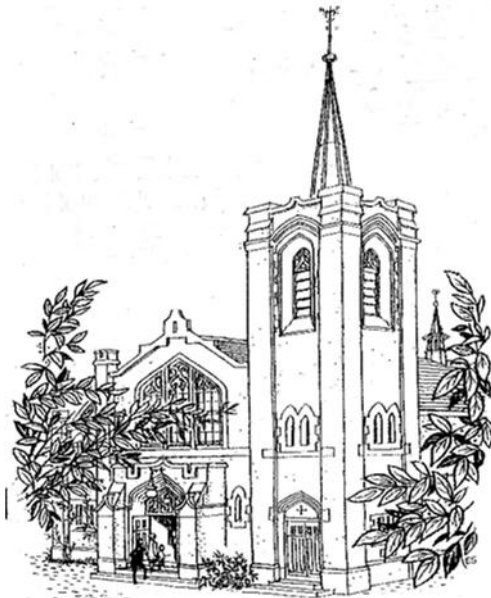


# **The Drive Methodist Church**

## **Newsletter**

### **June 2024**



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## **The Drive Methodist Church Mission Statement**

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

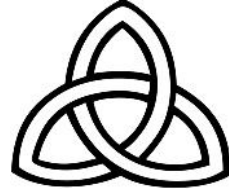
The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission, and to fulfil the promises detailed in the Methodist Worship Book.

To 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.

# Mmasape's Message



Dear Church Family

It is a delight to reflect on our Christian journey once again - individually and collectively. Though I cannot help but bemoan the lack of “summer” which I have been so looking forward to.

Post Pentecost, that festival when the church remembers and celebrates the coming of the promised Holy Spirit. The disciples who had waited for this great awakening (though they didn't know what to expect) were pleasantly surprised when lashings of fire rested upon them as tongues of flame amidst strong winds. This empowered and embalmed them to witness to the good news of Jesus. Many came to believe and were baptised. Through this power they spread the Christ message to the “ends of the earth”.

Amidst reported church decline, I cannot help but wonder what the Holy Spirit is calling the church to be in our modern, self-sufficient communities amidst growing worries of living crisis, climate change charged occurrences across the world and not to mention conflict driven levels of immigration.

In this month where we, through our AGM's and Church Councils look back at our service and care of each other and neighbours also look to how we continue in the year ahead; I want to invite us to discern in the power of the Spirit what are the things we need to let go of in order to be a more present church to our neighbours, whoever and wherever they may be from.

Our mission and calling continues to be “go into all the world making disciples”; and prompts me to ask: are we bold enough to step off the comfort of our building to engage with other in transformative, supportive and visible discipleship? Or are we bold enough to open our church for the stranger to come and find refuge and rest; and through this encounter allow us to be transformed?

I continue to give thanks to God for your continued ministry in serving our community in various ways. I pray that God will continue to fill us - His church, with the Spirit that we may not tire or lose our way and by his grace lead us to touch more lives for his glory.

Your in Service

***Mmasape***

# Circuit Newsletter

Dear friends,

As I write we have just celebrated Pentecost and we're rapidly heading towards June, then the summer (that was on Monday!), then September and .... well, I'll stop there !!

In his letter for May, Kido mentioned the book we are using as our guide for the Circuit Easter to Pentecost Bible Study: Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit.

Our penultimate session was entitled, 'Saints around the Edges' and examined the 'saints' who had a cameo role in the story of the early church and also the many others who, often, were unnamed. (The 120 in Acts 1:15).

Those of you who attended the 'welcome' service for Mmasape and Kido way back in September, may remember that our theme for this year is celebrating the 'Ministry of the whole people of God'. This is about recognising, enabling and encouraging every member and adherent within our churches to feel they have a contribution to make to the life of the Circuit and/or their local church - and to offer it. Sadly, in most churches it is 20% of the people who do 80% of the work; to use a familiar expression. This is clearly not the model emerging from our study of the early church: It wasn't perfect but it can teach us a lot.

