

Hello Everyone.

It is with some trepidation that I take on the task of compiling this and future newsletters. Nonetheless, I look forward with pride and honour of filling the shoes of such a successful team as Barbara Foster and Frank Sayers who have set a standard it will be hard to follow. I therefore wish to record the gratitude and thanks of all our readers to them for the many years they have fulfilled the task. I only hope I can manage to maintain the standard they set.

I also wish to place on record our thanks to John and Audrey Taylor, who have undertaken the task of printing and collating the finished document for some years now, and I am most grateful that they have agreed to continue with that task.

As you will instantly see from this edition, the size of the newsletter has been reduced to half the size. This is in an effort to make it cheaper to send through the post to those who have moved away. If any of you know of anyone who would like to receive a copy by post I would be willing to arrange that if you let me have their names and addresses, I know Janet and I very much appreciated receiving a copy during our time living in Rayne.

I would also like to include in the magazine anything you feel able to share with us. For instance, memories of life in past times, perhaps you have some wartime stories to tell, or life in the uniformed organisations, Scouts, Guides etc. I can remember the youth club, and the Cranbrook Park Church just down the road where I am sure some of you worshipped until its closure.

Any family news, including from past members you may still be in touch with. I really would like to develop the pages of our newsletter to reflect life both now and past.

Roy Brunnen.

## **A message from Josie**

Leslie and myself had an invitation to Valentines School for the 3rd December 2009 for the veterans afternoon which the school organise. We were joined by Audrey Runeckles and a friend. This is the third year that we have been invited, once again we had a lovely afternoon.

Lots of tasty nibbles and soft drinks, waited on by the students, including Florence, Amy, and this year Alice. After we were entertained by the students with a very good show. Kings Church choir joined us to sing carols with the students joining in. Finishing with a get together dance, before we headed for home.

JoseJiggins

### **Cast away – for the second time.**

The church fellowship meets on Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8.00 pm in the church parlour. Our speaker will be our organist, Andrew Taylor who will talk about and play the eight pieces of music he would wish to have with him on a desert island. Yes, this is the second time he has been asked to consider this, and he says it will be a completely different selection of music from the previous one. Sounds interesting. Do come along. Refreshments will be served.

Frank Sayers

### **Weekday Meetings.**

Meetings in January were curtailed by the weather. In February there will be Morning Communion on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Evening Prayers on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, and Coffee in the park on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>. Do take part if you can.

### **Barn Dance.**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2010. 7.00 pm to 10.30 pm

An evening of fun and dancing for everyone. Supper included.

Tickets are available from John Higgins or Brian Taylor .

## **Hot Cross Buns at Easter.**

Last year we handed out buns at the bus stop with an Easter message in them. This gave the times of our services over the Easter period. Not only was it good fun for the people who were giving the buns out, it also brought one or two people in to our service on Easter day that otherwise would not have come, had it not been for the buns they were given.

We are doing it again this year on

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.**

If you are able to help on the day please speak to Jo Wright.

## **Junior Church**

We are in need of some volunteers to help in the crèche. If you feel you would like to come on to the rota then please speak to me.

Thanks

Jo Wright

## **The Glories of French Music.**

The New Essex Choral Society will be giving a concert in the church on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm. The programme will include the hauntingly beautiful Requiem for organ, cello and voices by Durufle and Four Motets by the same composer. The organist will be Rebecca Taylor. Tickets priced £10 (£8 concessions) available from Brian Taylor .

## **Rosemary and John at St Andrews.**

An uplifting service of celebration on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November marked the retirement of “The two Vicars” Rosemary and John Enever, after eight years at St Andrews.

The church was packed almost to capacity with people from far and near.

Singers and musicians took part in a service designed to include something for everybody without being a “hotch potch”.

Did “he” play the trumpet voluntary? “He” certainly did.

Revd. Canon Gordon Tarry preached the sermon. How great to see him back at St Andrews where, as curate, he was a good friend to us at the Drive.

A favourite moment was when Cheryl Enever and Johnathan Pugsley sang in German the beautiful duet “A man who can feel love” from Mozart’s opera “The Magic Flute”. See hymns and psalms 788 “Behold the servant of the Lord”.

Those of us who stayed for the feast enjoyed vast quantities of international food. It was brilliantly organised.

According to the back of the service sheet, the Enever’s would be pleased to see any of us in the Exeter area. I just hope not everyone picks the same day.

Susan Ruckes.

# Quiz ??

## The Drive Scout & Guide Group

Saturday 27th February

Doors open at 7 pm

Prompt start at 7.30 pm

Tables of 6 or 8

Tickets £7 including supper

### The Drive Hall

Corner The Drive and Castlevew Gardens

No-alcoholic drinks only

Book your table from

John or Audrey Taylor

Or

Peter or Lorraine Bendon

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The Christmas trees on display were provided and were decorated by groups or individuals. Some groups are connected to the church and others use the premises. There is a wealth of talent and original thought on our doorstep.

If the daytime effect was pleasing, after dark it was magical.

The dancing school provided one of the prettiest trees and during the evening concert it was as if the little dancer decorations came to life.

The music was appropriate, the dancing was skilful and enchanting. I feel privileged, as a member of the church choir, to have shared the “stage” with them.

And the catering! What delicious jacket potatoes and home made soups were available! There was such a choice of the latter, that I wanted to try every one.

