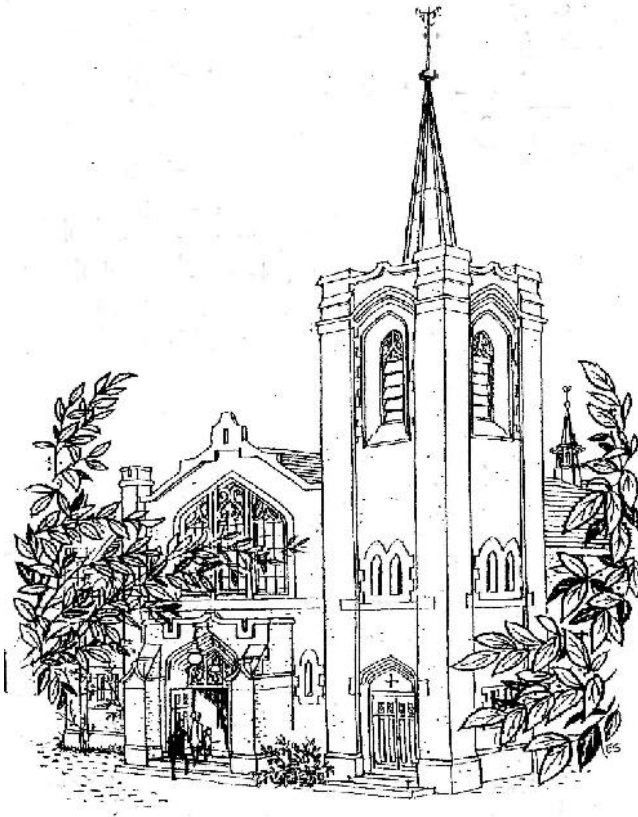


The Drive Methodist Church  
Eastern Avenue, Ilford, Essex, IG1 3PP

# NEWSLETTER

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## **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.

## **Our Minister writes:**

Dear friends, brothers and sisters in Christ

I would like to take the opportunity in this our first newsletter together at The Drive to introduce myself. I write to you amidst the busyness of returning from a working holiday in South Africa and in the throes of moving house. It has become my experience that God continues to call and move us from doing something to either continue elsewhere or to start anew. He did so with Abram and Sarai; Moses, Ruth, David, Jonah, Paul, you and I. From our comfort or challenge God is calling us to a new journey.

I come to you as a daughter, sister, mother, wife and a servant of God. Born in Johannesburg, South Africa – during the apartheid system, an only girl amongst three brothers. Married to Revd Dr Jongi Zihle and blessed with four children (three boys and one girl). As a family we moved to the UK in 2005. I grew up in the Methodist Church and after a 'break' in my teens I joined various youth organisations to share the story of God's love. After years of avoidance, I accepted the call into ordained ministry in 2011; trained at Queens 2014-2017 and stationed in the West Herts and Borders circuit for the last two years.

I look forward to continue to share the story of God's love and to hear what God is doing within this my new church community. I pray that we will together show God's generous hospitality amongst all people, through our worship, fellowship and service.

I trust that we will embrace this opportunity together and with excitement and expectation walk where God will lead us.

Yours in His service.

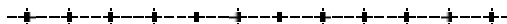
Revd Mmasape Zihle

## **Our Senior Steward writes:**

It is my great pleasure to welcome our new Minister, Revd Mmasape Zihle, whose first service with us will be Holy Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. I am sure we will make her feel welcome and help her to settle in here at The Drive. It will obviously take her time to get to know us all, but I do hope that, in time, she will help us to move forward in our efforts to grow the Church and become more prominent in the community.

We can also support Mmasape by attending the Circuit Welcoming Service to be held at Barkingside Church on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Brian Grinham



We ask for God's blessing on all those we have concerns for at this time and remember them in our prayers.

We were sorry to hear of the deaths of Janet Brunnen's sister, Mary McDonald, a former member who sang in the choir. Also Ian Warden's brother, Bruce who attended the Drive as a member of the Scouts. Please remember Janet, Roy, Ian, Anne and families in your prayers.