The example set by the early church is one where everyone was involved in one way or another, whether the role was

behind the scenes. Everyone's contribution and involvement resulted in a church community where, 'the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved'. (Acts 2: 47). Through each person playing their part, each member can give their full time and effort to one area, rather than having to spread themselves over many different roles and be less effective. (See Acts 6 and the choosing of the first Deacons!) :-)

Paul echoes this sentiment in 1 Cor 12 where he talks of there being one body but many parts ... and all of us have a part to play in the Life, Ministry & Mission of God's Church - whether it's a greater or lesser part. Remember, each part is crucial to the effective life of the body of Christ - the Church. Obviously, a body cannot function if every part of it is not fulfilling the role it was created to do or if every part is wanting to do the same thing.

God's challenge to each of us is, 'am I fulfilling the role or ministry that God has called me for?' As Lynn and I consider our future ministry, we must discern where God wants us to be, whether that is in the BD&I Circuit or if it is time to move on in 2025? Whatever we are trying to discern or decide, it is not an easy task and requires us to be open and focused on what God is saying and where He is calling us to be.

The Ministry of the whole people of God requires us all to commit to the full life of the local church, Circuit and world-wide church; it requires us to support the work of God through prayer, fellowship and the practical roles which need our attention: Our ministry is to serve God's Kingdom.

And all this we do, not in our own strength but in the power of the Holy Spirit who was given you God's Church (i.e. You & Me) at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit was/is given by a generous God, not just at Pentecost but continually, so that we may have the energy, grace, love and power to be the disciples God calls us to be; serving in the places He needs us to be.

At a time when church membership is decreasing, it is even more important that we encourage and enable each other to play their part. To recognise and affirm the 'saints around the edges' who rarely step into the spot-light but without whom our church would struggle even more than we do now.

So let us commit ourselves to the guidance and resourcing of the Holy Spirit, that we might all be fulfilling the Ministry which God has called us to with joy and peace.

May God bless you all.

Deacon Andy

## **CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING**

**This will take place after the service on Sunday 2nd June.**

**Grab yourself a cup of tea or coffee and join in hearing about the work of our church.**

### **STEWARDSHIP**

*Genesis 2:15. “And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.”*

There are the Four Principles of Stewardship:

1. The principle of ownership
2. The principle of responsibility
3. The principle of accountability
4. The principle of reward

**Stewardship is a extremely rewarding experience.**



## Church Family News

We are sorry to know that our own Rev'd Mmasape is still feeling unwell. We pray that it won't be long before she recovers her health and vitality.

We hold in mind Rev'd Kido and his family who are leaving the circuit to take up a new appointment in Wembley. We pray for his new ministry and that Kido and his family will soon settle into their new community.

We pray also for Jaqui who will be joining us in September as our Minister and making the leap from Florida to Ilford!

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Sophia will be celebrating on 3rd

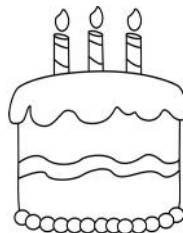
Elizabeth Mandelate on 9th

Brian Taylor has a big 90th birthday on 14th

23rd is Peters Bendon's birthday

and the 25th is Audrey Taylor's

Sending birthday wishes to you all



## **A Prayer for June from OLI**

The year passes us by so quickly, Lord, and as we enter a new month we sometimes wonder where all the days and weeks have gone!

But what we are aware of is how you have been with us and watched over us – how in times of anxiety or turmoil you have been there, not intruding on our lives, but giving us the reassurance and sense of peace that we needed, and the reminder that your love is constant and unchanging.

We thank you, Lord, that when you sent your Holy Spirit at Pentecost it was as a gift to all who put their trust in you, indeed for each one of us, and because of this, we know that whatever lies ahead we can be certain that we are held and overshadowed by your love and care.

Amen

## **R E R P**

The end of an era for Redbridge school-children!

On the 23rd June we will be recognising and celebrating the work of the RERP (Religious Education Resources Project), as it comes to an end.

The service will take place at Grange Hill, starting with refreshments at 3 pm, with the service starting at 3.30pm

Many faces from the past have been invited to attend the service, and it should be a great celebration of Carol's work, as well as the work of those who started the project.

You may remember that our own Philippa Normanton was the first post-holder!

Michelle

## REVEREND KIDO

Rev'd Kido and his family are leaving the Circuit

Rev'd Kido Baek is moving to a new appointment, so will be leaving the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit in August this year.

The Circuit Farewell Service for Kido will be on **Sunday 14th July, 4 pm, at Goodmayes Methodist Church**. Following the service Kido, Seunghee, Haim and Hana will be presented with a gift from the Circuit.

