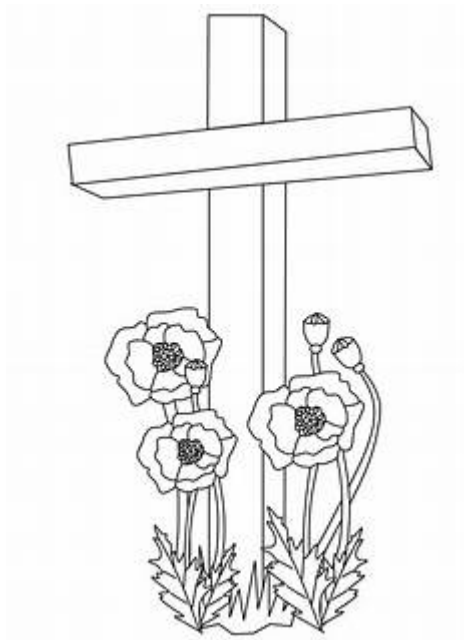


The Drive Methodist Church

Newsletter

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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.

LETTER TO THE CIRCUIT: November 2024

Dear all,

Well, November is here and its only a few weeks to Christmas! (Sorry, I'm sure you didn't need reminding)

However, before that there is much to consider on our journey through November and all the festivals that take place. The most significant for me is that of Remembrance: Taking time to stop and remember all those people who have served in the armed forces, from all over the world, and given their life in the service to which they were committed.

On Sunday 10th November we will be having our own Circuit Memorial Service at Old Dagenham, starting at 4.00pm. Our speaker will be Mrs Beatrice Mushiya. Beatrice's son, Duran, was fatally stabbed not far from the church on 12th November 2016, aged 17 years. Duran was another innocent victim of the violence in our society and in our world. In attempting to be a peacemaker, he gave his life for his friend.

Combined with remembrance are the Christian feast of All Saints and All Souls, when we remember those we have lost over the past year - or however many years. Memories of our loved ones rarely fade with age but become dearer and more precious as the years move on.

On 5th November we remember another act of potential violence in 1605 when the plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament during its State Opening was discovered. It was also in November that John F. Kennedy was assassinated and I'm sure November will hold particular memories for you.

For me it feels like a dark month as the full impact of autumn starts to set in: the air changes, leaves change colour and fall into untidy heaps, and the bare trees hold up dark limbs against the pale sky. It is a season that often inspires poetry.

November is definitely a month for remembering. As churches we often remember the 'good old days' and how things were so much better - or were they just different? During October the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) met to discuss, pray and discern the way ahead for the BDI circuit. We didn't find any miraculous answers to the challenges we face but we did decide that the Circuit Priorities need more time to build up the life, mission and ministry of the circuit. These priorities are for each church to own and consider for themselves. What is the commitment of each church to: Worship; Young People; Pastoral Care; Communications and Evangelism. It might be helpful to remember what 'was' but it is crucially important that we honestly knowledge what 'is' and the ministry in these areas which is 'yet to come'!

When we consider the past, present and what the future may hold, there is always a certain anxiety with what lies ahead. However, we take assurance from our faithful God 'who was and is and is to come' and continues to work for the good of his Church, its people and his world.

As we remember both the good times and tough ones, may the God who knows you, loves you intimately and shares all your memories, bless you with His Love and Peace today and every day. Andy

Oli's Prayer for November

O Lord,

We are so thankful for the month of November.



We anticipate the upcoming holidays with joy. We are grateful for the many blessings in our lives.

As we make preparations for the days ahead, may we seek to glorify You!



May we look to You for our provision and our guidance.

May we bless You with what we do each day.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.



We are most human

when we see the humanity in others.

CHURCH
FAMILY
NEWS

It was with much sadness that we learned of the death of Janet's daughter Heather on 27th September. For many years she bravely struggled on with a debilitating illness but managed to visit The Drive on many occasions.

We offer our prayers to Heathers family and love and support to our dear friend Janet.

Heathers funeral service and reception will take place at The Drive. Details TBC.

Many will remember Eileen Hart, a strong and dedicated Methodist who many years ago along with her husband Brian, took on many significant roles at The Drive. Eileen died on 13th October after suffering a stroke at her local hospital in Kings Lynn.

If anyone would like to contact Eileen's sons, Colin and David. Please ask me for their contact details.

