

# JULY - AUGUST 2009

An explosion of church activities commences in September as an outcome of the special meeting held recently to consider our church's programme.

Coffee morning at the Red House on the Redbridge roundabout will be held every second Friday in each month from 10.00 a.m. for an hour or so. Just turn up and meet and chat. The first occasion will be Friday 11th September - see you there.

Creative church will be all age creative sessions held on the first Saturday morning of each month. From sticking and gluing to mosaics and banners come and join in having fun and being creative. One of the first 'projects' will be preparing for Christmas!

Men are invited to join the women's fellowship once a month on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. for a shared meeting. Sometimes these meetings are light hearted fun, sometimes more devotional and sometimes tackle serious issues in discussion. Whatever the topic they always end with a cup of tea.

Mid-week morning communions are back on the first Tuesday of each month. We will meet in church at 10.00 a.m. for a short service of holy communion followed by coffee. The first one will be 1st September.

Evening prayer will also be held once a month and the first one of these gatherings will be on Monday 21st September at 8.00 p.m. These prayer meetings will sometimes be quite formal and liturgical and sometimes quite informal and imaginative.

Regular participatory musical events will take place for those who are both in the choir and those who are not. The next such event will be on Thursday 1st October.

The Church Fellowship will continue to meet with its variety of speakers on the first Tuesday evening of each month,,,,, open to all.. If you have never been why not give it a try.

A four week long Bible study series will commence on the second Tuesday evening in September.

The next All Age Worship and Learning service will be on the 6th September.

Finally we are planning and looking forward to hosting a Christmas Tree Festival in December. This is similar to a traditional flower festival but with decorated Christmas trees as the features on display. Each tree will have its own theme.

All of these kick off in September... put them in your diaries now.. And in the meantime have a great summer.

## JUNIOR CHURCH

Don't forget the **WHOLE CHURCH BBQ on July 5<sup>th</sup>. at THE RODINGS.**

During the summer holidays we will try to have Junior Church most weeks, but it may not always be possible due to people being on holiday. Please feel free to sit at the back of the church and let your children play with the toys if there is no Junior Church.

### **BBQ and Picnic**

This will be on July 5th at 1.00 pm at the Rodings. If you need transport to the Rodings, please speak to me and I can arrange this.

We will have meat and vegetarian food available. If you could supply some food for the BBQ, we would be most grateful and a list will be at the back of the church for you to put your name on.

There will be a raffle and donations basket at the BBQ and all money raised will go to Susannah's trip to Nepal in the summer. If you have any raffle prizes you would like to donate then please give them to me or Michelle.

Any questions then please phone me on 020 8554 0375

**Jo Wright**  
Junior Church Superintendent

## ***THANK YOU !!!***

*I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped me over the months raise money for my trip to India. The Smartie Tubes alone helped raise £230.09 which is a great sum of money. It's not long until I go now and I'm really excited. I will take lots of photos for you all to see. Thanks again for all your help and support.*

*LORNA WRIGHT*

## **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

In order to raise some funds for the work of The Women's World Day of Prayer Local Committee, there will be another tea-party on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup>. from 2pm - 4pm in the Parlour.** Tea and coffee will be served and there will be a bring and buy stall.

## **CHURCH FELLOWSHIP**

Our last meeting for the 2008/9 session will be on **Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>.** when **Tabitha Jumbe,** a local preacher in our Circuit will tell us about life in Zimbabwe. We hear disturbing reports about conditions in that country from 'under cover' reporters so it will be interesting to hear some first hand accounts. Do come along - refreshments and lifts are available.

Last February we reluctantly cancelled our meeting because of the snow when Lorna Wright was due to tell us about her experiences at the International Guide Camp. Lorna has promised to come one evening in the 2009/10, when she will also be able to tell us about her trip to India – which isn't just sight-seeing.

The committee will soon be planning the 2009/10 session and suggestions for these monthly meetings will be gratefully received. Please speak to either Barbara, Hilary, Catherine or Frank. There will be an informal get-together for the Church Fellowship at 21 Lakeside Avenue on Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup>. from 7.00 pm onwards.

### **WEEKDAY MEETINGS**

During the recent discussion on the future programme for the Tuesday Meeting it was suggested that a programme more varied in both content and time of meeting should be followed. Starting in September occasional meetings will be held in the morning, in the afternoon and in the evening. Some will be devotional, others study, discussion or fellowship. A Saturday morning family activity will be included. The detailed programme is being prepared for the autumn which it is hoped will include something for everyone.

BRIAN TAYLOR

### **Thanks from Jo and Terry**

*Jo and Terry Alder and family would like to thank everyone at The Drive Church for their best wishes following the Christening of their son, James' in the 14<sup>th</sup>. of June. Special thanks to Stephen for conducting the service and also to the ladies who helped to organise the refreshments for our many friends and family. Thank you also for the time given to the arrangement of the flowers, they were beautiful. We had a really lovely day.*

I would like to add my thanks to those of Joanna and Terry. James' Christening day was a truly joyful occasion and the celebrations which followed ensured we all had a day full of happy memories. Thank you for your love and support and prayers.

ANNE

### **TOMATOES GALORE!**

Because I sowed far too many tomato seeds and they all germinated, I had far more seedlings than I and my family needed, so I brought the surplus to church one Sunday and offered them to anyone interested and suggested a donation might be given to church funds. This resulted in £22.40 being collected. Well done and thank you!

