

The Drive Methodist Church

Eastern Avenue Ilford IG13PP

Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2023



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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.

At the start of the new year Methodists make a distinctive resolution. The Drive held their Covenant Service on 15th January.

Origins of the Covenant Service

This idea of Covenant was basic to John Wesley's understanding of Christian discipleship. He saw the relationship with God in Covenant as being like a marriage between human beings (both as a community and as individuals) on the one side and God in Christ on the other (cf. Ephesians 5.21-33).

His original Covenant Prayer involved taking Christ as "my Head and Husband, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, for all times and conditions, to love, honour and obey thee before all others, and this to the death".

Wesley recognised that people needed not just to accept but also to grow in relationship with God. He therefore emphasised that God's grace and love constantly prompts and seeks to transform us, and so we should continually seek and pray to grow in holiness and love.

Over a number of years Wesley gradually saw the need for some regular ceremony which would enable people to open themselves to God more fully. He looked for some means of helping them to hear God's offer and challenge ever more deeply, and to allow God to prompt and enable them to respond.

In 1755 Wesley created a form of service adapted from the works of Joseph and Richard Alleine. These works came from the Puritan tradition of pastoral and spiritual guidance. Wesley therefore insisted that the Covenant Service be located in a framework of pastoral care, preaching and guidance.

This framework dealt with the corporate needs of a particular society of Christian disciples, and within that with the needs of individuals within that group. It therefore linked personal devotion with corporate worship .

There would be a series of meetings about the Covenant involving sermons, explanations and exhortations. An invitation would then be issued for "those as will" to come to the Covenant Service. After a day's "Retreat" for people to prepare themselves in prayer, fasting, reflection and self-examination there would be the Covenant Service itself.

This would be held in the context of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Wesley thought that this Sacrament brought into the realm of experience and made real all that was said in the Covenant. He therefore urged Methodists to pay it the highest regard, to put it at the centre of their spiritual life and to share in it frequently. .

The process did not end with the Covenant Service. People were encouraged to continue to work out the implications for their lives of the fact that their relationship with God had been renewed in and through Christ. It was accepted that people might find this difficult to do without help, and might "backslide". There would therefore be further pastoral guidance offered to both groups and individuals in the weeks that followed the service.

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A Covenant with God

I am no longer my own but yours.

Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing,
put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you,
or laid aside for you,
exalted for you,
or brought low for you;
let me be full,
let me be empty,
let me have all things,
let me have nothing:

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

you are mine and I am yours. So be it.

And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in
heaven.'

The Methodist Covenant Prayer



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hilary Stevens

A beautiful and fitting service took place for Hilary on Jan. We heard from Hilary's neighbours work colleagues and friends, all of whom built a picture of Hilary's life as a dedicated Christian who was respected by her work colleagues and devoted to her beloved pets and wildlife.

Thank you to Mmasape and all who played a part in arranging the service, music and refreshments.

Pleased to know that **Priya and Jo** have recovered from a recent Covid infection.

We hope **Andrew** is feeling much better also.

There is some improvement in **Brian Taylor's** health and although it is slow, he feels less breathless than previously. Brian reports that **Kathleen's** health is stable at present.

Hello to Josie, Marlene and Peter Mitchell; all of whom we haven't seen for some time. Thankfully they all have pastoral visitors who keep in touch with them.

Bon Voyage to **Mmasape** as she begins her sabbatical.

February BIRTHDAYS



I know of only one birthday this month and that is:

JANET WRAGG. Wishing you a very happy birthday Janet.

CONGRATULATIONS:

to Clare (Anne's daughter who has been promoted to Nurse Practitioner at Barts Hospital.

Well done Clare!

to Folake who recently achieved her Masters Degree (with Distinction) in Digital Art Media.

Well done Folake!

We send you both our very best wishes for the future.

Just in case you were unaware **Janet and Geoff's** new grandson is named Alexander.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DRIVE TOGETHER WHAT'S APP GROUP. ASK LORRAINE

A Prayer for us

Lord we pray for all who are lonely;
children who are being bullied
and dare not tell anyone;
shy people who find it hard to make friends;
those who feel rejected and isolated;
those whose partner has died or left them;
and elderly people who miss their
family and old friends.
Lord be with them all in your infinite love.



