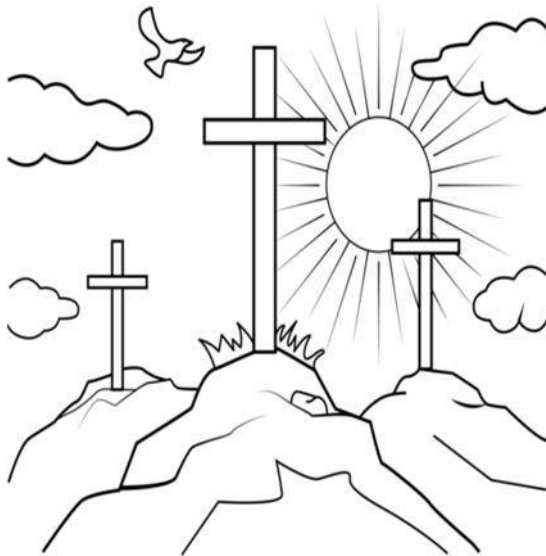


The Drive Methodist Church

Newsletter March 2024



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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.

Message from Reverend Mmasape

Dear friends,

Welcome to the month of March and surely it feels like the year is quickly Marching on, leaving behind the darkness of winter and ushering in light and revival of colour in new blooms of spring.

In the season of Lent which we begun on the 14th February as we marked Ash Wednesday, we are drawn into remembering how time-bound and limited our life is (mortality) and a call to turn to God in Christ for forgiveness for our failings and shortcomings in living the way of Christ ie. Loving God with our all and loving our neighbours as ourselves. As we read bible texts of Christ's temptation in the wilderness, we are acutely aware of those and our own wilderness. Ours might be marked by health issues, cost of living crises or relationships; whilst the ongoing conflicts and other human struggles point us to a lived wilderness of so many people across the world.

We are called to pray and act as the angels who minister to those in the wilderness. In prayer we ask for our eyes to be opened to struggles and for our hands to be open to embrace, welcome and serve.

As the church may God's love be seen in our lives as we walk the way of Christ's passion. Christ fasted and prayed, challenged behaviour that defiled the temple by turning tables, accepting the generous gift of Mary in gratitude of a life transformed by love and ultimately walking the way of the cross to reconcile all creation to God. May we too pray and fast for peace, challenge injustice and offer to God our gratitude for a sacrifice of life that has included us into the family of God in Christ as son's and daughters bought at great cost, to live lives that welcome others into that same relationship. Our ability to embrace the experiences of others brings to life new communities reflective of new life (spring) of God's kingdom.

May your Lent to Easter bring you forth stronger in faith and discipleship.

Shalom



Ngv'wu'r tc{

Loving God, you remind us in your Bible that when we find it difficult to pray the “Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words” (Romans 8:26). Thank you for the treasure hidden in these words of Scripture.

When we experience moments in life when we are exhausted by care, ground down by constant negativity, or know that words are not enough to heal the pain, help us to trust in your Holy Spirit. Help us to see that when we cease from constant busyness, quieten our minds and silence our tongues, it’s then we might hear the “sighs too deep for words” and know again the comfort of your love.

Susan McIvor, District Safeguarding Officer, Nottingham and Derby District

Day and night, we confess your name, O Lord, and proclaim your glory. In wisdom you have made all things and by your Spirit you sustain them. From sunrise to sunset you reveal your majesty, speak peace to our hearts and protect your people. With unending praise, with all your saints, we rejoice in the gift of salvation.

North African liturgy (3rd or 4th century)

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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

We hold all those who have been in hospital, receiving treatment or just feeling unwell in our thoughts and prayers.



I am mindful that not everyone wants their ailments broadcast in the newsletter.



We have numerous birthdays among our church family occurring in March and we wish them all a very Happy Day.

Brian Grinham is celebrating his big 90th on 2nd

Amy Gabbidon is receiving best wishes on 3rd

Lorna Wright will be cutting her cake on 5th

David Wright will be unwrapping presents on 16th

Our Rev Mmasape will be partying on 20th!

Iris Wright and Andrew Taylor are birthday buddies on 23rd

Imanri Gabbidon is the birthday boy on 25th

BIBLE READING GROUP



The Bible Reading Group will meet on Friday 22nd March at 11:00 at Jan and John's. when we will discuss 1 Corinthians chapters 12 to 14 followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Happy March—a prayer from Oli

To everyone who is reading this.

