

There is a celebration of the **Hymns of Charles Wesley** to be held at **Hinde Street Methodist Church on Saturday May 19th 10.30 am – 5.00 pm**. Full details are given on the inside back cover of this newsletter. It is necessary to book a place. Please see **Anne Warden** for a booking form.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Area Leader, Janet Crossland, has written to all the churches who took part in this year's service. She writes:

"A big thank you to all who attended and supported the 2007 Service for South Ilford. We raised a record total this year of £346 which I have sent to our head office. I have shown here a list of Grants and Donations made by our Charity from Church Service Collections in 2005."

ANNUAL GRANTS	£		£
Bible Reading Fellowship	7,500	Scripture Union	4,000
Bible Society	18,000	Society for promoting Christian Knowledge	4,000
Bible Society – Northern Ireland	1,500	The Leprosy Mission	2,000
Cafod	4,000	The Salvation Army – Literature Fund	3,000
Feed the Minds	18,000	United Christian Broadcasters	2,000
International Bible Reading Association	7,500	United Society for Christian Literature	18,000
Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen	1,000		
Royal National Institute for the Blind	4,000	ONE-OFF-GRANTS	55,219
St. John's Guild for the Blind	2,000	WELSH SPEAKING CHURCHES	
Lifewords (Scripture Gift Union)	12,000	CHARITIES	4,200

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING LUNCH

This was a very happy occasion, enjoyed by about 36 friends, who gave generously to raise £87, which will be sent to Christian Aid. (This figure is after expenses were met.) Thanks to everyone who made casseroles and puddings, and helped in the preparation of the meal, or washed up afterwards!
BARBARA (for Catering Committee)

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BEETLE DRIVE

We had great fun at the Beetle Drive on Saturday 17th March, raising £234 for the work of the Church of Bangladesh, which has been running a project for over 20 years, setting up a training centre, where, for a small payment, young men go to learn a skill like repairing motor-bikes or how to do electrical work. After a 2 year course every single one of them gets a job or starts his own business. The JMA Challenge for 2007 is to help with starting new centres in other villages.

Diane has asked me to express her thanks to those who brought cakes, made donations, helped to prepare the tea, or donated raffle prizes etc. **We** would like to thank Diane for organizing this annual fun afternoon, and for making all those lovely Beetle cakes! BARBARA

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CHURCH COUNCIL

Jeremy spoke on the Development Plan Phase II, reporting that following the supportive response given by the congregation at the special November Church Meeting, specific plans have The Church Council met on Thursday 1st March with sixteen members present.

The plans have now been put to the Quantity Surveyor. The cost of the basic scheme will be £55,000 - £60,000, of which the church has to raise £25,000, although we are well on the way with that.

The Development Fund will be kept open and there will be fund-raising events. We will be applying to various Trusts and to the Methodist Church, and we are hoping the Circuit will make a contribution. We have identified a new Lottery fund called The Community Buildings Fund to support buildings that are environmentally friendly and serve the community. It is a possible fund for double-glazing in the Hall, which would cost an extra £30,000. If they do not fund us we would take the double-glazing out of the scheme. We have to apply by April and they will inform us within two months if they are considering our application. The Church Council agreed with the proposal that the Finance Committee be authorised to go ahead with the scheme, and a majority approved application to the Lottery Community Buildings Fund.

Although we have started on our Five-Year Plan, for example the work with children each month and the setting up of a website, we need to finish it. We need to prepare a Five-Year Plan to obtain funding from the Circuit. It was suggested that a small group should meet under the direction of Stephen to write a Plan, ready for October, when it would be presented to the Church Council.

Mike Seviour and Anne Warden have produced a website which will be launched on 1st April, when Mike will have two or three laptops set up so people can see it. Thanks were expressed to Anne and Mike for the time and effort they have put into producing the website.

Leadership for the Guides and Cubs is urgently needed. The Church Council expressed their gratitude to Andrew for his work as Cub Leader over a number of years.

Stephen read a letter from Phil Spencer who is resigning from his many posts and duties at the Church, as he and Phyllis are moving to Dorset. Phil presented two aerial photographs taken after the opening of the premises following the development. Phil and Phyllis were thanked for their significant contribution to the church over 23 years.