It was lovely to see Peter Sharp back in church again following his recent operation.

## **Birthday Greetings to:**

Jaiden Henry who will be 15 in September



and very special **18<sup>th</sup>** birthday greetings to  
Thea Garner for her birthday in September.

Many of our young people undertook exams this year and at the time of writing some are still waiting for results. Whatever they are we say well done for all your hard work and very best wishes for your future studies.

## **Church Anniversary lunch -7<sup>th</sup> July**

Many thanks to Jo and Michelle for organising our anniversary lunch at the Rodings and to all those who brought along food, fun and fellowship. Thanks also to Oli for arranging the delicious anniversary cake. A good time was had by all. If you enjoyed Brian Grinham's pie you can find the recipe on pages 11 and 12.

## **Redbridge Faith Forum Quiz – 16<sup>th</sup> July**

This event had to be cancelled because of a family bereavement of one of the organisers. As far as I am aware only two people failed to receive the news and found the 'cancelled' notice outside the church hall.

Liz Amah and I had dinner opposite Redbridge Station. I invited the two to join us but they decided to return home to Manor Park and Stratford. As Liz and I waited for a bus in Eastern Avenue, we noticed that the moon was looking strange. It was the partial eclipse of the moon.

Susan Ruckes

## **Dino's last service – 4<sup>th</sup> August**

It was a busy morning for Dino on 4<sup>th</sup> August when he led his last service for us at The Drive. As well as Communion, it included a blessing for Sylvia Fordree's grandson, Joshua and the baptism of Jacob, grandson of Lorna Brown, a member at Ilford Methodist Church.

Members of our church had contributed to a collection and during the service, senior steward, Brian, presented Dino with a card, gift vouchers including one for a day out at Brands Hatch. Flowers were presented to Elizabeth and following the service everyone shared in a special celebration cake with their tea and coffees. We hope to see Dino again sometime at The Drive as he continues to serve in the circuit as Superintendent.

Diane Foster

## **Adam Day – 10<sup>th</sup> August**

Adam Day is celebrated every year on 10<sup>th</sup> August which happened to be a Saturday this year. The idea is to bring together those believed to be descended from Adam and Eve – Judaism, Christianity and Islam – but many attending were from other faiths and none.

The day is organised by the Azeemia Foundation with the aim of promoting peace. This year's title was 'Unity in Diversity'. It was lovely to see Cllr. Canon Ann Easter representing Newham. How I miss her on Radio 2's 'Pause for Thought'. Rabbi David Hulbert is a speaker well known in Redbridge. Cllr Michael Deon Burton, now Mayor of Havering, has been known to Peter Sharp and me for many years through the St George Committee of Hornchurch.

At the end of the evening we enjoyed a hot buffet meal and yes there was my favourite rice pudding! It was lovely just being in the Old Town Hall, Stratford, which has been beautifully restored.

Susan Ruckes

### **TDY trip to Brighton – 17<sup>th</sup> August**

On Saturday 17th August we had a fantastic day trip to Brighton! Bambo and Lola organised it all and 11 members of TDY went, with Jo and Oli going along too.

We all get on really well so we stayed together and had a lot of fun, including debating whether food is best from McDonald's or Burger King. (I won cos most people went to Burger King).

Some of us went on rides while the others laughed at us screaming (!) but we had lovely weather and despite seagulls dive-bombing us it was a great day.

We were very happy that Bambo and Lola organised the trip and appreciated all their hard work!!!