If you would like to give towards the Circuit gift, please send to the Circuit Office before Friday 21st June. Cheques should be made payable to the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Methodist Circuit. If anybody would prefer to give via bank transfer, please speak to stewards or contact Jackie in the Circuit Office.

Michelle

**Wesley's Words.....** "We should be rigorous in judging ourselves and gracious in judging others".

## **Lord God,**

Thank you for today with its demands, its opportunities and its pleasures. Help us to remember that, because you share the day with us, you will bring us through it.

Help us not to waste today so that, as we embrace your mission of love for all the world, people will receive justice, find peace and know the love of your coming Kingdom.

And yet, help us take time to enjoy today. The beauty of the world around, the joy of laughter, the exhilaration of dance and music, the wonder of loving and being loved. And – especially when we are still – remind us of your love and presence in our lives.

Lord God, we thank you for the promise of eternity, timeless enjoyment. May we begin to experience it here and now. And so, into your keeping, O Lord, we commend our families, friends and all those with whom we share our days, both now and forever more.

May God help us to remember that the Church is ultimately not about buildings, but about people and the way that we live, the care and fellowship we share, the worship that is offered, and the kindness and help that is given to friend and stranger.

Please pray for our church and circuit leaders, both lay and ordained. May they know God's guidance.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen. Rev Jonathan Mead

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **REV NIGEL COWGILL**

You are invited to join us to say farewell to Rev Nigel Cowgill as he retires from the role of London District Chair

21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 6.30pm

Refreshments available from 5.30pm

Hinde Street Methodist Church

19 Hinde Street London W1U 2QJ

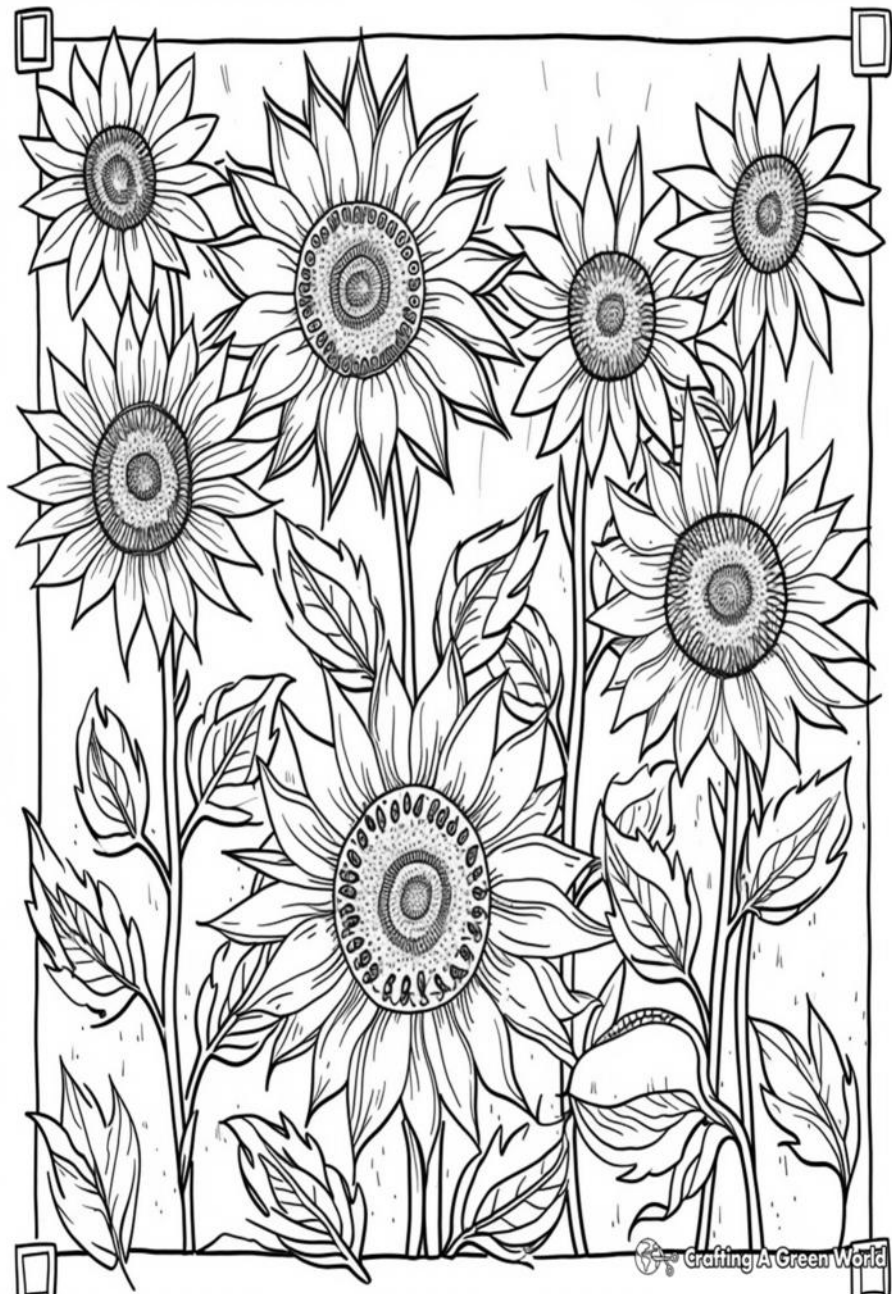
### **Advanced Module Safeguarding Training**

