THE DRIVE METHODIST CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER
MAY 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.

Our Prayer for a Just and Fair Future

Great Spirit, heavenly Father, source of life and love.

We rejoice and give thanks for your bountiful planet.

Great plains, verdant forests, deserts of rock, sand and ice, mountain ranges, rivers and oceans: ecosystems to meet the needs of all your creatures.

We mourn our separation from you, each other, ourselves and all creation.

We have forsaken your calling to be custodians:

When we drill for oil, gas and minerals, despoiling the earth, poisoning the waters and fouling the air with climate changing gases;

When we fell ancient trees, over-exploit the oceans and techno-farm food, destroying soils, traditional food systems and indigenous communities;

When we desecrate your world with trash where nothing in nature is intended to go to waste;

When we live lavish lifestyles and turn our other cheek to poverty, injustice, war, famine and unbearable human suffering.

When world leaders and multi-national corporations put profit before the wellbeing of people, communities and a flourishing planet.

We pray that our words, our pilgrimage and our actions may be a witness to world leaders, encouraging and inspiring them to make radical commitments at the forthcoming climate talks.

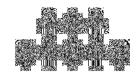
Commitments that will restore the earth and lead to justice for communities confronted by the climate crisis. And may they lead us onto a new path for a sustainable future where we live in harmony with all life.

Open our senses to all we encounter and be with us that we may walk in safety. Awaken us to our true nature, to live in peace with you, each other and all creation. By restoring harmony and balance we too will be restored to wholeness.

Amen.

Prayer written by Bishop Geoff Davies, South Africa's 'Green Bishop' Bishop Geoff Davies, or more affectionately known as the Green Bishop, and his wife Kate were founders of the Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Inst

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Bon Voyage to **Liz Amah** who is enjoying a 2 week cruise to Grand Canarias with her friends.

Sending prayers and best wishes to **Audrey Taylor** who is struggling with a painful knee. Get well soon Audrey.

It was so good to see **Marlene Henry and her son** at the Easter Day service and hope we will see them again very soon.

My apologies to **Josie Jiggins** who enjoyed celebrating her recent 96th birthday and **NOT** her 97th as printed in the April newsletter....... Sorry Josie.

Many of you left the Sunday Service on 23rd April, St Georges Day clutching a beautiful red rose thanks to **Sue Ruckes** for providing them.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Egg Hunt. It was well attended and the weather was fine. Over £70.00 was raised for the Turkey-Syria earthquake disaster appeal.

Jo

BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to **Ruth** for 11th May

Priya and Joel will be celebrating their wedding Anniversary on 5th May

Judging from the photos I've seen, **Bambo and Belinda** along with their families, had a wonderful wedding day.





We send prayers and all good wishes to our new King and his Queen Camilla on the occasion of The Coronation taking place on Saturday 6th May.

King Charles III will be crowned at Westminster

Abbey on 6 May 2023. The Queen Consort will be crowned alongside her husband. This venue is steeped in royal history as the current abbey has witnessed the coronation of every monarch since Edward I in 1274 - except for Edward V and Edward VIII, who were never crowned.

What are your plans? How will you be celebrating the Coronation?





Ruth writes...... When my friend Joan and I watch the Coronation, we will be dressed in our favourite summer dresses, plus hats, while we have a picnic on her lounge floor.

We did the same for one of the royal weddings and it was great fun. Enjoy Ruth and don't forget to take photos. LB

I have decided to completely indulge myself by sitting on the sofa in front of the TV all day, from beginning to end. I have no memory of Queen Elizabeths Coronation as I was 2 years old, so on this occasion I'm making certain I don't miss a minute!

Lorraine

Redbridge are planning a great deal of exciting events. Take a look on their website where times and dates are clearly listed. ENJOY!

PRAYERS FOR SRI LANKA

As Christians around the world celebrated Easter, on Sunday 21 April, a series of explosions occurred in several Sri Lankan cities in churches and hotels. Authorities also found explosive devices in other public locations, including the airport and a bus terminal. Tragically there were many fatalities and injuries.