Thea Garner

### **Bookings**

With the heating season fast approaching can I please remind secretaries/convenors of church meetings/activities to let me know all relevant dates, times and rooms required so that I can include them on the booking schedule and ensure that the room is heated for you. Either give me a ring or send an email to: [bookings@drive-methodist.church](mailto:bookings@drive-methodist.church)

Thank you

Jeremy Foster



**Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Methodist Circuit  
cordially invite you to a**

Service of Welcome for  
Revd Mmasape Zihle,  
incoming Presbyterian to the  
Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit  
from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019, 7.30pm**

at Barkingside Methodist Church  
Fremantle Road, Barkingside, IG6 2AZ

Revd Nigel Cowgill, Chair of the London District  
will give the address

Refreshments will be served after the service

*The service will also recognise Revd Bernardino Mandlate as  
the Superintendent for the Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit  
from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019*

**RSVP: Mrs Jackie Saito, Circuit Administrator**  
**Email: [bdicircuitoffice@btconnect.com](mailto:bdicircuitoffice@btconnect.com)**  
**telephone: 020 8517 6159**



## **Share-a-Skill – 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Share-A-Skill is making a comeback at the Drive's Community Cafe which will be held in the Parlour on Saturday 14th September between 10am and 12pm. Tea and coffee will be served all morning by The Drive Youth. It is a great opportunity to try your hand at a variety of different crafts.

Share-A-Skill will be organised and led by Janet Wragg in conjunction with TDY.

Any contributions and donations will be extremely welcome and appreciated, with a portion of the sum raised going towards Dementia UK, TDY's chosen charity.

Please come and join us to develop a skill and have a cup of coffee or tea!

Bambo Banjo

## **Church Prayer Meeting - 26<sup>th</sup> September**

The meeting will be from 7:15pm-7:45pm in the Minister's vestry on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, all welcome. Please come if you can otherwise prayer sheets will be provided at the back of the church and also on the church website.

## **Bible Reading Group – 27<sup>th</sup> September**

The group will meet on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30am to 11.30am at 104 Wanstead Lane followed by refreshments. We shall be discussing 2 Samuel chapters 16 to 25. All welcome.

Jan and John Pearson

**If it's September it must mean COFFEE MORNINGS!!**

Please join me at the

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**10:30am to 2pm**

**in the Conservatory**

**Redbridge Social Centre**

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

***Audrey Taylor***

**Come to our**

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.00am -12.00pm**

**in the Church Parlour**

Donations of Cake, Gifts welcome

All proceeds will go to the Macmillan  
centre U.C.L.H

***Janet and Jeff Wragg***

## **Harvest Festival - 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Our Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September and will be led by Jan Pearson. As in the past, donations of harvest gifts will be given to The Whitechapel Mission and gifts will be gratefully received in the church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September between 10am – 12noon and during the service.

## **Harvest lunch – 29<sup>th</sup> September**

We will be having our bring and share lunch to celebrate harvest following the service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Please bring a dish or item that you'd like us to share, and we'll eat at 1pm in the church hall.

There will be a list at the back of the church for you to put who's coming and the food you're bringing. The list will help us know how many we're expecting and what else we need to get.

All offers of help to wash and tidy up afterwards are gratefully received! Please have a chat with us to offer help or if you've any questions. Thank you!

Michelle Garner and Jo Wright



## **Advanced notice – save the date!**

### **Action for Children Slides Evening - 30<sup>th</sup> November**

The Slides Evening will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November starting at 6 for 6.30pm in the Church Parlour. This is always an enjoyable evening and it would be great to welcome some new attendees in addition to the regulars.

This year we will be having a presentation from Colin and Pauline Rodway on their safari and Jeremy's brother Nick on his trip to China. If you would like to present some slides please let us know.

More details in next month's newsletter.

(You may be interested to know that on 2<sup>nd</sup> August a plaque was unveiled on Brunswick Methodist Church in the centre of Newcastle to commemorate Revd Thomas Bowman Stephenson, founder of the National Children's Homes (Action for Children), who was born in the city and baptised at Brunswick).

