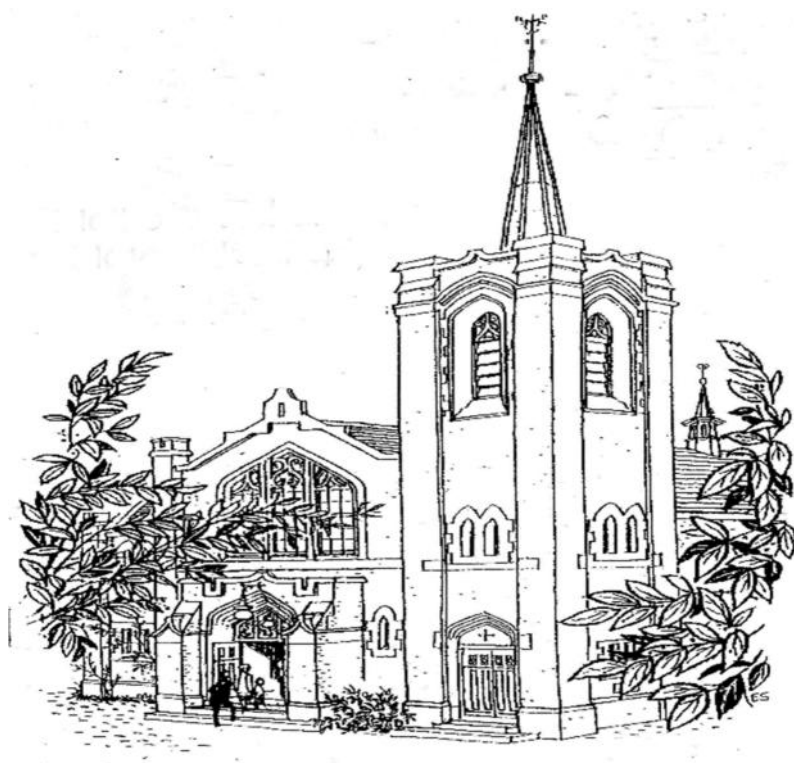


The Drive Methodist Church

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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.

Summer Rest

Dear Church Family

After a year of being like Martha in Luke 10.38-42, “being distracted and worried by many things” in our own lives and the life of the church: serving our neighbours, making sure our premises are welcoming, extending hospitality, coping with the cost of living crisis, political instability etc; it is now time to be like Mary, sitting at the Lords feet, refilling our energies, catching up with reading/movies, spending time with friends and family or even going on holiday.

Whatever you choose to do, may it be restful, enjoyable and safe. So that when we return in the autumn, we will be ready to do once again those things that live out our faith and scriptures.

I wish you all a pleasant summer with a balance of warm sun and cooling showers.

Best wishes

Mmasape.

A Childs Prayer for Peace

God of Love,

We pray for peace in our world, and an end to war.

Instead of hatred, let there be love.

Shelter your children and protect us.

Guide us and keep us from harm,

so we can build a world of love and live our lives in
peace.

Amen.



Church Family News

Following a serious fall, a couple of weeks ago, Josie had surgery in Queens Hospital. I understand she responded well and is now recovering at Meadow court in the King George Hospital complex for rest and rehabilitation before she returns home which she is very eager to do.

Ruth, Janet and Anne have visited Josie and shared all your good wishes which she was pleased to hear. We send our prayers and best wishes to Josie and out thanks to ruth for keeping us so informed

We are thankful Mmasape and Diane have now recovered from Covid .

We have news from Sandra Foulkes who has been absent from church for some months, during which time she has been seriously ill and in Intensive Care on a ventilator following a Covid infection and pneumonia Sandra is home now and recovering slowly and thanks all for their prayers.

Our lovely Rochelle has been intermittently unwell with Long Covid symptoms. She is receiving treatment and we hope this will be successful; returning her to full health..

Peter Bendon has had successful knee surgery and is recovering at home.

Please offer your prayers for all those in our church family and beyond who are ill or recovering, looking after others or just not coping well with life.

TDY

We wish all our young people well as they receive their exam results and make decisions about their next educational step. Good luck!



Birthdays this month are:

19th Bambo

24th Renyl

26th Doreen Larney

Best wishes to you all for a very happy day.