In the aftermath, the government placed the country under curfew and at times, social media channels were shut down across the country to contain the violence and prevent the spread of misinformation. The Easter Sunday explosions were the deadliest violence Sri Lanka has witnessed since the end of the country's civil war in 2009.

The Compassion Sri Lanka team ask that you continue to pray for peace and stability while the country mourns and holds funerals for the family and friends lost in Easter Sunday's explosions.

- Please pray for the government and leaders of the nation; and for unity and peace.
- Pray for everyone who is grieving following the events on Easter Sunday.
 - Pray for the continued safety of children, their families, church partners and those working to restore peace.

Father God, we continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka. God bring your comfort to those grieving today. Bring your peace to those in fear. We pray for government leaders and medical professionals to be given great strength and wisdom. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

As I write, we are waiting for news that all have been evacuated safely from the crisis that is deemed to escalate further in Sudan.

We pray that the world will open their arms to Sudanese refugees.

Prayers for Sudan

Loving God, pour out your peace upon us all. Lead us in your ways, united with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world.

Hear our prayer, especially for the people of South Sudan. Fill them with hope and strengthen their commitment as they come together to seek reconciliation and build peace, trust and understanding.

Work through your people to break down the barriers that prevent change. Melt the mistrust that divides, and calm the fears that lead to violence.

And unite us all in our desire for peace so that everyone may live free from conflict, hunger and injustice and all may flourish as one human family.

Amen.

Prayer: Catherine Gorman/CAFOD

Stewards Corner

Whenever we are in Norfolk, Jeremy and I often attend the small Methodist chapel at Thurne. We were there again last Sunday. As usual we were welcomed like old friends by Alan and Jean, who seem to run the place and are always on duty. Including us and the preacher there were 11 of us in the congregation which was quite a churchful for them! It was a lovely service and although few in number the singing raised the roof, especially during the 'Alleluia' song which Marion, the organist always plays at the end.

We often go to Norfolk during the course of the year and stay in a small village called Horning. We began going to Thurne Methodist Chapel some years ago when we met a couple, Keith and Barbara, whilst on holiday in Switzerland. We discovered that Keith was a Methodist local preacher. They live in Birmingham but would often visit Norfolk where Keith would sometimes lead a service at Thurne chapel. We found his name on the next local plan and paid our first visit to Thurne.

There is such a contrast between Thurne Methodist Chapel and The Drive Methodist Church, in the locality, the size of the premises and the number of members, but the ethos is the same. A warm welcome coupled with inspiring, uplifting worship and lots of music and singing! May it continue to be so.

Diane Foster

A home from home welcome LB



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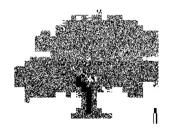
FAURE REQUIEM

The annual fund raising event for the Bahay Ng Pag Asa "House of Hope" orphanage in the Philippines took place in the church on Good Friday. The choir sang beautifully to a small but very appreciative audience.

Thanks to the music director, Andrew Taylor and to Tim Smith, the pianist.

We heard how difficult it had become to support those who relied upon the orphanage to meet a wide variety of needs. Especially as Nicky Kenning is now in poor health.

Bahay ng Pag-Asa (**House of Hope**) is a Children's Home and Outreach Centre in Santiago City, Philippines. Founded and run by Nickie Kenning, a volunteer Missionary who has dedicated her life to relieve suffering and poverty.



PIPE UP FOR PIPE ORGANS

Did you watch the recent Channel 4 series *The Piano*? It was inspired by the thousands of videos posted on the internet of people playing pianos in railway stations and other public spaces around the country. Well, the newly refurbished London Bridge Station has gone one further by installing a fully-working pipe organ in one of the station's labyrinth of arches under the platforms. It's nicknamed "Henry" (after its builder Henry Jones) and is there for anyone to switch on and play.

