

The Drive Methodist Church

Newsletter

September 2010

From the Editor

This month we are pleased to welcome our new minister the Reverend. Bernardino Mandlate to the church and circuit. It is always an interesting time for the church family to be getting to know and to some degree understand a new minister, and of course his wife Elizabeth. It must also be a similar feeling for the minister, who has to get to know us and our likes and dislikes regarding services, and I am sure all churches work differently, so he may not have met any congregation quite like ours. I am sure you will make him welcome, and feel at home.

I expect many of you have been away on holiday since the last newsletter was published, and this has of course shown in the drop of numbers attending our services. Welcome back, I hope you had a very restful break, and have returned revitalised and ready to face the autumn and winter months. Let us hope it is less cold and inhospitable than last year.

If you have been away and feel like sharing the experience with our readers please feel free to let me have a few paragraphs telling us of your experiences.

Roy Brunnen.

Family News.

A message from Vi Cole.

I would like to say thank you for the cards and visits I received whilst in Hospital. It was comforting to know your Prayers & thoughts were with me.

Best Wishes, Vi

Birthday

Many happy returns to Theadora Garner on her birthday. We hope you have a happy day and year.

Cradle Roll

Josie Jiggins has been Cradle Roll Secretary for many years but is unable to continue with this work so a replacement is needed. The duties involve presenting the candle at a baptismal service and maintaining appropriate contact with the family afterwards. I would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would be willing to consider taking this appointment.

Brian Taylor

Tradecraft

The Tradecraft table which has always been at the back of the church during the past few years now does not have a shopkeeper. Philippa Normanton was filling this role, but of course will no longer be available. She thinks it will be a bit far to travel from Settle to maintain it. We are therefore appealing to you for a replacement "Shop Manager". If there is no person able to take this task we will have no option but to discontinue this activity. The stock we already have will continue to be sold, but will not be replaced unless someone takes on the task.

If you are interested please speak to one of the Stewards.

Roy Brunnen

Quavers Reunion

It was lovely to have the quavers singing at the farewell service to the Normanton family. Phil & Phyllis Spencer travelled from Dorset and back on the day to make the occasion extra special.

The Quavers may be disappointed that their world tour took them no further than Rugby and Canterbury when Ghana had been suggested. Never mind ! "The Crotchets" haven't gone far beyond ---- Walthamstow.

The Quavers clearly remembered what they had learnt about music and singing. I hope that they will be encouraged to continue in some way.

I have been lucky to be "in the right place at the right time". As a child I listened to Ilford High Road Methodist Choir singing well known anthems and cantatas.

After several house moves, I joined Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Choir in Toronto, Canada. It was there that I learned a lot about choral singing.

I then returned "Temporarily" to England (in 1978) and thanks to Jean Wilson, I joined Ilford Choral Society. This led to tours abroad with London Forest Choir and after a change of employment, joining "The Parliament Choir".

We at the Drive, are so fortunate to have our talented music director, Andrew Taylor, who is well known locally as conductor, organist and solo singer.

Unlike many churches I have been hearing about recently, we have been fortunate to have an appreciative minister, Revd. Stephen Normanton, for which I am extremely grateful.

So my advice to the Quavers is to look for opportunities to sing. – music workshops, scratch performances, etc. You never know when you'll be asked to join a choir tour to St Mark's Venice, Bermuda Cathedral or our own York Minster.

Don't forget the "Small choirs festival" which is to take place here at The Drive next January. (Not Walthamstow this time)

Susan Ruckes.

Join the S.A.S. & Share a skill

Do you want to learn to knit or crochet ?

Use a Sewing Machine ?

Make Special Occasion Cards ?

Are you able to show others how to do these crafts ? If so, please join us on the first Saturday of each Month in the Church Parlour from 10.00am to 12.00