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November Birthdays

Wishing all a very Happy Birthday

2nd Priya
16th Rohan Selwyn, Feye, Andy Wright
21st Rochelle
29th Susan



NEWS FROM THE CIRCUIT—October

We are pleased that Deacon Andy Packer's appointment has been extended for 2 years.

The circuit donated £900 towards the victims of the 'Spectrum' fire in Chadwell Heath. Thank you for your generosity.

Jeremy Foster has agreed to be Circuit Steward; all have been very grateful for his involvement in property matters in the circuit prior to this appointment.

The Circuit Vision and Priorities are being revisited to help us think about and monitor our progress on Growth in our Spiritual life; Optimising the use of talents, gifts, and skills; Developing family and youth work; Establishing an inclusive identity. Watch this Space!

Please be respectful of our ministers rest days.

Rev Mmasape's is Fridays

Rev Jacquie's is Fridays

Deacon Andy's is ?

The circuit is aware that ministers have not been taking their time off or annual leave. As we all know, not taking our days off can be bad for our health and wellbeing. This includes the sending of emails and texts

If there is a need for support on a Friday, perhaps we can think about where that might be best directed, e.g. to your Pastoral Leader, or elsewhere. Please check that you know who your Pastoral Leader is.

Circuit Memorial Service

This service will take place at Old Dagenham Methodist Church on Sunday 10th November at 4pm.

All welcome.

"Forget Me Not"

Memorial Service for all loved ones

Guest Speaker:

Mrs Beatrice Mushiya

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Sandra's Craft Stall

As you know, Sandra had crafty hands and nimble fingers and left quite a number of craft books, threads and other accessories.

These need to go to good homes, so Sandra's Craft Stall will be open on Sunday 10th November at the back of church after the service. Please do have a look and take anything you want and can use.

If you feel able to make a donation, there will be a collection plate for church funds.

Colin Runeckles

BARKING DAGENHAM AND ILFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT



OUR VISION

To be welcoming congregations where all (young, families and elderly) grow in the knowledge, love and service of Christ; speaking and living out a unified vision of God's kingdom within the BDI Circuit in line with "our calling" in the Methodist Church.

OUR MISSION

To seek to enable its local churches to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. The Circuit endeavours to realise this policy through managing its resources effectively, stimulating vision and encouraging mission initiatives.

OUR PRIORITIES

Growth in our Spiritual life through

Worship

Pastoral Care

Communication

Youth Work

Evangelism

Community Outreach



It's difficult to see the point of wearing a poppy

A prayer for Remembrance Sunday for young people

God, it's difficult to see the point of wearing a poppy,
or what difference two minutes' silence will make
when we could be shouting protests.

But we can recognise a broken life being valued,
a gift being given,

and taking two minutes to reflect on what we have.



We look to the future, not to the past.

We cannot change what has been,
but do not need to repeat its mistakes.

So as old and young come together before you,

take the very best of our lives;

bind us into one people of faith

and help us to share our common values,

love of Jesus and care for each other;

to build dreams,

and, with your Holy Spirit,

turn them into reality.

Amen

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

CHURCH OF SANCTUARY

Church of Sanctuary is an opportunity for church communities around the UK to stand in solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers, and to create spaces of safety for those seeking welcome in their communities. It is part of the wider City of Sanctuary network, where over 100 cities, towns, boroughs and areas in Britain and Ireland are working together to welcome refugees and asylum seekers. Church of Sanctuary is currently coordinated by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

Why should we become a Church of Sanctuary?

As Methodists, we're called to be a good neighbour to people in need, and to challenge injustice. Many churches around the UK already serve refugees in their communities, with food, resources and hospitality. In a time when attitudes towards refugees and asylum seekers is becoming increasingly hostile, particularly through government legislation, it's also essential that we challenge injustice by standing in solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers in our communities.

Being a Church of Sanctuary is a commitment not only to support asylum seekers and refugees in our communities practically, but also to speak out against injustice and unfairness, and to seek for welcome for people fleeing oppression and persecution to be offered across the UK.

Sanctuary is a long-standing prophetic theme of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures, calling on churches to provide safety and solidarity for people fleeing oppression and harm. Today, churches are called to be welcoming places of safety for all, and to be proud to offer sanctuary to people fleeing violence and persecution.