The following Church Officers were willing to stand again and were duly appointed:

Treasurer	Peter Foster	Secretary	Kathleen Taylor
Church Life Chairman	Peter Foster	Pastoral Secretary	Brian Grinham
Property Chairman	Jeremy Foster	Property Secretary	vacant
Junior Church Leader	Joanna Wright	JMA Secretary	Diane Foster

THE DRIVE SCOUT AND GUIDE GROUP QUIZ NIGHT

Nine teams entered the Quiz which proved to be an enjoyable social evening despite the testing questions of our Quizmaster and organiser, Peter Bendon. Lorraine and her family members provided another lovely supper.

Thanks to all our supporters and most of all to Peter and Lorraine.

COMMUNION COLLECTION

The collection at the Communion Service on Easter Day 8th. April will be given to "**Age Concern in Redbridge.**" **Age Concern** provides a 'Keep in Touch' service for older people in the Borough. This Service offers a telephone call every morning, Monday to Friday, for a chat and to see that all is well. Many other services are provided - Assisted Bathing, Transport, Clip-it (toe-nail cutting service) Day-care centres for Frail Older People, and Active age Centres.

Do give generously to this important work.

EASTER AT THE DRIVE

Wednesday	April 4 th	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Music for Holy Week, arranged by Frank Sayers
Thursday	April 5 th	MAUNDY THURSDAY 8.00 pm	'Three Churches' Holy Communion
Friday	April 6 th	GOOD FRIDAY 10.00 am	Meditation on the Crucifixion, arranged by Frank Sayers - <i>(see note below)</i>

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EASTER SATURDAY APRIL 7TH

10.30 am - 12.30 pm

We are having a "Whole Church Easter Celebration on Saturday 7th April in the Hall.
Please come and join us for

CRAFTS, BRIC-A-BRAC, RAFFLE & EASTER EGG HUNT
TEA, COFFEE & HOT CROSS BUNS TOO!

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EASTER DAY - APRIL 8th

As in previous years we shall dress the **EASTER CROSS** outside the Church
on **EASTER DAY** at 10.30 am.

If you would like to take part in this, please bring a few spring flowers with you.

EASTER FLOWERS

Any small gifts towards the flowers for **EASTER DAY** would be very gratefully received. C.E.S.

GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION - APRIL 6TH.

This will be held in our church, beginning at **10.00 am**, lasting about one hour, during which we will read the account of the trial and death of Jesus as recorded in St. Luke's Gospel, together with comment and time for reflection, following the pattern of recent years.

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CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting after the Lenten Studies will be on **May 1st** when Pam and Peter Hall from Gantshill Church will talk about 'Orchids'. Refreshments and lifts available as usual. C.E.S.

Margaret Macnab Frame

A lovely tribute to the long and loving life of Margaret Frame, written by her two daughters, is printed in the St. Andrew's Parish Magazine for March. Margaret died on 5th February 2007 aged 89 years. She was known to many of us, through her legal practice and her involvement with our church in legal matters. Through all her life in Ilford, until her arthritis finally made her housebound, she was a regular member of the congregation at St. Andrew's. I have put a copy of the magazine on the table at the back of the church (pages 20 and 21). Please take it and read it quickly and pass it on, or put it back on the table. It is a heart-warming tribute to a wonderful woman, who will be terribly missed.

BARBARA

Vic Zoers

It was with great sadness that I read in the Ilford Recorder of Vic's death at the age of 87. It is difficult to imagine St. Andrew's without him. He lived near the church nearly all his life. In his quiet way, he took great care of the church and garden with his wife Hazel and his sister Elsie. Hazel and Vic offered hospitality to my French friend Muriel, when I had to be away during her visit. My Canadian friend Laurie spent a long weekend in Ilford before flying home to Toronto on Concorde. She arranged the tour of St. Andrew's which Vic gave us on the Sunday evening, pointing out those beautiful stained glass windows. It is fitting that donations in memory of Vic were requested for St. Andrew's Church Stained Glass Window Fund instead of funeral flowers. We had recently announced to the National Trust that St. Andrew's was to be featured in an episode of ITV's "The Way We Worshipped". This is my last memory of him.

SUSAN RUCKES

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DO YOU REMEMBER THE 2001 SLIDE SHOW?

Sue's nephew **Martin** and his Hungarian wife **Judit** were there to see their **Hungarian Wedding** featured on the 'big screen'. It was beautiful. Now they have baby Olivia, born on 27th February - a first grandchild for Sue's brother and his wife Pauline. We send love and greetings to all the family.