Angela Ashwin



Bible Reading Group.

The Bible Reading Group will meet on the 17th February at 11:00 at Jan and John's. We will be discussing Luke Chapters 13-18, followed by refreshments.

Help and Support is available

Are you struggling to manage?
Are you worried about providing
for yourself or your family?



Do you know of someone who
needs help and support?

Contact: Reverend Mmasape who will help you and provide
confidential support. mmasape.zihle@methodist.church

During Mmasape's absence contact: **stewards@drive-
methodist.church**

LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES

Our Church now has its own YouTube channel to which we
are live streaming our services. You can access the channel
by clicking on the YouTube button on the Home page of our
Church website (lower RH side) or via YouTube itself by
searching **@drive-methodist-ilford** You can then add
and save this to your YouTube subscriptions

Brian's Musings

“When I was a a boy of 14 my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around.



But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.

Mark Twain

“The lessons from the peace process are clear; whatever life throws at us, our individual responses will be all the stronger for working together and sharing the load.”

Queen Elizabeth II



CHURCH WORK DAY Saturday 11th
Feb 10.00am

Please come along and help tackle a few small tasks to keep our church buildings and grounds in good order

A Childs Prayer

Father, We Thank Thee

Father, we thank thee for the night,
And for the pleasant morning light;
For rest and food and loving care,
And all that makes the day so fair.
Help us to do the things we should,
To be to others kind and good.
In all we do, in work or play,
To grow more loving every day.

By Rebecca Weston (1890)



SINGING THE FAITH – THE ELEVENTH YEAR THROUGH ALL THE CHANGING SONGS IN LISTS

We first used the new (can we still call it “new”?) Methodist hymnal *Singing the Faith* on Sunday 15th January 2012. Since then I have kept a note of the hymns and songs used (from now on, I’ll just refer to them as “songs”). We have returned to a whole year of worshipping in church following the COVID closures of 2020/2021, so here are the song stats for 2022.

Not included in these figures are the 4 songs chosen by preachers that are not in *StF*, and any songs the choir has sung alone.

During 2022 we sang 170 different songs from *StF*, which is 28 more than were used in 2020/2021 combined. These were the most frequently used songs:

- 5 times 443 *Come, let us sing of a wonderful love*
- 4 times 82 *O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder (How great thou art)*
- 333 *Majesty, worship his majesty*
- 345 *And can it be that I should gain*
- 351 *In Christ alone my hope is found*
- 481 *The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want (Stuart Townend)*
- 503 *Love divine, all loves excelling*
- 566 *Take my life, and let it be*

A further 14 songs were chosen three times, 36 twice and the remaining 112 just once. Of the total 170 songs used, 16 were completely new to us.

Interestingly, the list of songs chosen three times or more in 2022 is totally different to the same list from 2020/2021 – with the exception of 693 *Beauty for brokenness*.

The top song of 2022, 443 *Come, let us sing of a wonderful love*, has come from nowhere to the top slot – it was only chosen once in the previous five years.

Taking the eleven years we have been using *Singing the Faith* overall, we have now used 473 of the 790 songs available (not including the Canticles and Psalms section), which works out at 60 percent.

One of the songs still in the overall top 10 – 35 *The trumpets sound* was not chosen at all in 2022, and has only been chosen once in the last three years.

Counting 2020/2021 as one year, 14 songs have been used at least once every year since 2012.

Well that's an impressive log of our singing at The Drive Andrew. Its certainly hard to choose a favourite among so many wonderful hymns.

Thank you LB

After many years of service The Drive Scout and Guide Group has closed.

Memories of Guides and Scouts from Jo

I joined the Brownies at The Drive when I was about 8 years old. I had such happy times there and loved all the games, friendships, and activities that took place each week. I started off as a Pixie and then became Patrol Leader of the Gnomes! I particularly enjoyed working towards gaining all the different badges. My most treasured badge was the cook's badge.