I met up with some university friends in April and we had some fun playing the organ for the delight (?) of the passing commuters. (If you're really keen, I can give you a link to a YouTube film I've put together of the event...)

The organ is a small one-manual instrument which dates from the late nineteenth century. It came from a church in Whetstone, north London, and was saved from the scrapheap by an organisation called Pipe Up for Pipe Organs. The vast majority of pipe organs in this country are in churches, and as church buildings close for demolition or conversion, and as musical tastes change, many fine pipe organs are being lost. As you can imagine, it's not easy to find them a new home! The arches at London Bridge are an ideal spot as the barrel-vaulted ceiling provides a great acoustic for a relatively small organ.

Pipe Up for Pipe Organs describes itself as a grassroots organisation aiming to save as many of these instruments as possible. It's run by a small group of enthusiasts, and their work was featured in the BBC4 programme Organ Stops in December, which is still available on the iPlayer. Some organs are found new homes in other churches, while many are sent abroad. The French seem particularly keen to have them! But with the best will in the world, not all can be saved, and the rest will be sent for scrap or at best used for spare parts. This is inevitable in this constantly changing world, but I applaud the efforts of Pipe Up to raise the profile of these wonderful instruments. While we were playing at London Bridge the other week, people stopped to listen, film, and ask questions about how it worked and what we were doing with our feet! So "Henry" the organ was doing its job.

You don't have to go all the way to London Bridge if you want to have a go at playing a pipe organ – we've got one right here at The Drive! Just have a word with me...

Andrew Taylor

Well that's very encouraging. I'm off to London Bridge to have a listen.LB

Thank





To keep our church alive and ticking over, so many people are beavering away behind the scenes and their efforts are very much appreciated. Here is a Who's Who:

Mike Seviour who masterminds our church website and duty rota and, unseen, undertakes many tasks around the church to keep it in good working order.

Andrew Taylor, who we see and hear every week with our wonderful choir and singers.....but, Andrew spends many hours choosing contemplating and rehearsing the music that brings us such joy.

Michelle, Diane, Oli, Sheela, Amy, Liz, Brian and Ruth are our Church and Communion Stewards organise and plan our services.

The Prayer Team, **Brian, Antonia, Sheela, John and Jan, Bambo, Rochelle and Oli** who provide us with daily thoughts and prayers to start the day via the Church What's App.

The Property Team, **Jeremy, Mike, John, Anne and Peter** who keep the church standing.

The Drive Pastoral Team are: **Jo, Ruth, Brian, Sue, Anne and Lorraine**

Church Treasurer is John Higgins

We all look forward to a hot drink at the end of the service and this is thanks to the Refreshment Team: **Priya, Anne, Sue, Jo and Ruth**

The church is checked every evening to ensure its security, by Colin Runeckles, John Higgins, Mike Seviour and Peter Bendon

The Drive Youth Team: Jo, Michelle, Sandra, Lola, Bambo, Priya, Oli, Sheela, Diane and Lorraine

Bookings are overseen and negotiated by **Jeremy and Mike**

The Church Council is made up of those who lead the various groups and teams. Our Church Council secretary is **Priya**.

The Drive Instagram page is overseen by **Rochelle and Folake and Yetunde.**

Flowers at The Drive are provided by **Janet**, **Anne**, **Ruth** and **Lorraine**

Safeguarding and Newsletter—Lorraine

Saturday Lunch is provided by Lorraine Ruth and Anne

And to all who provide us with Sunday Worship.

Do we have any Vacancies?
YES WE DO!

CRY "GOD FOR HARRY, ENGLAND ANDWHO?"

St George's special day, 23rd April, was on a Sunday, when only church services are supposed to mark the day. As many adults return to work and children return to school on Monday, it is not ideal for a celebration families.

St George, a Roman soldier, was born in what is now Turkey. A strange choice for our patron saint? I always remind people, that St Andrew, one of Jesus' disciples was not Scottish and St Patrick was not Irish. He was possibly Cornish....or Breton....French....orEnglish....or possbly Welsh. St David was definitely Welsh!