May joy find you, Love surround you,

Laughter sing with you

Good health bless you,

and God walk with you each and every
day of March

Amen



COMPASSION UK

As Christians, we know that God listens to our prayers for the world. Our hearts and minds can feel overwhelmed by the immense challenges affecting people, all around the world as well as our loved ones.

God, our Heavenly Father, listens to His loved ones. Scripture promises that when we turn to Him, He will respond resulting in powerful prayers of intercession. Psalm 46:1 says, “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble”.

Our Father God is sovereign over all. He is good, He is powerful, and He is filled with compassion. So, let’s turn to Him in faith, casting our cares upon Him with persistence and thanksgiving, remembering all the ways He has helped us in the past.

Thank you for taking time to bring the needs of others before God. He hears your prayers for the world, and we know He can do more than we ask or imagine.

A prayer for our world today

Father God, we pray for our world today.

We pray for peace and hope to abound.

Many are affected by natural disasters: floods, droughts and
forest fires.

Many are struggling with conflict, poverty and the global food
crisis.

Lord, we pray for your provision, peace and protection.

Loving Lord, we lift to you those who are suffering in body,
mind or spirit.

So many people are facing all kinds of trials due to ill health,
conflict, poverty and injustice.

As Jesus teaches us in the Lord's prayer, we ask that your
kingdom come,

and your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Please comfort those who are in despair
and help your followers be moved with compassion
to share your love. Amen.

HOMELESS IN REDBRIDGE

Call 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.

Redbridge has a housing policy for those who are vulnerable.



THANK YOU

FOR KEEPING OUR FOOD-BANK BOX TOPPED UP.

Your donations are taken regularly to the foodbank in Ilford, where they are pleased to accept your offerings.

Please remember that they are unable to accept items of food that have been opened or are out of date. These can't be used and will be disposed of.

Here we have a letter of thanks sent to our treasurer John Higgins regarding the February Communion Collection that was sent to this local organisation.

HEALTHY LIVING PROJECT– Welcome Centre

Dear John

Thank you so much for the donation of £69.26 for the work of the Welcome Centre. We continue to try to support the homeless and appreciate the giving from the congregation.

We continue to live in challenging times with many more people struggling with homelessness. We have seen increasing numbers, but with a lot of help and support of the community, we are able to offer practical assistance in terms of food, showers and laundry.

In addition, by working with other agencies, our Support workers are also able to provide support.

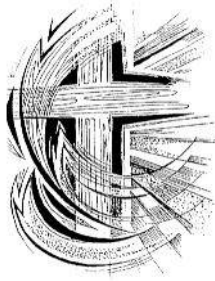
Yours sincerely

Ursula Standen

Project Coordinator

Each month The Drive takes a Communion Collection to support local charities and organisations.