**4th July 9.30am –3pm**

Dearly Beloved, this is your final opportunity to attend an in-person advanced module safeguarding training session this connexional year.

If you'd like to join us here at Methodist Central Hall, and get up to speed on your training needs then sign up here to secure yourself a space.

Colouring Page



**HELLO, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CUP OF  
TEA ?**

**This is the greeting visitors to Whitechapel Mission receive when they enter the mission , as described by Tony Miller when he took the service at The Drive on Sunday 12th May.**

**Tony is a long standing friend of the Drive where there are many loyal supporters of the work of the Mission. He delivered a warm , informative and moving account of the missions current work, made possible by incredible doners and a wonderfully committed team of volunteers.**

**Tony will be retiring his role in the near future and we offer him our prayers and warmest wishes for a safe and happy retirement. LB**

## Fostering Moments.

### Foster for Redbridge Council.

We are always looking for amazing foster carers and with our increased allowances and specialist fostering pathways, there has never been a better time to join our team of foster carers and provide a safe, stable and nurturing environment to a baby, child or young person that they can call home. Please call us to discuss fostering further.

Redbridge foster carers describe what it is like being a foster carer as part of the Foster Care Fortnight campaign #FosteringMoments The moment I describe being a foster carer for Redbridge - YouTube

If you could care for a child in need of fostering and would like to join our fostering community, please call us on 020 8496 3437.

Gemma Seabrook

Recruitment, Engagement and Development  
Officer – Fostering



## Bible Reading Group



**The Bible Reading Group will meet on Friday 28th June at Jan and John's at 11.00am. We will begin the Song of Solomon with chapters 1-35**

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MULTIPLY 2024 CONFERENCE

13TH JUNE 9AM—4PM

Free tickets to this year's Multiply 2024 Church Planting Conference are available to Methodists who wish to attend. To obtain your free ticket please use the code MC24 when you book on the CCX website.

This year's conference focuses on a Younger Church - 'one that disciples and invests in the energies and insights of its young people, holding them in the heart of its life and ministry.' Delivered by CCX (The Gregory Centre for Church Multiplication) and Youthscape, this conference will be held at Westminster Chapel and features a range of talks and in-depth seminars on how to empower today's young people to shape tomorrow's church.

# Tooth

## Buddies

I doubt there are many people who look forward to a dental appointment, unless of course one has raging toothache but there are some of us of a certain age and by way of demographics who lived in an area, whereby the very mention of two words would reduce them to quivering wrecks.

‘Goulton Road’, it means nothing to you dear reader but I can assure you that when I met my future husband, upon discovering we had both attended the same Primary school (albeit four years apart) our immediate response was, “ Do you remember Goulton Road.”

Before I proceed I should explain: Goulton Road was the local dental clinic where, as school age children we would have to attend for our check ups and possible treatment.

To bring those childhood memories to mind now seems to sound almost archaic but it was the best we could expect as post war babies, the NHS was in its infancy and we were fortunate to get the care we did at the time.