To explore more and find resources,

www.churchofsanctuary.org



NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED

It is with regret that as from Jan 2025 I will be standing down as the editor of this newsletter; something I have so enjoyed doing over the past 4+ years, but my family responsibilities have changed and I must give my time to these.

My final edition will be December/January.

Thank you to all who have written articles, laughed with me, listened to my moans and answered my tech queries. Thanks also to Peter who provided cups of tea and patiently printed the newsletter.

I would like those interested in this role to please form an orderly queue.

Lorraine

Flower Buddies

Many years ago a friend and I agreed to join the list of flower arrangers at the Drive. Other than having a love of flowers, we had only ever placed flowers in a vase. We were keen to get started, it was Springtime and the daffodils were in abundance, so what better flower could we use for our first arrangement.

Following our first attempt at 'proper' flower arranging we left the church feeling quite pleased with our display, the daffodils looked bright and sturdy. The next day, at the Sunday service, I discovered that daffodils do not take kindly to being placed in a piece of non degradable flower block as they drooped slowly towards the floor!

Daffodils stand proudly to herald Spring and we learnt our first lesson in flower arranging that day; 'It is advisable not to use daffodils, especially if one is an amateur.'

It took me a while to gain confidence but I am so glad that I put the daffodil experience behind me. To this day I find flower arranging to be both enjoyable and therapeutic. I have three flower buddies, namely Janet, Lorraine and Ruth. In the near future we are planning to hold a flower arranging session and everyone is welcome to join us. We will serve refreshments and you will be invited to make a small arrangement.

Who knows, you may wish to become a flower buddy yourself!

Anne Dellow



Flowers at the Drive 2024 - 25



We are fortunate to have had quite a number of donations and dedications this year, which along with some funding from the church, and from small bring and buy sales, helps us to keep the cost of flowers and other materials down. Using greenery from the church garden enables us to enhance an arrangement for a cost of between £10 - £15.

This year we have used artificial flowers on occasions when we do not have any requests and a conscious effort is being made in order to avoid using non degradable flower blocks as these are not only harmful to the environment but costly too. We have been trying to use wire and other means with which to secure the flowers but it can be challenging.

For over two years we have attended flower groups in Wanstead and once a year we enjoy an evening at an annual flower demonstration in Brentwood. There is much to learn from these groups and events and we enjoy bringing some of the ideas to our church arrangements.

We were pleased to accept a request by St Andrews Church to decorate their building with flowers for their centenary in June. It gave us a lot of pleasure to be able to help and produce such large arrangements which were enjoyed and admired. We are mindful that our own centenary at the Drive is just three years away!

You are welcome to give us your requests* and dedications, following which a photo is uploaded to our webpage and church WhatsApp Group. Following the service we are happy to distribute your flowers to whom you choose.

*There is a list on the notice board to the right of the serving hatch. Write your name alongside the date you require, note the name of the arranger and give them your instructions ie; flowers/ colours/ money.

Anne Dellow

SAVE THE DATE

First Sunday in Advent is 1st December

TDY—The Drive Youth

Hello Everyone, here are some dates for your diaries.

Saturday 7th December 2.30pm—5.00pm Nativity Rehearsal in the church followed by our Christmas Party.

Sunday 8th December will be the Nativity and Toy Service.

All involved will need to be at church for 10.45am in order for costumes to be put on.

What is the Toy Service?

If you can, we ask that you bring a new unwrapped present for a child or a donation. This can be for any age and please don't forget the teenagers. These will go to the Redbridge foodbank and help to spread Christmas Joy.

Why can't we wrap the presents?

Before being distributed, they have to be checked for suitability and safety, but you can add a roll of Christmas wrap if you wish.

If your toy requires batteries, please include some.

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

This peaceful and lovely service will be held on

6.30pm 22nd December and is followed by Christmas refreshments and Christmas songs around the piano.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Please hand in your filled shoe boxes as soon as possible. The sooner they are processed, the sooner than can be distributed to the children who need them.

Don't forget to include £5 processing fee in your box or make a payment online.

You can fill a shoebox in the traditional way, or fill a shoebox online by choosing the items you would like to include or send a donation for a shoebox to be filled on your behalf. For more information.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

There are many seasonal ways to get further involved with Operation Christmas Child, from volunteering to check shoebox gifts at a processing centre, to being part of the logistics team in your local area, or one of the hundreds of drivers who pick up shoeboxes on our behalf.

