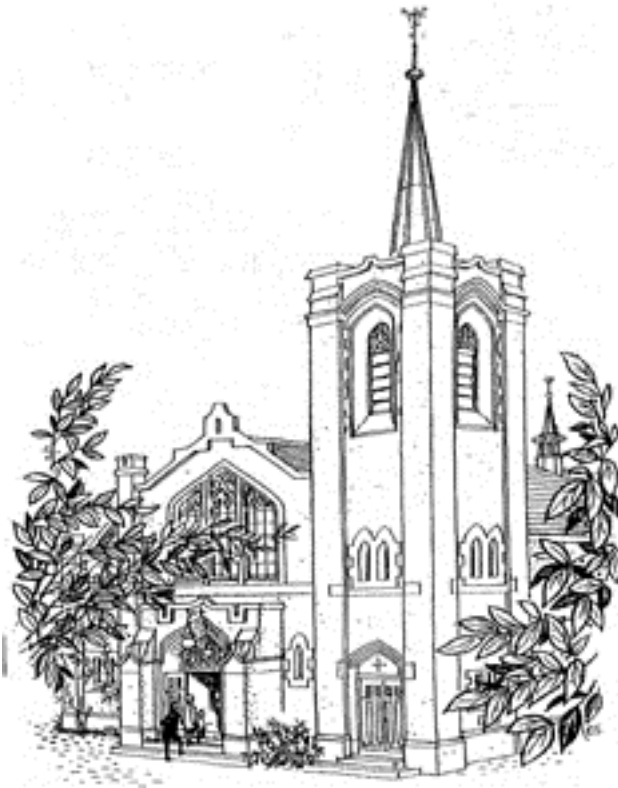


The Drive Methodist Church
Eastern Avenue, Ilford, Essex, IG1 3PP

NEWSLETTER

May 2017



Minister: Revd Bernardino Mandlate

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

Editor's Note

As you will be aware, Reverend Bernardino Mandlate is now on a three month Sabbatical. Therefore, he will not be able to write a monthly message until he returns at the beginning of July.

We are also very sorry to learn that Revd. Atkins has a broken ankle, and is therefore out of action until the end of May. I ask for your prayers that Revd. Atkins has a speedy recovery without complication.

Our Easter services this year were again very meaningful, Palm Sundays service was led by David Pender who gave us a very clear message on the journey Jesus had entering Jerusalem on a donkey over ground which had been strewn with Palm leaves. Each person in the congregation was given a Palm Cross, and some were taken for distribution to those who were unable to be in church for various reasons.

Our Good Friday service included much meditation which was led by Jan and John Pearson. There was much to help us understand the significance of the day, and I congratulate them for achieving that in such a way that it was appreciated by our congregation who left knowing more about the day.

Easter Sunday started with the dressing of a cross outside The Drive entrance, with a short service led by our choir master Andrew with support from the choir. Many turned up for this annual event, and we learnt at the end of the service that a passing photographer was so pleased to see the decorated cross that he stopped to take a picture.

The service in the church was taken by Revd. Jeni Kirby, who had come from an earlier service she conducted at the Ilford Methodist Church.

Roy Brunnen.

An Easter musical feast at The Drive

I've been lucky to be involved in a whole weekend of music-making over Easter this year.

On Good Friday our church was host to a "come-and-sing" event to raise funds for the Bahay ng Pag-asa (House of Hope) children's home and outreach centre in the Phillippines. This is a small charity doing amazing work for the children in its care with very little in the way of resources. It is run by my friend Nickie Kenning who sang in choirs in the Ilford area before moving to Peterborough. She still comes back to Ilford to get her friends and supporters to sing together and raise much-needed funds. This year we sang selected choruses and solos from Handel's Messiah - a popular work today partly because of many early performances in the 1700s to raise funds for the Foundling Hospital in London. More than fifty singers came along, and around forty people came to listen to our performance. It was my privilege to conduct, and the singers and soloists did an incredible job. The event raised around £1200.