CIRCUIT SERVICES For LENT



Holy Week 25th—28th March

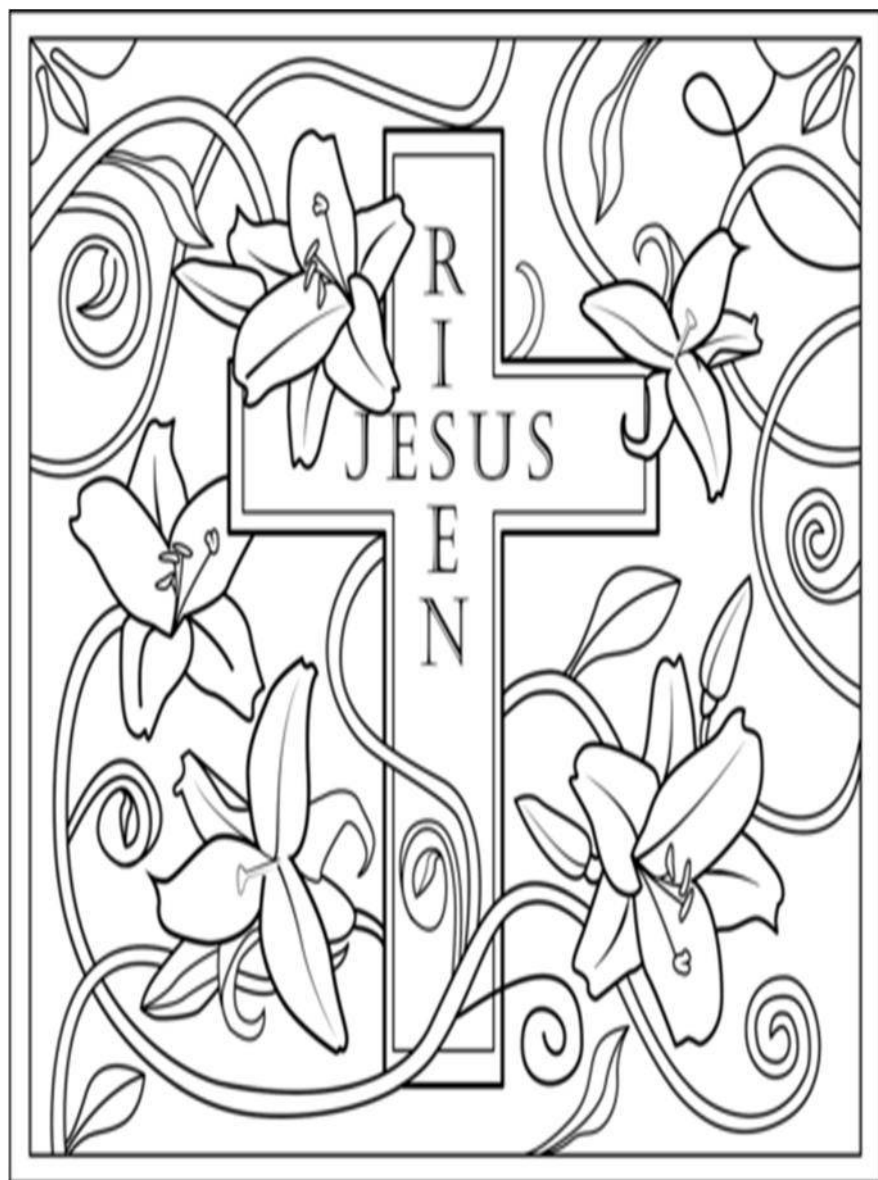
Sensing the Passion

Monday—‘SIGHT’ Barkingside MC at 7.30 pm

Tuesday—‘HEARING’ The Drive MC at 7.30pm

Wednesday—‘TOUCH’ GoodmayesMC at 7.30pm

Thursday—‘TASTE’ The Drive MC at 7.30pm





DAFFODIL DAY 2024

2nd March

CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER

1.40 FOR 2PM

A SERVICE FOR SPRING FESTIVAL
FOR ENCOURAGEMENT AND
RENEWAL

SPECIAL GUESTS include:

***'Blessed and
called to Bless'***

Pam Rhodes

Rev Nigel Cowgill, London District Chair

Mayor of London

Community Gospel Choir

MCHW's Choir and Staff Team

Tom Hart, Youth President

Revd Gill Newton, President of Conference

Anando Mukerjee, soloist

Also marking MHA's 80th Anniversary

mchw.live 020 7654 3809

Redbridge Faith Forum- Women's Interfaith Workshop;

International Women's Day 2024-

"Inclusion and Integration. How do we get it right?"

Thursday 7th March 2024- 1pm-3pm

The Drive Methodist Church, The Drive, Ilford IG1 3PW

Now more than ever in the UK we find that we are living in what is fast becoming a global society. The mixture of races, religions, and cultures is growing phenomenally through migration, immigration and mixed marriages. And there is a blending, exchanging, sharing of the cultures that this mixture brings, be it through food, traditions, language, music, clothing, or religious celebrations.

But, like any change that occurs, adjusting to living in a society that has so many different cultures within it brings its own challenges.

-) So what are these challenges?
-) How do we tackle them and come out triumphant?
-) What are the difficulties or barriers? How do we overcome them?
-) What does integration mean and how does it look?
-) How can we ensure that we have inclusion in our communities and in society in general, so that everyone feels valued and no one feels left out or degraded?
-) And what is our role in this as women?
-) How important is it that we have a voice and space to action this?

We do hope you can join us for an insight into the topic and a shared discussion. Maybe you have questions you would like to raise? Our workshops are friendly, safe places where women of all faiths (and none) can talk together, share views and help foster a better understanding of the many different faiths in our area.

Please email Saira faith.forum@redbridge.gov.uk to book your free place – Advance registration is appreciated for refreshment purpose but is not essential.



**SORRY NO SATURDAY LUNCH IN
MARCH**

BUT THERE WILL BE

ONE ON 13TH APRIL



FILM SHOW 9th March



There will be a showing of
GOD IS DEAD in the church parlour.

The film will start at 2.30pm with a break for refreshments.

There is no charge but a donations are welcome.

For further details, please contact Brian.

Easter Flowers at the Drive

The flower team are planning the Easter arrangements for our church.