[Operation Christmas Child | Samaritan's Purse](#)

**220 Million Shoebox Gifts
Packed Since 1990**

NOVEMBER SATURDAY LUNCH

Join us for a variety of homemade soups with a filled roll and good company on 9TH NOVEMBER at 1pm

We will be in the parlour.

Lunch will cost £5



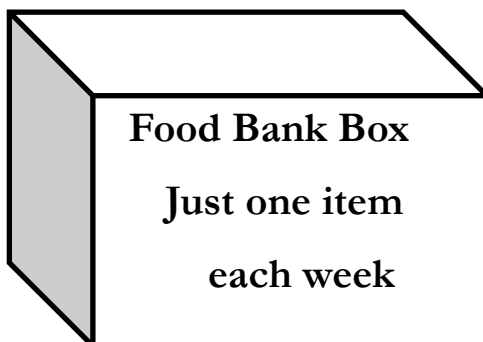
Add your name to the list at the back of the church or send a WhatsApp message.

Please don't include your name unless you are sure to be there.

Thank you.

REDBRIDGE FOOD BANK

The Drive Methodist church has been supporting the local Food Banks for many years and they are truly thankful for the donations we take to them.



SAFEGUARDING AT THE DRIVE

The Methodist Church is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its life and ministry.

Safeguarding is about the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will:

- promote the welfare of children, young people and adults
- work to prevent abuse from occurring
- seek to protect and respond well to those that have been abused.

Circuit Foundation Module training took place at The Drive on 26th October. A further 12 people undertaking responsible roles in their churches now have a greater knowledge of Safeguarding and hold their Foundation Module Certificate that will last for 4 years when a renewal will be needed.

A Safeguarding Audit is underway and churches in the BDI circuit will be inspected on 3rd December this year.

Remember:

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Valentine Singers Concert

SONGS OF PEACE

Saturday 9th November

4pm

At St Annes Church Larkshall
Road Chingford



Music for Remembrance-tide

Featuring Will Todd—Songs of Peace

Down By The Riverside

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Crossing The Bar

Advance Tickets £13, £7 students/benefit holders

(£15/£9 on the door)

Under 16's free!

Lets sing!

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of Heav'n to earth come
down;

Fix in us thy humble dwelling; All thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus,
Thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love Thou art; Visit us
with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!

Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find that second rest. Take away our
bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its
beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive; Suddenly
return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be
always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above, Pray and praise
Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be; Let us
see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee; Changed from
glory into glory, Till in Heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our
crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley

A Journey in Hope

We are grateful to Brian for gaining permission for us to print this account of his grandson Oli's journey of faith on the Hope ships.

I began my time on board working in the bookfair of the ship's ministry where all of the visitors come. Ample possibilities came daily to engage in fruitful conversation with people from all around the world. At the end of each working day, the team would share their most positive encounters with people. It was a highly encouraging time and really great to see the fruit of the ministry directly. Working in the bookfair was also the best way to learn about all of the different cultures we were being immersed in. For this I am truly grateful; it has widened my perspective and understanding of the immeasurable variety of cultures and ways of life in the world.

After six months, I had the chance to switch to the deck department, which is responsible for the operations, navigation, safety and security of the vessel. This role opened my eyes to a completely different side of the ministry, a very practical, albeit indirect contribution, to the mission vision of the ship. It was in the deck department where I most experienced the love and family feel of the community. The deck team was so loving and invested significantly in growing one another spiritually and practically.

While I learned an incredible number of new skills and gained lots of knowledge, I also saw the importance of each and every department behind the scenes, and how each plays a vital contribution to the turning of the cogs, in the highly effective and impactful wheel that is the ship's ministry.

There is also much ministry that takes place in addition to the bookfair, and it was a blessing and a highlight to be involved with this work. Once a week we had the opportunity to go onshore into the local communities and get involved. This looked different every time but one of my most memorable experiences took place in Liberia, West Africa. I had the chance to visit Monrovia Central Prison and spend a whole day connecting with the inmates. The craziest part was that we were told to go straight in and walk around the courtyards – I must admit I was a little on edge at first!

Nevertheless, we quickly felt at ease and were able to have some incredible conversations, hearing their stories and struggles and sharing ours, as well as the hope that we have in Christ. We were even able to hold a service in their chapel, where my ears were introduced to an entirely new level of sound when the prisoners led the worship time – amazing!

