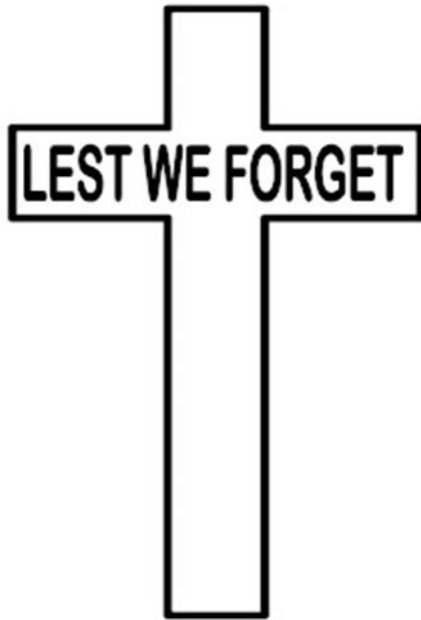


THE DRIVE METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

November 2023



EASTERN AVENUE ILFORD IG 13PP

Minister Rev. Mmasape

www.drive-methodist.church

The Drive Methodist Church Mission Statement

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.

To 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.

Mmasapes message

“Thanksgiving and Remembrance”

Dear friends in Christ,

I honestly cannot believe that it is already November! The months have surely gone by too quickly.

In the last month we celebrated with thanksgiving the bounty of God's provision through harvest and the gifts of creation. Thank you to all those who attended and donated to our harvest thanksgiving services – giving thanks to God for all that we have, all that we have been given in the past, and all that we look forward to receiving – everything that we have comes from God and all belongs to God. We continue to work tirelessly to support through foodbank and other charities the efforts to provide for those unjustly affected by the cost-of-living crisis.

We also marked Black History month –acknowledging the past and ongoing injustices against black and brown people and also celebrating the achievements, support and solidarity shown by all across colour lines to bring an end to the injustices in our communities. We at The Drive seek to celebrate our rich diversity. “In all things (we) give thanks to God; for this is the will of God for us in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5.18

November is another busy time in the Church calendar beginning with our Church Council meeting on 9th November at 8.00pm. Where, as trustees we confer and reflect on our mission, responsibilities and service to God and each other (in and out of church).

We then come to a time of remembrance, remembering all those who have died in the past, and also those who we love but see no longer; this service will be at our Church at The Drive, on Sunday afternoon November 12 at 4.30 pm. I do hope you can join us at this special service, as it gives an opportunity for members of our community to join in with us . Our invited preacher is Revd. Paula Graham, chaplain: St Francis Hospice.

On the same day 12th November in the morning, we will join with many churches throughout the country as at 11am we will pause to remember and honour all the fallen in the world wars and ongoing conflicts across the globe. Christ instructed his disciples on the night on which he was betrayed, as he blessed bread and wine, which represents his broken body and outpoured blood for the forgiveness of sin that “as often as you do this; remember me. ”(Mark 14.22-24). We therefore, in sorrow reject the ways of war as we remember the brave and innocent lives lost in conflict and war. We long for and pray for the time when “swords

will be beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation and neither shall they learn war anymore.” Isaiah 2.4

On 18 November at 6-8 pm, TDY will be hosting the circuit’s young people to an evening of fun and fellowship, as we seek to build cohesion and move forward one of our vision priorities.

Throughout this month we will also be preparing liturgy and study resources, (“out of the ordinary” from the Methodist Connexion) there will be Thursday zoom bible studies on the 7, 14 and 21 December, as we then go into the season of Advent, beginning Sunday December 3rd – but more about that in December’s newsletter.

Love and prayers.

Mmasape

Have a Blessed November.

Mercy, Peace and Love

be yours in abundance.

Amen

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



A wonderful celebration of Sandra's life was held in the church hall and was attended by many who valued her as a family member, friend, fellow guider and colleague. We hold Colin, Martin and Jenny in our prayers.

We are so pleased to have new worshippers to The Drive and hope they feel welcomed and comfortable in the church surroundings. If you are a newcomer or a visitor, do approach a church steward if you need to know more about the church service and activities.

A warm hello to the members of our church family who can no longer manage the journey to the church. If you would like a visit from the Minister, do ask your Pastoral Volunteer.