Church Anniversary and BBQ

Sunday 3rd July

Hope you had a chance to see the great photos Thea took of the Church anniversary celebrations at The Rodings. It really is a lovely peaceful place to get together.

Good Company, good food and Michelle's birthday too.....with CAKE! Thanks to all who took part in organising this event. Lorraine



Church Anniversary BBQ

A big thank you to everyone who came and shared their delicious food at the BBQ. Lorraine and Peter cooked the scrumptious burgers and sausages, and a good time was had by all.

Thank you to all the people who stayed behind to clear up too.

The sun did shine!

Jo

WHATS HAPPENING ?

THE SATURDAY LUNCH

Ploughmans Lunch £4



The next Saturday Lunch will be on Saturday 6th August 12.30pm in the parlour.

Rather than ask you individually, we will announce a reminder in church notices and there will be a list by the coffee hatch for you to add your name or just message or call one of us.

Do please bring a friend if you wish.

Ruth and Lorraine

Bible Reading Group

The Bible Reading Group will meet on Friday 26 August at Jan and John's at 11:00. We will discuss Malachi, the last book in the Old Testament, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Jan and John.



TDY Sunday Bake Sale

Sunday 21st August 12.15- 1.45pm in the parlour

TDY invite you to stay after the service to have a cup of tea and buy some delicious cakes baked by our young people. They are raising money towards going to the 3Generate Methodist weekend starting on Friday 30th September. There will be other small items for sale too, so please come a long and support TDY.

We know you always do!

Thank you.

JO

SAVE THE DATE:

) **HARVEST AT THE DRIVE WILL BE ON 25th**

SEPTEMBER FOLLOWED BY A BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

) **SUPPORT AUDREY'S MACMILLAN COFFEE**

MORNING AT REDBRIDGE SOCIAL CENTRE ON

30TH SEPTEMBER

Oyez ! Oyez ! News from your Senior Steward

The Drive goes to 3 Generate 2022

You may have heard that some of our young people will be going to 3Generate this year. We are very excited about this as it's something we've been trying to organise for several years prior to the pandemic, and it's finally happening! We have heard from Goodmayes that they had a great time there last year and want to return in the future.

I first heard about this young people's space from a guest preacher we had, Sanya, many years ago. 3Generate itself has been running for many years and hundreds of young people have benefited.

3Generate is the children's and youth assembly of the Methodist Church and aims to create inclusive and diverse spaces for children and young people to speak courageously, and listen to God and each other. Through the 3Generate process, children and young people are equipped to become participants in advocacy, change and growth and have an impact in their local Methodist communities.

3Generate calls the Church to listen to, and be in relationship and dialogue with and amongst, children and young people, so that change can happen together as a community.

It is part of a year-round process for the Methodist Church in Britain to make time and space to inspire children and young people to pray, listen, notice, and explore in peer and all-age settings (as the whole Body of Christ) how God wants them to be active disciples in the world.

3Generate is open to 8 – 23 year olds and since 2021 has welcomed 4 to 7 year olds and their parents/ carers into their own 3Generate space.

Some of you may have grown up in churches that had a Convention periodically; an opportunity for members of far-flung churches to come together in song, worship and fellowship. I remember my friend from Forest Gate attending her church convention in Birmingham; at the time the Methodist church wasn't running anything similar and I felt quite envious!

Funnily enough, this year 3Generate is being held in Birmingham, over a weekend (Friday to Sunday) at the end of September - although attendees can choose to go only for the Saturday.

We will be encouraged to expect to encounter God everywhere – through physical activities and sport, creative and performing arts, quiet contemplation and discussion, debate and taking action as Agents of Change in the world.

The event will finish with a service on the Sunday morning and making a promise between us and God that we will try to act on what we've heard and experienced. Those who stay the weekend will be camping inside the National Exhibition Centre (NEC) in Birmingham, where the event is taking place.

We look forward to returning to you, sharing our experiences and feeling enriched in our discipleship.

Michelle

Sounds like an inspiring event.





FLOWERS

FROM THE BIBLE

Isaiah 40:8 - The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.



Song of Solomon 2:1 – I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.

