me or any member of the Junior church team.

***Jo Wright***

## **Tea Dance**

A big thank you to all who helped make the dance a success. A total of £670 was raised for "Peer" talk, Philippa Normanton's charity.

***Janet Wragg.***

## **BBQ**

It seems quite some time since the BBQ, but thankfully the sun did shine and the food was delicious.

Thank you to everyone who supplied the wonderful food and to Lorraine and Peter who cooked all the burgers and sausages.

***Jo Wright***

## **Good luck!**

We wish all our young people well as they embark on a new academic year. Some will be going off to university or college, others are moving to secondary school or to a new year group.

Work hard and have fun!

***Jo Wright***

## **Television Licence**

The church does not hold a TV licence. The implications of this are:

1. You must not watch live TV on church premises on church equipment (e.g. Junior Church laptop).
2. You must not watch live TV on church premises on your own equipment if it is plugged into the mains.
3. You may watch live TV on church premises on your own battery powered equipment as it is covered by your own licence (if you have one).
4. 'live TV' does not include iPlayer

***Brian Taylor***

## **A "Wraggy" Message**

Calling all men over the age of 50.

Please make sure that you have a yearly P.S.A. blood test. This detects any sign of prostate cancer. Better to be safe than sorry.

***Jeff Wragg.***

## **Perhaps this will make you smile**

Women have a number of faults,

Men have only two,

Everything they say and everything they do!

A successful man is one who makes more money  
than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man

Please join me at the  
**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10am to 2pm**

**In the Conservatory**  
**Redbridge Social Centre**

for coffee, cakes and chat  
including tombola & bric-a-brac

***Audrey Taylor***

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

If you are unable to attend the coffee morning at the Redbridge Social Centre, we are holding one in the Church Parlour on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 10am to 12noon.

Please see me if you are able to make a cake, also we are in need of "good" bric-a-brac and unwanted gifts. All proceeds will be taken directly to University College Hospital, the Macmillan Centre for babies and children.

***Janet Wragg.***

It is probably some 12 years ago that we started supporting the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. I first held one in the Church Parlour when Chris Kearn was running the Pre-School. Then for 2 years Jane Shields held the event at her home providing hospitality and light lunch.

It was after this that I held the coffee mornings at the Redbridge Social Centre where it has become a firm fixture in the social calendar and support has gone from strength to strength.

Now you are spoilt for choice as Janet and Jeff Wragg are running their coffee morning on Saturday so you can have two bites of the cherry - remember the Calendar Girls!

***Audrey Taylor***

### **A court stenographers notes.**

Attorney: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

Witness: He said 'where am I, Cathy?'

Attorney: And why did that upset you?

Witness: My name is Susan!

Attorney: What is your date of birth?

Witness: July 18<sup>th</sup>

Attorney: What year?

Witness: Every year.

Attorney: She had three children, right?

Witness: Yes.

Attorney: How many were boys?

Witness: None.

Attorney: Were there any girls?

Witness: Your Honour, I need a different attorney.  
Can I get a new attorney?

***Submitted by Coreen Smith.***



## **MUSIC MATTERS**

Harvest Festival is coming up on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, and with that comes another opportunity to sing with the Drive Chorale. Remember the Chorale is for anyone who fancies a sing, and is very informal. If you want to join in, just stay for a little while to practise after the morning services on 13<sup>th</sup> September and 20<sup>th</sup> September.

***Andrew Taylor***

### **COME AND SING HIGHLIGHTS FROM GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE**

The Drive is playing host to this Come and Sing event to  
raise funds for

Bahay Ng Pag Asa "House of Hope" Orphanage and  
Outreach Centre

Santiago City, Philippine Islands  
UK registered charity 1112167

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

1:00pm – Registration

1:30pm-4:00pm – Rehearsal

5:00pm – Public Performance

£10 for singers (includes hire of music if required)

Audience members for the performance free (retiring  
collection)

Ask Andrew Taylor for more details.