Janet B hasn't been too well recently since her fall. It has been good to see her back in church and we send her our prayers and best wishes.

We continue to offer prayers for Derek Gabbidon who is undergoing hospital treatment.

Sheela has been unwell recently and is awaiting test results. Please remember Sheela in your prayers.

We are pleased to welcome Roxanne Lashley to the role of Church Secretary. She takes on this role from Priya Inbakumar who has been our Church Secretary for many years. Thank you Priya for your hard work and dedication

We hope that the half term holiday was a restful time for teachers , and too for the children who also need a change of scene to recharge their batteries.

I have worried about parents who struggle to feed and provide time and activities for their children in term time, so the extra pressure on them during school breaks can be immensely stressful.

Please pray that parents find support from their family , friends and local community to help . LB

BIRTHDAYS

We remember our dear friend **Frank Sayers** whose birthday was on 5th November, along with **Feye and Rohan** who also celebrates on 5th.

We remember also our friend Elsie who celebrated her birthday on the 14th.

Rochelles birthday is on 21st and **Susan Ruckes** on 29th.

Many happy returns to you all.



Sandra Runeckles

We would like to thank everyone for the many cards and messages of sympathy following Sandra's passing.

It was good to see so many people at the celebration of her life held in the church hall, including friends and neighbours, many of Sandra's family, those of the Guiding community, and from Newham Hospital where she had worked as a midwife since 2007. Martin and myself also went along to a memorial service for Sandra organized by her colleagues at Newham and which was very well attended. It was especially moving to hear some wonderful tributes to her and the work she had done over the years.



We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations amounting to £475 which will be given to Macmillan Cancer Support and St Francis Hospice.

Thanks

Colin

Sandra

I first met Sandra when I was a Guide, and she was a young leader. A few years later Sandra and I both became Guide leaders in the 5th Ilford Guide Company, along with (Rusty) and Barbara Norcaro. We ate lots of homemade cake and laughed a lot, whilst working together as a team. We served the 5th Ilford Guides for many years and thoroughly enjoyed each other's company.

I remember when Sandra was first married, Colin would come and collect her, after Guides on a Wednesday evening. We always stood and chatted for hours before we all decided it was time to go home!

A few years later, Martin and Jenny arrived and the Runeckles family was complete.

At Guide camp Sandra was a brilliant QM. Whenever a camp was being planned Sandra would have lists of recipes, food orders and Tupperware boxes, all labelled impeccably, so the food would be cooked to perfection. One of my favourite memories at camp, with Sandra, is standing in the pouring rain mixing custard powder with water that had been boiled on the fire. This was then poured on to muffins for the Guides dessert. Whatever the weather was like, Sandra always instructed the Guides to do their best and serve what they had made.

Sandra was a creative wonder. Whenever a new craft idea was needed either at Guides or in Junior church, Sandra would quietly work away to produce amazing projects for all the young people to get involved in. Nothing seemed too much for Sandra. She was always ready to help and always so reliable.

Sandra's faithful commitment to being a Guide leader and a Junior Church leader was truly inspiring. She carried out tasks with enthusiasm and dedication. If Sandra was asked to do something, she would do it in a calm and caring way.

The list of events that Sandra was involved in at The Drive, is immense. She helped design and make the kneelers that we use in communion, many of the Nativity costumes were made by Sandra, she designed the “big lamb” that was first seen in last years Nativity. The list goes on!

Sandra was always super organised. One Christmas we decided to take our children, who are similar ages, to see Father Christmas, at the newly opened Exchange shopping centre. It was packed with people as we entered on the ground floor. Martin was in his big silver cross pram that Sandra was pushing. One of the children suddenly told us that they needed the bathroom. Fear took hold as I thought about pushing through the crowds to try and reach the bathroom in time. There was no need to panic. From underneath the pram, Sandra pulled out a disposable potty and thankfully everyone got to see Father Christmas.

I don't know how she found time, but Sandra always seemed to be studying and she had many different careers. Her last, as a midwife, gave her immense joy. A difficult job in challenging times, but one she was commended for many times over.

The last few years have been difficult for Sandra, but she showed such resilience and determination to carry on enjoying the things she liked to do.

I pray God will bless Colin, Martin, and Jenny at this sad time.

