### The Drive Methodist Church Newsletter

### December 2023



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#### 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.

#### Mmasape's message

"T'is a season to be jolly...fa la la la la...."

Dear siblings,

As the media bombards us with endless jingles, offers and Christmas themed movies; we know t'is the season, as "I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here floods our tv screens every night. The decorations are up, invitations to various events are dropping through the letterbox. Most of our churches are preparing for nativities and Carol singing.

For many of us Christmas is a season we both look forward to but dread in equal measure.

On the other hand this season is marred by the heartbreaking news of ongoing conflict and war across parts of our world, especially in Israel and Palestine a place we associate with the birth and teachings of Jesus. For those affected by war and forced migration to safety, it is a scary time.

Setting aside the glitz and glamour of our modern Christmas celebrations, we are starkly reminded that the birth of Christ was not a glittering event. Christ was born in a humble stable (Luke 2.1-21) and as a child, with his parents had to flee from danger and spent time in exile in Egypt until it was

safe to return home (Matthew 2.13-23).

At this time, we are called to think of those, who this time of merry making is anything but. Let us spare a thought and kindness to those who cannot make ends meet and are dependent on foodbanks, night shelters and meals from organisations like The Salvation Army.

God however, reminds us of the out of the ordinary, understated birth of Jesus and our lives, God brings the Extra-Ordinary. In Christ we are assured of a God who is with us in all that we go through. In our encounter with those who show compassion and generosity, and for those who receive this hospitality, there is a chance of making a difficult time, be an amazing time.

In our circuit we will begin the season of remembering and celebrating the birth of Jesus the Messiah, by joining together in a Circuit Advent Service (3 December), followed on the next three consecutive Thursdays in bible study (7, 14 & 21 December). On Christmas Day there will be four services across the circuit (see poster for details).

However, and wherever you celebrate this awesome season, may you know the love of God poured out to you.

May you be kept safe under his abounding love and may your faith be reawakened in the mystery of God come in human form, born a baby – vulnerable and humble.

We wish you and all you love a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With love

Mmasape, Kido and Andy

Circuit Ministers.



#### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Our thoughts and prayers remain with **Ndoda Stephen Maroti** and his family following the very sad news that

Stephen's daughter died early in November.

Her funeral was held in Glasgow and a Service of

Condolence was held at The Drive for those who could not travel to Glasgow.

Please pray for our dear friend **Josie** who is feeling comfortable and peaceful. Josie is being well cared for by her carers friends and family.

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

The December birthdays for our church family are: 3rd Lorraine Bendon

#### 21st Bernadino

#### 30th Jo Wright and Funmi

Happy Birthday to you, to Jesus be true. May God's richest blessings be poured out on you.

Wishing all a very happy day

#### **Calling All Readers!**

A big thank you to all those who very kindly read our Bible lessons each week. Our list of readers has unfortunately decreased recently for a variety of reasons. I appreciate that some people



may not be comfortable with standing at the front of the church and reading, but if this is something you are able and happy to do then let me know and I will be very pleased to add your name to the list.

Thank you

Diane Foster

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

The next film will be shown on 11th Jan at 2.30pm

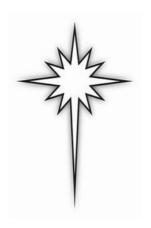
The film will be God is Not Dead 2

As usual there will be a break for refreshments.

For more info see Brian Grinham

#### **Circuit Services**

#### **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2023**



ADVENT SONGS OF PRAISE
SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 4PM
GOODMAYES METHODIST
CHURCH

#### OUT OF THE ORDINARY

Weekly Advent Study and Devotion

Thursday Evenings 7.30pm-8.30pm

Week1 7th Dec Letting Stuff Go—led by Andy

Week2 14th Dec Changing Your Mind—led by Mmasape

Week3 21st Dec Pointing to the Light—led by Kido

Join us on zoom

Meeting ID 953 575 92410

Passcode/ advent

#### CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

#### Barking, Ilford & The Drive

At The Drive Methodist Church

10.30pm — Led by Mmasape

#### Barkingside and Gants Hill

At Barkingside Methodist Church

9.30am -led by Kido

#### Becontree Heath and Old Dagenham

Old Dagenham Methodist Church

10.30am—led by Diane

#### Goodmayes

At Goodmayes Methodist Church

10.30am—led by Andy



#### The History of The Advent Wreath

Lots of us light candles during Advent, both in our own homes and in churches across the world. Where did this tradition come from?