I graduated to the Guides where Mrs Starry was the leader. The first night was held in the Scout hut. It was January and snow had fallen. Part way through the evening the hut door flew open, and some boys pelted us with snowballs! Mrs Starry flew to the door, as the boys ran away. I knew then that I was going to love all the excitement of Guides.

Rusty (Anne Warden) took over from Mrs Starry and Barbara Norcaro and Sandra Runeckles were leaders too. We had such fun. Camps, campfires, trips, badges, crafts and singing. I had such a fantastic time at Guides, and this was due to the commitment, time, and effort of the amazing leaders. We would often have joint camps with the Scouts and many group fun days too, usually held at Gilwell Park or down at The Rodings.

Whilst a Guide I gained my Queen's Guide award, which was presented to me by Anne Warden and Ruth Whittton, our minister's wife at the time, who was also involved in Guiding.

eventually became a leader and had many happy years working alongside the three other leaders. True friendships were forged along with a love of Guiding and wanting to ensure the Guides had the best time possible. We all have memories of funny stories of camps and trips out!

For a short time, when our Guide unit eventually had to close, I supported St. Andrew's Guide leaders. Sandra is still a leader there today!

My children were part of The Drive uniformed organisations. They enjoyed Brownies run by Kaye and Rosemary, Beavers run by Diane Foster with the help of Betty and Jane. The Cub pack was led by John, Audrey and Andrew Taylor with Lorraine Bendon and Colin Runeckles. Scouts were led by Jeremy Foster and Mike Seviour, assisted by Peter Bendon, Ian Warden and Andy??? And Malcolm Rodwell. These leaders gave time and commitment to ensure the children in their care enjoyed their experiences as Guides and Scouts.

My daughter, Lorna, went on to travel to Switzerland with a group of Guides from the District and David and Timothy often recall the good times they had as Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

It's sad that we no longer have uniformed organisations that meet here, but I am thankful for all the wonderful memories that I and my children have, after many years of being involved with The Drive Scout and Guide group.

Jo Wright

If it's Monday, it's Cub Night - it is only one and half hours a week!!!!

When I was about to leave Guides, Betty Collins suggested that I go to assist Pat Sutherland who was about to start a second Wolf Cub Pack due to Eileen Ruddocks Pack being full with a waiting list.

When I started, the subs were 3d a week, and a penny of that went to the church for heating! Among the first group of boys were Andrew Hull and Stuart Purves who went right through the Group and then became leaders. This was a theme that carried on - Mike Seviour and Colin Runeckles being among them and my Cubs. Wolf Cubs were renamed Cub Scouts in the 60s.

Our first Cub Camp was held at Stock, near Billericay and we travelled in an open truck belonging to Howards of Ilford where Pat worked. We camped every year. When Pat left to have a baby, I took over as Akela.

I had a break after Stephen was born (only 3 months off for Andrew). Mike later took over from Alasdair Milne until Mike went to lead the Scouts and Brian asked me to come back. When a plea went out for leaders at both Eastern Avenue and Cranbrook Park Packs, Lorraine and Peter Bendon (with three young children) answered the call. One to each Pack. Their son Justin was in my Pack at the time. When Beavers started Peter formed the first Beavers in the District.

I handed over to Andrew when I was 60.

One Monday, Reenit Shah turned up having returned from University – Can I come and help? What an asset he has been eventually taking over from Andrew and also in supporting District activities.

Audrey Taylor

Thank you for your commitment and influence to so many young people Audrey. LB

Rainbows at the Drive

Rainbows is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things and having fun. Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, get in touch with nature and play games - it's all about learning by doing.

Being a member of the Drive Church and having children who were in the Guides and Cubs I was told there was a possibility that a Rainbow unit for girls aged between 5 and 7 would be formed. My youngest daughter was almost 5 years old, so along with two other mums who had 5 year old daughters, we undertook Guide training and in September 1991 we were appointed as Guide leaders.

We had decided to name ourselves after flowers, so I became Poppy. We met every Tuesday at 4 pm and our meetings were very popular as the girls told their friends at school and soon we had our quota and a waiting list.

Our meetings always commenced with time to, 'Talk and Share.' The three leaders, myself, Jan and Lesley and all the Rainbows would sit on the floor in a circle. Each girl was given the chance to talk about their day or a holiday etc.

