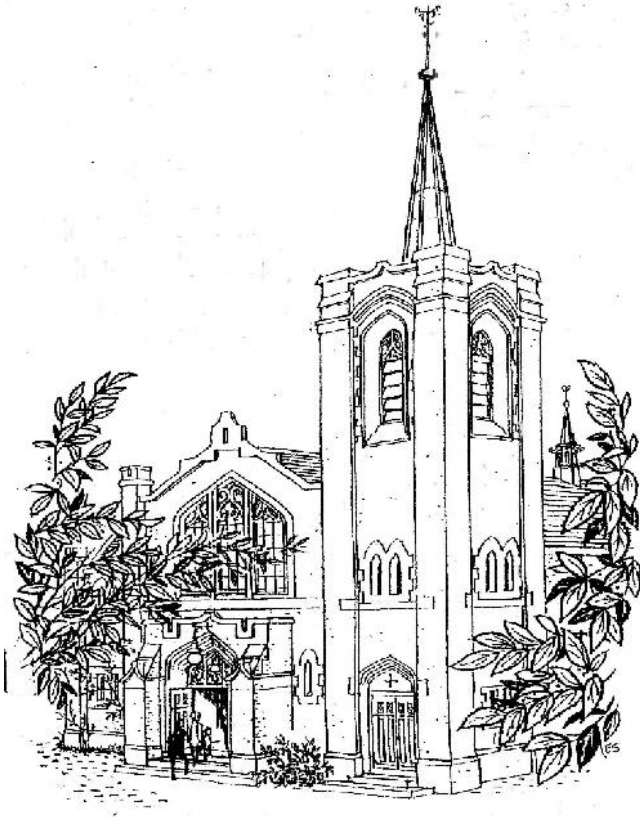


The Drive Methodist Church  
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# NEWSLETTER

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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:**

"Do you remember the time..." these are opening words to one of Michael Jackson's song and there are hundreds more songs on remembrance. Our day to day activities are mainly based on our memory - remembering how to tie our shoelaces or which bus we need to take to get to town. It is so fascinating when one observes friends or family members who haven't seen each other for a long time; often one is likely to hear a reminiscing of bygone times. So for those who are losing their memories this is a difficult state to come to terms with. In the month when we will be remembering those who gave up their lives to ensure that we continue to enjoy the liberties we have, I would like us to remember those who are living with dementia and other mental illnesses.

Many of us remember a time when our churches and chapels were full of enthusiastic worshippers of all ages and now we are bemoaning the dwindling numbers at our Sunday worship. We remember a time when families used to talk to each other, these days we text and tweet each other.

When our Lord Jesus dined with his friends and disciples on the night before he was betrayed and crucified; he broke bread and shared wine with them saying these are his body and blood broken and poured out for all and as often as they break bread with each other are to do so "in remembrance of me".

I believe there is something to be said about telling stories. Ensuring that our beliefs and traditions, our fears and our dreams are communicated throughout generations so that we do not forget who we are as a people – lest we forget.

I therefore wonder how we as a worshipping community can draw together those memories of our faith and translate these to a way of being and doing church for today such that when we are apart we remember 'home' and seek to come back to that place that feeds our soul, body and mind. That place where Christ is at the centre and values of love, kindness, generosity and patience abound.

Yours in Christ

Mmasape

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We ask for God's blessing on all those we have concerns for at this time. All those who are unwell, in hospital, bereaved or going through a time of anxiety.

Please remember them in your prayers.

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### **Birthday Greetings to:**

Feyi Fadina who will be 17 in November;  
Leah – Avalee Gorden who will be 9 in November and  
Rochelle Inbakumar who will be 17 in November.



and very special **18<sup>th</sup>** birthday greetings to  
Rohit Selwyn.

## **Thanks**

On behalf of the church, I would like to thank Mike Seviour, Brian Taylor, John Higgins and Ruth Joyce who supported the recent work morning and to Diane Foster who provided refreshments.

Jeremy Foster

## **Congratulations**

Many congratulations to Pam Murphy, a past member of the Drive and local preacher in our circuit. Pam moved to Devon and is now a member at Crediton Methodist Church where she was recently presented with a certificate denoting 25 years as a local preacher. Pam wrote to Betty Griffiths with this good news and also included a couple of photos of the before and after of a major refurbishment her church has recently undertaken. See Betty if you would like to have a look at them.

Diane Foster

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning – 27<sup>th</sup> September**

The Coffee Morning at the Redbridge Social Centre was well supported in spite of some very heavy rain showers. Many thanks to all who supported and donated. We raised an amazing £1173.60.

Once again Kay Whiddon arrived with the popular Asian bakes from the Drive Preschool.

Many of us or our relatives and friends have benefitted from the care of Macmillan Nurses and our thoughts and prayers are with those we know who are currently receiving support and care.

Audrey Taylor

## **The Drive Youth (TDY) – key dates for your diary**

**10<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance – 10.45am start;

**17<sup>th</sup> November** – Presentation of JMA awards;

**1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Nativity preparations during our normal TDY Sunday sessions;

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December** our Christmas tree festival;

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativity and Toy service.