#### Light in the darkness

A lit candle has always been a sign of expectation and hope.

In the days before Christianity in Scandinavia, people placed lit candles on a wheel; prayers were offered to their god of light, in the hope that the earth's wheel would be turned back toward the sun, bringing light and warmth.

#### **Origins in Germany**

Like many beloved Advent traditions, the modern-day tradition of the Advent wreath originates in Germany.

The story goes that in 1839, Johann Hinrich Wichern (1808-81), a pastor in Germany, built a wreath out of an old cartwheel to help the children in his mission school count the days until Christmas.

He added small candles to be lit every weekday and Saturday during Advent, and on Sundays, a large white candle was lit.

Although it wasn't widely popular until the 19th century, German immigrants then brought the tradition with them to America in the 20th century.



The evergreens used in today's wreaths represent everlasting life; holly leaves and berries represent the crown of thorns and blood; and pine cones symbolise the resurrection.

Nowadays, the colours of the candles vary. Violet is popular for Sundays one, two and four, with rose for the third ("Gaudete", or joyful) Sunday, when the half-way point to Christmas has been passed!

Whatever the colours, the first candle represents hope, and the prophets of the Old Testament; the second candle represents faith, and Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem; the third candle signifies joy, and the shepherds; and the fourth represents peace and the angels, with their message of Peace on Earth, and good will to all men.

# \* CHRISTIMAS \* countdown calendar



#### **BIBLE READING GROUP**

There will be no Bible Reading
Group in December but we will
meet on Friday 5th January at
11.00 at Jan and John's and again
on 26th January at 11.00, also at Jan and John's.
Readings are yet to be decided. In both events our
discussion will be followed by refreshments.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Jan and John

#### A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit now and forever.

Amen.

#### UNITED DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control". UDHR Article 25.1

#### When was the UDHR created?

The UDHR emerged from the ashes of war and the horrors of the Holocaust. The traumatic events of the **Second World War** brought home that human rights are not always universally respected. The extermination of almost 17 million people during the Holocaust, including 6 million Jews, horrified the entire world. After the war, governments worldwide made a concerted effort to foster international peace and prevent conflict.

This resulted in the establishment of the <u>United Nations</u> in June 1945.

On **10 December 1948**, the General Assembly of the United Nations announced the <u>Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)</u> - 30 rights and freedoms that belong to all of us. Seven decades on and the rights they included continue to form the basis for all <u>international human rights law</u>.

On 10 December 2023 we are celebrating the UDHR's 75th anniversary, reflecting on the enduring power of these principles to inspire positive change worldwide.

#### Dear all at The Drive Methodist Church

I am writing to let you know about an upcoming online talk and discussion on the campaigning work of the organisation, Share The Words Resources. I am contacting communities and faith groups who I believe care deeply about fairness and equality in our own communities and the world at large and I warmly invite anybody who is interested to come to our event.

We will be presenting our vision to implement Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights—for adequate food, housing and health care for all—as a fundamental international law, in order to address systemic injustices.

We suggest only the massed goodwill of ordinary people calling for Article 25 can bring about an end to poverty in a world of plenty. The consequences of doing so could be transformational for our divided world; socially, politically and environmentally.

The talk will take place on Wed 6th December at 7pm for about an hour. Please reply to victoria@sharing.org in order to register and get the zoom link if you would like to attend. The event is free.