Sandra dedicated her time and her talents wholeheartedly, and I give thanks for her kindness and friendship over the years. She will be greatly missed.

Jo Wright

Sandra

It feels that I have always known Sandra. Initially we must have met through the thriving Scout and Guide Group that existed at our church where Peter and I were involved as leaders with Cubs, as was Colin. Our children benefitted so much from their time moving through the uniformed organisations at The Drive and Kelly our daughter was a guide under the leadership of Rusty (Anne Warden) when Sandra was one of the young leaders.

Busy, supremely creative, unflappable, calm, quietly knowledgeable, helpful, organised, humble, courageous, determined..... These are just some of the words I choose to describe Sandra.

The wonderful display of her skilled craft and work that Colin, Jenny and Martin set out at the Celebration of Sandra's life truly reflected who she was.

I will miss her so much when I sort out the Nativity costumes this year; something we did together. Each year as we turned the costumes out of their boxes, I generally looked and moaned about the old bits and pieces that I'm sure belonged to Noah, ever positive, Sandra somehow came up with new ideas and used her magic to make something new.

I will never forget after one of my moans last December about the sheep we used just being cuddly toys and not to scale. Sandra came in the following week, opened her trolley and pulled out a life size sheep! How did she manage that, as she was so poorly at this point. The sheep is of course called..... Sandra.

May God bless her and her family. Lorraine

A Prayer

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done to bring justice and kindness to all our children and to the poor. Amen

Kido

Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Please prepare your boxes as soon as you can. They will be collected up and sent to the depot on November 5th.

Thank you for your generosity.

BIBLE READING GROUP

We will meet on Friday 24th
November at 11.00am



We will discuss Mark chapters 13-16.

This will be followed by refreshments

All are welcome.

Jan and John

DON'T FORGET



The clocks go back in the
United Kingdom on the last Sunday
of October every year.

**In 2023, the clocks will go back by one hour at 2:00 AM
on Sunday, October 29th**

A Methodist Update

on the situation in the middle east

As deaths and injuries of civilians continue to rise in the Israel-Hamas conflict, we are heartbroken to see the devastation this is having on so many people living in the region. We believe in a God who weeps, and, alongside the Holy Spirit our Comforter, our hearts are breaking with all those whose loved ones have had their lives brutally cut short, for the terror felt by Israeli families, and the unimaginable wait that many face for news of the people being held hostage. We watch in horror as Gazan civilians flee for their lives, unable to leave Gaza and trapped in the midst of a violent and unpredictable conflict.

The situation may feel overwhelming; so much information, so much misinformation and so much misery. Where is our hope? Watching and reading news reports can leave us confused and feeling helpless. What can we do? As members of the Methodist Church we have witnessed the plight of the Palestinian people's oppression for many years and have sought to encourage those on all sides who are working for lasting peace with justice in the region. this discipleship in our worship and mission.

Now we pray for all those people and groups we have met:

Daoud Nasser from the Tent of Nations and the recipient of the World Methodist Peace Prize in 2018;

Rabbi Nava Hefetz from Rabbis for Human Rights, the Wi'am Peace and Reconciliation Centre in Bethlehem;

The staff of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme for Palestine and Israel, and the countless people and families in Gaza and the West Bank who we, as a Church, have supported over the years.

We uphold them, praying for their safety, asking for God's protection and comfort. And we pray for those who have the power to effect change – that they will use this privilege wisely and well, to put a swift end to this violence and aggression.

We undertake to continue to pray that the beautiful peace of the Prince of Peace will manifest in our world, and we pledge ourselves once again to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out this discipleship in our worship and mission.

We call on the UK Government to do all it can to encourage dialogue between Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Egypt and states in the wider region. We urge our Government to use its influence to end the siege of Gaza that is depriving its population of water and food, and to call on all parties to abide by international humanitarian law. As well as praying, we ask you to consider doing the following:

-) Supporting Christian Aid's appeal and/or petition calling on the UK Government to establish safe routes out of Gaza for people left homeless or caught up in the violence
-) Find out more about the situation: Resources for studying theological issues relating to Israel-Palestine
-) Write to your MP to ask them to act to protect civilians in Gaza and to support a lasting peace people who are impacted by the ongoing situation.
-) Be generous to those who you may not agree with, and try to find common ground. Pray for those people and, if appropriate, pray together. Be aware of those in your church or community who are particularly impacted by this situation, whether they have a connection with Israel or Palestine or because this is a painful and traumatic reminder of their own experiences of conflict. And please pray for those in leadership who are being called to offer support to the people who are impacted by the ongoing situation.

