

OCTOBER 2007

This is an edited version of the October 2007 Church Newsletter. A printed copy of the full newsletter is available in Church throughout the period.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Church Family News and Concerns can be found on P2 of the printed copy of the newsletter which is available in Church. We send our greetings and best wishes to all those for whom we have concerns.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to **Clare Dellow**, who has gained her Nursing Degree with flying colours. She will be working as a Staff Nurse at Lewisham Hospital. We wish her every happiness in her chosen career.

We send love and *Birthday Wishes* to –

Cameron Hinds,	who will be 12 on October 21 st .
Rebecca Hastings-Henry,	who will be 17 on October 18 th .
Pat Palmer,	whose Birthday is October on 27 th .
and to Betty Redgrave	who celebrated her 80 th . birthday on September 23 rd .

We wish all these friends a happy day.

Finally - this is my last apology to Robert Normanton! Of course I know that he plays the flute, and not the clarinet, as I wrote in the September Newsletter! Did anyone notice the slip?

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David Wright would like to say thankyou for the card and good wishes sent to him as he went to Bisham Abbey. He is enjoying it and has already had a chat with Tim Henman!

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

As always, the church looked splendid, with lovely flower arrangements, and all the fruit and vegetables artistically arranged. The children enjoyed adding their gifts to the display and singing about "whales and snails and quails" and "bats and rats and cats". They also enjoyed acting out the verse "This is the day when we say 'Thankyou' to the baker, the miller, the farmer, and to God for giving us bread by which we live in the wonderful world which God made."

After The service a good number of friends enjoyed the buffet lunch, and gave very generously,so that, after expenses were met, £94.93 were added to the £181.30 collected in church, making a total of £276.23 to be sent to Methodist Relief and Development Fund.

Thanks to all who made lovely things for the meal, and for those who helped with preparation and clearing up afterwards! EDITOR

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thankyou to all those kind folk who helped decorate, dismantle and distribute the Harvest baskets. Their hard work was much appreciated by all the recipients. CATHERINE

Junior Church Dates

October 7th	All Age worship – theme "Holy Communion"
October 21st	Junior Church
November 4th	All Age Worship – "The Parable of the Good Samaritan"
November 11th	Remembrance Day Service
November 18th	J.M.A service (All staying in the service)
December 9th	All Age Worship and Toy Service (Please bring a toy unwrapped and some wrapping paper). We will also be giving children their Nativity costumes.
December 23rd	Nativity Service – Everyone is needed for this service both young and old!

Please make every effort to come.

THE MOSAIC PROJECT
ON
SATURDAY 20TH. OCTOBER
2.00 PM - 5.00 PM
MEET IN THE CHURCH

SORT STICK SNACK

The choice is yours!
Help us to finish the project in time for Christmas
or just come along for a 'get - together'
Tea and cakes provided. Anne Dellow

As well as finishing the Mosaic we will also be putting
the Christmas Shoe Boxes together.

So please bring any items you have collected,
or the filled shoe boxes along on October 20th.

Thanks, Jo.

St. Andrew's Church, The Drive, Ilford
BARN DANCE & HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday October 6th. 2007 at 7.30 pm.
In the Church Hall.

Tickets: £5 adults & £3 for children
Includes Ploughman's Supper and tea/coffee.
Please bring your own drinks.

Tickets from: Maggie Smith
Rev. Rosemary Enever, Ken Wylie or the Churchwardens.

**NOTES on the CIRCUIT MEETING
MONDAY 10TH. SEPTEMBER at BARKINGSIDE CHURCH**

The opening devotions were led by Rev Michael Moon.

The Rev. Dr. Stuart Jordan, London District Co-Chairman, conducted the meeting whilst it considered invitations to Rev. Stephen Normanton and Deacon Margaret Cox to extend their ministries within the Circuit. The Invitation Committee reported on their discussions with members. The meeting voted to extend Margaret's stay by three years and Stephen's by a further two years.

The sale of Newbury Park Church had been completed and the minutes of the final meeting of the Church Council were formally signed. The minute book was then handed to the meeting for safe keeping. The proceeds of the sale would be shared between the Circuit and Connexion, the Circuit portion being available for property improvements and mission. One use of this money had been to provide Gants Hill, Goodmayes, Old Dagenham and Becontree churches with audio visual equipment for use in worship.

A new manse has been purchased at 1a Chestnut Grove Hainault and Rev Marie Whitcombe has moved there. The manse in Aberdour Road Goodmayes will now be sold.

