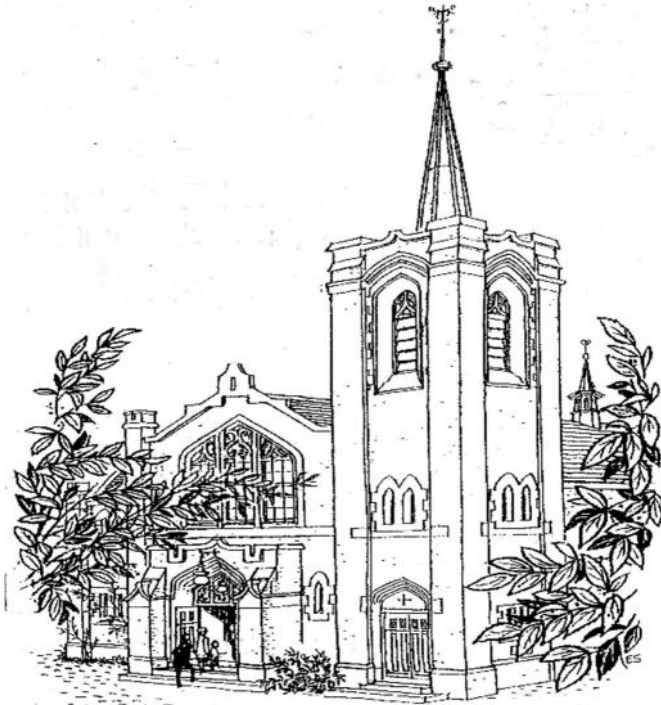


# The Drive Methodist Church

Newsletter  
September 2021



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**Website: [www.drive-methodist.church](http://www.drive-methodist.church)**

Church Mission Statement  
of  
The Drive Methodist Church

The Drive Methodist Church aims to be faithful to the commandments of Jesus, and the calling of the Methodist Church.

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission, and to fulfil the promises detailed in the Methodist worship book.

Provide a weekly opportunity for all people to worship God in Christ, here at The Drive Methodist Church.

Enable people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care.

Be a good neighbour to the immediate and wider community. Sharing our faith with others through pastoral care, church activities and communication.

Our Minister Mmasape is currently on leave.

As the world struggles out of the Covid crisis, so many areas of our beautiful planet have been hit by devastating political and natural disasters causing loss of life, land and liberty. Please pray for those in trouble.

### A statement and prayer on the Afghanistan crisis

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference offer the following statement regarding the crisis in Afghanistan.

The Taliban's advance in Afghanistan has taken place more quickly than anyone predicted. Over the past few days we have received distressing reports about the situation in Kabul, as well as across the country.

Following our military involvement, the UK bears a heavy responsibility towards the people of Afghanistan and must act to support all who fear for their future and seek asylum. Over the course of this conflict, members of our churches have been supporting those who have been forced to flee and at this critical time our response must be one of compassion and generosity. As Members of Parliament are recalled, we hope that there might be an unequivocal guarantee to support those seeking asylum, and that broad and accessible routes to the UK are created for those seeking sanctuary from Afghanistan.

Methodist chaplains have served members of our Armed Forces in Afghanistan over the past 20 years and we are mindful of them and of all who bear the scars of this conflict. We remember particularly those still serving, veterans,

civilian colleagues and their families for whom the current situation in Afghanistan may be evoking difficult memories.

Our hearts go out to women in Afghanistan who have taken the opportunity to lead in many ways, making contributions in their communities, business and politics. They now fear that these freedoms will be reversed. We call on all governments everywhere to uphold the empowerment of women and to ensure that the new government in Afghanistan maintains the freedoms that have been gained in recent years.

In the face of uncertainty in Afghanistan and the region we know that many will want to join us in prayer.

Revd Sonia Hicks, President of the Methodist Conference  
Barbara Easton, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference

### A Prayer for Afghanistan

The Prophet says, you know the plans I have for you, says the Lord; plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to offer you hope and a future. Gracious and Holy God,

We come to you with the situation in Afghanistan heavy on our hearts. It is a situation so complicated, and so fast moving, that it is difficult for us to know what to say or how to think.

We hold before you the people of the country, those who stay and those who flee; those living with terror and afraid for the future; those who, because of this latest turn of events, will never be able to live the fullness of life that is your purpose. We hold all this before you.