Ray and I recalled similar experiences with regard to walking from our homes to attend the clinic and dreading the possibility of having a tooth filled or even pulled out!

Upon entering the clinic we all had to sit on a long bench, squashed up. As a child every adult seems so tall and to be seated on a low bench they seemed

Even taller and their white coats made them appear foreboding anyway. For some reason I thought if I sat very still they would forget about me and then I could go home but of course that was not going to happen was it? I can still 'see' that dentist now, he was a large man with a deep voice and he just invoked a fear in all of us, I am sure he was not the ogre we all thought he was but looking back, he was just doing a job with the tools of the time.

The days of modern dentistry were a long way off and as time went by, I came to accept that things could only get better and they did. The Goulton Road experience formed a part of my life that has been relayed to a number of dentists I have encountered over the years.

They have probably studied dentistry of that era, it doesn't seem all that long ago to me but I guess it's for History books now!

Anne Dellow

## AFTERNOON TEA in The Parlour

In aid of 'Wear it Pink'

**Breast Cancer Research     £5**



Ruth, Anne and Lorraine will be serving Afternoon Tea on Saturday 8th June at 3pm and look forward to seeing you.

Please message or include your name on the form at the back of the church. Only include your name if you are sure to come.

Fundraising Raffle.



*A raindrop landing on your cheek is a kiss from someone who lives in heaven and is watching over you.'*

Josie Jiggins

## **St Andrews Church 100th Anniversary**

By the time you read this, some of you may have attended one of the special events organised by the congregation of St Andrews in celebration of this special event.

A few weeks earlier, Anne Dellow and I heard that St Andrews were buying in their flower displays from a florist as they no longer have flower arrangers in their church.

With little delay, Anne and I offered our services to decorate this huge and beautiful church and Ruth was also happy to join us. All of us very happy to have so many flowers at our disposal.

Arrangements made, flowers discussed and bought, we spent time preparing and almost a day arranging flowers around the church, complete with St Andrews flags.

We were well looked after by Maggie Smith and other kindly folk making us tea. Following a period of the organ and piano tuners doing their stuff, we enjoyed listening to Duncan running through his repertoire for the weekend....which was delightful.

At the end of the day, tired but quite satisfied with our efforts and not wanting to see another flower.....for a while, we left with the intention of returning the following evening to enjoy the concert. LB



Rain gardens are being installed in the borough as part of works to help reduce flood risks in Redbridge, and local people are already seeing the benefits.

The eco-friendly water drainage systems feature plants, shrubs, and other greenery, and are designed to absorb rainwater and drain it away slowly to help stop sewer systems becoming overwhelmed – one of the causes of localised flooding.

Over the last two years several locations around the borough that have been severely impacted by flooding have benefitted from the installation of rain gardens. Among them is Malford Grove, in South Woodford, where repeated reports of surface water flooding had been recorded during periods of heavy rainfall.

The council installed a rain garden at the site last summer designed to absorb surface level water, store it, and then gradually release the water into the sewer system, and it has been successfully doing the job during bouts of heavy rain.

Since being installed, there have been no reports of surface water flooding in the area, with similar results also being reported for the other rain gardens in the borough.

The existing 11 rain gardens across the borough have the capacity to collectively absorb and store around 113,400 litres of rainwater. One five-minute shower a day uses around 40 litres of water, so that's just under eight years' worth of showers that can be held across the borough's rain gardens at any one time, helping alleviate the pressure on sewer systems in the borough.

The eco-friendly system also provides valuable habitats for wildlife in urban areas and creates more green spaces for local people due to the rain gardens attractive and natural design.

Instances of flash flooding are becoming more frequent as a consequence of climate change and while impossible to completely stop flooding, Redbridge is bolstering its resilience to it through a range of flood alleviation measures alongside rain gardens, to reduce the effects and likelihood of flooding in the borough.

Further rain gardens have been planned for the borough as part of a package of flood alleviation works earmarked for action under Redbridge's newly created Flood Risk Management Strategy and Surface Water Management Plan.

**Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability Cllr Jo Blackman said:** “Redbridge is seeing the effects of climate change with more frequent bouts of flooding from torrential rain. To help reduce the impact of flash floods in our local communities we are investing in a wide range of flood alleviation measures, including the use of rain gardens, in the most impacted parts of the borough. Rain gardens are a particularly eco-friendly way to help reduce flood risks in local areas that have previously been prone to flooding, and have the added benefit of being able to blend into the environment and improve biodiversity in the borough.”