Jo Wright

## **TDY Competition**

We would like to announce that we are holding a competition to see who can design our mascot for this coming year. We will be allowing anyone to participate for a small donation which will go to our charity for this year – Dementia UK. Though it is aimed at our younger church members, everyone is welcome to join in.

The design we think is the best will be on all TDY posters and announcements and the winner will receive a prize. All the honourable mentions will be displayed in the church for the congregation to see.

Thank you and enjoy designing.

Yetunde Fadojutimi

## **Remembrance Day Service 10<sup>th</sup> November**



Our Remembrance Day Service will be led by John Pearson on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please note the service will start at 10.45am in order for us to observe the two minutes silence at 11.00am.

## **Film show at The Drive – 16<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be showing "The Christmas Miracle" on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November in the church or parlour at 2.30pm. There will be a comfort break at a suitable place during the film with tea/coffee and biscuits.

There is no charge for attending but donations would be welcome to cover overheads.

Brian Grinham

## **Church Prayer Meeting - 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Please join us if you can for our November prayer meeting in the Minister's vestry on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 7:15pm to 7:45pm.

## **Bible Reading Group – 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Bible Reading Group will meet at 104 Wanstead Lane on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 10:30am to 11:30am followed by refreshments. We will be discussing Acts chapters 6-10. All welcome.

Jan and John Pearson

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

Please join us for our annual slides evening in aid of Action for Children on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November starting at 6pm for 6.30pm in the parlour. This is always an enjoyable evening with a light buffet supper served during the interval.

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.

There is no charge for admission and you are welcome to just turn up on the evening but it would be helpful to let us know for catering purposes. If you would like a lift to and from the Church, again please let us know. A collection for the work of Action for Children in their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year will be made.

Diane and Jeremy Foster

*An article with photos about the beginnings of Action for Children (formerly NCH) is in the current edition of Heritage News, a copy of which can be found on the table at the back of the church – Ed.*





## **Marriage and Relationships Consultation - District Conversation Day – 30<sup>th</sup> November**



At the 2019 Methodist Conference, the Marriage and Relationships Task Group presented a report, *God in Love Unites Us*, with recommendations on various issues surrounding relationships in general and marriage in particular. As a result of these recommendations, the 2019 - 2020 connexional year represents an opportunity for the Methodist Church, and its people, to reflect and prayerfully consider the recommendations with a view to a final decision being made at the 2020 Methodist Conference.

The London District is holding three district conversation days, one of which will be held at Barking Methodist Church on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am. To register your attendance please visit: [www.methodistlondon.org.uk/marriageandrelationships](http://www.methodistlondon.org.uk/marriageandrelationships) where you can also find a range of resources produced by The Methodist Church to help facilitate discussions and considerations.

*(I have printed a copy of the full report and study guide which are on the table at the back of the church. Please feel free to take to read but return them to church. Thank you – Ed).*

## **'Woven' - London District Conference 2020 – EARLY BIRD BOOKING AVAILABLE UNTIL 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

The London District Weekend Conference 2020 focuses on equipping you to confidently share God's story and your story. It will be held at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

For full details and ticket prices please visit:  
[www.methodistlondon.org.uk/wovenconference](http://www.methodistlondon.org.uk/wovenconference)



## ***A Babe is Born***

**A Celebration of Christmas by**

**THE NEW ESSEX CHOIR**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
7.30 pm at The Drive Methodist Church**

Conductor – John Lilley  
Piano – Janet Baldacci, Organ – David Cook

including  
*Up Good Christian Folk and Listen; The Lamb; King Jesus  
Hath a Garden; In Dulci Jubilo; Mary's Child*

plus carols for everyone to sing  
and mince-pies for refreshment

Tickets £10/£8 from Brian Taylor or £12/£10 on the door.





**The Drive Methodist Church  
Christmas Tree Festival  
14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Please put our 2019 Christmas Tree Festival in your diary! It will be held on Saturdays 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December in the church with entertainment and refreshments. All offers of help gratefully received. Please ask Lorraine Bendon or Michelle Garner for more details.



## Diary

### November

<b>Sun</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Morning Service with Holy Communion led by The Revd Mmasape Zihle</b>
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Church Council meeting at the back of the church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Remembrance Day Service led by Mr John Pearson see page 6</b>
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Coffee in the park Gardeners Café, Valentines Mansion
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Film Show see page 6
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Morning Service with presentation of JMA awards led by The Revd Mmasape Zihle</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Morning Service led by Mrs Sharon Grundy</b>
Thur	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	Church Prayer Meeting Minister's vestry, see page 6
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Bible Reading Group 104 Wanstead Lane, see page 6
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	District Conversation Day At Barking see page 8
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Action for Children Slides Evening See page 7

### December

<b>Sun</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent Morning Service led by tbc</b>
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	NEC Concert in the church

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***(Last date for items for the joint issue for  
December & January: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November).***

Loving God

in and out of season you have been present with your  
people

in times of poverty and prosperity,

in times of sorrow and joy,

in times of war and in times of peace.

We remember God's grace and care in time of need and  
crisis.

We remember the pride and folly that often leads to war.

We remember those who make and keep peace.

We remember those who fell in war and who now dwell  
in the eternal peace of your presence.

Amen