We hold open to you the future: the world leaders with a role in shaping what happens next; the many who are becoming refugees and the people who will be called upon to offer them

safety and a future; the impact of these local events on our world story. We hold all this open to you.

We hold in your love all those known to us whose lives have been bound up in the recent story of Afghanistan. We think of all those who have served there in our Armed Forces, those who were injured and those who did not return. We hold in our hearts all those for whom this is a time of special grieving and confusion, and those who minister to them. We hold all these in your love.

Rock of ages, at this difficult time we lean into your timelessness.

Turn us, and all people, to your good purposes for your world. Grant courage and wisdom, hope and a future.

Amen

Barbara Easton, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference

We hear from Christian Leaders in Haiti

Both earthquakes the last one that hit Haiti in 2010 and the one only three days old took everybody by surprise but for different reasons. The January 12 earthquake in 2010 surprised us because Haitians had become unaccustomed to the idea of earthquakes. Before 2010, the last major earthquake that hit Haiti dated back to 1842. People had forgotten what an earthquake looked like. That alone caused many to perish in the 2010 earthquake.

The recent earthquake surprised us in a different way: No one expected the country to get hit again within such a short

time. At a time when the nation is licking its wounds wounds inflicted by the emergence of the Delta variant of COVID-19, by the political uncertainty in which the nation has been plunged by the recent assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, by all sorts of social and political unrest an earthquake within 11 years of the 2010 devastating earthquake was the last thing that we expected to befall Haiti!

But we Haitians are very resilient. Despite everything that happens to us, the average Haitian remains steadfast in his belief that “Bondye bon” (“God is good”). That makes it relatively easy for the church to maintain the fact that God is perfectly good, almighty, and all-knowing while at the same time allowing evil and suffering in the world.

But the church is aware of the truth of this saying: “People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” Hence the emphasis the church puts on ministering to the Haitian people in the midst of the direst disasters that hit the country. Even people who are most hostile to the church acknowledge her positive impact on Haitian society, especially during times of national catastrophe.

Help us by praying for:

- J Safe transportation of humanitarian relief and equitable distribution of help to all the victims.
- J Powerful witness of Christian compassion during the crisis.
- J Generous contributions to arrive in a timely fashion for rebuilding, including for damaged churches.
- J Limited greed and misuse of funds and relief materials.
- J Vision and political will for local authorities so they seek primarily the welfare of the people.
- J Political breakthrough and stability through meaningful negotiations among political groups and civil society so

that the nation can go forward after the assassination of the president.

- J That credible and experienced citizens in-country and in the diaspora are raised and find visibility as potential political leaders for the nation.
- J Protection from rain and tropical storm that are expected this week.

Please offer thanks for:

- J Lives spared because the earthquake happened during daytime.
- J Communications networks did not go down and information was able reach the outside world quickly.
- J Major Christians organizations like Compassion, World Vision, Federation of Protestant Churches, and the Haiti Evangelical Fellowship of Churches.

The Mediterranean region is currently experiencing its worst heatwave in decades, while the fire outbreak since July has continued to spread to more countries and to burn larger areas, the firefighting operations are mobilizing additional resources in attempts to contain the fires.

We pray for those affected by the raging wildfires in Turkey, Greece, Italy & Spain and give thanks for the brave firefighters and volunteers from the Red Cross societies in the affected countries who are providing support to affected populations.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

We offer our thoughts and prayers for ...

Our condolences to the friends and family of Henry Wartemberg who sadly died after contracting Covid 19.

Peter Sharp, who after treatment at St Georges Tooting and King Georges hospitals has now returned home but remains vulnerable.

Frank Sayers, who remains at home with lots of help from carers and his lovely family. Franks friends were so pleased to see him in church recently and hope that he manages to come along more often.

Kathleen Taylor who recently has had a slight improvement in her health.

Brian Taylor who is feeling a little weary.

Michelle, Thea and their family who are grieving having said goodbye to Elise, a much loved mum and grandma.

Lola who has broken her toe (ouch!) and is managing with a leg support and crutches.

Mmasape, who is taking compassionate leave.

