# The Drive Methodist Church

## Newsletter SEPTEMBER 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.

#### Welcome Jacqui

We extend a warm welcome to you as you lead our service today - 1st September.

We look forward to hearing you preach, to getting to know you and to introducing ourselves, although we know it will take a while to learn all the new names and faces you'll meet in the circuit!

Here at The Drive we have a merry band of stewards and other willing volunteers plus many longstanding members of the congregation who know what goes where. Please feel free to ask if you need help, including any local knowledge; if we don't have the answer, we'll try our hardest to find someone who does. We hope that your unpacking and settling-in is smooth and trouble-free. Welcome!

Michelle and Diane (Snr Stewards)

**The Drive Youth** (TDY) welcome you. We look forward to you joining our church family. **Jo Wright** TDY Leader

**Welcome to The Drive Rev'd Jaqueline.** You are the 16th Minister I will have had at this Church and I look forward to meeting and getting to know you.

With very best wishes to you as you start a new chapter in your life in this Circuit.

Brian Grinham. Senior Communion Steward

Hello Jacqui, very pleased to know you are our new minister. We are a friendly bunch at The Drive and will help you in any way we can. **Lorraine** Safeguarding and Pastoral Leader

## CIRCUIT WELCOME SERVICE FOR REVEREND JACQUIE JONES

The Drive Methodist Church
Thursday 5th September at 7.00pm.

Please come along to welcome Jacquie and chat with her over refreshments served after the service.

This service will be led by Reverend Dr

Jonathan Dean who recently became the Chair

of the London District of The Methodist

Church.

We welcome Jonathan.



#### Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of Summer and look to new beginnings with the new academic year and the new Church year.

We begin by welcoming Revd Jacqui Jones as she joins us as minister in the Circuit. We look forward to sharing in the good news she comes to share as she ministers among us. Also, we pray for all our children and young people who will be starting school, moving to new classes, or going to college and university; not forgetting those who begin new jobs.

At this time of year, I am also reminded that Autumn is just around the corner and that we will soon be seeing the colourful display of creation as the leaves start to change colour and fall, providing nutrients for the ground and the cycle of life within creation.

The beginning of September is the beginning of Creation Time; it is a season of celebration, "...where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created." It is a reminder of our commitment as BDI circuit to the Walking with Micah priorities of the Methodist Church from Conference, where we committed to enabling a flourishing environment: right relationship between people, planet and God.

As we spend time outside, perhaps in the garden, walking in parks, hills and dales, or even by the sea, may we wonder again at the beauty of creation.

"May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works— who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

May we be reminded of the enjoyment of being outside amongst trees and plants;

May a song of praise or a whispered prayer come forth from our hearts for our Creator and the creation within which we live.

May we again and again, rejoice at God's love that is shown to us through the beauty, the mystery and awesomeness of what is around us.

May our lips sing the words of the Psalmist:

"May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;

May the Lord rejoice in his works— who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord." Psalm 104: 31-34

Take time to sit and ponder at the beauty of Creation with the changing of seasons and know that you are loved by the Almighty One who made the ladybird and the eagle.

Take time to wonder anew at the veins within a leaf and the colours of the sunset.

Ponder and praise.

Every blessing

**Mmasape** 



#### **Season of Creation 2024 Prayer**

#### Triune God, Creator of all,

We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the firstfruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Sending Mmasape our very best wishes on her new adventure as Superintendent. Many thanks for your years of service and caring at The Drive. LB



Wishing all our young people good luck as they take their next steps into new schools, school years, college, university, gap years and employment. Jo

Wedding Congratulations to David and Izzy Wright who were married on 22nd August. Wishing you both a very happy future life together.

Many congratulations to Diane and Jeremy who are celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on **29th**.

We are thinking of Susan Ruckes and holding her in our prayers following the death of her brother John.

Thinking of Lorraine and her mum, who is in hospital, and of Peter, all need our prayers.

So good to see Liz back in church after her recent fall and ill health.

It's always a pleasure to see Marlene sitting in her usual pew. We are pleased to know she is well after a spell of feeling poorly.

Hello to all our friends who are unable to come to worship. We hope you are able to follow the services on You Tube. If you need any assistance with this please ask one of the stewards.

#### September Birthdays

A belated Happy 60th to Oli.

Hope you had a fantastic

birthday on 25th August Jo.