Victoria Gater and Adam Parsons www.sharing.org

## Have you had your first mince pie yet?

In the Bendon household it is a downward spiral from the purchase of the first box.....so this is delayed for as long as possible!

For hundreds of years the delicious mince pie has been enjoyed as a tasty, warming and



filling treat - early on as a main dish, now most often to finish off a meal or to serve up as a treat.

The reason mincemeat is called meat is because that's exactly what it used to be: most often mutton, but also beef, rabbit, pork or game. Mince pies were first served in the early middle ages, and the pies were quite sizeable, filled with a mixture of finely minced meat, chopped up fruit and a preserving liquid. Mincemeat originally came about as a good way of preserving meat, without salting, curing, smoking or drying it.

In 1413, King Henry V served a mincemeat pie at his Coronation. Henry the VII was fond of the meaty Christmas pie as a main dish, filled with minced meat and fruit. Mince pies have been known by several names over the years.

Christmas pyes indicate their popularity at this time of year, shrid pies refer to the shredded suet and meat, crib cakes which allude to baby Jesus in his crib, and wayfarer's pies, as they were a traditional treat served to travelling visitors. They have been referred to as mince pies in literature by countless dignitaries and important.

Today's mince pies bear little resemblance to the early versions, but as the recipes, methods and ingredients available have developed over the years, we have ended up with a tasty treat, quite different from the original recipes driven more by necessity than by delight.

#### TRADITIONS, FOLKLORE AND SUPERSTITIONS

Traditionally in England, mincemeat would often be made on stir-up Sunday along with the Christmas pudding, which originally also had meat in it. Stirring the mincemeat was quite an event, as it was thought it should only be stirred clockwise. Stirring the mincemeat anti-clockwise would lead to bad luck and poor fortune in the coming 12 months.

To spread the joy, each member of the family gave the mixture a stir, while making a wish. And if you wanted to be ensure good health and happiness in the upcoming year, you should eat one mince pie every day for the Twelve Days of Christmas, from Christmas Eve until the 5th of January.

Definitely sounds safer to buy a box! LB

Have you heard the notion that the pious old Cromwell banned mince pies?

It's too long to print here, but there is a thoroughly enjoyable explanation available if you follow this link:



https://earlofmanchesters.co.uk/the-ecw-qa-did-cromwell-ban-mince-pies/

# Santa's Christmas Workshop 16 & 17 December

#### Redbridge Drama Centre

Come and visit Santa's Workshop, where Santa and his hard-working elves are busily getting ready for The Big Day.

There is so much for everyone to do: all the boys and girls need to write their letters to Santa, and



make sure the letters are safely put in Santa's post-box. You'll then help the elves to get ready for their special Christmas party - help decide what songs they'll sing, learn their special dance routines, and join in their party games.

Santa himself will be on hand to join in the fun and give every child their special Christmas gift.

https://visionrcl.org.uk/event/santas-christmasworkshop/ Or call 0208 7088800

#### A PRAYER

**Dear God**, Sometimes I get too caught in the Christmas commercialism. OK, a lot of times. Today, I'm going to refocus my heart and remember why I'm celebrating this wonderful day in the first place. I'm celebrating Jesus today...and every day!

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

#### **HOMELESS IN REDBRIDGE**

Call us on 0208 708 4002 if you are homeless now and have nowhere to stay tonight. This is a landline telephone number.

Email us if you do not have a phone. We can arrange an emergency face to face interview at Lynton House in Ilford if needed.

We will check to see if you are eligible for emergency accommodation. Emergency accommodation could be a room in hostel or self-contained flat.

This accommodation might not be in the borough of Redbridge.

#### Contact us if you are going to become homeless

You should contact us using <u>our online form</u> as soon as you know you might become homeless. We will try to prevent you from becoming homeless.

We will also check if we can legally provide you accommodation (otherwise known as housing duty).

