

The Drive Methodist Church
Eastern Avenue, Ilford, Essex, IG1 3PP

NEWSLETTER

October 2025



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**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.

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear friends,

As we enter October and the first signs of trees losing their colour to herald the autumn, we turn our minds to the annual commemorations of Harvest, All Saints, Guy Fawkes, and Remembrance. The usual events that warn us that 'A' and 'C' are not far away! (It's too early to say the 'C' word).

I started downloading books onto my phone when we moved to Dagenham so I can easily read them when travelling, especially into London on the tube. Recently I started reading a book by Albert Richardson called, 'The Kneeling Christian', and as it suggests, it's about prayer. In places it is very challenging about the Christians attitude to prayer and, at times, critical of our lack of passion for prayer. '*Surely, nothing is so absolutely astonishing as a practically prayerless Christian*', he writes!

During the summer I took some time in the worship that I led to look at the request of the Disciples, "Lord, teach us to pray." My conclusion was that we all need to have some teaching and guidance on how to pray but there are no special words or magical phrases other than the genuine feelings, emotions and desires of our hearts. Honestly expressing to God how we are is liberating, reassuring and powerful.

Prayer is, as instructed by Jesus, a conversation with a loving Father who is big enough to hear all our emotions, especially our pain and anger and frustration, and especially our (my) regular question, regarding world events: 'Why'? and 'What on earth is going on'? I was reminded in the book both of the power and promise of prayer. Sometimes we overlook the power of prayer. In James 5:16 he writes, '*The prayer of a*

righteous person is powerful and effective'. In the book I am reading Richardson offers a quote (origin unknown), 'Satan laughs at our toiling, mocks our wisdom but trembles when we pray.'

Prayer also has many great promises, the most famous of which we find in 2 Chronicles 7:14 where God is speaking to Solomon after the completion of the Temple. *"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*

Testimonies have been written about how this passage has transformed churches and, in some case, started revivals. As a circuit we are called to prayer, to humility and confession, and when we get right with God (through Jesus) and pray within God's will, plan and purpose – then amazing things will happen.

So, be encouraged and attend the local prayer meetings which are offered to you. *"We are never so high as when we are on our knees."* (Richardson)

Thank you for your ongoing prayers for the circuit and its churches, for those who struggle with bereavement and illness. For those who rejoice and celebrate, for our future mission and ministry, and for my colleagues and myself. Your prayers are always much appreciated.

May God bless you as you continue to discover the Power, Promise and Joy of prayer.

Andy

Deacon Andy Packer

EDITOR'S NOTE

Hello everyone. It's October already and 2025 is rushing along. (I deliberately ignore the Christmas cards already on display in Tesco's!)

However, the change in our weather tells us it's definitely autumn but whilst the summer brought us blue skies and yellow sunshine, the autumn has its own rich colours with the golden, orange and red tones of the leaves falling off the trees.

It's an important time for farmers as they gather the crops they have been growing during the year for food and animal feed.



Along with many churches holding their Harvest Thanksgiving services around this time, we will be holding our own service of thanks on 5th October. Following the service you are all invited to our Bring and Share Harvest Lunch (see page 13).

I found this on the *BBC Countryfile* website: "The word 'harvest' comes from the Old English word *hærfest* meaning 'autumn', aptly the season for gathering the food of the land. This was a vital time of year, when success was a genuine matter of life or death. A prosperous harvest ensured that a community would be fed throughout the potentially barren winter months."

"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord, thank the Lord for all his love".

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)

Have a fruitful month

Diane Foster



WE ASK FOR GOD'S BLESSING
on all those who are unwell and
that we have concerns for at this time.

We particularly remember in our prayers all those who are unable to come to church because of ongoing illnesses.

We continue to pray for **Derek Gabbidon, Brian Grinham** and **Geoff Wragg**.

May they all feel the love of God's healing hands on them.



We pray for all those in a time of grief following the loss of loved ones.

Some of our members will have fond memories of the **Revd Peter Hudson** who recently passed away (see tributes starting on next page). Peter was minister at The Drive from 1976-1983. We remember his wife, Celia and all his family and friends at this sad time.

May knowing that God's love is with them give them the strength and comfort to ease their pain.



"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

TRIBUTES TO THE REVD PETER HUDSON 1934 -2025

Peter was our minister from 1976 to 1983 and he will be particularly remembered for his pastoral care, his energy and his enthusiasm.

He was a good friend to The Drive Church and was instrumental in delivering the first of our developments with the sale of the tennis courts - now the site of Merton Court. The money raised funded the total modernisation of the Hall building and creation of the Church lounge and tea servery.