For most of the time, there were more people in the refreshment room than in the church. When visitors (or rather, former members) arrived from Norfolk and Kent, there were remarks such as “How did you know” They read the newsletter, I said.

Susan Ruckes.

### **A message from Jo.**

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the refreshments at the Christmas tree festival.

There were lots of names on the rota, which meant people could help as well as enjoy the festival.

We had lots of comments on how delicious the homemade soup was so thanks to all who made it.

Jo Wright.

The collection which was taken for Haven House Hospice at the Christmas Concert raised £158.21.

A message from the Hospice says “On behalf of Haven House Children’s Hospice we would like to thank The Drive Methodist Church for the kind donation”.

## Coast to Coast

In late August and September this year Matthew and I are planning to walk the Coast to Coast path as devised by Alfred Wainwright. This is a walk of just over 190 miles and will take us over two weeks to complete. The walk starts at St Bees in Cumbria and finishes at Robin Hood's bay having passed through three National Parks – Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and North Yorkshire Moors.

**Matthew and I would like to extend an open invitation to anyone in the Church who would like to walk a section or sections of the route to join us. Please let me know.**

Our schedule is as follows:

	From	To	Miles
Saturday 28 August	St Bees	Cleator	8
Sunday 29 August	Cleator	Blacksail	10
Monday 30 August	Blacksail	Rosthwaite	10.75
Tuesday 31 August	Rosthwaite	Grasmere	9.25
Wednesday 1 September	Grasmere	Patterdale	8
Thursday 2 September	Patterdale	Shap	16
Friday 3 September	Shap	Orton	7
Saturday 4 September	Orton	Kirkby Stephen	13
Sunday 5 September	Kirkby Stephen	Keld	12.75
Monday 6 September	Keld	Reeth	11.25
Tuesday 7 September	Reeth	Richmond	10.5
Wednesday 8 September	Richmond	Danby Wiske	15
Thursday 9 September	Danby Wiske*	Ingleby Cross	8
Friday 10 September	Ingleby Cross*	Clay Top Bank	12.25
Saturday 11 September	Clay Top Bank	Blakey	9.25
Sunday 12 September	Blakey	Grosmont	12.25
Monday 13 September	Grosmont	Robin Hoods Bay	16.5

\* Diane is joining us for these two sections

This is a venture which Matthew and I have talked about for some years and we are doing it for our own enjoyment. However, a number of people have suggested that we should invite sponsorship for a good cause. We are very pleased that Anne Dellow has agreed that we can use the walk to raise money for Raysin Hope in memory of Ray. So be warned – we will be round with sponsor forms nearer the time!

Jeremy/Matthew

### **A date for your diary**

**Watch out the BEETLES are coming!!**

**Our annual JMA FAMILY BEETLE DRIVE and TEA will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – 2.30 pm in the drive hall.**

Further details will appear in the March newsletter.

Diane Foster.

### **Support for our Brave Forces Members.**

My cousin's husband is a soldier now based back in England after tours of duty abroad. I have been asked if I would like to provide a shoe box for a soldier abroad, the contents to include varied useful items such as pens, paper, toothpaste, and paper hankies.

I have a number of names and address labels should any member of our congregation wish to support the appeal.

Please ask me for further details. Thank You,

Anne Dellow.

### **A letter seen in Yours Magazine.**

#### **The end is nigh**

I think that The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Has ended is a lovely Hymn, but I felt it was an unfortunate choice to play over the music system in our doctor's waiting room.

Come and join the United Churches of Ilford  
**A Service of Prayer and Worship at**  
**THE DRIVE METHODIST CHURCH,**  
**THE DRIVE, ILFORD**  
**at 2.00 pm**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

Guest Speaker: SISTER JAYNE  
HORSWILL.

*The Worshipful Mayor & Mayoress of Redbridge—*  
**COUNCILLOR THOMAS & MRS. SIM CHAN**

*Local Members of Parliament & Redbridge*  
*Councillors.*

Refreshments and Sale of plants and goods after  
the Service

## FEBRUARY DIARY

Mon	1 <sup>st</sup>	8pm	Church Finance Committee
Tues	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10 am	Morning Communion
Tues	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8 pm	Church Fellowship Meeting
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship
Thu	4 <sup>th</sup>	8 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Creative Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Rev. Stephen Normanton. All age worship</b>
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup>		Women's Fellowship Cancelled
Thu	11 <sup>th</sup>	8 pm	Choir Practice
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>		Pre School term ends
Sat	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Barn Dance
<b>Sun</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Rev. C Watson</b>
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	8 pm	Evening Prayers
Wed	17 <sup>th</sup>	3 pm	Women's Fellowship
Wed	17 <sup>th</sup>	8 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thu	18 <sup>th</sup>	8 pm	Choir Practice
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Coffee in the park, at Gardeners Cottage cafe'. Valentines Mansion.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Mrs R. Luke</b>
Mon	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Pre School term starts
Tue	23 <sup>rd</sup>	1 pm	Church Lunch
Tue	23 <sup>rd</sup>	8 pm	Lenten meeting 1
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup>	3 pm	Women's Fellowship
Thu	25 <sup>th</sup>	8 pm	Church Council
Thu	25 <sup>th</sup>	8 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Rev. Stephen Normanton. Holy Communion</b>