Another ministry highlight came through sports, specifically football. I have always had a love for the sport, and it is clearly a highly effective way of connecting deeply with people, irrespective of culture, religion, or anything else. The joy felt after a good game is something special and we were able to share so much hope through these football matches.

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One of my highlights throughout my time on Logos Hope was visiting Basra, Iraq. It was an historic visit for the ship's ministry as none of the vessels had ever managed to visit the country before. The people were overwhelmingly friendly and excited to host us; it felt as if the whole nation was welcoming us with open arms. We were truly spoiled on this visit with the authorities hosting us on several tours into other areas of the country. We met some of the locals living in rural areas and dived into the rich of life in Iraq, blessed to captain

Logos Hope football team history against an Iraqi team in a professional stadium with all the ship's crew there to support us – I will never forget that experience!

Changing Course

Coming up to a year and a half on board, I began thinking about my final months and how I could best spend them. Different opportunities were available, thanks to the versatility of life on board, yet I wasn't clear minded about any specific change, nor about remaining in my current position.

I really sought the Lord's Word in this time and He answered. An unexpected opportunity arose to transfer to the Doulos Hope, the organisation's newly acquired vessel immediately, and join the advance preparations team. This was a big and tough decision, as it my life on Logos Hope behind and extending my commitment beyond my initial two years. The clarity of the Lord's guidance through it all gave me all the assurance I needed that it was the right way forward.

Therefore, after around 17 months on Logos Hope I transferred over to Doulos Hope, in Southeast Asia, for a new adventure. It was an exciting new chapter, one which would challenge me in many different ways. I was handed my first assignment and flew off to Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.

I was able to grow in my relationship with the Lord significantly, perhaps due to the heightened dependency I had on Him.

Lineup Life

The advance preparations teams are effectively the project managers for the ship's visit to any given port. They handle all of the legal permissions that go with bringing a ship into a country, as well as all of the ministry that will take place there, and many other associated responsibilities. Advance preparation is better known on board as lineup. Life on lineup certainly differs from that on board. The advance teams work roughly two months ahead of the ship schedule. Team sizes

are normally of two or three people so, as you spend two months together, day in and day out, you certainly build very strong bonds. However, it also comes with its challenges particularly feeling lonely and distant from the comfort of the community on board. These were challenges I hadn't anticipated so much, compared to those that came more directly with the work, for which I felt well prepared. Nevertheless, times like this can be a major opportunity for growth, and I believe I was able to grow in my relationship with the Lord significantly, perhaps due to the heightened dependency I had on Him. Regarding the work side of lineup life, I have thoroughly enjoyed the variety of demands, such as public speaking, negotiations, official interactions, networking, planning and many others too.

My favourite part of being in this role has been the level of insight I have been able to draw from the greater picture of the ship's ministry and how it works toward achieving its vision of wanting to 'see vibrant communities of Jesus followers among the least reached.' I am so grateful for gaining a greater understanding of the details and strategies that the ships take to achieve this. There are 3 billion people in the world who have never heard the true gospel. So, while the task is huge, it is constantly encouraging to see how the Lord blesses this ministry and enables it to continue.

Pray

Please pray for the Lord to grant me discernment over deciding my next steps. My end of commitment is closing in slowly and I need to consider what will follow after the end of my time with the ships comes. There are numerous ways to go of course, as well as several major considerations to balance. Yet most importantly, I want to be obedient to God's plan for my life. Pray that I may hear His guidance as these changes approach. Pray for the teams serving with OM's ships. Pray that the millions of people who visit the ships will hear the gospel and become followers of Jesus.

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www.om.org/eng/ships/get-on-board

www.echoesinternational.org.uk/get-involved/thinking-of-getting-involved

Thanks to Oli for giving us an insight into the blessed and moving work of the people who carry out Gods work on the Hope Ships. LB