The Revd Gill Newton, President of the Methodist Conference

Deacon Kerry Scarlett, Vice President of the Methodist Conference

REMEMBERING

Remembrance Day – also known as Armistice Day – takes place every year, to remember all people who have died in wars.

Ceremonies take place on 11 November, the day that World War One ended, with the country falling silent at 11am for a period of reflection.

Remembrance Sunday also takes place on the second Sunday of November each year, with another opportunity to pay tribute to those who lost their lives.

When was the first Remembrance Day?

While WW1 officially ended with the Treaty of Versailles in June 1919, hostilities between the Allies and Germany came to a conclusion with the signing of the armistice the previous year.

This truce was agreed on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918.

One year later, King George V held a banquet at Buckingham Palace on 10 November, before the first Armistice Day was marked the following day to remember the fallen soldiers.

The tradition of silence began on the first Armistice Day in 1919. An Australian journalist wrote a piece for a newspaper calling for a respectful silence to remember those who had died. King George V was made aware of this and issued a proclamation calling for a period of silence

What is Remembrance Sunday?

During WW2, Armistice Day was moved to the Sunday before 11 November so as to minimise any logistical disruption during wartime.

In the aftermath of WW2, plans were made to mark the fallen and ensure they were also remembered, with concerns they might be forgotten if ceremonies were only held on 11 November, a date so heavily associated with WW1. The Archbishop of Westminster proposed naming the second Sunday in November as Remembrance Sunday while Armistice Day became known as Remembrance Day.

A national service of remembrance is held at the Cenotaph war memorial in London each year on Remembrance Sunday. The two minutes of silence has taken place on both remembrance days since 1995.

What do the different colour poppies mean – and why do some people choose not to wear one?

While the red poppy, the symbol of remembrance, is most common, people can choose to wear alternative poppies.

Black poppies represent the contribution of black, African and Caribbean communities to the war effort, while purple poppies are worn to remember animals killed in service.

White poppies are worn by people who want to commemorate those who lost their lives – but also symbolise a commitment to peace. They are also chosen by some people who feel the red poppy glorifies war. Some people also choose not to wear a poppy at all because they feel the symbol has become politicised or they feel pressured to wear one.

A Good Man

Many of the soldiers who came back home after WW1 had ended would rather not recall the horrors they had seen and as far as I knew my grandad was one of them.

My earliest memory of him was when he and my nan would come to our house for Sunday dinner. He used to tell me, “ Eat your dinner up Annie Hatwell, men were starving in the war ” At five years of age I had no conception of the experience he had, that prompted those words.

Children sometimes hear snippets of adult conversation and without realising, store them away for our adult minds to recall.

As time went on I learnt more about the suffering that he and other men went through whilst fighting in trenches during the 1914 to 1918 War.

I wish to pay tribute to the man who, through fate became my grandfather. In 1918 there was a flu pandemic which had started in the February of that year and spread across Europe, it was commonly called the Spanish flu.

Soon after Jack returned home to his wife and family she became unwell with the disease and passed away leaving him with three children to care for. In the east end of London where Jack lived, numerous families faced hardship as many men were killed in the Great War leaving some widows struggling to feed their children. My maternal grandmother Clara became a widow but her husband was unable to enlist for the war due to poor health and died of tuberculosis in 1918.

My grandmother had four children including a disabled son. My mother was four years of age and the youngest. In 1919 the two families were brought together when Jack married Clara.

Jack was the provider for his new family, whilst my grandmother cared for the seven children. My mother told me of his immense kindness and fairness to all of the children. He was hardworking and ensured they all had good boots to wear. He hardly mentioned the war to my mother except to say; " They put a gun in our hand and told us to shoot people and when we came home expected us to be good men"

He was a loving grandfather to eight grandchildren. He used to take us to wait on the bridge for the steam trains to go underneath and we would get covered in smoke, I can almost taste it now! He treated us all the same and left us with so many happy memories. He was a good man indeed.