On **7th**, our lovely Thea will celebrate her 23rd birthday. (how did that happen!)

Special wishes to Liz for a happy birthday on 12th

Anne will be eating her birthday cake on 28th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL

#### THE METHODIST CHURCH

The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Helen Cameron, and Vice-President, Carolyn Godfrey, have released the following statement and prayer as a response to the violent disorder that has taken place over recent days.

The Methodist Church celebrates diversity as a gift from God. Every day we work through churches, schools and community projects to build relationships of respect, care and love in communities across Britain. Watching the news from towns and cities across our nations, where people motivated by hate have caused harm and fear, has been shocking and distressing. The Methodist Church deplores the use of violence and intimidation against displaced, marginalised and vulnerable people. We are appalled that the tragic killing of three young children and the injuring of others has been used as an excuse for riots and disturbances. Honesty and trust are at the heart of the Christian life and the abuse of social media in spreading lies to stir up anger and hate is despicable.

Those with hate in their hearts will never have the last word. As communities reel from unrest and disorder, Methodists will continue to work with our ecumenical and interfaith partners, as we join in clearing up, restoring trust and building communities of love, in which people can live in peace.

#### God of love,



We pray for your Spirit of peace to move in our communities,

that those who are targets of hate might be safe and that people of good will might work together in love and respect.

We pray for your Spirit of healing, that those who grieve, might be comforted and those who are injured might be made well.

We pray for your Spirit of hope, that those who despair might see a way ahead and those who live in fear might find sanctuary and freedom.

Soften the hearts of those motivated by hate and help us all to love our neighbours as those made in your image.

In Christ's name.

AMEN

#### SUMMER HOLIDAY NEWS

FROM Dayane, Niamah and Jemimah

On our first summer holiday living in Redbridge, we went and rode our bikes in Valentines Park and it was so fun and the park was huge and we visited lots of other parks too.

On the next day we did a painting activity with ginormous leaves we loved our paintings.

On Sunday in church, we learned about David and Goliath. We are happy to have such great teachers.

We are visiting Canary Wharf, it is a beautiful place. We went on a boat trip and we are still exploring around. We will update you when we finish.

Dayane, Niamah and Jemimah

Well girls, that sound like a whole lot of fun you've had. Thank you for sharing it. LB

#### THANK YOU

A big thank you to the valiant group of people who

volunteer their time to provide us with a smile and a chat as well as welcome refreshments after the service each week. We really appreciate your efforts. There is always a vacancy, should you wish to join the refreshment team.

LB

#### Jan and John Pearson

We are saying farewell to Jan and John as they leave Ilford and The Drive on 9th September and move on to a new adventure in Cheltenham. They have been kept busy in the Circuit as Worship Leaders and they will be sadly missed around Barking Dagenham and Ilford and at The Drive where for many years they have played a vital and active role in church life, especially when welcoming people to the Bible Study Group they held in their home.

Thank you Jan and John for your care and dedication to worship. We wish you all the very best in your new home.

Do let us know how you are doing. God Bless

Lorraine



Father,

Thank You for leading us to this house. It is wonderful and just right for us. We didn't know which house You would lead us to, but we trusted You. I pray, Lord, that as You led us to this house that You will continue to lead us daily. We give You the honour, praise and glory this day!

Amen

# A message from our circuit administrator, Jackie Saito Dagenham Flats Fire Appeal

#### Spectrum' fire, Chadwell Heath

You will have all seen the shocking news reports about the fire in the Chadwell Heath Tower Block, and you may be aware that Barking and Dagenham Council have set up a GoFundMe page for donations to help those who have lost everything.

It has been agreed that the collection from Revd Jacqui's welcome service on 5th September will be donated to this cause. In the meantime, if anybody would like to make a donation, the funding page link is:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-for-families-dagenham-fire -2024

I know I don't need to ask you to continue to hold all those affected by this tragedy in your prayers.

Kind regards,

Jackie

#### Sandra Runeckles

The Sunday service at the end of July saw the last chapter in Sandra's story when her ashes were laid to rest in the churchyard, and a Hebe, 'Linda' was planted, with a plaque dedicated to her memory placed alongside.

Given the inconsistent weather around at the time, it was good that the sun shone for us and we'd like to thank everyone who came out to share the occasion with the family. I'd also like to thank Mmasape for leading it, and to Lorraine and Peter for their advice and support (and hole digging!).