#### Get help if you are:

- experiencing or at risk of domestic abuse
- sleeping rough (street homeless)
- facing eviction or if you get notice to leave your current home

The London Borough of Redbridge has a housing policy for those who are vulnerable

#### **HOMELESS IN LONDON**

#### CRISIS SKYLIGHT LONDON

Crisis Skylight London is open to support our members.

If you are homeless or will soon become homeless please call 020 7426 5650.

email london@crisis.org.uk

or come to Crisis London Skylight, 50 – 52 Commercial Street, London E1 6LT.

#### Important information, please read this first:

If you are homeless or at risk of homelessness, the first thing you should do is <u>contact your Local Authority</u>.

The Local Authority has a legal duty to assess whether they should provide you with emergency accommodation. Sadly not everyone will be entitled to emergency housing under the law, but the Local Authority should also provide you with other advice and assistance if they do not feel they have a duty to provide you with emergency housing.

Buses: Bus 242 on Commercial Street

**Tube:** nearest stations are Aldgate East (District and Hammersmith & City), Liverpool Street (National Rail, Circle, Metropolitan and Hammersmith & City) and Shoreditch High Street (Overground).

#### DONATE to CRISIS online or tel 08000 384838

#### A HUMBLE PRAYER

God, our Creator, we offer this humble prayer on Christmas Day.

We come to worship with a song of thanks in our hearts—a song of redemption, a song of hope and renewal.

We pray for joy in our hearts, hope in our God, love to forgive, and peace upon the earth.

We ask for the salvation of all our family members and friends, and we pray your blessings on all people.

May there be bread for the hungry, love for the unlovable, healing for the sick, protection for our children, wisdom for our youth.

We pray for the forgiveness of sinners and abundant life in Christ.

Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love and power. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen

Rev Lia Icaza Willets

#### Lets Sing!!

Long time ago in Bethlehem So the Holy Bible say Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ Was born on Christmas day

Hark, now hear the angels sing
A new King born today
And we may live forever more
Because of Christmas day
Trumpets sound and Angels sing
Listen to what they say
That we may live for evermore
Because of Christmas Day

While shepherds watched their flock by night
And see a bright new shining star
And hear a choir sing
The music seem to come from afar

Now Joseph and his wife Mary Come to Bethlehem that night And find no place to borne she child Not a single room was in sight

Hark, now hear the angels sing
A new King born today
And we may live forever more
Because of Christmas day
Trumpets sound and Angels sing
Listen to what they say
That we may live for evermore
Because of Christmas Day

By and by they find a little nook In a stable all forlorn And in a manger cold and dark Mary's little boy was born

#### Information from THE LIVING WAGE FOUNDATION

Over 460,000 people working for 14,000 real Living Wage Employers throughout the country are set for a vital cost-of-living pay boost, as the Living Wage Foundation's real Living Wage rates rise to £12 an hour across the UK (£1.10 increase), and £13.15 an hour in London (£1.20 increase).

The real Living Wage, set by the Living Wage Foundation, remains the only wage rates independently calculated based on what people need to live on. This year the rate increased by 10% in the UK, reflecting persistently high costs for low paid workers.

Recent research by the Living Wage Foundation shows that despite inflation easing, the cost-of-living crisis is far from over for Britain's 3.5m low paid workers. Recent polling of those earning below the real Living Wage found that 60% have visited a food bank in the past year and 39% regularly skipping meals for financial reasons.

The Living Wage movement continues to grow

In the past two years record numbers of employers

have signed up to pay the real Living Wage, including o their third party contractors like cleaners and security guards, with 1 in 9 employees now working for an accredited Living Wage Employer.

There are now 14,000 Living Wage Employers, including half of the FTSE 100 companies and household names like Aviva, Everton FC, IKEA and LUSH, as well as thousands of small businesses, who are choosing to pay the real Living Wage to provide workers and families with greater security and stability.

There are now also over 100 Living Hours employers, going beyond payment of the real Living Wage to also provide a guaranteed minimum of 16 hours work a week, a month's notice of shift patterns and a contract that reflects hours worked.

#### Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York said:

"Too many families are suffering hunger and hardship, yet there is hope. Paying the real Living Wage to meet the true cost of living is one striking example of what employers can do to help workers lead a dignified life. The Living Wage campaign goes from strength to strength, a testament to the faith and determination of people up and down the country challenging poverty in our communities."

# SATURDAY LUNCH—ADVENT BUFFET 9th December AT 12.30



IN THE CHURCH PARLOUR £5

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN ADVENT BUFFET AND WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER

IF YOU ARE COMING, PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

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



DON'T
MISS...
THE DRIVE

NATIVITY AND

TOY SERVICE

10TH DEC 11.15AM



THIS WILL BE AN INTERACTIVE SERVICE, SO IF YOU WISH, DO COME ALONG IN COSTUME OR TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITEMS WE HAVE AVAILABLE.

PLEASE BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY. ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE REDBRIDGE FOOD BANK

#### Let us pray

In a world that God made good
let us pray
for people seeing things
no human being should see
for people seized by terror
no human being should experience
for people whose depths of suffering
no human being should know.
God of unquenchable hope
Confirm our belief that
this is not how things should be;

Affirm our belief that
things can and will be different;
Strengthen our belief in
Jesus
who opens the way from
death to resurrection, and
Help us, as his disciples
to be your
agents for change
in our broken world.

#### **Amen**

# The Drive Methodist Church CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 17 December 6:30pm

Please come and bring your friends

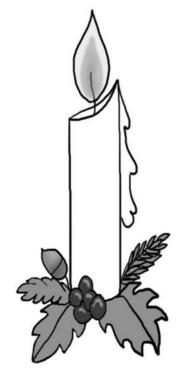
The perfect way to start your

**Christmas celebrations** 

with plenty of favourite carols to sing

music from the Choir and Chorale

Stay afterwards for tea, coffee and mince pies
See you there!





# VALENTINE SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A feast of seasonal music with carols for everyone to join in

#### Friday 15 December at 7:30pm

#### at Church of the Assumption, 98 Manford Way, Hainault, Essex IG7 4DF

£12 (£6 students/benefit holders)

(buy in advance - £14/£8 on the door!)

Free admission for under 16s!

Seasonal refreshments provided,

with donations in aid of the Mayor's appeal for

ELHAP and London Air Ambulance

phone 01277 364772 or visit our website valentinesingers.org or see Andrew Taylor

# Help

How difficult it must be to be a parent or indeed anyone struggling financially and see the shocking over indulgence of food advertised on TV, knowing you can barely feed yourself or your family with the simplest of food.

Please
fill up our
food bank box
before
Christmas

#### **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.orguk 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

#### A BLESSING FOR A HOPEFUL BEGINNING

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
then the work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart.

And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.

Then the work of Christmas begins.

**Howard Thurman** 

#### CHURCH DIARY FOR DECEMBER

#### 3rd at 11.15am ADVENT SUNDAY WORSHIP HC

Led by Rev. Mmasape Thathane-Tyolweni

#### 3rd AT 4PM ADVENT SONGS OF PRAISE

at Goodmayes MC Led by Rev Mmasape Thathane-Tyolweni

9th at 12.30pm SATURDAY LUNCH- ADVENT BUFFET

### 10th at 11.15am 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT . NATIVITY & TOY SERVICE

Led by Rev. Mmasape Thathane-Tyolweni

#### 17th at 11.15am 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT WORSHIP

Led by Kenneth Samuel Agyekum

17th at 6.30pm CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

#### 24th at 11.15am 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT WORSHIP

Led by Own Arrangement

**CHRISTMAS DAY CIRCUIT WORSHIP** at The Drive 10.30am—led by Rev Mmasape Thathane-Tyolweni

See pages 8/9 for details of all Advent and Christmas Worship and Devotions

#### Services every Sunday at 11.15am

Communion Services as announced

**Senior Church Stewards**: Michelle Garner, Diane Foster stewards@drive-methodist.church

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