He also established the North East London Religious Education Centre which was based at Ilford Methodist Church. Through various iterations the project became the RERP (Religious Education Resource Project) which continued to support Christian Education in local schools until very recently.

It was Peter who invited me to become a member of the then newly formed Property Committee – the rest as they say is history!

Please remember Celia and the family in your prayers.

Jeremy Foster



I have very happy memories of the Revd Peter Hudson, his wife Celia, and his family. I grew up with his children Andrew, Judith, Dawn and Adele.

Judith was a similar age to me and together we once entered a talent show at The Drive. It's amazing what two garden canes and some string can create! I became a puppet and Judith was the puppeteer. Together we danced and acted to

“Like a Puppet on a String” by Sandie Shaw. I’m not sure where we came in the results table, but it was good fun.

One Easter day, the Revd Peter Hudson organised an Easter breakfast, in the parlour, to celebrate a number of young people who were going to be confirmed during the Easter service. I was one of the young people and the memory is still one of fellowship and happiness.

I have been at The Drive most of my life and the Revd Peter Hudson was one of the first ministers that I remember listening to and understanding the message that he preached.

He was a gentle person who was passionate about sharing the love of Jesus and he had a lovely smile, too.

May his soul rest in peace.

Jo Wright



My family were fortunate to have known Peter during his appointment at The Drive. He conducted the marriage of my daughter and baptised one of my grandchildren. He also held a membership class at my home.

When I think of Peter, I recall his calm and peaceful presence, and his readiness to listen as though time was never pressing.

He loved having children in his services and was never perturbed by their noise or disruption, expressing only gratefulness that they were there.

A special man. Thank you Peter.

Lorraine Bendon



HILARY'S PRAYER COLUMN

A PRAYER FOR HARVEST

We know that harvest is just as important in these modern times as ever it was Lord.

You give us the sunshine and the rain.
No-one else can and for all our scientific knowledge we would have nothing to put in their place.

We are utterly dependent upon you for you have given us a marvellous world where all our needs could be met.

Forgive us the inability to share your harvest.
Forgive us the politics and apathy
which leaves people starving this very day
whilst western farmers are paid to grow nothing.

Father we thank you for your harvest for it is yours not ours.

May the day come soon when your harvest
is fairly shared throughout the world.

Bless our worship and may our lives
reflect the love we find in this place.

Amen.

Hilary Stevens

HAPPY  **BIRTHDAY to:**

JANET BRUNNEN ON 1ST
SHEELA SELWYN ON 3RD



**AND TO EVERYONE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY
IN OCTOBER**

HAVE A LOVELY DAY!



*(If you would like yours or somebody else's birthday
mentioned then please let me know! – Ed.)*

UPDATE FROM AMY:

Hi all, we are settling down in Colchester very well. We attend the Methodist Church which is ten minutes drive from us. It's a very warm and loving congregation but we miss The Drive after 35 years of being part of a lovely church family.

We haven't gone completely, we will continue to come when able. Blessings to all.

Amy Gabbidon

Thank you Amy, it's always lovely to see you both - Ed

CONGRATULATIONS to...



Amy and Derek Gabbidon who celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on 15th September. Congratulations to you both and hope you enjoyed your day.



Rochelle Inbakumar who, a few months ago, graduated from the BPP law school. She will be celebrating her graduation this month. Well done Rochelle and enjoy your graduation day.

Toju Fadina as he starts university this term. All good wishes to you Toju as you begin this new chapter in your life.



Ruth Beecher who has just moved into a new home. Wishing you every happiness and joy as you settle in, Ruth.

Margaret and Graham Smith who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary on 18th October and will be receiving a blessing during the morning service on 5th October. Many congratulations Maggie and Graham. Enjoy your celebrations.



Robert Normanton, son of our former minister, Stephen, and **Vicky Minetti** who recently became engaged. Congratulations Robert and Vicky and every happiness for the future.



PINK AFTERNOON TEA FOR BREAST CANCER NOW SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

Thank you to all those who helped or supported our Pink Afternoon Tea. A total of £222 was raised for Breast Cancer Now.



Lorraine Bendon

Well done Lorraine, sorry I couldn't make it – the photos looked delicious! – Ed.



AUDREY'S MARVELLOUS MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

At the time of writing the amount raised at this event is £787. A great achievement. Well done Audrey and Andrew and everyone who helped and supported this important cause.

I shall enjoy the marmalade – thanks Andrew! – Ed.

**HARVEST GIFTS COLLECTION
SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 10AM – 12PM
IN THE CHURCH**

We shall be pleased to receive any harvest gifts you are able to donate.