Song of Solomon 2:12 – The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:13 – The fig tree put forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Song of Solomon 4:16 - Awake, north wind, and come, south wind! Blow on my garden, that its fragrance may spread everywhere. Let my beloved come into his garden and taste its choice fruits.

Isaiah 35:1 - The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

Isaiah 40:6 - The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of

Isaiah 35:1-2 – The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

Hosea 14: 5-6 will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

Luke 12:27-28 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Matthew 6:28-29 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Peter 1:23-24 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall.



SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOODBANKS

Helping Local People in Crisis

**BRING
A TIN
TO
CHURCH
EACH
SUNDAY**



**IF WE ALL BRING JUST ONE ITEM WE WILL
HAVE 25—30 ITEMS TO DONATE EACH WEEK.**



Lets do it!

Brian's Musings.....

'In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit.'

Albert Schweitzer.

'The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent are full of doubt'

Bertrand Russell

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Christians Against Poverty CAP

Do you need help with debt?

Debt Coaches at London Ilford Debt Centre:

Fumi Popoola-Akintemi Debt Coach

Call 0800 328 0006

George Ajanlekoko Debt Coach

Call 0800 328 0006

Did you know?

During Communion at The Drive a collection is made while the communion hymn is being sung. Each month, the money is given to a charity or cause. The list below shows who receives the collection throughout the year.

January	Redbridge Voluntary Care
February	The Welcome Centre
March	Church Benevolent Fund
April	Raysin Hope
May	Christian Aid
June	Church Benevolent Fund
July	Whitechapel Mission
August	Methodist Relief and Develop-
ment	
September	Church Benevolent Fund
October	Redbridge Samaritans
November	Redbridge Cold Weather Centre
December	Haven House Children's Hospice

Lets Sing.....



Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like,
No cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking,
And give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
At the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours,
And give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing,
And give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
Whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping,
And give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.

Jan Struther (Joyce Placzek) (1901—1953) STF

My family are great Roald Dahl fans, so I was interested to know that there is a day dedicated to him and his wonderful stories.

The first Roald Dahl Day was held on September 13th 2006, which would have been Roald Dahl's 90th birthday. From a small beginning the event has now grown into an annual event held every 13th September as a celebration of the work, life and multi-faceted legacy of one of the world's best-loved storytellers.

Since 2020 it has been celebrated as **Roald Dahl Storey Day** celebrating your favourite Roald Dahl characters, stories and moments with fans the world over. Events take place up and down the UK in schools, libraries and particularly in the village of Great Missenden, where Dahl live and worked for many years. These are centred around the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre and his home Gypsy Cottage.

The aim of the day is to, get kids reading, to see if you can also do something marvellous and to raise some money for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity at the same time. Have a look at the Roald Day Storey day online for ideas and many free downloads for your children. Lorraine

Why Comparison Can Be The Thief of Joy

“Remember, popcorn is prepared in the same pot, in the same heat, in the same oil, but the kernels do not pop at the same time.

Don't compare your child to other children as their turn to POP will come.”



The School Uniform Bank

A place to donate pre-loved non-branded primary and secondary School Uniform for local reuse across Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Newham.

This charitable organisation is adopted by many school to ensure that good quality uniform items are recycled for others to use.

See Facebook or ask your local school.

A Prayer

Here are my thoughts, Lord, here is my mind.

Here are my deeds, Lord, help me unwind.

Here is my strength, Lord, here is my will.

Here is my life Lord, help me be still.

Here is my heart, Lord, here is my hope.

Here is my love, Lord help me to cope.

Here is my time, Lord here is my might.

Here I am your, Lord, bless me tonight.

David Adams (b.1936)



CHURCH DIARY FOR AUGUST

**31st July 11.15am - Sunday Worship -
led by, Local Preacher Sharon Grundy**

Saturday 6th August 12.30pm—in the Parlour.

**7th August 11.15am - Sunday Worship with HC
led by, Rev. Kido Baek**

**14th August 11.15am - Sunday Worship -
led by, Local Preacher, Asare Menyah**

**21st August 11.15am - Sunday Worship
led by, own arrangement.**

26th August Bible Reading Group 11.00

**28th August 11.15am Sunday Worship
Led by L Packer**

Services every Sunday at 11.15am

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