Some of you may remember Betty Redgrave who was one of the kindest and most caring of people. Betty lived for many years with her husband Fred in Castleview Gardens and was on the playgroup staff team for many years. The children loved ' Auntie Betty'. When Betty's health failed, she went to live in Peterborough with her daughter Jean. This week I learned that Betty aged 94 died peacefully at home on 6<sup>th</sup> August.

Let us remember Betty's family in our prayers.

Sending our prayers and best wishes to you all. LB

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## Could you volunteer at Synod?

This September's Synod will be held in-person at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster and as such we are looking for volunteers to help make sure it all goes smoothly. If you are available on Saturday 18 September and able to volunteer as a general assistant / steward / scrutineer, we would love to hear from you.

Contact the team via [admin@methodistlondon.org.uk](mailto:admin@methodistlondon.org.uk) or call us on 020 3880 1388.

## A memorial service and a rededication

On Sunday 25 July 2021 A Memorial Service was held - remembering all those who faithfully served in the church at Grange Hill and who now have passed.

Despite the thunderstorms and flooding, a good number of people, including former members of Grange Hill Methodist Church, those involved with the Project and Circuit members, attended the Memorial Service held at Grange Hill. The service was led by Deacon Andy Packer, and prayers for those who had passed and of intercession, were led by the Superintendent Revd Bernardino Mandlate.

The Service was a celebration of those who had served the Lord at Grange Hill, and who are no longer with us, and the Memorial Rose Bed which had been replanted during the lockdown was rededicated.

**(words by Jackie Saito - Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit)**



♪ Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you.

Happy Birthday lovely people, Happy Birthday to you

Belated birthday wishes to John Higgins 23<sup>rd</sup> August ,  
Renyl Selwyn 24th August and Doreen Larney 26th August

6th September - Justyna Jastrzebska and Jaiden Henry  
will be eating cake

7th September- when Thea Garner will be celebrating her  
20<sup>th</sup> birthday!

28th September - Anne Dellow is the birthday girl

Wishing Andrew a long, happy and fulfilling Retirement

**Congratulations and best wishes to you all**



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Well done to all the talented athletes who took part in the Tokyo Olympics and congratulations to the GB athletes for their extraordinary efforts



### A Prayer for 9/11

On the Anniversary of 9/11, we call on your spirit to empower us to shape a world marked by ways of life that lead to justice and peace.

we are still aware of the fear and violence that has permeated our world since September 11, 2001.

as we pray in remembrance of that tragic day, help us to be people of non-violence and hope.

form us into a people that can heal wounds rather than inflict them

we ask this in the name of Jesus who came along to show us the way

Amen

Sisters of Mercy Hermanas de la Misericordia



## *Hello from the Flower Arrangers.*

Janet, Ruth, Anne and Lorraine are happy to receive requests for flowers in church to commemorate any special events in your families. Do please look at the rota at the back of the church for our contact numbers.

We are pleased to inform you that where possible we will be using wire to support the arrangements in church instead of Oasis which is not biodegradable.

If you would like to have a go at simple flower arranging, we will be happy to arrange a small workshop event.

Janet, Ruth, Anne, Lorraine

## *A Message from Andrew*

I would like to pay tribute to our choir members, who week by week since we have been back in church have been leading the singing of hymns. For many weeks, we were the only ones allowed to sing, and we have all found this a challenge. Our singing voices are out of practice and singing in a group of six two metres apart from everyone else is a rather solitary experience!

We've also kept a choir going during August, which would not happen in "normal" times. In the spirit of things getting back into a routine, I have planned choir practice dates for the next year. However, as I've said before, we now have an opportunity not just to press the "restart" button, but also the "reset" one, so I'm going to be working with all the church's musicians to see how we can use a variety of music in the future of worship at The Drive. I'll have a little more time to devote to this, because as many of you know, I have taken (slightly early!) retirement from teaching...

Our services would certainly have been bleak without yours and the choir's dedication Andrew. LB



So, what's it like sitting in Mr. Wesley's chair?

To sit in Mr. Wesley's chair is to bring all the skills of ministry into a grander setting but it is still seeking to be true to the God who is forever faithful.

Before I was inducted as President of the Methodist Conference, I had attended the Methodist Council and had read most of the nine-hundred-page agenda. That certainly meant less work just before Conference itself although I did re-read the agenda before heading off to Birmingham. I had been drafting the Presidential Address since January and asked a couple of friends to read it and give me any amendments or additions that they thought might be necessary. So, thank you to Novette Headley and Tony Malcolm!