It is usual to wear a red rose on St Georges Day. The beautiful red roses in the foyer of The Drive Church on St Georhges Day were grown in Ecuador. They were obtained from Mary's flower and plant stall in Ilford Town Centre and I am very grateful to Mary for keeping them for us.

Is St Georges Day only for English people? Certainly not.

The society to which I belong has members from many other countries. Hans is a long serving member, who travels from his home in Germany several times a year. His grandson also travels from Germany when work commitments allow, They have attended many events over.

Shakespeare was born and died on 23rd April and so he is recognised on that day The `HARRY' in the quotation above refers to

Susan Ruckes 23 .04.23

Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more, Or close the wall up with our English dead.

Cry 'God for Harry, England, and Saint George!' "was the battle cry from **Henry V** at Agincourt, according to Shake-speare, and warriors reported that they saw their Patron Saint on the battlefield, fighting on the English side.



Pentecost 28th May 2023

The Day of Pentecost marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. It is a major feast of the Church's year when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations.

Pentecost (which comes from the Greek word for 'fiftieth') has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks.

Jesus had promised his followers that, although they would not see him after his Ascension, they would receive the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire them.

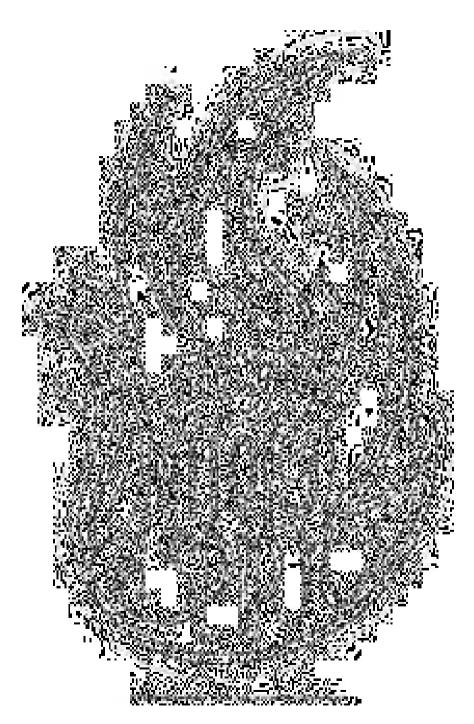
The Acts of the Apostles describes how the crowds gathered in Jerusalem – representing many nationalities and speaking many languages – were able to hear the disciples preaching in their own language.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.'

Acts 2, Chapter 2

The colour most often associated with Pentecost is red, representing the tongues of fire which the Acts of the Apostles describes appearing above the heads of the disciples as a sign they received the Holy Spirit.

With its focus on God's Spirit being poured out on believers, Pentecost is one of the most popular days for baptisms and confirmations in the Church's year.



Christian Aid Week 14th -21

This Years Challenge is all about Peas,

Pigeon Peas to be precise

For thousands of farming families in Malawi, pigeon peas are a route out of poverty. The mighty pigeon pea is drought resistant, so thrives in the dry fields of southern Malawi. It's an essential part of the diet of millions of people around the world.

This Christian Aid Week we share the challenges experienced by communities in Malawi. Covid, climate change, conflict in Ukraine and the cost of living crisis mean that in Malawi, soaring costs of food and essentials are crushing dreams, keeping people in desperate poverty.

But there is hope.

Together with our partners, we empower vulnerable communities to find practical and sustainable ways out of poverty, including giving them the skills to:

- grow crops (like pigeon peas!) that are more resilient to the climate crisis
- restore soil fertility
- increase harvests
- learn business skills
- join cooperatives to earn more for their crops.

THE BIG PEA CHALLENGE

Welcome to the Big Pea challenge – a fun and interactive way for your church and community to come together to raise funds this Christian Aid Week 2023!