No firm date has been given for the postponed London Riverside Development Conference. "Spring 2008" was suggested. 57 Circuits were represented at Synod. Ten new worship leaders per circuit are needed.

The clash of dates for circuit events was given as a problem. As if to prove a point, three separate events were advertised for 6th October 2007!

Next meeting at Old Dagenham Church on 16th February 2008

SUSAN RUCKES and BRIAN TAYLOR

Thanks to Susan and Brian, whom I asked to write notes of the meeting for the Newsletter. BARBARA

CHARLES WESLEY HYMNS' CELEBRATION

This will take place on **Saturday 6th October 2007** at the **Hospital Chapel, Ilford Hill at 6.00 pm.** It will be a repetition of the highly successful event, which was held back in July at The Drive Church. It will be an opportunity to sing some of Charles Wesley's lovely hymns, and hear again the "interview" with Sarah and Charles Wesley.

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THE N.C.H. 'SLIDES' EVENING!

Catherine and I will be presenting yet another 'viewing' evening in aid of the work of **THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME**, with the help of Mike Seviour and his sister Madeline. This will be on **SATURDAY OCTOBER 27TH**, beginning at **7.00 pm.**

As before we can promise you a varied selection of places visited and events witnessed, provided by our intrepid band of digital photographers which will be presented with the use of that electronic wizardry which has so delighted us in recent years.

If you have digital material to show,
please contact **Mike** also by **Sunday October 14th**,

This is to help us plan a balanced programme.

If you have holiday photographs that you would like to display, please bring them along on the night.

**REFRESHMENTS SERVED IN THE INTERVAL
NO TICKETS - DONATIONS REQUESTED, PLEASE.**

LIFE WITH THE SPENCERS

It seems impossible, but we have been living down here now for the best part of four months. We are real residents now; we have found ourselves complaining about the tourists!

We have completed on the purchase of a house. The position is just about ideal, within level walking distance of the town centre. That does not sound very significant, but Wimborne is built between the river and a steep hill! It is a 1970 build and so will never win any awards for appearance; but you can't have everything. Whilst it is structurally sound it needs quite a lot of renovation, so we will not be moving in until the autumn. We will let you have the address later. Most of our possessions are still in storage, which can at times get frustrating. It is the little things that we miss, such as access to a particular book. And life in this house is a little cramped to say the least. The filing system consists of boxes on the floor, in the same room which serves as single bedroom, study and storage for my clothes.

We have been made very welcome at Wimborne Methodist Church, who now hold our membership. There are plenty of activities, although not during the summer. And I suspect that if we do not keep our heads down for a while there might also be lots of jobs! Indeed, we have already been asked if we would consider taking over responsibility for producing the weekly notices. I'm not sure how they decided that we might be able to do that ...

It is not a good time of year to be trying to join things, as most organisations have ceased to meet for the summer. We have joined the Civic Society and are looking forward to their Autumn programme. Phil is biding his time, but will get involved with the Swanage Railway later in the year. There is plenty to do in the way of 'culture' as we have Poole Arts Centre, Bournemouth and a number of smaller venues all within easy reach. Plans for the autumn season include Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Moscow City Ballet.

I have joined a 'community orchestra'. That means they take all comers so there are a lot of clarinet players - but at least it is a place and some regular playing. It can be very difficult to find a place in an orchestra, as most will only take four clarinets and many only take two. The down-side is that the standard suffers. Phil came to the end of term concert and has promised that he is not going to any more of their concerts! Rather tongue in cheek I contacted the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra asking if they could put me in touch with anyone giving clarinet lessons. I received a call from their principal clarinet. After some begging and borrowing I have acquired some music [mine is in storage !] and begun lessons again. As I anticipated, I have developed a number of bad habits since I was last taught, and so the initial work is taking me backwards ..

There are also two community choirs, which take people without audition. Those of you who have heard me sing know that I would never get through an audition, but this way I may be able to fulfil a long-standing ambition and sing in a non-church choir.