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DAFFODIL DAY

There were several of us from the **BDI Circuit** at this event, but I only discovered this at the Circuit Meeting. Westminster Central Hall was packed, but only a small percentage came from the new London District. Ermal Kirby asked for a show of hands. There were several good speakers and an outstanding bass soloist. called Robert W. Anderson. Look out for him.

The Rev. Canon Roger Royle announced his imminent retirement on his Radio 2 Programme, "Sunday Half Hour", a matter of hours before the 'Daffodil Day' service. The Rev. Tony Miles interviewed Roger, mostly about his work in broadcasting., encouraged us all to buy FAIRTRADE goods, especially Marks & Spencers cotton underwear! Roger also asked us all to think of all the people who have influenced us in our lives and to give thanks for them.

SUSAN RUCKES

PS I wonder how many people noticed the 'deliberate mistake' on the Daffodil Day poster? Of course! Roger has presented Sunday Half Hour for 16 years. He hasn't introduced 'Songs of Praise' for years!

An account of this 'Daffodil Day' event in the Methodist Recorder of March 22 tells us that this annual event was started during the Depression in the early part of the 20th. century "with the aim of cheering the wives of the unemployed". Editor

M O Z A R T

The New Essex Choral Society

will be giving a concert of sacred and secular music by

MOZART at Barnardo's Chapel, Barkingside on Saturday 21st April at 7.30 pm.

The programme will include excerpts from the Requiem and Vespers as well as operatic items.

The soloists will be **Karen Thyselius**, soprano and **Orjan Hartveit**, baritone.

Tickets £8 (£7 concessions) will be available from Brian Taylor, or on the door.

Easter prayer

When everything was dark
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,
your love broke through.

Your love was so strong,
too wide,
too deep
for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love
dance and spread
and burst forth
with resurrection light.

Gracious God,
We praise you for the light of new life
made possible through Jesus.
We praise you for the light of new life
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.
We praise you for the light of new life
that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy
will live in us each day;
and that we will be bearers of that light
into the lives of others. Amen

Michaela Youngson

from her book of poems "Making the colours sing", published by Inspire

CIRCUIT DIARY

SUNDAY	April 1st.	7.00 pm	Circuit Youth Service at Goodmayes – followed by games & refreshments
GOOD FRIDAY	April 6th.	7.00 pm	Tenebrae Service of Shadows at Barking
EASTER DAY	April 8 th .	6.00 am	Easter Sunrise service at St. Margaret's, Curfew Tower, Barking

APRIL 2007 DIARY

SUN	1		PALM SUNDAY
		10.45 am	Rev. STEPHEN NORMANTON - All Age worship – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
		6.30 pm	Rev. STEPHEN NORMANTON
WED	4	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Music for Holy Week arranged by Frank Sayers
THUR	5		MAUNDY THURSDAY
		8.00 pm	'Three Churches' Holy Communion - at The Drive
FRI	6		GOOD FRIDAY
		10.00 am	Meditation on the Crucifixion - <i>see page 4</i>
SAT	7		EASTER SATURDAY
		10.30 am	Whole Church Easter Celebration - in the Hall <i>see page 4</i>
SUN	8		E A S T E R D A Y
		10.30 am	The Easter Cross will be decorated with Spring flowers - <i>see page 4</i>
		10.45 am	Rev. STEPHEN NORMANTON - Family Communion - Collection at Communion for Age Concern in Redbridge – <i>see page 4</i>
WED	11	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship – Matthew Foster talks about his recent school trip to Berlin
SUN	15	10.45 am	Rev. Marie Whitcombe
WED	18	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship – Phyllis Spencer talks about finding her family history
SUN	22	10.45 am	Mrs. BERYL VAUGHAN
TUES	24	1.00 pm	Church Lunch
		8.00 pm	TUESDAY MEETING – Mrs. Lesley Williams (May's daughter) talks about her work with teenagers & drugs
WED	25	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Members' afternoon
SUN	29	10.45 am	Rev. STEPHEN NORMANTON

MAY 2007

TUES	1	8.00 pm	Church Fellowship - Peter & Pam Hall from Gantshill will talk about "Orchids"
WED	2	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Rev. Stephen Normanton

**PLEASE WILL YOU LET BARBARA FOSTER HAVE ITEMS
FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER BY SUNDAY 22nd APRIL**