Creative Church is held at the same time. The next few dates are :-

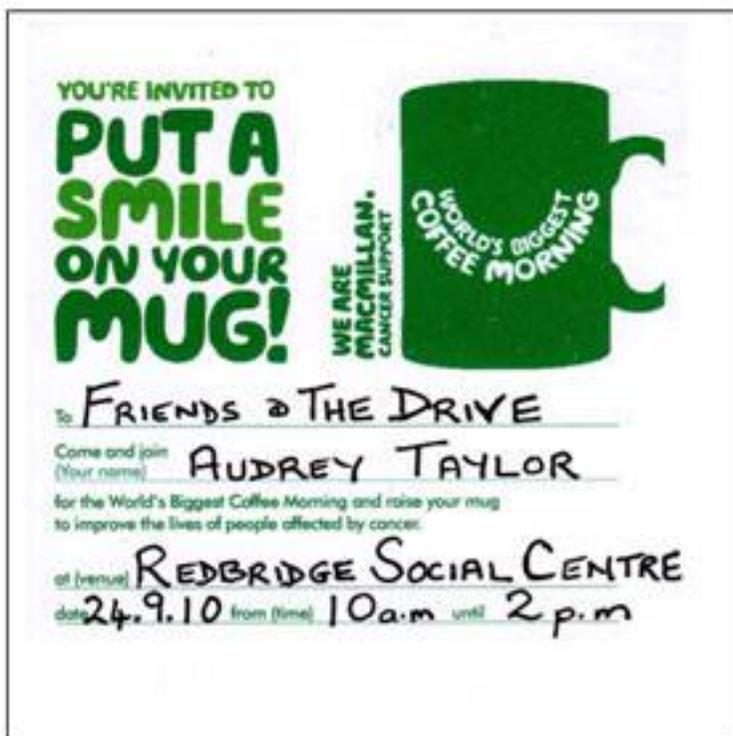
Saturday 2nd October 2010.

Saturday 6th November 2010.

Saturday 4th December 2010.

There will be a voluntary contribution of £2.00 per session. (This will help to pay for materials. All are welcome,

Janet Wragg.



Autumn Fayre 50 – 50 Stall

Do you have any items you no longer need and want to Sell?. Would you be prepared to share the proceeds with the church?. If so the 50-50stall at the Autumn Fayre is for you. Please contact Brian Taylor soon with offers so that they can be priced and catalogued well before sale day. Arrangements can be made to collect larger items.

Brian Taylor.

Our Harvest service will be on Sunday 3rd October

Please bring your gifts, fruit, vegetables, packeted and tinned goods to the Church on **Saturday October 2nd between 10.00am and 12 noon.** All gifts will be gratefully received.

Catherine Sayers.

Harvest Lunch

A list will be put up at the back of the church on **Sunday 12th September,** and will be closed after the morning service on **Sunday 19th September.** Please add your name to the list if you would like to come. Vegetarian options will be available.

Catherine Sayers.

Church Fellowship

The church fellowship met informally at 21 Lakeside Avenue in August. There were 14 of us and we had a very pleasant evening together and look forward to the 2010-2011 session. We have the programme for the Autumn meeting already fixed and hope that you will be interested enough to come along.

The 2010/2011 session of the church fellowship starts on Tuesday October 5th in the church parlour, when our good friend The Reverend Marie Segal, newly installed at St Andrews will come and talk to us.

SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP NEWS

We have been busy during the summer break decorating the main hall of the Rodings – the Scout & Guide Activity Centre in Roding Lane South. Those of you who attended the Church Picnic in July will no doubt have seen the hall which has been sadly lacking a coat of paint since we clad the walls in MDF board to stop the damage to the original plasterboard covering. This has been a great success but now is the time to smarten up the place.

We shall only be able to complete the main hall before the end of the summer break which leaves the toilets, kitchen and back hall to complete, possibly in the next half term. There is also a lot of ongoing external work which will need to be completed as soon as we are able so we are going to organise a work weekend – obviously avoiding the dates of Jerry's Church work mornings which he has already published.

The Rodings is well used. There is a Montessori pre-school there 5 mornings and 3 afternoons a week, the 12th Ilford Scouts use it for Beaver, Cub and Scout meetings three evenings a week and we have occasional children's birthday parties at weekends. Of course we meet down there during the summer months and at any time when the programme demands an outdoor activity. With such a lot of use we expect there to be a need to redecorate more frequently! Any volunteers?

In the July Newsletter we were not confident of being able to keep the Brownie Section open because of lack of leaders. We set ourselves the target of finding a new leadership team by the end of the summer break in September and, fingers crossed and not wishing to jeopardise the situation, we think we may have succeeded. No more for now – we just hope to be able to spread some good news in October.

John Taylor

THE ACTION FOR CHILDREN SLIDES EVENING

Catherine and Frank will be presenting another viewing evening in aid of the work **ACTION FOR CHILDREN** (FORMERLY THE NATIONAL CHILDRENS HOME) With the help of Mike Seviour. This will be on Saturday October 23rd beginning at 7.00pm. As before we can promise you a varied selection of places visited and events witnessed, provided by our intrepid band of digital photographers.