I was told that it was important to preside in Mr. Wesley's chair not to 'chair' the Conference. What's the difference, you may ask? Well, the Secretary of the conference does all the hard work and the person presiding takes all the credit! Finally, you pray really hard before, during and after each session. You ask those around you to pray and you trust that God will fill you with wisdom.

Beforehand, the task of being President seemed overwhelming, daunting. People told me that I had a bad case of 'imposter' syndrome. I think I still do!

Before I became a Presbyterian, I worked in a local branch of the TSB Bank. It was my first 'proper' job after leaving school. I served customers, I carried out the background admin tasks, I balanced the till and I made copious amounts of tea. Then, I applied for a position in the new branch, which was to be in Lombard Street, the very heart of the city of London. This was to be a flagship of excellence. Only the very best would be employed to work there and I was thrilled when I was selected. But when I got there, I was simply another bank clerk. I served the customers, I balanced the till, I performed background admin tasks and I continued to make copious amounts of tea. The surroundings were different but I carried out the same roles that I had done in the Brixton branch of the bank.

So, sitting in Mr Wesley's chair requires from me the same skillset that God has honed in me as presbyter in Pastoral Charge of Neasden Methodist Church or Burnham Methodist Church. I am still one of Mr. Wesley's helpers. In Circuit ministry, I try to prepare sermons bringing my experience of God's love and grace to the fore. In chair meetings, I commit everything and everyone to prayer and I trust that God will carry me through.

To sit in Mr. Wesley's chair is to bring all the skills of ministry into a grander setting but it is still seeking to be true to the God who is forever faithful.

The Revd Sonia Hicks,

President of the Methodist Conference, 2021-22





## Memories from Josie Jiggins

Josie's involvement with helping the young people in the church started a long time before she came to The Drive.

She used to attend a church in The Drive which is no longer there now (she thinks it is where Whitfield Court is now). A lady in the Sunday School who ran the 3–5-year-old group was standing down so Josie agreed to take it on and she really enjoyed that. She would make it like a little party with eats and drinks and then the Mums would come and collect them.

Sometime after Josie moved to The Drive Methodist, she agreed to help out in other ways. She ran the church crèche for a number of years and Ruth was one of her many volunteers. When they did the crèche together, in addition to caring for the children, they found it was also a great opportunity to put the world to rights while listening to the sermon on the loudspeaker. Josie remembers having twin girls for quite a while where one was always very good and the other one always cried.

In addition to this, she became the Cradle Roll Secretary at The Drive. When a new baby arrived, Josie would visit the family at home to take an interest in them. She would then have a role at the Christening where, at a certain stage in the service, she would have to say 6 words and give the parents a lighted candle. She always found it incredibly daunting when it was her time to speak. She would light the candle then turn round and see all these faces looking at her. She managed it, but it was not something that came naturally to her.

She used to visit the Mums after the Christening as well and remembers visiting Priya when Rochelle was tiny which was delightful. One Mum told her the reason they started coming to church was because she visited them.

She always enjoyed her involvement with the children but was happy to hand over to Janet Wragg at the right moment.



In addition to the above, she took part in one of the plays that Barbara Foster arranged for the Drama Group. She played one of a number of women in prison - not exactly type casting! During the other plays, Josie would help with the refreshments and Barbara always insisted that everyone should be quiet during a performance, so they were not allowed to wash up until after the performance.

*Lots of memories Josie, I remember you visiting my daughter Kelly and her children following their baptisms, one of whom has just got married! Everyone enjoyed a visit from Josie. LB*



Brian's Musings.....

"I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it"  
Harry S Truman

"It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to open one's mouth and remove all doubt." Abraham Lincoln

## **Church Notices...Oops!**

Ladies are requested not to have children in the church kitchen.

The organist invites anyone who enjoys sinning to volunteer for the choir.

Bring & share church supper: Prayer and medication will follow.