Find out more about the charity on its website www.bahay-ng-pag-asa.org and Handel's links with the Foundling Hospital at www.foundlingmuseum.org.uk - and the Foundling Museum is well worth a visit!

On Easter Day, our church musicians were hard at work, with our choir supported by members of the Drive Chorale. They all sang with a passion and vigour that greatly added to the Easter worship, and the choir even managed to slot in an unplanned extra item while we waited for the minister (struggling with Easter buses!) to arrive. A reminder to us all that we are lucky to have a group of people who are willing to turn out for many Thursday practices throughout the year to

make a valued contribution to our worship, as well as all those who stay after services on Sundays to sing with the Chorale. My thanks go to them all for all that they do.

Andrew Taylor

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who helped at the Easter egg hunt. Thanks also to everyone who came and supported it.

A good time was had by all.

Jo Wright

The Bible reading group

We will be reading Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians during May and will meet at the home of Jan and John Pearson on Friday May 26th from 10:30am to 11:30am to discuss it, followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome, please come and join us if you can.

Jan & John

A plea

Could you and will you please consider volunteering to read a lesson at some of our services.

I would be pleased to hear from you if you are willing to undertake this small duty.

The more of you who join my list of readers the longer the gap between me requesting you to take part.

Please do consider this and speak to me if you are able to help.

Roy Brunnen.

Plant Sale – Plant Sale – Plant Sale
Saturday 13th May 10am to 12.30pm

Come along and support the Scout Group's Plant Sale, Cake Stall and Coffee Morning. Make a note of the date and share it with friends and neighbours so we can boost our much needed funds. There will be the usual array of top class plants for your garden at very competitive prices and you can round off the morning with a coffee, chat and cakes from the cake stall.

We look forward to welcoming you all there

Please save these Dates!!!

At the **plant sale on the 13th May**, I will be selling cakes at my stall so please come along and buy a plant or two as well as a slice of cake to enjoy there or at home.

Also on the **17th June, I will be holding a Car wash and coffee morning**. It will be from 10:00-12:30 so please come along and get your car washed and have a cuppa with friends while you wait.

I will be holding a **Quiz night on the 24th of June**. Please come and show your competitive side and have a fun night.

More information will follow later...

Thea Garner

A short Prayer.

*We pray for those who work in the London District,
transforming churches and communities.*

*For the Whitechapel Mission and the Queen Victoria Seaman's
Rest, whose work continues to bring signs of hope to people
in the east end of London.*

*We pray for all who flee in fear, seeking peace and safety,
and a future for loved ones; Merciful God, heal their wounded
lives, And kindle compassionate hospitality in the lands to
which they travel.*

Amen.

(extract from the Methodist Church Prayer Handbook
2016/2017.)

THE DRIVE SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP

Plant Sale



***Saturday 13th May
2017***

10am to 12.30pm



The Drive Methodist Church Hall

Refreshments and Cake Stall

Come early for the best selection

The Following words have been sitting in my folder for about seven years

It was performed by actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews
As she reached the grand age of 70 years.

*Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favourite things,
Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Polydent and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favourite things.*

*When the pipes leak, when the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.*

*Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bath robes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favourite things...*

*Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin,
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin,
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favourite things.*

*When the joints ache, when the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.*

Try singing this to the tune of "My Favourite Things"
from The sound of music

May Diary

Thu	4 th	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Sun	7th	11.15am	Morning Service with Holy Communion Led by Revd. Jeni Kirby.
Thu	11 th	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Sat	13 th	10.00am	Annual Plant Sale.
Sun	14th	11.15am	Morning Service. Christian Aid Week Led by Mrs Egbo
Thu	18 th	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Sun	21st	11.15am	Morning Service. Led by Dr Leela Knight
Fri	26 th	10.30am	Bible reading group. 104, Wanstead Lane.
Sun	28th	11.15am	Morning Service Led by Revd. Angela Potheary

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.**
Psalm 119 verse 105.

**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, here at The Drive Methodist Church.

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.