This weekly chat was an integral part of the meeting and one we all enjoyed, until the day that I was the subject of Talk and

Share. I lived next to the local primary school and for some time had been experiencing problems caused by inconsiderate parking. I was beginning to find it intolerable and so it was that one Tuesday morning I made my displeasure known by shouting in anger at an inconsiderate driver and then I flounced off into my house. I made the usual plea to the school via a phone call, calmed down and went on to work.

That day I learnt a lesson and it was a five year old who taught it. At the Rainbow meeting we were all gathered in our circle, sitting comfortably waiting for the first girl to put her hand up to speak.

A little girl raised her hand and said to me, 'Please Poppy. I saw you today and you were very angry.' She told us all how I had shouted and had got very angry. I felt awful and told her I was sorry that she saw me lose my temper and that it wouldn't happen again.

There are many stories of those days but that one proved to me that one is never too old to learn.

Anne Dellow

OOPS!

Lost on Chingford Plain

I gave permission for them to eat their emergency boiled sweet and that's when the panic set in. Cub Scouts each had a small tin with emergency items i.e 10p for a phone call, a couple of plasters, string, elastic bands and a boiled sweet which had probably been in the tin for many months as this was no ordinary sweet..... emergencies only!

I had been entrusted by Akela with 6 Cub Scouts a compass and instructions to make our way across Chingford Plain. Colin Runeckles also had a group of boys and a compass but he knew what he was doing, while I, lack an innate sense of left and right and can get lost walking out of a shop. My weak protests were not heard, so off I went feeling like an imposter in charge of 6 children tramping through the woods.

My dilemma was, trying to appear in control, after all I was in Scout uniform with a compass, so how could I ask for directions? We were way past the time we were due back but I took the decision for us to sit and rest and nonchalantly suggested the sweets would be a good idea; but no, instead they cried and panicked. 'Are we lost Bagheera, (that's me) I want my mum'. The compass was as good as a chocolate teapot as I couldn't read it. Above the crying, I heard the traffic and so we headed toward the road.

'Look there's the mini bus', the boys shouted and waved with relief. The mini bus had been driving around looking for us. Well Akela hadn't quite had a nervous breakdown but she was close. This sorry story became one of John Taylors numerous scout related tales recalled around the evening camp fire.

I have wonderful memories of being a cub leader for 10 years and seeing many little boys learning so much about themselves and their capabilities.

As a parent, I am proud and so very grateful that my 2 sons and a daughter all benefitted from being Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, a Brownie and a Guide. They all have skills they learned and use them still, but most valuable was the confidence and independence they achieved. Our daughter was most fortunate to represent the London District as a Guide at an International Camp in Sweden and when she lights a fire at home she often dusts off her hands saying 'once a guide always a guide'.

Thank you to The Drive Scout and Guide Group and to the many wonderful people who gave so much of themselves to encourage and teach so many young people.

Lorraine

JMA—Junior Mission for All



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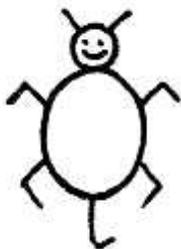
Learn, pray and serve with the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ.

Junior Mission for All (JMA) was created so that children would be able to learn about and support the mission of the Church in a fun, creative and engaging way. It is also about sharing the insights of God's people all over the world with children in our churches.

JMA is part of the Methodist Church's mission programme. Children and young people raise funds for JMA to support the Methodist Church's

World Mission Fund and Mission in Britain Fund.

Thank you, if you currently sponsor one of the young people in church . If not, and you are interested in doing so; please talk to Diane Foster, who is the JMA secretary.



**BACK BY
POPULAR DEMAND!**



**JMA FAMILY BEETLE DRIVE AND TEA
(and raffle)**

**SATURDAY 18th MARCH 2023
THE DRIVE METHODIST
CHURCH HALL
2.30pm for 3pm START**

**Tickets available soon from
Diane Foster**

£5 adults, £2.50 under 16s.

Prices frozen from 4 years ago!

Watch out-there's a BEETLE about!!

More details in next newsletter!

DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

A Prayer for Lent

Dear God,

In this season of Lent, we're reminded of our own difficulties and struggles. Sometimes the way has seemed too dark. Sometimes we feel like our lives have been marked by such grief and pain, we don't see how our circumstances can ever change. But in the midst of our weakness, we ask that you would be strong on our behalf.

Lord, rise up within us, let your Spirit shine out of every broken place we've walked through. Allow your power to be manifest through our own weakness, so that others will recognise it is You who is at work on our behalf.

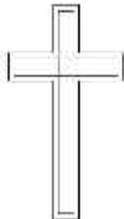
We ask that you would trade the ashes of our lives for the beauty of your Presence. Trade our mourning and grief for the oil of joy and gladness from your Spirit. Trade our despair for hope and praise. We choose to give you thanks today and believe that this season of darkness will fade away.

Thank you that you are with us in whatever we face and that you are greater than this trial. We know and recognise that you are Sovereign, we thank you for the victory that is ours because of Christ Jesus, and we are confident that you have good still in store for our future.

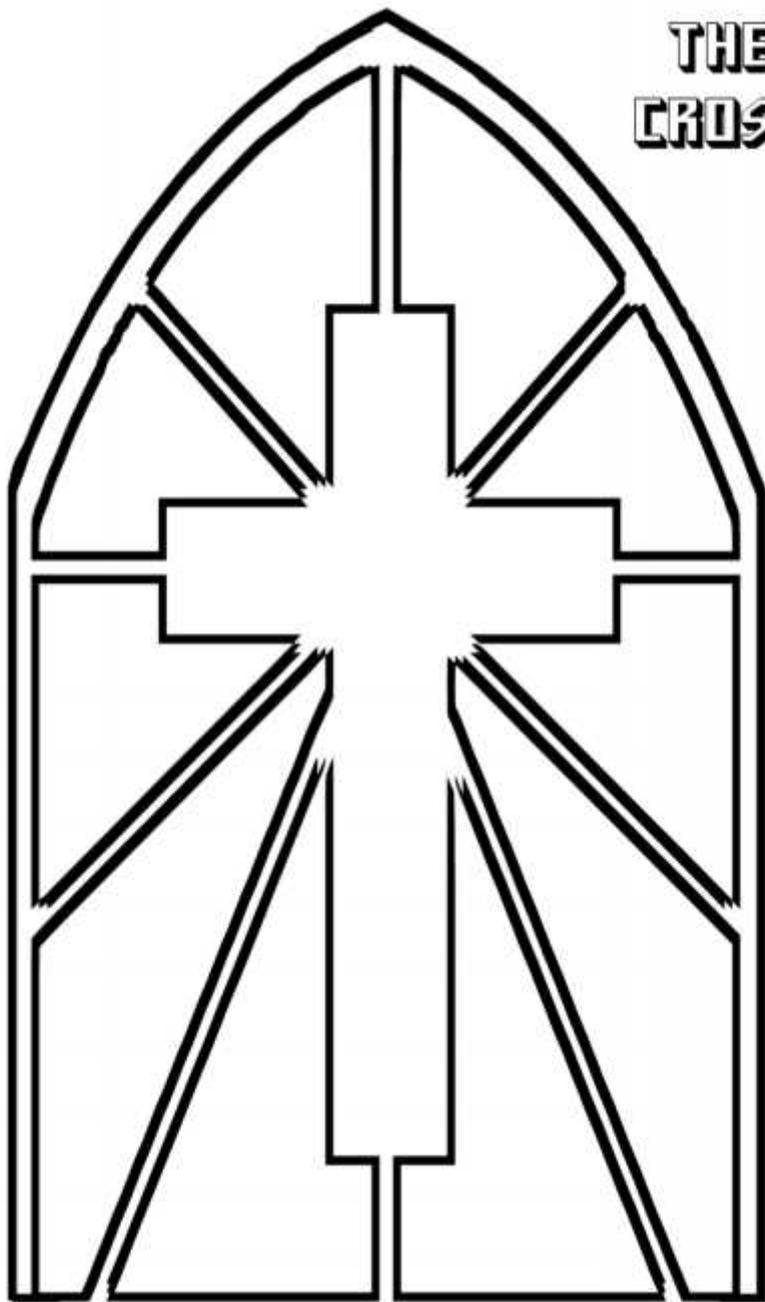
We thank you that you are at work right now, trading our ashes for greater beauty. We praise you, for you make all things new.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.