This Christian Aid Week, we celebrate how our partners in Malawi are helping farmers transform their livelihoods using the humble but mighty pigeon pea: a drought-resistant, soil-revitalising, high-protein, low-cost, delicious crop. Inspired by the transformational pigeon pea.

MEET ESTHER

Cooking for someone is a fantastic way of showing practical love and support. Empowered by the bread oven that Christian Aid installed for her farmers' cooperative, Esther is able to make and sell delicious rolls. She loves baking bread and making other pigeon pea snacks and meals, which she shares with her family and community.

I Invite my children. I share the food with everyone,' she says. 'It is food that makes a meal for the whole day.' The pigeon pea is so versatile that the pigeon pea farmers' association has been able to publish a recipe book, reminding Malawians that they have a locally grown, drought-hardy and nutritious legume right under their noses.

Are you inspired to try this brilliant crop for yourself?

Pigeon peas are also known as Gungo Peas and are similar to lentils.





Fostering for Redbridge

Redbridge Fostering Team have introduced three specialist pathways with allowances of up to £1074 per child per week.

We are actively recruiting foster carers for three specialist pathways. Please take a look at our video to find out more:

https://youtu.be/dRHFRQBQ1Pc

The full video can be viewed on our website www.redbridge.gov.uk/fostering

If you have a place in your heart and home to foster a child and would like to join our Redbridge family of foster carers, please call us on 020 8708 6068 or email fostering@redbridge.gov.uk or alternatively, go to our website to book onto our next virtual information session

Gemma Seabrook

Recruitment, Engagement and Development Officer - Fostering

Fostering, Adoption and Children with Disabilities Service Station Road Centre, Station Road, Barkingside IG6 1NB

Tel: 020 8708 7463

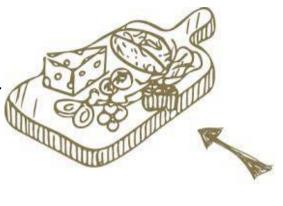
E mail gemma.seabrook@redbridge.gov.uk

THE SATURDAY

LUNCH

Ploughmans Lunch

The next Saturday lunch is on 13th May at the usual time of 12.30pm. £4



If you are planning to come along. Please make your choice on the form by the refreshment hatch in church.

We look forward to seeing you and hope you will bring a friend along.

Ruth. Anne and Lorraine

Beer, bread, and cheese have been combined in the English diet since antiquity, and have been served together in inns for centuries. However, the specific term "ploughman's lunch" is believed to date from the 1950s, when the Cheese Bureau, a marketing body, began promoting it in pubs as a way to increase the sales of cheese, which had recently ceased to be rationed. Its popularity increased as the Milk Marketing Board promoted the meal nationally throughout the 1960s.

Sir Sydney Robinson

A few Sundays ago, as I was shutting the Eastern Avenue door after the service, a man came up the path and asked if he could take a look at the interior of our church. I said of course, welcomed him and brought him inside.

It was then that he told me he is the great grandson of Sir Sydney Robinson. So who is Sir Sydney Robinson? Sir Sydney was born in 1876 in Royston Hertfordshire and was educated in Walthamstow. As a young man he travelled to the USA to study. He became a successful building contractor, farmer, JP, Freeman of the City of London and Liberal MP for Chelmsford. He was knighted in 1934 and lived in Snaresbrook.

So why is this of interest to us? Well it was Sir Sydney who, in 1926, provided the land for our church. He also gave generously towards the cost of building our church and particularly the provision of the organ. Next time you are in church have a look at the four attractive stained glass windows at the back. Two of the windows relate to Sir Sydney's time in the USA with a dedication to Rev Holmes minister of the Hemenway Methodist Church Illinois and to Myra Thomas who was his Sunday School teacher.

Sir Sydney died in 1950 and the remaining two windows are dedicated to his memory. Sir Sydney's great grandson only became aware of the history between his great grandfather and our church when sorting through papers belonging to his late mother. He was genuinely pleased to see that our church, which owes so much to the vision and generosity of his great grandfather, is still flourishing.