Anne Dellow

Thank you Anne, a very moving account of your grandfathers experiences.LB

Sonnet 111, from SONNETS TO A SOLDIER

*If you this very night should ride to death
Straight from the piteous passion of my arms:
If you still breathing in the sobbing breath
Of my desire, still faint with my alarms
Should come upon the vast immensity
Of nothingness, my last poor trembling kiss
Upon your lips, should face eternity
And gaze full conscious into the abyss
You would not falter at the last my friend
Nor put to shame your clear courageous mind
Under the menace of the desolate end;
But with one lighted look for me,
Behind,
You take the leap, with a last challenge, cry
That there is no beyond, and thus superbly, die -*

Mary Borden 1886 - 1968

JAMES—ABLE SEAMAN

On the day Britain declared war on Germany, 3rd September 1939, Parliament immediately passed a more wide-reaching measure to increase those able to serve their country.

The National Service Act imposed conscription on all males aged between 18 and 41 to register for service. Life changed forever for James, who at just 18 became known as Able Seaman Haggerty.

He spent WW2 serving on the Arctic Convoys. Tiny black and white photos show the ships covered in block ice. Like many who served, very little was shared of his experiences. An innately private person, he would tell of the lack of privacy and how the men slept in hammocks slung over what passed as the ships Mess. He recalled the 'one in, one out' practice of sleeping and the intense cold.

When James was 'demobilized', he was put to work pulling down bomb damaged buildings. Little did he know that he was inhaling Asbestos that would lie dormant in his body until he was in his 70's.

James lived a good life and frequently took his children and grandchildren to HMS BELFAST, moored on the Thames; never divulging that this ship spent 18 months on Arctic Convoy duties between Christmas 1942 through to the spring of 1944, participating in the last battleship duel of World War 2 in Europe, the sinking of the Scharnhorst off the North Cape on Boxing Day 1943.

James, my dad, died in 1999. 13 years later, The Arctic Star Medal was awarded retrospectively.

The Arctic Star is a retrospective award, announced in late 2012, nearly seven decades after the end of the Second World War. It was formally approved by the Queen for award to those who served on the Arctic Convoys during the Second World War, described by Winston Churchill as

"the worst journey in the world for the seamen who showed true heroism in their long and perilous sea passages. The memory of these and other heroic examples of joint combat and mutual support continues to live in our hearts".

The Arctic Star has been unusual, since it is the first British medal to be instituted and awarded using a dead monarch's cypher or effigy, and who did not give permission for it to be instituted.

Lorraine Bendon

Father, allow me to serve others with a joyful heart; never keeping score; always giving; expecting to receive. Allow me to give of myself, to give of my talents and of my goods, to give of my time and of my energy, to give of my heart and of my soul.

Help me understand the needs of others, never criticising, never demeaning, never scolding, never condemning. You have been so gracious to me, always loving, always forgiving, always restoring; never gloating over my defeats, even when I have been so wrong.

Father, keep a condemning spirit far from my heart and further from my lips. Allow me to serve others as You serve, with gentleness, compassion, and mercy to the brokenhearted, like You have tenderness, never diminishing the worth of another.

Amen

A concert from the
VALENTINE SINGERS



THE TURNING LEAF

Choral music for an autumn afternoon,
featuring songs by
Brahms, Richard Rodney Bennett and Jonathan Pease
with additional music for piano and French horn
followed by refreshments



Sunday 5 November at 3:30pm
at St Anne's Church, Chingford Hatch
Larkshall Road, Chingford E4 6NP
£13 (£7 students/benefit holders)
(buy in advance - £15/£9 on the door!)
Free admission for under 16s!

phone 01277 364772 or visit our website
valentinesingers.org

or see Andrew Taylor

Save the date: CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday 15 December

Church of the Assumption, Hainault IG7 4DF

Barking Dagenham and Ilford

A TIME TO REMEMBER

For All Loved Ones

Circuit Memorial Service

Sunday 12th November 4pm

at The Drive Church

Service led by Circuit Ministers

Preacher: Paula Graham,
the chaplain at St Francis Hospice

MUSIC

Andrew Taylor and Choir







THE DRIVE FILM SHOW

Our next showing will be on 11th November, following on from the Saturday Lunch. We will be showing "God's not Dead" starting at about 2.30pm. There will be an interval for refreshments

There is no charge for the event, but a donation will help with expenses.