THE CROSS



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LIONS MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Ruth has kindly accessed a number of these useful emergency bottles for anyone who would like one. They are at the back of the church.



Message in a Bottle is aimed at anyone of any age who lives alone or feels vulnerable at home. The bottle pack gives the user the means to alert the emergency services to important medical information and contact details, should an accident or sudden illness in their home occur.

The fridge has been chosen to store the bottles as 95% of all households have one and it is generally easy to find. Also, the insulation properties and construction of a fridge mean that in the event of a fire, the contents of the fridge usually survive. The bottle pack consists of:

-) A bottle
-) A basic medical information form
-) Green and white emergency data link stickers, which are unique to the scheme

The form with all of the relevant medical information is put in the bottle, which is then placed in the fridge. One of the stickers is put just inside the front door, so that it's clearly visible to any of the emergency services, and one of the stickers goes on the outside of the fridge door. The green and white stickers are recognised by the emergency services.

People **shouldn't** put a sticker on the exterior of their property. The emergency services will know to look for one **inside** the front door. Please see Ruth if you need further information.

If more than one person in the household has a bottle it can make clear which it applies to by labelling it for example, Mr or Mrs.

THE SATURDAY LUNCH

This months Saturday Lunch will be on 11th February at 12.30pm.



The lunch will cost £4

We will be serving Jacket Potatoes with a variety of fillings.

Please message or call Lorraine 07929973430 or

Ruth 07780852858

We invite you to bring a friend?



CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY - CAP

Do you need help with debt?

Ilford Debt Centre:

Debt Coach

Call 0800 328 0006

REDBRIDGE FOOD BANK

Thank you

for your continued

support of the

Redbridge Food Bank.



Help to fill our box by donating just 1 tin or packet when you come to church each week.

THANKYOU

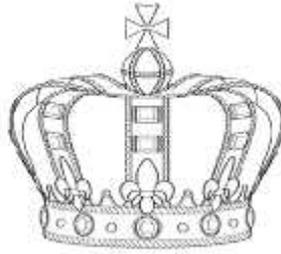
Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day took place on 27th January and was marked by a service at the Holocaust Memorial Garden, Valentines Park, to remember victims of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

Following the service, there was a special performance and exhibition at Valentines Mansion. The performance gave an emotional understanding of how a young survivor coped during World War Two.

An exhibition of outstanding artwork and poetry completed by pupils in local schools to reflect their emotional understanding and the creative symbolism of what the Holocaust now means to them.

Lighting the darkness with candlelight depicted the need for us to stand against prejudice and hatred.



The Coronation of King Charles III and his wife, Camilla, as King and Queen of the United Kingdom is set to take place on Saturday, 6 May 2023.

A Bank Holiday across the United Kingdom has been proclaimed in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, falling on Monday 8 May 2023.

You can now [apply to Redbridge Council online to host a street party](#) so you can enjoy this momentous occasion in style with your loved ones and neighbours. Street parties are a great way to get to know your neighbours, generating community spirit and neighbourhood fun. You can apply to host a street party to take place on any day of the special bank holiday weekend.

The Council will again relax many of the usual rules and will not charge residents for road closures to celebrate this special occasion. Further details will feature on the Council's website as plans develop.

The deadline for receiving applications is Wednesday 1 March 2023



This year, we will celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. To mark this special occasion, we are encouraging the residents of Redbridge to get involved in our

amateur gardening competition by creating a garden fit for the King!

Anyone can enter whatever their level of gardening expertise. Vision RCL is introducing a brand-new category for 2023, **Best Sustainable Planet-Friendly Garden**, in honour of King Charles III, a staunch advocate for improving the environment.

Categories for 2023

-) Best Front Garden
-) Best Container Garden
-) Best Public House
-) Best Community Garden
-) Best School Gardening Project
-)

Best Sustainable Planet-Friendly Garden (New for 2023)

More information will follow in the March issue, alternatively take a look on the Redbridge Vision website.