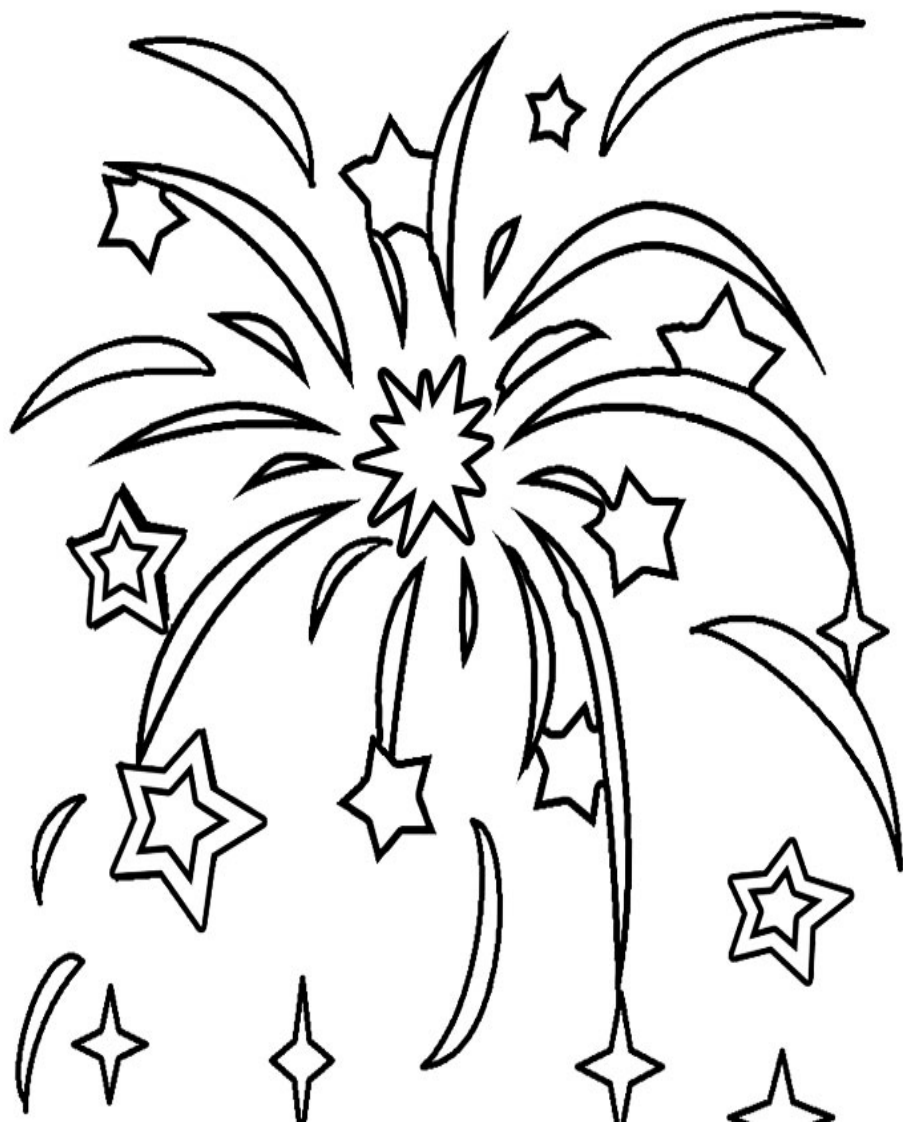
REDBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

We have been offered to opportunity for a regular monthly chat with a local police officer to discuss and find solutions to local issues.

It is known as 'A CUPPA WITH A COPPER' and is thought to be very successful in other churches in the community.

It is a community based event open to those living in the local neighbourhood.

FIREWORKS



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

A Prayer for Peace in Israel and Gaza

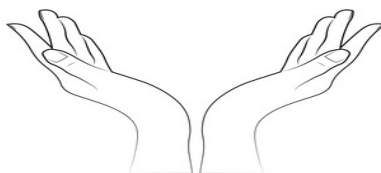
Heavenly Father, we pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel.

We pray especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies. Strengthen and support the work of all relief organisations.

We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.

Lord hear us as we pray in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



November CHURCH DIARY for The Drive

3rd November at 11.15am Sunday Worship led by:
Rev'd Jacqui Jones

6th November 8pm Church Council Meeting in the Church Parlour

9th November at 1pm **Saturday Lunch**

10th November at 10.45am **Remembrance Sunday** led by
Lynn Packer

10th November at 4pm **Circuit Memorial Service** at Old Dagenham Methodist Church

17th November at 11.15am Sunday Worship **with HC** led by: Rev'd Jacqui Jones

24th November at 11.15am **Women Against Violence Sunday** led by Robert Debrah

A Ghanian Service is held on the 3rd Sunday each month 12.30pm at Barking MC

A Zimbabwean Fellowship takes place at 2pm every Sunday at Old Dagenham MC