Should anyone wish to donate towards our flower fund or dedicate an arrangement to a loved one, please call me on 07866 982561.

Anne Dellow



Muthuhara Rupavahini

One of the many local community groups that we host at The Drive is the Muthuhara Rupavahini Arts Group. The Group is a Sri Lankan music and dance group for young people.

On 27 January the Group was celebrating the 76th Anniversary of Sri Lanka's independence from Britain and they extended an invitation to the church family to join them.

Diane and I went along and we had a really good evening. The theme was to celebrate Sri Lanka's history through the different music and dance cultures introduced by the various countries who have ruled over the centuries. These were Portugal 1597 – 1658, the Netherlands 1658 – 1796 and the British 1815 – 1948.

The stage had been set up with lights and flowers and looked really good. We were entertained by children from five up to young adults, all dressed in traditional colourful costumes. One dance that I particularly enjoyed was two teenage girls dressed as tea pickers with large baskets on their backs. They performed a routine in which they were imitating carefully plucking the leaves from the tea bush and depositing them over their shoulders in the baskets.

Then we had speeches. I assume the language was Sinhala, but suffice to say we could not understand a word! Then we had refreshments. It was a good evening and hopefully they will do a similar event next year.

Jeremy

Thanks Jeremy. I'm sorry I missed it. LB



Community Defibrillator

AWARENESS & TRAINING SESSION

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 10am-12.00noon

THE DRIVE METHODIST CHURCH

Church Parlour) THE DRIVE ILFORD

The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillator installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Everybody is welcome to this

FREE AWARENESS & TRAINING SESSION

No special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency.

.Interested? To book a place, contact Peter Bendon
07968946132 peterbendon@gmail.com

VALENTINE SINGERS

Bob Chilcott's

St JOHN PASSION

Saturday 16 March at 7:30pm



here at The Drive Methodist Church

£16 (£9 students/benefit holders) (buy in advance - £18/
£10 on the door!)

Free admission for under 16s!

phone 01277 364772 or visit our website

valentinesingers.org or see Andrew Taylor

Please consider supporting this concert – lovely music and
the chance to join in with audience hymns!



***Call the seeker,
call the stranger, call the children
Lets hear their praises
Call the lonely, call the broken.
Young and old will sing Hosannas
Lets fill this house
Lets fill this house with praise***

Graham Kendrick 1950

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.

EASTER ACTIVITIES

at The Drive



Easter Egg Hunt

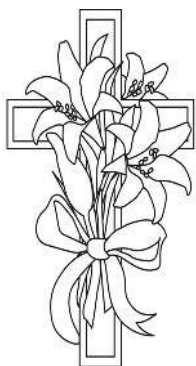
Saturday 30th March 10.30-12.30

Come and join us for hot cross buns, crafts, fun and fellowship.

Adults free, children £1.00

Egg Sponsors

Would you offer an Easter message to the children and sponsor an Easter Egg for the Easter Egg Hunt ?



Cards will be available for you to write an Easter message and there will be a donation basket under the Easter branches in the church entrance.

Thank you for your generosity.

TDY

Lets Sing!

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty 2001

A song about the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

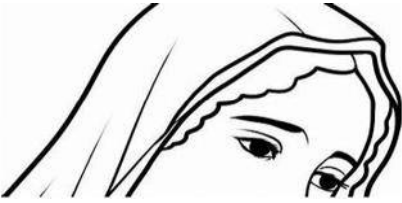
Here's the story from Stuart Townsend.....

In Christ alone was actually the first song Keith Getty and I wrote together. We had been introduced by a mutual friend at a worship conference, where we had a coffee together and talked about our backgrounds, musical influences, and motivations to write. Keith promised he would send me a CD with a bunch of melodies he'd been working on, and to be honest I thought no more about it.

Then a few days later the CD arrived. And the first melody on it really hit me – it was tuneful and memorable, and yet had gravitas and real emotion. And I began to feel the pressure to write lyrics that were of a comparable standard!

The only thing I could think was to base it on the eternal theme of the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The verses came in a fairly linear way, but as the third verse developed, I was getting pretty excited as I thought about the amazing implications of Christ's finished work on the cross. I wanted to write a fourth verse that was about us – but not just as an emotional response, but as a undeniable statement of the power of Christ to sustain us in this life.

How fortunate for us, that this wonderful hymn was written. LB



MARY

Mary's presence at the crucifixion of Jesus is a poignant and sorrowful moment in Christian tradition. According to the Gospel of John, while Jesus hung on the cross, he entrusted the care of his mother to the beloved disciple, John.