-) Grow your own bunch of flowers
-) Reduce the use of combustion engine power tools
-) Create a kitchen garden
-) Use a water butt

Closing date: Monday, 3 July 2023

Judging: W/c Monday, 10 July 2023

Keep a look out for the snowdrops, daffodils and tulips we planted in the church grounds last year. They are already Visible in the grass and around the trees.

REDBRIDGE SAFE TO TALK

We've launched Safe2Talk, a dedicated space for women and girls who have experienced or are experiencing abuse, violence, or harassment.

Women and girls told us they wanted a physical safe space where they could report crimes, and get access to help, support and advice.

The non-judgemental sessions will provide a safe space for women and girls to meet with specialist services to explore their options and access help. The free monthly sessions will allow local women and girls to access expert advice from domestic abuse specialists, housing officers, police officers, and lawyers, all of who are female.

Dates and times:

) **Monday 30 January 2pm-6pm**

) **Monday 27 February 2pm-6pm**

) **Monday 27 March 2pm-6pm**

) **Monday 24 April 2pm-6pm**

Location: Fullwell Cross library, 140 High Street, Barkingside,
IG6 2EA

CARERS UK

Information advice and support for people who are looking after a friend or family member.

Advice line: 0808 808 7777

Disability Rights UK Information and advice on a wide range of issues for disabled people.

Disabled Students Helpline: 0800 328 5050

Personal Budgets Helpline: 0300 555 152

24-hour National Domestic Violence A national service for women experiencing domestic violence or others calling on their behalf.

Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Refuge - Help for Teenage Girls

Information and advice on violence against teenage girls and young women.

Helpline: 0808 2000 247 Advice line: 0808 801 0660

Men's advice line Free advice and support for men experiencing domestic violence and abuse .

Helpline: 0808 801 0327

AL-ANON Helpline: 020 7403 0888 (10am-10pm) For families affected by alcohol abuse

Samaritans. To talk about anything that is upsetting you, you can contact Samaritans 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can call 116 123 (free from any phone), email jo@samaritans.org

SANeline. If you're experiencing a mental health problem or supporting someone else, you can call **SANeline on 0300 304 7000** (4.30pm–10.30pm every day).

ChildLine

Free confidential service to help young people under 19 with any issue they are going through.

Helpline: 0800 1111

Family Lives (previously known as Parent line)

Offers information, advice, guidance and support on any aspect of parenting and family life, including bullying.

Helpline: 0808 800 2222

The Mix

The Mix's Crisis Messenger text service 24/7 and open to anyone aged 25 or under living in the UK. If you're in crisis and need to talk, text **THEMIX to 85258**.

Webchat and Helpline service for free and confidential information and help on a wide range of issues for 13 to 25 year olds. All issues.

Helpline: 0800 808 4994

A Blessing

As you walk your road this day

May each moment be blessed

with the brightness of

His glory, the goodness of His love,

the beauty of His peace,

the presence of His hope;

May you walk in faith and believe

all these great gifts from Him

will shine forth in your day.

amen

CHURCH DIARY FOR February 2023



**5th Feb 11.15am Sunday Worship—
led by Foluso Famoyin**

11th Feb

Saturday Lunch 11th Feb @12.30 (see details inside)

Circuit Worship Leaders meeting 10am—12 midday

Church Work Morning 10am –12 midday

**12th Feb 11.15am Sunday Worship - Racial Justice
Sunday HC**

Led by Rev. Kido Baek

Feb 17th 11.am Bible Study Group

**19th Feb. 11.15am Sunday Worship—led by Mrs Sharon
Grundy**

**26th Feb 11.15am Sunday Worship -1st Sunday in Lent
Led by Janet Tweedale.**

Services every Sunday at 11.15am

Communion Services as announced

Senior Church Stewards:

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Property Steward Bookings Jeremy Foster
bookings@drive-methodist.church

Church Council Secretary: Priya Inbakumar
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Pastoral Secretary pastoral@drive-methodist.church

Flower Rota Secretary Anne Dellow
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Term time only: Mon – Fri 9.15am -12pm, 1pm-3pm