Future films will be shown at two monthly intervals So for 2024, this will be January, March, May, July, September and November.

We hope to see you there.

Brian Grinham and helpers.

TDY CIRCUIT GET TOGETHER



***Our young people will be hosting a Circuit Get Together on 18th November from 6—8pm. It will be in the church hall and all young people from secondary school age and above are welcome. For more information please see a member of the TDY Team.
Jo***

SATURDAY LUNCH

11TH NOVEMBER

12.30PM

IN THE CHURCH

PARLOUR

£4



*A VARIETY OF HOMEMADE
VEGETABLE SOUPS
WITH A CHEESE OR HAM ROLL*

IF YOU ARE JOINING THE LUNCH , PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME
TO THE LIST AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR MESSAGE
RUTH OR LORRAINE.

WE ARE CONCIOUS OF FOOD WASTE AND DON'T WANT TO
OVER CATER, SO ONLY ADD YOUR NAME IF YOU ARE SURE
YOU ARE ABLE TO COME.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A FRIEND ALONG.

Carrot & Banana Cake

As served at 'Saturday Afternoon Tea at the Drive'

Ingredients

185 grams plain flour
75 grams of self-raising flour
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
1 teaspoon ground mixed spice
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
200 grams brown sugar
90 grams chopped pecan nuts
3 eggs, beaten
4 carrots, grated finely
2 bananas, mashed
250 ml vegetable oil

Actions

Pre-heat oven to 160 C. Grease and line a 24cm (9in) cake tin)
Sieve flour, soda, spices & sugar in a large bowl and mix well.
Stir in the remaining ingredients.
Pour the mixture into the cake tin and cook for about 1 ¼ hours.
Cool the cake in the tin.

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Icing

Ingredients

5 fluid oz of fresh double cream
4 oz of icing sugar
6 oz full fat soft cheese (like Philadelphia), softened
1 teaspoon vanilla essence
Nuts to decorate or whatever you want.

Actions

Whip the cream until still soft
Cream icing sugar, cheese and vanilla together
Fold in cream
Spread on cake and decorate as you fancy.

It was delicious, Ruth.LB

Ilford Community Grocery

Is open for the people of Ilford, helping to keep families fed and give members access to support too.

Run in partnership with The Message Trust and City Gates Church, with support from Redbridge Council.

City Gates 25 – 29 Clements Road Ilford IG1 1BH

Monday – Friday 9:30am – 4:30pm

Millions of families are facing not knowing where the next meal is coming from. The Community Grocery is here to help.

Step inside the grocery and you'll find a range of food options fresh from local supermarkets, meaning our members can come and shop for their whole family at the fraction of the cost of a supermarket. Whilst also saving thousands of tonnes of food being wasted each year.

But it's not just about the food. In each store you'll also find a range of free support on offer to members. Support like job clubs, money management support, healthy cooking classes, exploring Christianity courses and much more.

You sign up for £5 to become an annual member of the Community Grocery, giving you access to multiple food shops each week. Members can come and shop for their whole family at the grocery giving them access to food for less and helping us all reduce food waste.

020 3422 6511

ilford@communitygrocery.org.uk

Lets Sing

MY JESUS, MY SAVIOUR

Lord, there is non like You.

All of my days I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter,

Tower of refuge and strength,

Let every breath, all that I am,

Never cease to worship You.



Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing

Power and majesty, praise to the King

Mountains bow down

And the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.

Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the

Promise I have in You.

Darlene Zschech 1993

HARVEST GIVING



REDBRIDGE FOODBANK was so grateful for the donations of food from The Drive. Much of which was donated by the Preschool parents.

Many thanks to Rev. Mmasape and all who took part in the service, to all who decorated the church, shopped, displayed, donated and delivered the items.

The Food Bank box is in the foyer to receive your weekly donations. Just one tin or packet per person will fill our box each week.



HARVEST SHARED LUNCH

I do hope you were one of many who joined in this special occasion; sharing the delicious food and enjoying fellowship.

It was so good to have so many join in the lunch. Numbers were higher than they have been for many years.