FRANK SAYERS

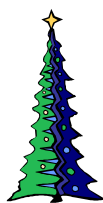
## **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

All church groups are invited to decorate a tree for our first Christmas Tree Festival. For full details see the separate notice. If you would like to have a tree please let Philippa know by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Speak to either Philippa or Anne if you would like to help with the event.

ANNE WARDEN

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THE DRIVE  
COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS



METHODIST CHURCH  
TREE FESTIVAL

Join in the fun – have a tree at our Christmas Tree Festival.

**WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?**

You are invited to provide and decorate a tree which is no more than 4 feet high and in its own base in either a traditional style OR to represent your organisation. Lights can be included.

We will provide labels, with the name of the organisation on, for all trees. You may wish to produce an A4 display describing your tree and your organisation. Small cards or publicity leaflets about your organisation can also be placed by your tree and representatives of your group can be present during the festival to talk to members of the public if you wish.

**WHEN WILL IT BE?**

Set up – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December - times by arrangement

**Festival**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am – 5.30pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am – 5.30pm

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Concert for Christmas – in the evening - time to be confirmed

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Candlelight Carol Service 6.30pm

Take down – either after the Carol Service or on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December



**WHAT WILL IT COST?**

There will be no charge for participating groups.

There will be no entry charge to the Festival. Refreshments will be sold and other fundraising activities organised, including a raffle. There will be ample opportunity for visitors to make donations. The proceeds of the Festival will go to The Drive Methodist Church Redevelopment Fund. The Concert for Christmas will be for charity.

THE GARDENERS' HYMN

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.*

1  
But what we never mention,  
Though gardeners know it's true,  
Is when he made the goodies,  
He made the baddies too.

2  
The greenfly on the roses,  
The maggots in the peas,  
Manure that fills our noses,  
He also gave us these.

*CHORUS: All things spray and swattable,  
Disasters great and small,  
All things paraquatable,  
The Lord God made them all.*

*CHORUS: All things spray and swattable,*

3  
The drought that kills the fuchsias,  
The frost that nips the buds,  
The rain that drowns the seedlings,  
The blight that hits the spuds.  
*CHORUS: All things spray and swattable, etc.*

4  
But still we gardeners labour  
Midst vegetables and flowers,  
And pray what hits our neighbours',  
Will somehow bypass ours.  
*CHORUS: All things spray and swattable, etc*

Barbara Robinson

Spotted in the Newsletter of The United Reformed Church, Bath

## **METHODIST CONTACTS**

When John and I were on holiday in St. Anne's with our social club we noticed a Drive Methodist Church up the road (Memorial Stone laid in August 1891). We took an evening walk to investigate but the only activity that day was Meditation Hour, which obviously could not be interrupted. We couldn't make the Friday Coffee morning as we were off to Skipton for the day. There are quite a few Drive Methodist Churches if you search the internet, some with good websites.

Even more interesting was the fact that our coach driver, David, was an active member of Shaldon Methodist Church in Devon. His wife is a retired Minister and now a supernumerary – no retirement there then! David had previously served in the Royal Navy and had spent time as Head Chef on H.M.S Britannia. He recommended us to a trip they do to "The Life of Christ" An open air play which takes place in Bramley, Surrey.  
AUDREY TAYLOR

THE DRIVE SCOUT AND GUIDE GROUP

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 9TH JULY AT 7.30 FOR 8 PM**

**IN THE SCOUT & GUIDE HQ  
AT THE DRIVE METHODIST CHURCH**

*We hope to see as many parents and  
supporters at the meeting as possible*

### **CIRCUIT EVENTS**

Sun July 12	5.00 pm	Beacontree Heath	Tea followed by Unit Service at 6.00 pm
Sat July 18	11 am – 2 pm	Old Dagenham	Summer Fayre
Sun July 26	6.30 pm	Farewell Service for Margaret and David Cox	

## DIARY JULY 2009

WED	1	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Frank Sayers "40 years with 35mm"
THUR	2	8.30 pm	Service of Evening Prayer - join the Choir before the summer break for this short Service , followed by refreshments
<b>SUN</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>ACTION FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY</b>
		10.45 am	Rev. STEPHEN POOLE
		1.00 pm	Whole Church Barbecue at The Rodings
TUES	7	8.00 pm	Church Fellowship - Speaker: Tabitha Jumbe
WED	8	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Frank Sayers with "Light Music"
SUN	12	10.45 am	Mr. JOHN NICHOLLS
WED	15	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship - <i>to be arranged</i>
SUN	19	10.45 am	Mr. NORMAN BEASLEY
WED	22	2..30 pm	Women's Fellowship - Rev. Stephen Normanton - <i>Last meeting till 15th. Sept.</i>
SUN	26	10.45 am	Rev. MICHAEL MOON - Family Communion (Collection at Communion for Victim Support)
		6.30 pm	Circuit Service at Beacontree Heath
TUES	28	1.00 pm	Church Lunch
FRI	31	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer Tea Party in the Parlour

## AUGUST 2009

SUN	2	10.45 am	Sister Vera Nicholls
SUN	9	10.45 am	Rev. Charles Watson – Holy Communion
TUES	11	7.00 pm onwards	- Informal get-together of Church Fellowship at 21 Lakeside Avenue
SUN	16	10.45 am	Mrs Philippa Normanton Material for the September Newsletter due in today
SUN	23	10.45 am	Mrs Stella Allen
TUES	25	1.00 pm	Church Lunch
SUN	30	10.45 am	Tabitha Jumbe

**Please let Barbara Foster have items for the September  
Newsletter by SUNDAY AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>.**

**We wish all our readers**

***Happy Holidays***