Jeremy Foster

WESLEY DAY 24th May

It commemorates a life-changing moment in the Christian journey of John Wesley, the most prominent of the founders of Methodism.

In May 1738, John unwillingly attended worship at a Moravian 'Religious Society' meeting on Aldersgate Street in London. It was during this service that he felt his "heart strangely warmed", as he experienced God's love in a most personal and life-giving way. Until then he had known God in his mind, but not in his heart. Now he understood the value of a personal experience of God that would bring assurance of salvation to the believer

'Songs of Praise for Wesley Day' 24 May | from 7pm

Celebrate Wesley Day with the Westminster Circuit at this evening of hymns and reflections. The event will be led by Revd Gordon Newton, with David Amoss on the organ.

Bible Reading Group.

Jan and John Pearson welcome you to the monthly Bible Reading Group.

The details of this months group are as follows:

Friday 26th May at 11:00 at Jan and John's.

This months discussion will be Hosea chapters 1-5 followed by refreshments.

All are welcome.

MONEY MATTERS — April Communion collection

Raysin Hope—Brain Tumour Support

benefitted from this months collection which amounted to £85.81

Thank you for your generosity

OPEN DAY AT THE HOSPITAL CHAPEL

The Hospital Chapel on Ilford Hill is having an open day on the 13th May from 10.30 - 3.00. Guided tours of this beautiful local 15th century church are available, along with table top sales and refreshments.

Ruth

The chapel can be found just around the corner from Ilford Station & next to NatWest Bank.

Lets Sing



Alleluia, alleluia,

Gives thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia,

Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lod of all the earth; He is the king of creation:

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Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen:

Alleluia, alleluia

We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever

Alleluia, alleluia

God has proclaimed the just reward: new life for all! Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Alleluia, alleluia

Donald Fishel (b1950) STF

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

There is an expectation that all who hold a responsible role or office in the Methodist Church will complete the Advanced Training Module.

This is available on line for you to work at your own speed and this is followed by a Gathered Session which takes place as a zoom meeting with trainers and those undertaking the training. It is very manageable.

Should you wish to complete this training face to face; check on the Methodist website for dates and availability.

If you need the use of a laptop or want further information. I can help you with this.

Advanced Module Gathered Session

Tuesday 23 May | 7pm - 9pm

If you would like to attend this session, please visit the website and have a read of the information provided which will tell you what steps you need to take next.

DBS

For those of you who have a current DBS check. Do please keep a note of when it needs renewing as this needs to be done a couple of months before it expires. As I have verified the majority of checks at The Drive, I do keep a note of renewal dates, so if you need to know when yours is due please ask. Lorrraine

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ITEM EACH WEEK.
WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

CARERS UK

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

Advice line: 0808 808 7777

<u>Disability Rights UK</u> 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

<u>Men's advice line</u> 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.

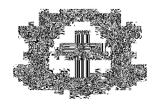
Webchat and Helpline service for free and confidential information and help on a wide range of issues for 13 to 25 year olds. All issues.

Spirit of the living God, stay within my heart.

Spirit of the living God, stay within my heart.

Guide me, teach me, rule me, use me, spirit of the living God, stay within my heart.

This verse written by Frank Sayers



CHURCH DIARY FOR MAY 2023



7th May 11.15am Sunday Morning Service with HC — led by Reverend Rosemary Smith

13th May Saturday Lunch 12.30pm (see inside for details)

14th May 11.15am Sunday Morning Service Christian Aid week led by Angela Thorne

21st May 11.15am Sunday Morning Service led by Samuel Agyekum

26th May 11.00am Bible Reading Group (see inside for details)

28th May 11.15am Sunday Morning Service Pentecost. Led by Reverend Mmasape Zihle.

Services every Sunday at 11.15am

Communion Services as announced

Senior Church Stewards:

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Term time only: Mon – Fri 9.15am -12pm, 1pm-3pm