For more information on the Borough's new strategies, staying flood aware, or to find out what you can do to help protect your home from flooding go to the council's flooding web page on: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/flooding>

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## Evening Prayer with The Choir

Those of you with a very long memory will remember that we used to have regular evening services here at The Drive. In many ways, it is a shame not to have the opportunity for fellowship at that special time of day, and there are many fine hymns and pieces of music written for evening worship that we rarely use.

Once a year, it has become a choir tradition to use our last Tuesday meeting before the summer holiday to hold an Evening Prayer service in church. We do it chiefly for ourselves, but it is always a joy to share this occasion with other members of the church family.

We would love to see you there – it's the ideal way to round off our Church Anniversary celebrations!

Evening Prayer with The Choir

Tuesday 9 July

8pm in the church,  
followed by refreshments

Andrew Taylor

music@the drive



## Diane - My Big Zero

Many thanks to all for their birthday greetings, cards and gifts on the occasion of my 70th birthday. I had a lovely weekend in Norfolk celebrating with family, some of whom I hadn't seen for some time, and friends. The highlight was an afternoon tea trip on the Saturday aboard the Southern Comfort Mississippi Paddleboat.

Styled upon the paddle steamers that travelled the Mississippi River in the US from the early 1800s, the Southern Comfort Paddleboat is a purpose built pleasure boat for the Norfolk Broads, running trips from its mooring in the village of Horning along the River Bure.

The original steamboats on the Mississippi were propelled by steam-driven paddle wheels, and could navigate the river more quickly and effectively than barges or flatboats. They carried goods such as cotton, timber, and livestock up and down the river, expanding trade throughout the growing U S. However, steamboats could be dangerous — the boilers which created steam could build up too much pressure and explode. Steamboats were also susceptible to hitting obstacles such as rocks or logs, which could cause them to sink.

By contrast our trip on the Norfolk paddleboat held no such danger, taking us on a scenic trip along the Bure, with sights of old thatched houses, windmills and the reed beds and of course the wildlife. We passed other holiday cruisers, sailing yachts and a wherry.

Keeping an eye on the weather forecast all week, I couldn't have asked for a better day. I was very thankful that it all turned out as planned. I knew I would be expected to say a few words to my guests and as I'm not one for giving speeches, Jeremy suggested I write an ode. So after cutting my beautiful birthday cake, I began:

Last year at Cedar Lodge on a day sunny and fair,  
When Jeremy and I were staying there  
He said "so your big birthday what you going to do?",  
I sighed and I shrugged and said I didn't have a clue!  
To be honest the thought of that zero made me cry,  
I gazed out the window, and at that moment the South-  
ern Comfort passed by.

As is my wont I waved to the folk enjoying their ride,  
And they all waved back- it felt so good inside.

Mmm...I thought now there's an idea,

I made a quick phone call to check the date was clear.

And so it was booked - the food, the drinks the band,  
Balloons and decoration Louise took in hand,

Invites were sent, replies received,

And now you're all here celebrating with me.

Many thanks dear family and friends for travelling forth

From way down south and way up north,

And then out the blue we heard by phone

From Matthew to say he was on his way home

Travelling forth from the Middle East –

I think that's the furthest to say the least!

So thanks again, I do appreciate

You making my 70th birthday really great.

Of course there is one person that I especially ought

To thank, and that's Jeremy for all his support.

I hope everyone here has a good time

But just for the record, until Monday, I'm only 69!

The big O and now a poet! LB

Calling All Readers!



A big thank you to all those who very kindly read our Bible lessons each week. Our list of readers has unfortunately decreased recently for a variety of reasons. I appreciate that some people may not be comfortable with standing at the front of the church and reading, but if this is something you are able and happy to do then let me know and I will be very pleased to add your name to the list.

Thank you

Diane Foster

## **RECYCLING IS GOOD, BUT WE CAN DO BETTER**

To celebrate Great Big Green Week this year the team will be running co-hosting the popular community clothes swap with the East London Waste Authority (ELWA) at Wanstead Library on Wednesday 19 June from 5pm to 7pm.

Bring along your gently used clothing or accessories to the library for a rolling 'drop and swap'.