## Diary for September

<b>Sun</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Morning Service with Holy Communion led by Revd. Bernardino Mandlate</b>
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Pastoral Committee
Thu	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Morning Service led by, Ms Foluso Famoyin Egbo</b>
Thu	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Morning Service led by, Mrs Mathilda Small-Byam</b>
Thu	24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Morning Harvest Festival Service led by Mrs Tabitha Jumbe.</b>

## Mission Statement The Drive Methodist Church.

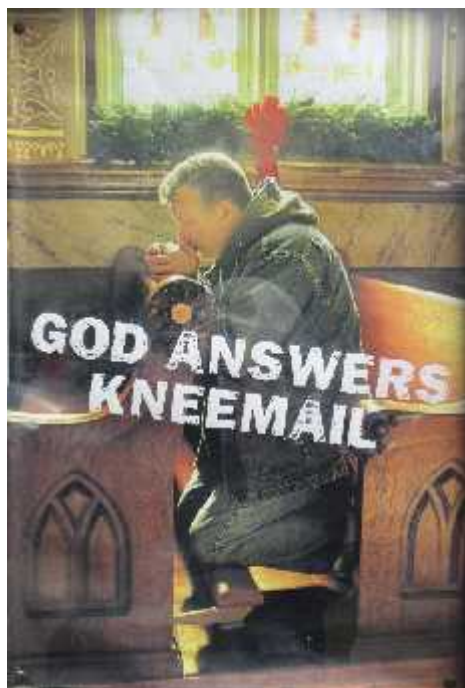
The Drive Methodist Church aims to be faithful to the commandments of Jesus, and the calling of the Methodist Church.

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.

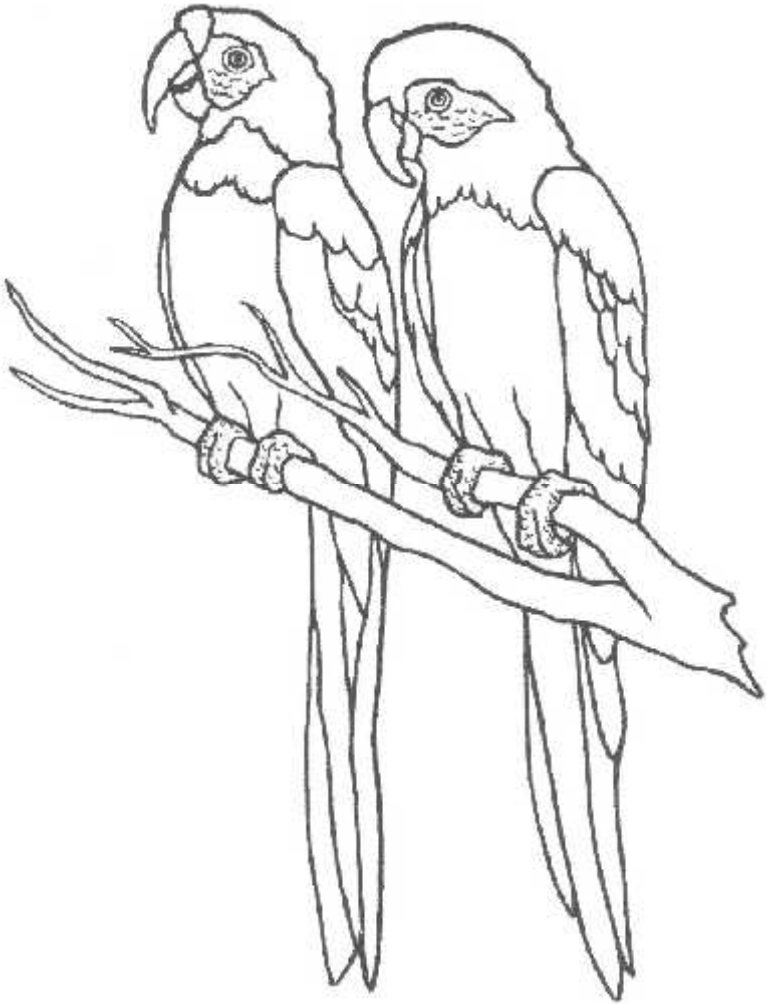
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## CHILDREN'S PAGE



Colour in the parrots and then ask someone to help  
you cut out the page and bring it along to Church to  
show us