## LET US PRAY

Creator God,  
Forgive our moments of ingratitude,  
the spiritual blindness that prevents us from  
appreciating the wonder that is this world,  
the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth.  
Forgive us for taking without giving, reaping without sowing.  
Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, our hands to share.  
May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread,  
and our footsteps be worthy of following, for they lead to you.  
Amen

### Christian Message Service

Did anyone find anything suitable to replace the previous Christian Message Service? Not sure what I'm on about? (see August Issue for details)

### TDY PICNIC IN THE PARK



TDY, team leaders, and families enjoyed meeting up in Valentines Park and catching up. There was a lot of fun and laughter and it was good to see everyone together again.

As we are nearly in September, we wish all our young people good luck as they start school, apprenticeships, college and university. Our prayers, love and God's blessings go with all of you.

We would also like to wish Andrew all the best for a very happy retirement. September will have a very different feeling from now on! Whoo hoo!

Jo

A lovely afternoon was spent together in Valentines Park chatting, playing and catching up with everyone's news while eating our picnics.

A hot topic was exam results for many of the TDY group and lots of good news was shared.

Thanks to Jo for organising it. LB

At the picnic, Thea took some photos and a particular photo moved Oli to write:

The picture Thea captured of the church youth having fun together in the park was a moment achieved through the work of older generations of church members who have made The Drive Methodist Church what it is today; enabling us to continue being a welcoming and supportive community.

Through the power of God and a commitment to His word, we are able to thrive and grow. This is reflected in the success of our young people who have been making achievements in their studies and career goals and aspirations. All the while, they continue to express their thoughtfulness and care for others through their commitment to raising money for charity in fun and unique ways.

We pray that we may see the success and the growth of our church community continue to thrive for generations to come, in Jesus' name.

Amen

Thank you Oli for taking the time to share your thoughts. LB

Here's a blast from the past from Anne

## The 60's Leaving Full Time Education

Art comes in many forms but for me the 'Art' that inspired me, involved a hairbrush which gave me the skills that would take me forward in ways I could never have imagined at the tender age of sixteen.

I found the following account which was written around the early 80s.

In 1961 my failure to get a place in the GCE Art class led to me to find a substitute for the artistic capabilities I longed to have. My Saturday job in a local hair salon suddenly became more interesting when I was praised for a style I created for a young colleague. I decided to think seriously about leaving school earlier than planned as I was very unhappy. My mum went to see my headmistress who was appalled to think that I wanted to give up my education and remarked;

"If there is another war what Anne would do with hairdressing" I remember my mum saying, "We hope there never will be another War"

With poor exam results that year Miss Shaw decided that I could leave the John Howard Grammar School in Hackney.


My first thought was to get a job in a salon in the west end of London where Sixties fashion was taking over from post war fifties styles. Following a discussion with my parents I decided to accept the full-time job that my Saturday employer offered

me, it seemed a good idea as I could walk to work and avoid travel costs.

In August 1961 my parents signed my apprenticeship papers that confirmed I would be taught hairdressing over a period of three years for £2.10 shillings (£2.50p) for a 52-hour week to include one hour lunch breaks.

After three years I would be a fully qualified hairstylist and proceed to work for a further two years as an Improver. I remember my mum remarking upon the shabby papers she had to sign. I took little notice as I could not wait to get started on my chosen career.

Although I was used to the long hours I worked on a Saturday, the reality of it all struck me at 3.30pm on that first day of my working life as I would have been walking home from school at that time, instead I had another two and a half hours to work. It was an eternity, and we rarely got the hour for lunch as promised and I remember feeling so tired as we were not allowed to sit down in the salon. Were it not for my passion to learn and to use my skills in the new world of fashion, I probably would have joined my friends in secretarial work. I was sixteen and had a long way to go yet as study books made way for cleaning duties.

The salon was very old, it  had seen better days and faced the hospital where I was born and almost died, but fate dictated my path through life and 'Maison Black' was to give me my first experience of it.

Cleaning, teamaking, laundry and errands took up most of my day and in the winter, it was my job to go outside to collect a

bucket of coal and make up the fire. Central heating was unheard of in the east end and Maison Blacks was no different to any other business. Shops were cold places, and we knew no different.

Occasionally I was asked to shampoo a client's hair and I felt so pleased with myself when I was told how well I had done. Sometimes clients would give me threepence or sixpence tip. In a good week I could take about 10 shillings (50p) in tips.