Free entry includes refreshments, clothing upcycling and up to 5 items from the swap that are 'new to you'.

Can't make it this time, why not host your own clothes swap? Check out these handy "how to" tips and tricks from environmental charity, Hubbub.

## Raysin Hope

In June 2008 my husband Ray was diagnosed with a Grade 4 brain tumour and throughout his illness an incredible number of people were very kind to him.

I wanted to show my gratitude and spoke to Ray's Neuro Nurse, who kindly advised

me to have some time for myself and promised that one day we would catch up again.

During those months I discovered that it was her wish to have a Support Group for people who were diagnosed with a brain tumour.

In March 2009 I became a volunteer

at a group she was setting up in the reception area of Oncology at Queens Hospital Romford. It ran for a few months but as the nurse had to take time for more studies

it was decided that the group had to cease.

I started to think of ways that I could set up a group myself and with the help of family and friends we formed a committee and launched our fundraising with a coffee morning at The Drive church. I

decided to call our fundraiser 'Raysin Hope', as my mother-in-law always called my husband Raysin when he was a little boy and

Hope was what we had for our fundraising effort. I ordered T Shirts and leaflets with a logo printed on them and

the coffee morning took off. With money to bank I tried to register as a charity but as we had to raise a total of £5000 in any one year, I wasn't sure if we could hit that target.

Fortunately, my own bank considered my request to set up an account in the name of Raysin Hope but I was told that I could not have online banking but only a cheque book.

Since 2009 our fundraiser has functioned upon 'trust' alone. Two years ago my bank agreed to my request for online banking and a debit card which has made gifting easier.

Initially we held Tea Afternoons, A Quiz Night, Sixties Night and Winter Walks. In 2010 I walked a large section of the Yorkshire Coast to Coast Walk. The following year I walked 44 miles along Hadrian's Wall. Our funds began to grow and I decided to contact a charity which at the time was called, The Brain Tumour Charity UK. They were very interested in my plan to set up a support group and told me they would provide a coordinator.

I searched for a suitable meeting room and with Raysin Hope Funds our first support group met in January 2012. Along with the co-ordinator we met each month at the Salvation Army Centre in Romford and all costs were funded by Raysin Hope. As time passed by, the Charity decided that they no longer wanted to work with support groups and as we were financially independent, I carried on running the group with the help of my friend. We are in our thirteenth year now having managed through Covid with Zoom meetings and an occasional meet up in Havering Country Park. Raysin Hope is fortunate to have many supporters and I am indebted to them all for their generosity and for putting their trust in me. I hope to continue with our initial aim, which was to help people in many ways, albeit small.

**Anne Dellow**

## Raysin Hope

Raysin Hope thanks every one of our supporters for their generosity and kindness, we could not have helped so many people and places without the donations you give. Thank you also for all the trust you place in us.

- J From 2011 Raysin Hope has funded the Romford Support Group.
- J Rent and Insurance for meeting room.
- J Contributed to the provision of a 'Quiet Room' at Queens Hospital and purchased artwork for the room.
  
- J Contributions for Physio treatment for patients.
- J Purchased two I Pads for the children's Neuro Ward.
- J Weekend breaks for families.
- J Donated to three Hospice' in Essex.
- J Paid for an Answering Facility and Stationary for the Neuro team.
- J Paid expenses for two Neuro Nurses to attend conference.
- J On going support for a nine year old boy to receive Immune Therapy in Germany.
- J Paid deposits paid for group members to attend Christmas dinner.
- J Individual monetary gifts to help people with their needs.
  
- J 'Baskets of Kindness' given for patients in Queens Neuro ward. The Neuro nurses named the baskets and they are made up to suit individuals and families.  
Since 2022 patients have received almost 40 baskets filled with M & S items.

Thank you for making the above possible.

Anne Dellow.