Of course this doesn't just happen! Much planning and effort is needed to make this possible. Grateful thanks to all who contributed.....and to those who waded through piles of washing up!

We are indeed blessed.

HELPLINES

SAMARITANS

Available 24 hours a day to provide confidential emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of distress, despair or suicidal thoughts. www.samaritans.org **116 123** (free to call from within the UK and Ireland), 24 hours Email: jo@samaritans.org

MIND

Mind offers advice, support and information to people experiencing a mental health difficulty and their family and friends. Mon to Fri 9am to 6pm (except bank holidays). www.mind.org.uk **InfoLine: 0300 123 3393 to call, or text 86463** Email info@mind.org.uk

PAPYRUS UK

PAPYRUS is the national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide. They support young people under 35 who are experiencing thoughts of suicide, as well as people concerned about someone else. Their HopelineUK service is open 9am - midnight every day of the year (including weekends and bank holidays). www.papyrus-uk.org **Helpline: 0800 068 4141** Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org

YOUNGMINDS

www.youngminds.org.uk

Parents helpline: 0808 802 5544 (Mon-Fri from 9.30am - 4pm, excluding bank holidays)

CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIVING MISERABLY (CALM)

A helpline for people in the UK who are down or have hit a wall for any reason, who need to talk or find information and support.

thecalmzone.net Helpline: 0800 58 58 58

thecalmzone.net/help/webchat/ 5pm—midnight, every day of the year

BROOK YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICE

Information, support and signposting service for young people under 25 on sexual health. Local services available via text message offering free contraception, pregnancy testing, counselling.

brook.org.uk

CHILDLINE

Emotional support for children and young people on issues relating to child abuse, bullying etc. **0800 1111**

FORCED MARRIAGES

Enter Forced Marriages into search bar at top of site - Service provided by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office to protect young people from forced marriages abroad. Service offers help to young people in these circumstances to help get them back to the UK.

020 7008 0151 gov.uk/stop-forced-marriage

NSPCC CHILD PROTECTION 0808 800 5000

email help@nspcc.org.uk www.nspcc.org.uk

For anyone concerned about a child at risk of abuse.

FREEPHONE 24 HR NATIONAL DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE

0808 2000 247 www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/

Run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge, this is a national service for women experiencing domestic violence, their family, friends, colleagues and others calling on their behalf.

NATIONAL LGBT DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE

0800 999 5428 galop.org.uk/get-help/helplines/

Emotional, practical support for LGBT people experiencing domestic abuse.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS

Helpline providing support for families and friends of problem drinkers, whether the person is still drinking or not. **0800 0086 811**
www.al-anonuk.org.uk

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY <https://capuk.org/>

Free help getting out of debt, budgeting and making your money go further

AGE UK ADVICE 0800 678 1602 www.ageuk.org.uk

Information and advice for older people

FLOWERS at The DRIVE

We hope you have enjoyed the flowers in church during this year. We certainly enjoy arranging the displays, especially when they have a special dedication.

The flower team try especially hard to be economical and you may at times see displays of silk or dried flowers and if you look carefully, we occasionally sneak a few silk flowers in with the real ones!

As with all special church occasions, we make an extra effort and Remembrance Sunday is one of those. The flowers on this day will be dedicated to those we have loved and lost. Should you wish to contribute, please contact Anne Dellow.

If you sometime look at the displays and think 'I could do that', then let us know. You may wish to buddy up with one of the Flower Team to 'have a go'.

We are thinking of putting on a workshop, so let us know if you are interested.

Anne, Ruth, Janet, Lorraine



CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

5th at 11.15am Sunday Worship with HC
led by Rev. Mmasape

5th at 3.30pm Valentines Singers Concert.
St Annes Church Hainault

9th at 8pm Church Council Meeting

11th at 12.30pm Saturday Lunch

11th at 2.30pm The Drive Film Show

12th at 10.45am Remembrance Sunday Worship
led by Mathew Trainer

12th at 4pm Time to Remember Circuit Service at The Drive

18th at 6-8pm Circuit Get Together for Young People
at The Drive

19th at 11.15am Sunday Worship led by Sharon Grundy

26th at 11.15am Women Against Violence Sunday Worship
led by Rev Mmasape

Services every Sunday at 11.15am

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