We had two senior stylists Iris and Barbara, they were in their twenties and newly married. They were very popular with the clients as their skills were excellent but confined to the pre-war waves and curls.

There were perm clubs and the women would pay in about one shilling a week and given a number. If their number was pulled out of the box that week, they would have their perm. I remember when a client pulled out a number that gave her the nearest week to Christmas, she was so happy with that. Mr Black had their money coming in all through the year, his salon was so popular that on Saturdays the women would queue all the way up the stairs as he never took appointments.

One Saturday the boiler broke down and he told me to go and fill the bath with water, I turned on the tap and left it to fill up, then I heard him yelling, he was so angry as I had turned on the hot tap and the tank had emptied. I am smiling at the memory, but I never smiled that day!

We had a young Saturday girl and there was a rumour that Mr Black had been too familiar with her and her parents came to

the salon. Whatever they discussed must have settled the issue as she continued working there. I remember Mrs Black being so upset and saying that there had been a mistake. As shy as I was if he had tried to treat me in that way, I would have left the salon.

Mr Black was a taskmaster, and we hardly ever got a lunch break on a Saturday. Iris and Barbara would sometimes eat their lunch in the salon as they worked. We started work at 7am on Saturday and at about 2pm one day when I had not been able to go for a break, I felt faint and on the spur of the moment I rang home and my dad answered so I moaned to him. I never gave a thought that my dad would come to the shop and within about 15 minutes I heard someone say, "Annes' dad is downstairs" Mr Black was livid, he never went down to face my dad but immediately told me to go for my lunch. I ran down to see my dad and told him that I was going to have my lunch. My dad wanted to go and see him but I assured him that it was ok.

My dad loved me so much but in those days our mums would sort out problems, but wherever mum was that day, my dear dad was not going to stand by and do nothing. I would like to have seen Mr Black next to my dad as my dad was over six feet tall and my boss was much shorter. I had my lunch in the staffroom and Mr Black ignored me for the rest of the day.

The stylists began to let us younger ones try out styles on one another. At home I practised on my mum, nan and aunts and I was beginning to become accomplished with the scissors. One day a regular client came in with her daughter who was the same age as myself, Iris asked the girl if she would like me to cut her hair and I was so pleased when she agreed and

asked me for a 'Feather cut.' Linda became my first client, best friend and eventually Godmother to my daughter. We are friends to this day.

Large rollers, steel combs and backcombing were taking place of curling rods, pins and finger waves. Hair Lacquer came in large bottles and we had to pour it into plastic bottles that were squeezed in order to release the gluey substance that was sprayed onto the hair to keep it in place.

Rather than brush their new bouffant styles out, the women would apply more lacquer each day to keep their hair in place, consequently on their next visit we would have to try to wash this glue out of their hair.

Shops closed at 1pm on Thursdays and on one of those days Mr Black took us to see his new bungalow in North London, it was beautiful and stood on a lot of land. Iris and Barbara used to say they, "bought his new bungalow, as they worked so hard for him"

TO BE CONTINUED .....



*Anne, I remember that awful hair lacquer, it was like varnish!*

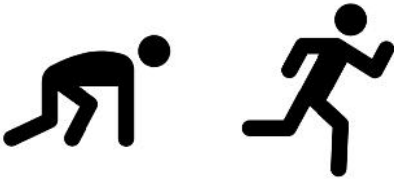
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What gets wetter, the more it dries.....a towel!

## What's Happening ?



If you wish to support Rochelle who is running for Cancer Research, she will be happy to receive donations directly or via <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/rochelle-race-for-life>



## News of meetings from Jan and John

The Bible Reading Group will meet at 11.00am on Friday September 24<sup>th</sup> in the Gardeners Café in Valentines Park where , over a cup of coffee John 3 will be discussed.

Church friends also meet up for coffee and a chat on Wednesdays at around 11am. but monthly on Fridays, there is the added bonus of the Bible Study.

If its September it must mean Coffee Mornings!

A chance to socialise!

Please join me at the

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**10:30am to 1pm**

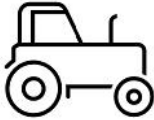
**In the Conservatory**

**Redbridge Social Centre**

Audrey Taylor

**We've missed the Macmillan Fundraisers so let's support  
Audrey**

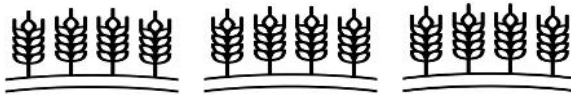
## Harvest Festival 26<sup>th</sup> September



Do please bring your gifts of food along to church on Saturday morning 25<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am.