I am now fully involved in the local drama group, as stage manager for their production of 'Journey's End'. In late October. There is a former cinema in the town which they use for productions. We have been to a number of shows and films there over the years, but I am looking forward to seeing and working backstage. PHYLLIS

CIRCUIT CALENDAR

Sat	Oct 6	6.00 pm	Charles Wesley Celebration at Hospital Chapel <i>(see page 4)</i> Ghanaian Celebration at Goodmayes Church
Sat	Oct 13	7.30 pm	Harvest Concert at Seven Kings Church <i>Tickets - Jennifer Carter</i>
Wed	Oct 24	8.00 pm	Regional Guild Rally at Goodmayes
Sat	Oct 27	6.30 pm	Church Anniversary Social at Goodmayes - <i>Contact Ann Flynn</i>

CHARLES WESLEY'S ACTUAL BIRTHDAY ON DECEMBER 18TH.

The 300th anniversary of this event will be celebrated on this very day by local Churches in Brentwood and arranged by John Woodbridge.

John is already asking people to sing, recite or act and would welcome offers of help from friends in Ilford. Please see me if you are interested and I will put you in touch with John. BARBARA.

DID YOU KNOW?

Only on very rare occasions are there misprints in The Drive Newsletter! However there have been some famous misprints in editions of the Bible over the centuries.

The Unrighteous Bible

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall inherit (*instead of not inherit*) the Kingdom of God.
I Corinthians 6:9

The Adulterers' Bible 1631

The printer was fined £300 of omitting the word *not* from the seventh Commandment.
Exodus 20:14

The Printer's Bible 1702

Printers (*instead of Princes*) have persecuted me without a cause. Psalm 119:161

The Place-Maker's Bible 1562

Blessed are the place-makers (*instead of peace makers*) Matthew 5:9

The Breeches Bible 1560 A popular name for the Geneva Bible)

They sewed fig leaves together and made themselves breeches (*instead of aprons*).
Genesis 3:7

The Vinegar Bible 1717

The parable of the vinegar (*instead of vineyard*) in the headline above Luke 20

The Ears to Ear Bible 1810

He that hath ears to ear (*instead of hear*) let him hear.
Mathew 11:15

The Teenagers' Bible 1964

I will . . . that women adorn themselves in modern (*instead of modest*) apparel.
I Timothy 1:9

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A PRAYER:

*Lord, we pray for the unity of your Church,
help us to see ourselves as rays for one sun,
branches of a single tree, and streams from one flowing river.
May we remain united to you and to each other,
because you are the source of life;
and may we send out your life
and pour forth your flowing streams over all the earth,
drawing inspiration and joy from you.*

Saint Cyprian of Carthage (c. 200 – 258)

DIARY OCTOBER 2007

TUES	2	8.00 pm	Church Fellowship - Speaker: Mr. Allan Ramsden
WED	3	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Rev. Stephen Normanton
THUR	4	8.00 pm	Choir Practice at Hospital Chapel, Ilford Hill
SAT	6	6.00 pm	Charles Wesley Hymn Celebration at Hospital Chapel, Ilford Hill
SUN	7	10.45 am	Rev. STEPHEN NORMANTON - Family Communion & All-Age-Worship Collection at Communion for Redbridge Samaritans
		6.30 pm	Rev. STEPHEN NORMANTON
MON	8	8.00 pm	Finance Committee
TUES	9	8.00 pm	Tuesday Meeting
WED	10	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Members' Afternoon
THUR	11	8.00 pm	Church Council
SUN	14	10.45 am	Mr. STEPHEN FROGGATT
MON	15	8.00 pm	Pastoral Committee
TUES	16	8.00 pm	Tuesday Meeting
WED	17	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - <i>(to be arranged)</i>
SAT	20	2.00 pm	The Mosaic Project <i>(see page 3)</i>
SUN	21	10.45 am	Dr. LEELA KNIGHT
TUES	23	8.00 pm	Tuesday Meeting
WED	24	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Frank Sayers with "A Musical Anagram"
SAT	27	7.00 pm	NCH Slides' Evening - <i>see page 4</i>
SUN	28	10.45 am	Mr. JOHN SIMMONDS
TUES	30	1.00 pm	Church Lunch
		8.00 pm	Tuesday Meeting

NOVEMBER 2007 DIARY

THUR	1		ALL SAINTS' DAY Service at Barkingside
SUN	4	10.45 am	ALL-AGE-WORSHIP "Parable of the Good Samaritan" <i>see page 3</i>
		6.30 pm	Evening Service

WOULD YOU PLEASE HAND ITEMS FOR THE NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER TO BARBARA FOSTER, **BY SUNDAY 14th OCTOBER,**
OR PLACE THEM IN THE APPROPRIATE ENVELOPE IN THE MINISTER'S VESTRY.