Mary, standing at the foot of the cross, witnessed the crucifixion of her son, which is a central event in Christian theology. Her presence is a symbol of her unwavering love and devotion to Jesus, even in the face of his suffering and death.

According to Catholic doctrine, Mary was assumed into heaven both body and soul at the end of her earthly life. This event is known as the Assumption of Mary and is celebrated on the Feast of the Assumption, observed on August 15th.

Unlike most humans who experience physical death, it is believed that Mary was taken up to heaven without undergoing the decay of her body.

The Assumption underscores Mary's unique and exalted role in Christianity, and it is a doctrinal difference between Catholicism and some other Christian denominations.

Mary is venerated with a variety of titles that reflect her special role in Christian theology and devotion. One of the most significant titles is "Mother of God" (Theotokos in Greek), which emphasizes her role as the mother of Jesus, who is both fully divine and fully human.

Other titles include “Mother of Mercy,” “Our Lady,” and “Queen of Heaven.” These titles reflect the reverence and honor bestowed upon Mary by believers.

In many Christian traditions, Mary is viewed as an intercessor, someone who can pray to God on behalf of believers. Many Christians turn to Mary in times of need, asking for her prayers and intercession.

This belief is particularly strong in Catholicism, where devotion to Mary is a significant aspect of religious practice. The idea is that Mary’s special relationship with Jesus makes her a powerful advocate for those who seek her help and guidance.

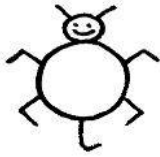
Mary is celebrated in various feasts and commemorations throughout the Christian liturgical calendar.

These feasts and celebrations are opportunities for Christians to reflect on and honor Mary’s role in the Christian story, and they are an integral part of the liturgical calendar for many denominations. Mary’s significance extends beyond her historical role as the mother of Jesus; she is also a central figure in Christian spirituality and devotion.

The Historian

Did you know?

The Sistine Chapel is an historic building of such acclaim that over five million people come to visit it every year – that’s equal to the population of Norway!



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

SATURDAY 13th April 2024



THE DRIVE METHODIST CHURCH HALL

2.30 PM for 3.00 PM START

TICKETS: ADULTS £5; CHILDREN (under 16) £2.50

from DIANE FOSTER 07903 560534

jma@drive-methodist.church

*An afternoon of fellowship, food and fun for all the family to
support the work of Junior Mission for All.*

Watch out - there's a BEETLE about!!



*Thank you to all who
contribute to this newsletter;
sharing their experiences,
views, prayers, stories and knowledge
Thanks also to Mike who uploads it onto the church
website.*

Mothering Sunday 10th March

We don't need a special day in the year to remember our mothers, whether they are past or present. They are in our hearts always. But in this world, where so many mothers struggle to protect their children from violence and poverty. Let us think about those who have or are about to become.....

NEW MOTHERS.

What a joy and blessing it is to be a new mother! After nine months of waiting in eager anticipation, our little ones finally arrive. We are filled with joy, excitement, and nervousness at the beautiful and daunting task of raising a child. If you know a new mother in your church or family, offer to help out by sending her a meal, and pray for her as she embarks on her new journey of motherhood.

Lord, bless all new mothers everywhere. You have given them the blessing of a new life to care for. Please equip them with the grace and wisdom they need to be the best mothers they can be. Surround them with seasoned and experienced mothers who can help them grow in their walk with you, and to grow as new mothers. Give them the strength and encouragement they need each day. Amen.



Hardly world news, but I was intrigued to learn that not only had Tate and Lyle recently changed the logo of the lion on their delicious syrup..... but that the lion I had known for years was actually dead!

This tin was something always kept in our cupboard at home during my childhood, because that was the era of syrup sponge and treacle tart.

I just took it for granted that the lion was sleeping and paid no attention to the 'dots' scattered around him, So imagine my shock and for many others to learn that he was not only dead but had bees feasting on him. On closer inspection, he certainly doesn't look well.

Obviously this isn't the most appetising of images so why use it on a tin of such deliciousness? Well, this needed investigation, so I found out a little about their founder Abram Lyle.

Apparently Lyle had strong religious beliefs, which is why the tin's famous logo depicts strongman Samson's 'lion and bees' from the Old Testament, after Samson killed an aggressive lion, he noticed bees had formed a comb of honey in the carcass. 'Out of the eater come forth meat and out of the strong came forth honey. Lyle used the quote 'Out of the strong came forth sweetness', rich syrup pours from the well loved tin....and the logo and design remained unchanged until NOW. So there you go...