Alternatively, they can be offered during the Sunday service along with any monetary gifts.

All food products will be given to the Redbridge Food Bank and gifts of money will be given for the work of the Whitechapel Mission.



The following items are needed for food bank donations. Please follow this list for Harvest donations:

- ) Coffee (100gm jars)
- ) Tinned Fish
- ) Tinned Fruit
- ) Tinned Spaghetti
- ) Pasta Sauce
- ) Long Life Milk
- ) Jam/Spreads
- ) Custard/Rice pudding
- ) Shampoo
- ) Shower Gel
- ) Toothpaste

## General Food Collection

Please remember to support our Foodbank as pressure on families will increase.

If you can't get to the depot in Ilford, do use our collection box at church.

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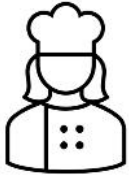
## What is Climate Sunday?



The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow on 31 October – 12 November 2021

The Climate Sunday initiative is calling on all local churches across Great Britain & Ireland to hold a climate-focused service on any Sunday before COP26 (November 2021). So far over 1,000 churches have joined in, could your church add its voice this year?

What do you think, could The Drive take up this challenge, what are the thoughts of the young people in our church?



## Cooks Corner

### GROWN UP JELLY

In the Bendon house we enjoy 'grown up jelly' this is simply jelly cubes melted with a little boiling water and topped up with juice or sparking drinks and frozen fruit. For example, cranberry or grape juice works well with strawberry or raspberry jelly, while pineapple or apple juice is good with lemon or orange jelly ...you get the idea?

The addition of the frozen fruit not only makes the jelly more delicious; it also sets the jelly very quickly. Very handy if you need a quick dessert.

## DID YOU KNOW?

There is a Ghanaian Fellowship on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
12.30pm at Barking.

There is a Zimbabwean Fellowship every Sunday 2.00pm at  
Old Dagenham

### Covid News

From this week people who are double jabbed or under 18 are no longer legally required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. The change is part of the government's step 4 of the roadmap out of lockdown.

Instead of self-isolating, those who are double jabbed and under 18s identified as close contacts of positive coronavirus cases are being advised to get a free PCR test as soon as possible. Anyone who may not be vaccinated for specific reasons is also exempt from self-isolation.

It remains important to continue to:

- ) wash your hands regularly
- ) wear a face covering when using public transport or in crowded spaces
- ) meet others in outdoor spaces wherever possible
- ) get tested regularly.

Appointments for vaccinations are available between 4pm to 7pm and can be booked by calling the free phone line 0800 038 59 29.

PCR testing sites for those with COVID-19 symptoms

Gants Hill Library Car Park - Please visit the [Gants Hill Library testing centre page](#) for full information on getting tested.

Charteris Car Park -Please visit the [Charteris Car Park testing centre page](#) for full information on getting tested.

Both sites are open seven-days-a-week and walk-ins are available.

# All About Apples Word Search

Find and circle the 20 apple-related words running horizontally, vertically, or diagonally in this fun fall word puzzle.

G P K R K L Z V L D E E L N J V S Q  
N A I Y Z P Y W E H P R K L C A E A  
A B L P C G D L O G A N O J I R E E  
P P I A N F I A F R G S B C J I D F  
K E P E V C I J B F S V M G U E S I  
X Q F L I B U D J V Y J B V F T W R  
B D N O E I G S R E D I C S D I Q M  
Y B U K C S G F K F D T K Y L E P T  
I S C Y L H A M C F B R H P F S T S  
H V K Y R U G U K I U K A Y R T G E  
B U S H E L E Y C I R S H H F B X V  
A T I P N Q Z F R E L C R N C R A R  
P A X K I O I G T E N L P M L R P A  
C C F L H N I H E U I Y A Q B N O H  
K O N M R J M P R S T E M D X Q Z D  
G R W U W N J C N K G V O D D M U Q  
D C M N C S J Y U Y G W M N L E R B  
X E A U Z N U T R I T I O U S J R L

Applesauce	Delicious	Jonagold	Peel
Bushel	Firm	Juicy	Pie
Cider	Fuji	Ladder	Seeds
Core	Gala	Nutritious	Stem
Crunchy	Harvest	Orchard	Varieties

Find more printables for children at [scholastic.com/parents/activities-and-printables](http://scholastic.com/parents/activities-and-printables)

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Are you filling a box for the Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal?