The Drive meant a lot to Sandra over the years since she arrived in 1983 from St Clements's to assist Anne Warden with the Guide Company, and over the years was also a Junior Church leader, committee member of the Pre-school, as well as participating in other church activities — not to mention being part of the project which designed and stitched the kneelers which are displayed and used at Communion services in church.

I'm happy to report that the Hebe is doing well with regular waterings – fingers crossed for its future growth!

#### Colin

The Hebe is a lovely reminder of a very special person. LB

#### To hope and act with creation: Season of Creation 2024 | 01 September - 04 October

The theme for this year's Season of Creation (also known as Creation Time or Creationtide) is 'To hope and act with Creation'. During this time, churches are encouraged to have a focus on creation, with all the joys and responsibilities that being part of God's creation brings to us.

A collection of resources to help you and your church engage with the Season of Creation this year can be found on the JPIT website.

#### Peace Sunday 2024 Core Pack

Peace Sunday is a chance for the church to pause and reflect on what it means to follow the Prince of Peace today. Churches are encouraged to hold their services on the Sunday closest to the UN International Day of Peace on 21 September.

The theme for this year is 'vine and fig tree' and offers the opportunity to think about what the world needs in order to enable all to live in peace. The free resources will be available on the website from Monday 19th August.

#### CONFIRMATION JOY

How wonderful to witness
Sanjay, Christine, Toju,
Funmi and Tunrayo be
confirmed into membership
on 25th August at Mmasape's
final joyful service at The
Drive.



I have watched Toju, Funmi and Tunrayo grow from babies and it has been a privilege to be in their company as such vital young people.

Many congratulations to you all.LB

#### **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 rewarding experience.

Could you be a steward?

Please speak to Michelle or Diane for more information.

## WHATS HAPPENING! SATURDAY LUNCH

PLEASE JOIN US ON 7TH September at 1pm

We will be serving a variety of Homemade Soups and Filled Rolls with tea, coffee and biscuits

Cost £5.

If you would like to join in the good food and good company, please add your name to the form at the back of the church.

#### AUDREY'S MARVELLOUS MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

So It's time for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Please come and join me in the conservatory at



#### Redbridge Social Centre Beehive Lane.

Friday 27th September 10.30am - 1pm.

**Audrey Taylor** 

#### Harvest Lunch

We will have our annual Bring and Share Harvest Lunch after our Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday 29th September.

A list will be at the back of the church for you to complete with your name and food you will be contributing.



Please note that all are welcome and you do not need to bring a food to attend.

There will be plenty for all and we would love everyone to feel welcome.

Increasingly, we are aware of allergies and food preferences and understand the need to be vigilant. With this in mind we will endeavour to label food containing gluten, dairy, nuts, eggs etc.

Please ask if you have any concerns about the food on offer and let us know if you or your children have a serious food allergy..

Jo

#### **Children's Prayer for Friendship**

Father God, thank You that at my school
I have many friends that are so cool.
For them, I give to You thanksgiving;
Together we are learning and living.
I thank You that together we play
And help each other through the day.
With them, help me be patient and kind
So we can all get along fine
Help me be thoughtful in what I say
To encourage them in every way.

Amen.



#### Сазатоп Шого Ззавен

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EARTH	MADE	SUN
EVENING	MAN	TREES
FIRMAMENT	MOON	VOID
FRUIT	MORNING	WATERS

#### NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT SERVICE

#### **BLOOD DONATION**

Blood stocks are critically low. The NHS are making an urgent appeal for those eligible to make a lifesaving blood or plasma donation.

September marks Childhood Cancer Awareness month and we want to encourage more donors to switch to platelet donation. This is because 1 donation can help up to 12 children with cancer.

Currently, there are only 10,000 people in England who regularly give platelets and we need 3,500 new platelet donors this year. We need more blood donors with A negative, A positive and AB negative blood types to consider changing to platelet donation.

Platelets are tiny gold-coloured cells in your blood which help it clot and stop bleeding. Most donations help people with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy to avoid bloodloss, but platelet transfusions also help people who've lost a lot of blood after an accident, organ transplant or surgery.

#### Why we need more donors of Black heritage

At the moment we need more people of Black heritage to grow the number of blood donors with well-matched blood to help those with sickle cell disorder. In recent years, there has been a rise in demand for some rare blood types that are more common in people of Black heritage, including people of Black-African, Black-Caribbean and Mixed ethnicity.