What a wonderful effort Anne. LB

## HELPLINES

### **SAMARITANS**

Available 24 hours a day to provide confidential emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of distress, despair or suicidal thoughts. [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) **116 123** (free to call from within the UK and Ireland), 24 hours Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

### **MIND**

Mind offers advice, support and information to people experiencing a mental health difficulty and their family and friends. Mon to Fri 9am to 6pm (except bank holidays). [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk) **InfoLine: 0300 123 3393 to call, or text 86463** Email [info@mind.org.uk](mailto:info@mind.org.uk)

### **PAPYRUS UK**

PAPYRUS is the national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide. They support young people under 35 who are experiencing thoughts of suicide, as well as people concerned about someone else. Their HopelineUK service is open 9am - midnight every day of the year (including weekends and bank holidays). [www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org) **Helpline: 0800 068 4141**  
Email: [pat@papyrus-uk.org](mailto:pat@papyrus-uk.org)

### **YOUNGMINDS**

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)  
Parents helpline: 0808 802 5544 (Mon-Fri from 9.30am - 4pm, excluding bank holidays)

### **CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIVING MISERABLY (CALM)**

A helpline for people in the UK who are down or have hit a wall for any reason, who need to talk or find information and support. [thecalmzone.net](http://thecalmzone.net) Helpline: 0800 58 58 58  
[thecalmzone.net/help/webchat/](http://thecalmzone.net/help/webchat/) 5pm—midnight, every day of the year

### **BROOK YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICE**

Information, support and signposting service for young people under 25 on sexual health. Local services available via text message offering free contraception, pregnancy testing, counselling. [brook.org.uk](http://brook.org.uk)



## **CHILDLINE**

Emotional support for children and young people on issues relating to child abuse, bullying etc. **0800 1111**

## **FORCED MARRIAGES**

Enter Forced Marriages into search bar at top of site - Service provided by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office to protect young people from forced marriages abroad. Service offers help to young people in these circumstances to help get them back to the UK.

**020 7008 0151** [gov.uk/stop-forced-marriage](http://gov.uk/stop-forced-marriage)

## **NSPCC CHILD PROTECTION 0808 800 5000**

email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

For anyone concerned about a child at risk of abuse.

## **FREEPHONE 24 HR NATIONAL DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE**

**0808 2000 247** [www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/)

Run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge, this is a national service for women experiencing domestic violence, their family, friends, colleagues and others calling on their behalf.

## **NATIONAL LGBT DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE**

**0800 999 5428** [galop.org.uk/get-help/helplines/](http://galop.org.uk/get-help/helplines/)

Emotional, practical support for LGBT people experiencing domestic abuse.

## **AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS**

Helpline providing support for families and friends of problem drinkers, whether the person is still drinking or not. **0800 0086 811**

[www.al-anonuk.org.uk](http://www.al-anonuk.org.uk)

## **CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY** <https://capuk.org/>

Free help getting out of debt, budgeting and making your money go further

## **AGE UK ADVICE 0800 678 1602** [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk)

Information and advice for older people

# Blessings of Love

May the mystery of God enfold us

May the wisdom of God uphold us

May the fragrance of God be in us

May the brightness of God surround us

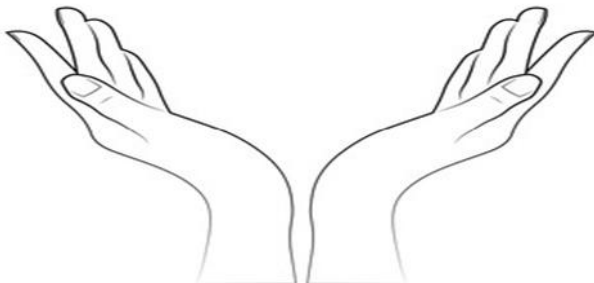
May the wonder of God renew us

May the loving of God flow through us

May the peace of God move us

May the presence of God refresh us

St Mathew Community Prayer



## **JUNE CHURCH DIARY**

**2nd June at 11.15am Sunday Worship with HC** . Followed by Annual Church Meeting. Led by Rev'nd Mmasape.

**8th June Saturday Afternoon Tea at 3pm** in the Parlour.

**9th June at 11.15am Sunday Worship** Methodist Homes Sunday— Led by Mr Eric Bediako

**16th June at 11.15am Sunday Worship**

Led by Dr Anthony Russell.

**23rd June at 11.15am Sunday Worship** - Refugee Week  
led by Own Arrangement

**28th June 11.am Bible Reading Group** at Jan and John's

**30th June 11.15am Sunday Worship** Conference Sunday  
Led by Mrs Lynn Packer

## **Services every Sunday at 11.15am**

Communion Services as announced

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