Here are some Gift Suggestions:

Toys - A football and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc.

School Supplies - Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

Hygiene Items - Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel, sponge etc.

Other Items - Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc.

Don't forget to include a £5 administration cost in the box or send online.



Let's Sing... ♪ ♪ ♪

here's one from The Drive Songbook

Jesus is the name we honour;  
Jesus is the name we praise.  
Majestic Name above all other names,  
The highest heaven and earth proclaim  
That Jesus is our God.

We will glorify,  
We will lift Him high,  
We will give Him honour and praise.  
We will glorify,  
We will lift Him high,  
We will give Him honour and praise.

Jesus is the name we worship;  
Jesus is the name we trust.  
He is the King above all other kings,  
Let all creation stand and sing  
That Jesus is our God.

Jesus is the Father's splendour;  
Jesus is the Father's joy.  
He will return to reign in majesty,  
And every eye at last shall see  
That Jesus is our God. Phil Lawson Johnston

## Helplines and Support

) Christians Against Poverty (CAP) provides free debt help and local community groups across the UK. Our free services, run with local churches, provide practical and emotional support and show people that there is always hope.

Ilford CAP Debt Centre is run in partnership with City Gates Church. Call 0800 328 0006 to speak to a debt coach.

) Concerned about a rough sleeper? Tell someone. If you want to tell us about someone sleeping rough, you can contact Street Link on 0300 500 0914 who will take note of all the information that you provide and arrange for the rough sleeper to get access to local services and support.

) Victim Support\_ 08 08 16 89 111 is here to help anyone affected by crime. We are here just to support you. Freephone [www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/get-help/support-near-you/east-england/essex](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/get-help/support-near-you/east-england/essex)

) Mind for Mental Health Support Infoline: 03001233393 Email: [info@mind.org.uk](mailto:info@mind.org.uk)

) Samaritans now has the free telephone number.

You can talk to Samaritans on the phone whatever you are going through. Calls are free from anywhere in the UK on telephone number 116123 day and night. If you prefer to email you will receive a response within 24 hours by contacting us on [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

) Childline\_You can talk to us about anything. No problem is too big or too small. Call 0800 1111 or via 1-2-1 chat between 7.30am and 3.30am every day.

) Call the National Domestic Abuse helpline on 0808 2000 247

) Call Age UK Redbridge, Barking and Havering 020 8220 6000

) CITIZENS ADVICE Central Library, Clements Rd, Ilford IG1 1E Phone: 020 8514 1878

) Victim Support - Support line 0808 16 89 111

## Prayerful Words

"I have a dream", a man once said,  
"where all is perfect peace;  
where men and women, black and white,  
stand hand in hand, and all unite  
in freedom and in love."

But in this world of bitter strife  
the dream can often fade;  
reality seems dark as night,  
we catch but glimpses of the light  
Christ sheds on humankind.

Fierce persecution, war, and hate  
are raging everywhere;  
God calls us now to pay the price  
through struggles and through sacrifice  
of standing for the right.

So dream the dreams and sing the songs,  
but never be content:  
for thoughts and words don't ease the pain:  
unless there's action, all is vain;  
faith proves itself in deeds.

Lord, give us vision, make us strong,  
help us to do your will;  
don't let us rest until we see  
your love throughout humanity  
uniting us in peace.

Pamela J Pettitt

## September Diary

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 11:15 am

Morning Service including Holy Communion led by Rev'd Mmasape Zihle

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 11.15am

Morning Service led by Mr J Pearson

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

Circuit Meeting (venue tba)

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 11.15am

Morning Service led by Mr Frimpong-Manso

Sunday 26<sup>nd</sup> 11.15am

Morning Service Harvest Festival led by Rev'd Mmasape Zihle.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Bible Study Group Valentines Park at the Gardeners Cafe for a coffee and chat

Services every Sunday at 11.15am

Communion Services as announced