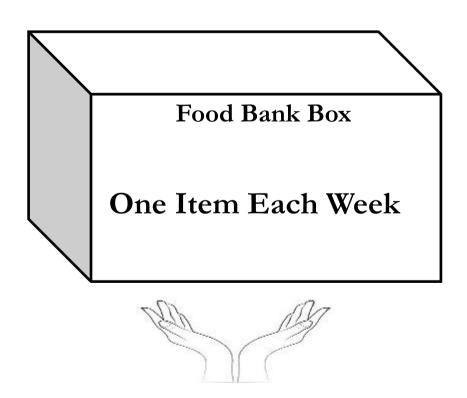
COULD YOU HELP?

#### **REDBRIDGE FOOD BANK**

The Drive Methodist church has been supporting the local Food Banks for many years and they are truly thankful for the donations we take to them.

The congregation at The Drive are generous in so many ways and always come up trumps, when faced with fundraising.

To continue supporting this very necessary cause, if we all just need to bring ONE item each week, this would amply fill our food collecting box.



#### Love your clothes

An estimated 350,000 tonnes of clothing are binned in the UK each year. You can do your bit to reduce this waste (and save money!) by buying less and selling, repairing and donating your unwanted textiles.

To produce new clothing the fashion industry uses unsustainable amounts of water, fossil fuels and energy, along with manufacturing processes associated with toxic chemicals, waste and pollution.

#### What happens to clothes in general waste?

In Redbridge, all general waste is sent to Mechanical Biological Treatment facilities where it is shredded and passed through various conveyors to extract recyclable materials such as metal and glass.

It is not possible to recover textiles during this sorting process and although the waste in our borough is turned into refuse-derived fuel, there are many more sustainable ways to manage your unwanted or damaged clothing.

#### Reuse:

Try repairing or upcycling your own clothes, the <u>Love Your Clothes website</u> is full of tips and tricks on how to do so.

Take your damaged textiles to a local repair café such as Transition Ilford. **Next repair café will be on Saturday 21st September, or <u>find another repair café near you</u>.** 

We have recently partnered with clothing reuse charity TRAID, to offer residents a convenient way to donate clothing using TRAID's free home collection service.

You can book a free online collection or call 020 8733 2595.

# REPAIR



**ILFORD** 

Things should be repairable.

It is fun to repair!

It's wrong to throw stuff away.



Bring along broken stuff: portable household items, sewing/fabric repairs, and other bits and bobs. For laptop and desktop upgrades/issues please contact us first.

Not sure about your item? Email

ilfordtransition@gmail.com or Text/whatsapp (don't call) 07957 534908

More help always welcome

We are all volunteers , we do what we can and leave by 3.45 :).

Cost? A voluntary donation if you can Lab Central, Redbridge Central Library

#### 2pm-3.45pm

- Saturday 27 July
- . Saturday 10, 24 August
- Saturday 21 September



Transitionilford.org/repair-cafe

One more step along the world I go,

One more step along the world I go; From the old things to the new, Keep me travelling along with you: And it's from the old I travel to the new; Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn;
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
You'll be telling me the way, I know.
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough;
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

#### LETS SING!



Sidney Carter (1915-2004)

#### A PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER from Oli

Love never gives up,

never loses faith,

is always hopeful

and endures through every circumstance.

1Corinthians 13.7

Dear Lord

Let my heart overflow

with love for you and others.

May your love within me strengthen

my spirit and fill my heart

with courage and fresh hope.

Amen



## Unconscious Bias Training | Monday 16 September | 7pm - 8:15pm

A reminder to all those who are required to attend this particular training to please sign up for the next available session as soon as possible. Tickets for this course do sell out rapidly so please don't wait until closer to the time to book. To find out more about the training and book your place, see London District Weekly News Update