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



Put the date in your diary now
Saturday 13th November 2010
The Drive Autumn Fayre
Don't dare miss it - get involved

Meet the Members of the Congregation

At the suggestion of one of our members I am trying to include in each edition of our newsletter a short piece by a member of our church family giving us a taste of who they are and what they do.

This Month Hilary Stevens has kindly agreed to kick it off and her submission follows. I do urge all of you to write a piece for future editions, and I will include them one by one. If I need to I will approach a member each Month to do a bit for us, This should encourage us all to appreciate the lives of people who join us at Church Services and activities. It will also enable us to know them a little better.

Roy Brunnen.

What I do during the week.

I have worked for what is now the Integrated Health Service at Barking for 18 years since I was made redundant from my first career as a Legal Executive. That was at the time of the previous recession in 1992. The sexual health clinic at Barking had just opened and as soon as we opened we started to see the first patients with HIV/AIDS. In the early years of the clinic we lost a large number of patients, many of them young, to HIV related complications, whereas now the medication has improved to such an extent that HIV is regarded not as a terminal illness, as it was, but a chronic illness which cannot be cured but can be controlled. I have seen all the interesting developments in medication over the years from the days when the patients had to take huge a number of tablets a day to today when only one tablet a day is generally needed. The long term effects of the medication are not known, and new medication is constantly being brought in to counter resistance, but on the whole things liik very upbeat. We now have about 600 HIV patients under our care at Barking and also look after the pregnant HIV positive women. Provided they and their baby receive the proper care there is no need for the baby to be born HIV positive. In addition to dealing with HIV we diagnose and treat sexually transmitted diseases (which are hugely on the increase) and supply family planning.

I have done all the various forms of admin in the clinic and mainly now do the secretarial work. It has been a most interesting field to work in as is evidenced by the fact that I am still working on after retirement !.

I am very fortunate to have had 2 such interesting jobs in my working life.

Hilary Stevens.

The Gift

The gift that we have is a lifetime
The wrapping is there to unfold
And the box is packed full with surprises
It's a wonderful sight to behold.

Take care how you open the box though
For delicate things are inside
Such as years of joy and tears of heartache
Love, Passion, Ambition and Pride.

Each gift should be marked this is fragile
For that is how life sometimes seems
When your hopes and ambitions are thwarted
And you cannot fulfil all your dreams

Just take from the box what is needed
The rest you should leave well alone
For the one thing you have in abundance
Is a love of this life that you own.

Submitted by Josie Jiggins.

An Evening with African Flavours.

Where. Barking Methodist Church.
London Road, Barking. IG11 8AL

When Saturday 11th September 2010.

Time 5pm to 8pm

Admission Free Donations go to Satellite Village Orphanage In Ghana.

Slide Show + African Dance + African Food +
Photo Exhibition + Cultural Exhibition.

Sponsored by Ghanain Methodist Fellowship

September Diary

Wed	1st	7.30pm	Service of welcome for Revd Stephen Pool (Superintendent) Revd Bernardo Mandlate (Minister) Revd Shameela Jameelee (Minister)
Sun	5th	10.45am	Morning Service led by Revd. Mandlate
		6.30pm	Evening Service led by Revd. Mandlate
Tue	7 th		Pre School Term starts
Thu	9 th	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Sun	12th	10.45am	Morning Service led by Mrs Luke
Mon	13 th	8.00pm	Circuit Meeting. BH
Wed	15 th	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship
		8.00pm	Autumn Fayre planning meeting
Thu	16 th	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Fri	17 th	10.00am	Church coffee morning in Gardeners Cafe, Valentines Mansion.
Sun	19th	10.45am	Morning Service & Holy Communion Led by Revd. Mandlate
Mon	20 th		Pre School management committee
Tue	21 st	1.00pm	Church Lunch in the Church Parlour.
Wed	22 nd	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship
		8.00pm	Church Life Committee
Thu	23 rd	8.00pm	Choir Practice.
Sat	25 th	10.00am	Church Work Morning
Sun	26th	10.45am	Church Arrangement.
Mon	27 th	8.00pm	Church Pastoral Committee.
Wed	29 th	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship.
		8.00pm	Property committee meeting.



Seen outside a church
There are some questions
that can't be answered by
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