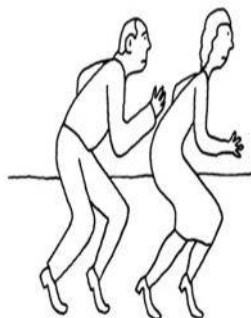
The new logo just has the head of a chilled out looking lion and with just one bee. It is hoped that the new design will attract the avocado on toast generation.....Well. LB

THE CHURCH HALL

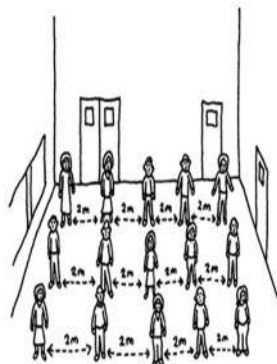
CONDITIONS OF HIRE



FILL IN THE PAPERWORK



ARRIVE AND LEAVE QUIETLY



DON'T CRAM TOO MANY PEOPLE IN



DON'T STICK ANYTHING ON THE WALLS



STACK THE CHAIRS AS YOU FOUND THEM



CLEAN EVERYTHING UP

Introduction to Unconscious Bias

– for church councils, circuit meetings, circuit invitation committees and other groups

The Methodist Conference directs Circuit Meetings and Church Councils to undertake Unconscious Bias related training in order to ensure equality and diversity within the appointments process of the new trustee bodies.

Using the material

The material is intended to be used in a group/meeting setting with opportunity for small group conversation. It is anticipated that the training session will run for approximately 30 minutes, although there is scope to extend this time through extending the conversation time.

The material consists of the following three video clips:

) Section 1 - Introduction and theology

) Section 2 - wpeqpuekqu"dku"gzr rclpgf

) Ugevkp"5"-V{r gu"qh'wpeqpuekqu"dku

) Ugevkp"6"-Vj g"lo r cev'qh'wpeqpuekqu"dku cpf y j cv"
""""y g"ecp"f q"cdqw"kv

Each video clip ends with some prompts for reflection and conversation. At the end of each clip the large group should split into smaller conversation groups (around 4-5 people in each) and spend some time sharing in conversation based on the prompts at the end of each clip.

If and when this training is offered at The Drive, I hope you will all feel able to take part.

I can assure you it is interesting and worthwhile.

The Inclusive Methodist Church

The Methodist Church is committed to **Justice, Dignity and Solidarity**.

We believe that all people are uniquely made in the image of God, and we aim to live this out in the Church and in our communities.

You can read more about this commitment in the **Conference report** available online. mchw.live

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ARRIVE IN TIME

**EASTER DAY SERVICE BEGINS EARLY
WITH DRESSING THE CROSS AND
SINGING PRAISE OUTSIDE AT 10.45am**

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

An Easter Blessing

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

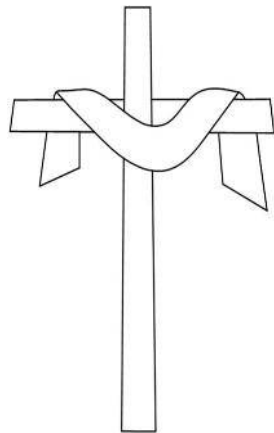
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,

the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue

to do it,

and the strength to complete it.

Amen



CHURCH DIARY FOR MARCH 2024

3rd at 11.15am Sunday Worship led by Dr Russell

7th International Women's Day Workshop at The Drive 1-3pm

9th Film Show 2.30pm in the Parlour

10th at 11.15am Mothering Sunday HC led by Rev. Kido

16th Safeguarding Conference Methodist Church Hall

16th St Johns Passion, Valentines Singers
(further details inside)

17th at 11.15am Sunday Worship led by Matthew Thorne

22nd Bible Reading Group (further details inside)

24th at 11.15am Palm Sunday Worship led by

Rev Mmasape

25th at 7.30pm Lent Service at Barkingside MC—SIGHT

26th at 7.30pm Lent Service at The Drive MC—HEARING

27th at 7.30pm Lent Service at Goodmayes MC— TOUCH

28th at 7.30pm Lent Service at The Drive MC—TASTE

29th Good Friday Worship 10.30am

29th Good Friday Concert Mozart's Requiem 7.30pm
(further details inside)

30th Easter Saturday, Easter Egg Hunt and Activities.
10.30-12.30

**31st at 10.45am Easter Day Worship Led by Rev.
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Services every Sunday at 11.15am

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