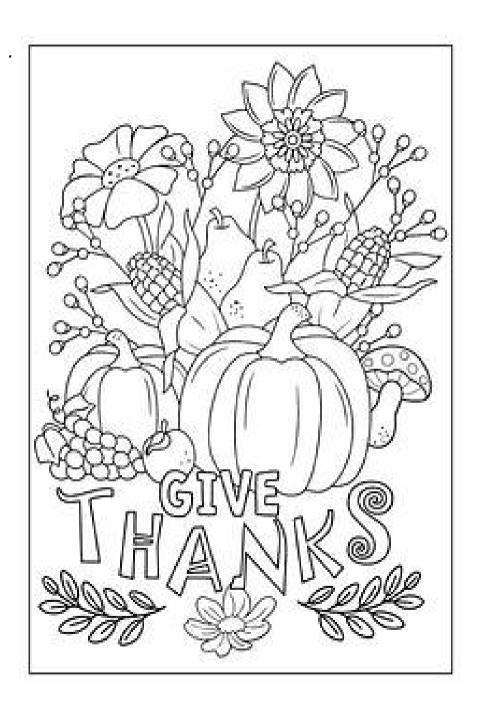
#### JustMoney Movement Conference | Saturday 05 October | 9:30am - 1:30pm

Explore with others from the JustMoney Movement, how you can act for a fairer, greener future. There will be practical workshops and an address from Chine McDonald, Director of Theos and author of 'God Is Not A White Man;'. Registration is free, but donations are welcome. Find out more: see London District Weekly News Update

#### SAFEGUARDING AT THE DRIVE

May I remind you that if you hold a role within the church that brings you into direct contact with children or vulnerable adults, you are required to undertake Foundation Module Training. You may have already completed this, but if it is coming up to 4 years, then you need to repeat it, as over this period of time there will have been changes in legislation and attitudes. **Foundation Module Training for the circuit** will be available at The Drive in October, date: TBA

If you hold a leadership or Worship Leader role, you are required to undertake **Advanced Module Training.** This is available online as well as face to face. Please ask me for details as there are new dates becoming available.



#### BARKING DAGENHAM AND ILFORD CIRCUIT—BDI

Methodist Circuits are also grouped into Districts, and this Circuit comes under the London District (headquarters in Westminster).

Ministers, both Presbyters and Deacons (who are equal though different forms of ordained ministry), are stationed in Circuits by our national governing body, the annual Methodist Conference.

A present, our Circuit has two Presbyteral and one Diaconal ministers alongside two lay workers:

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Revd Jacqueline Jones (from 1st September

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Deacon Andy Packer

Email: ex20andy@gmail.com

Jackie Saito (Circuit Administrator)

Tel: <u>020 8517 6159 /</u> Email: <u>bdicircuitoffice@btconnect.com</u>

In addition to The Drive, Methodist churches in the circuit are: Gants Hill, Barkingside, Old Dagenham, Barking, Ilford Lane, Goodmayes and Becontree Heath and Grange Hill Methodist Community Centre

For more information, take a look at the BDI website.

<u>Barking</u>, <u>Dagenham and Ilford Methodist Circuit I England (barking-dagenham-ilford-methodist-church.org.uk)</u>

#### **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 116 123 (free to call from within the UK and Ireland), 24 hours Email: 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 InfoLine: 0300 123 3393 to call. or text 86463 Email 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 **Helpline: 0800 068 4141** Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org

#### YOUNGMINDS

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. the-calmzone.net Helpline: 0800 58 58 58 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

#### **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

#### NSPCC CHILD PROTECTION 0808 800 5000

email help@nspcc.orguk 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/ 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/ 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

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 Information and advice for older people

#### A BLESSING

May God be with our families, from the youngest to the oldest.

Lighting up our relationships,

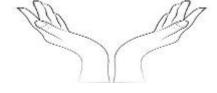
Sowing grace into our troubles

May God be with our families

Weaving love into our work,

our rest and our play.

**AMEN** 



#### CHURCH DIARY for The Drive

1st Sept at 11.15am Sunday Worship led by: Rev'd Jacqui Jones

### 5th Sept at 7.pm Welcome Service for Rev'd Jacqui Jones, led by Rev'd Dr Jonathan Price

7th Sept at 1pm Saturday Lunch see page 18

8th Sept at 11.15am Sunday Worship led by: Deacon Andy Packer-Education Sunday

15th Sept at 11.15am Sunday Worship led by: Rev'd Jacqui Jones

22nd Sept at 11.15am Sunday Worship led by: Church Own Arrangement—Peace Sunday

27th Sept 10.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning see page 18

29th Sept at 11.15am HARVEST Sunday Worship led by: Matthew Thorne

Followed by Harvest Bring and Share lunch in the hall

**A Ghanian Service** is held on the 3rd Sunday each month 12.30pm at Barking MC

**A Zimbabwean Fellowship** takes place at 2pm every Sunday at Old Dagenham MC