

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

NEWSLETTER

June 2016



Minister: Revd Bernardino Mandlate

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Revd. Bernardino Mandlate Says

Hi Friends

Spring is on the move and summer not far away from us. Weather is warming up making for better smiles from everyone. Summer preparations are on the way for those who have dues this summer. There is the hype of Brexit, campaign under way and voting soon to happen. We pray for good sense in the process for the good of all who live in Britain.

The Methodist Conference is coming to London again and volunteers are needed to help with the flow of business, stewarding and the like. If you have time to spare, get in touch with District office to offer your time and see where they can fit your help and skills.

We've been through Pentecost, where we recalled the coming of the Holy Spirit and Peter's preaching. We read about some of the actions the Apostles undertook under the guidance of the Spirit, that enabled them to create the early church. We, as a church, are a product of that early church. We continue to strive to be as relevant as the apostles were. We still try to understand God's message and communicating it as clearly as possible, and act accordingly, helping the less privileged, sharing what we have with others, supporting various charities that engage with the needy in many parts of the world.

It's not about the feel good, but about being responsible and accountable to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Allow me to encourage you all to continue to be helpful in whichever ways you are able.

It's wonderful when we gather together for worship. Let's carry on worshipping as we ought to, and as we have done so far. It is in worship that we praise God with our songs and prayers and as we share the scriptures. Even when we chat over a cup of tea/coffee, we are in fellowship with each other and with God. Let's worship and be welcoming as always, extending our fellowship and love to strangers and to those seeking a place to belong.

May the good Lord bless you as you continue the journey with him.
Dino

Susan Ruckes

Susan has had a small operation towards the end of May, followed by a period of rehabilitation and respite in a care home in Hainault. We send her our love and prayers for a successful recovery.
Roy

Our thoughts are with others in our Church family with ongoing health issues including Roy and Janet, Elsie, Janet and Jeff and Betty

Matthew

For the last five months, Matthew has been based at Faslane, Scotland assigned to HMS Blyth. However, from June he joins HMS Bangor as Navigation Officer and will be deploying to the Gulf. He will be back on 20th December, unfortunately missing the Carol Service, but with us on Christmas day.
Diane Foster

All Age Worship

It was lovely to have Dave Pender leading our all age worship service. We haven't had one for quite some time and it was good to have our young people taking such an active part.

Thank you to Dave, Michelle and all the young people at The Drive. We will be organising another all age worship service soon.

Junior Church news

Bella (Dave's wife) has kindly offered to be part of our Junior church team. We have an ever growing group of young people and it is wonderful to have Bella join us as a leader.
Parkavi, Anand and their family have recently joined our church. Parker is in our Extreme group and Shiloh is in the crèche. Every Sunday Parkavi packs away the crèche toys, which is a great help. I think without realising it Parkavi has become part of the Junior church team too! Thank you.
Jo Wright

Scout Group Plant Sale

Thank you for your support at our Plant Sale which has been a regular fundraiser since the 1960s – started by Leslie Hull. We were pleased to have the Guides join us to run the cake stall. Thanks again to Kay and the Pre School for helping sell the remaining stock.

John Taylor Chairman

Tea in the garden Supporting people with brain tumours

On Saturday 11th June at 2pm I invite and welcome you to join me for afternoon tea in my garden at 52, Highcliffe Gardens.

Tea and cakes are complimentary but donations will be gratefully received for 'Raysin Hope'.

Anne Dellow

Evening Prayer with the Choir Thursday 30th June 8pm in the church followed by refreshments

Please come and join the choir as we lead an informal service of Evening Prayer to mark the end of another choir year.

The perfect way to start our Church Anniversary celebrations!

Andrew Taylor

Valentine Singers Concert
Happy and Glorious
A pot-pourri of music celebrating and reflecting on
world events during the lifetime of the Queen.
Saturday 2nd July 7:30pm
St Mary's Church, High Road, South Woodford E18 2PA
See Andrew Taylor for tickets



Annual church BBQ 3rd July

You are all welcome to join us at The Drive Methodist Church Annual BBQ.

This will take place after the church anniversary service and will be at the usual place.

If you need directions or a lift then please speak to Jo or Michelle.

Sausages and Burgers are provided but we would welcome other dishes for everyone to share.

There is a list at the back of the church, so you can tell us if you are coming, and what food you are kindly bringing.

Date – Sunday 3rd July

Time – 1.30

Place – The Rodings Scout Hut, Roding Lane South.

Church Gardens

We are proud that the grounds around the church provide an area of greenness and tranquility in our urban and sometimes untidy landscape. The grass is mown regularly and the litter removed but there is always more to be done. The periodic work mornings are used for the bigger tasks but more volunteers are needed to keep the weeds at bay and the shrubs pruned. Could you help? It might be pulling up a few weeds as you pass, or an hour clipping overgrown bushes, or tending a particular area as needed. Please talk to me (Brian Taylor) if you are able to help in any way.

Brian Taylor

'A Summer Romance'

Oh, love is fair and love is fine,
Bright as a rose when first it's new,
But love grows old, and sometimes cold,
and fades away like the morning dew.

A Summer Concert and Buffet Supper
given by the New Essex Choir
Saturday 9th July 2016 at 7.30 pm in the church.

Sunrise, sunset, the green leaves of summer, edelweiss, bright tulips, nights of stars and nights of love – summertime.
Songs by Quilter, Rogers and Hammerstein, Offenbach, Roberton, Rutter and others.
Tickets £12 from Brian Taylor or on the door



Dear God we thank you.

Lord God,
When we need something made better and healed
We need a kiss from someone who loves us
A hand to keep us steady
A comfortable bed to lie on
A cup of tea to make things better
A bandage to support and protect
Lord God, you are all these things to us
When we need them.
Amen.

Diary for June

Sat	4 th	10.00am	Church work morning.
Sun	5 th	11.15am	Morning Service with Holy Communion led by Revd. Bernardino Mandlate. Communion collection in aid of Church Benevolent fund.
Tue	7 th	7.00pm	Cubs meet
Thu	9 th	7.45pm	Choir Practice in Church Parlour
		6.30pm	Brownies meet
		7.30pm	Guides meet
Sun	12 th	11.15am	Methodist Homes Sunday Morning Service led by Mr. John Nicholls
Tue	14 th	7.00pm	Cubs meet
Thu	16 th	7.45pm	Choir Practice in Church Parlour
		6.30pm	Brownies meet
		7.30pm	Guides meet
Fri	17 th	10.30am	Coffee morning in the Gardeners Café Valentines Mansion, Emerson Road, Gantshill, Ilford.
Sun	19 th	11.15am	Father's Day Morning Service led by Mr. David Pender
Tue	21 st	7.00pm	Cubs meet
Thu	23 rd	7.45pm	Choir Practice in Church Parlour
		6.30pm	Brownies meet
		7.30pm	Guides meet
Sun	26 th	11.15am	Morning Service led by Revd. Bernardino Mandlate
Tue	28 th	7.00pm	Cubs meet
Thu	30 th	7.45pm	Choir Annual Evening Prayer In the Church.
		6.30pm	Brownies meet
		7.30pm	Guides meet

Church 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.

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.

Try not to forget



Father's Day

19th June 2016