Diane and Jeremy Foster

### **Mushroom & Salmon Plate Pie**

Ingredients:

For the pastry

10 oz Plain Flour

A pinch of salt

2-½ oz Margarine

2-½ oz White Flora

For the filling

3 ½ oz pink salmon

10-½ oz can of condensed  
mushroom soup

1 large egg

1 stick celery

2 level tablespoons tomato ketchup

## Method:

Sift the flour and salt into a bowl, add the fats cut into small pieces and, using the finger tips only, rub them in until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in enough water to make a fairly stiff dough, then divide the pastry in half. On a lightly floured work surface, roll out one piece to a circle the size of the plate and lift the pastry into position.

Drain the salmon, remove the bones and skin and flake the fish. Stir in the soup and add the beaten egg. Scrub the celery and chop it finely then stir it into the filling with plenty of seasoning and the tomato ketchup. Turn the filling into the pastry base, leaving an inch border. Moisten this edge with water, roll out the other piece of pastry to the size of the plate and lift it on top of the pie. Press the edges firmly together, knock them with the back of a knife and scallop the edge. Mark the top of the pie into a trellis pattern and brush it with an egg glaze.

Leave the pie in a cool place for 10 minutes so that the pastry can rest then bake it on the centre shelf of a fairly hot oven, gas mark 6 or 400F/200C for 30 – 40 minutes until the pastry is golden brown.

*This delicious pie can be frozen for up to 2 months.*



## Answers to quiz in last newsletter

1- a, *Susanna and Samuel*; 2 – c, *The author is a descendent of Charles Wesley*; 3 – a, 1795; 4 – a, 1744; 5 – *Tolpuddle Martyrs*; 6 – b, *The Bronte Sisters*; 7 – c, *George Eliot (Novel Adam Bede about Dinah Morris)*; 8 – b, *Cornwall*; 9 – c, *The Salvation Army*; 10 - *Methodist New Connexion, Independent Methodists, Primitive Methodist Connexion, Bible Christians, Protestant Methodists, Arminian Methodists, Wesleyan Methodist Association, Wesleyan Reformers, Wesleyan Reform Union, Independent Methodist Connexion of Churches, The Methodist Church in Britain*; 11 – c, 1932; 12 – a, b, e, *Rank Cinemas, Hovis flour/bread, Hartley's Jam*; 13 – c, *Margaret Thatcher*; 14- c, *at least 44*; 15 – a, c, e, *Amazing Grace, Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah/Redeemer*.

*How did you get on?*



## Diary

### September

<b>Sun</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Morning Service with Holy Communion led by The Revd Mmasape Zihle</b>
Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Welcome service for The Revd Mmasape Zihle Barkingside Methodist Church see page 7
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Education Sunday Morning Service led by Mr Collins Frimpong-Manso</b>
Wed	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Church Life Committee meeting
Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am-12.00pm	Share-a-Skill Church Parlour, see page 8
<b>Sun</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Morning service led by The Revd Kido Baek</b>
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Property Committee meeting The Valentines Room
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Coffee in the park Gardeners Café, Valentines Mansion
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Morning Service led by The Revd Mmasape Zihle</b>
Thur	26 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	Church Prayer Meeting Minister's vestry, see page 8
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Bible Reading Group 104 Wanstead Lane, see page 8
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am-2.00pm	Macmillan Coffee Morning Redbridge Social Centre, see page 9
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am-12.00pm	Macmillan Coffee Morning Church Parlour, see page 9

## **Diary contd.**

### **September**

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 11.15am Harvest Festival  
Morning Service led by  
Mrs Jan Pearson  
followed by lunch, see page 10**

### **October**

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 11.15am Morning Service with  
Holy Communion led by  
The Revd Mmasape Zihle**

***Last date for items for the October newsletter:  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September***





This is thought to be the most well-known Irish blessing. As teachers and students start their new academic year and many others face new beginnings and challenges, let us remember to pray for them all in the words of this prayer.

**May the road rise up to meet you.**

**May the wind be always at your back.**

**May the sun shine warm upon your face;**

**the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we  
meet again,**

**may God hold you in the palm of His hand.**

*Author not certain but often attributed to St. Patrick  
Submitted by John Pearson*