Or you can bring them to our:

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE
SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 11.15AM
led by REVD JACQUI JONES
including Holy Communion**



followed by



**BRING AND SHARE LUNCH
AT 1.00PM IN THE HALL**

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

Please note that you do not need to bring food to attend. There will be plenty for all and everyone is welcome.



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2025 **22nd SEPTEMBER – 5TH OCTOBER**

Fairtrade is the most recognised and trusted sustainability label working to make trade fairer for the people who grow our food.

The Fairtrade Foundation is the UK member of the international Fairtrade system, working with people and partners around the world to make trade work for the people and the planet.

The role of the Foundation in the UK is to connect farmers and workers with businesses, campaigners, and everyday shoppers, so that together, the balance of trade can be shifted. Fairtrade Fortnight is an annual promotional campaign which happens once every year, organised and funded by the Fairtrade Foundation to increase awareness of Fairtrade products.

You can find lots more information about fairtrade and what Fairtrade Fortnight is at <https://fairtrade.net/uk-en.html>

“The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord; the earth and who live on it are his.” Psalm 24:1

Lord God,

*In the fields of the poor even when abundant fruits ripen,
Injustice sweeps them away, and families hunger.*

Help us to share the fruits of your bounty

So that all your family may benefit from your gracious gifts.

Amen.

Based on Proverbs 13:23



VALENTINE SINGERS

ALL ABROAD!



An afternoon of classical and traditional
music from around the world

including Villa-Lobos, Lauridsen,
Schubert and Saint-Saëns,
plus traditional music from
Australasia, Africa and Europe



SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER AT 4:00PM

St Anne's Church, Larkshall Road,
Chingford E4 6NP

£15 (£8 students/benefit holders)
(buy in advance - £17/£10 on the door!)
Free admission for under 16s!

phone: 01277 364772
or visit our website:
www.valentinesingers.org



or see Andrew Taylor

HOMELESS SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER



The ecumenical charity, Housing Justice, holds Homelessness Sunday each year. Their aim is to raise awareness of the issues surrounding homelessness among churches and their congregations. Their hope is that by taking time to reflect on Homelessness Sunday, church congregations will consider what they can do in their own community to alleviate homelessness, suffering and poverty. www.housingjustice.org.uk

FREEDOM SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER



Initiated by International Justice Mission, a global organisation working to stop slavery and violence, Freedom Sunday is a chance to join with many thousands of churches around the world to pray, give, and advocate for this cause. It is held on the Sunday closest to EU Anti-Trafficking Day which is observed annually on 18th October. www.ijmuk.org

BIBLE SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER



Bible Sunday is a day set aside in the church calendar to celebrate the gift of God's word. Bible Sunday, as its promoters rightly point out, may be marked on any (or every!) Sunday. Of the more than 7,000 documented languages in the world today, over half do not have written Christian scriptures. This means that 209 million people do not, or cannot, possess any part of the Bible in their own language. Those of us who do are fortunate. www.biblesociety.org.uk

FROM THE CIRCUIT OFFICE:

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Our Superintendent, Revd Mmasape is running membership classes this autumn. If you would like to know what being a member of the Methodist Church means you can find a lot of information on the Methodist Church website or please speak to one of your church stewards.

GRANGE HILL FOODBANK

The Grange Hill Management Committee is grateful to receive any donations to the foodbank, however there are certain items that are required more than others such as:

Dry noodles (packets); longlife fruit juice or fruit squash (max size one litre); longlife milk; cereal; biscuits.

As well as food the following items are also required:

Deodorant (especially women's); shampoo; shower gel; shaving foam/gel; laundry pods/capsules; washing up liquid.

As always, the Grange Hill Management Committee is very grateful for all the support given to the project throughout the year. The Foodbank is open between 10 and 12 on Saturday, and folk are more than welcome to drop in to see how we're getting on, and to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, any time!

For further information about circuit items please contact:

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Circuit Meeting Secretary

Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit

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Website: barking-dagenham-ilford-methodist-church.org.uk

SAMARITAN'S PURSE – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoe boxes will be arriving soon for our annual collection. There will be leaflets to advise you what to include in your box.

These boxes are sent all over the world to children who are in desperate need and gives them some comfort and joy during the Christmas season.

The Samaritan's Purse is always grateful for your generosity and support.

For more information you can go to the Samaritan's Purse website:

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

Or please speak to Jo Wright or one of the stewards.

The boxes need to be brought to church by **SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER**, so they can be delivered to the drop off centre.



MY SRI LANKAN ADVENTURE

Earlier this summer, I visited Sri Lanka, my parents' homeland. While previous trips were mostly spent in Colombo, this time I had the chance to travel to Jaffna - my dad's hometown and the capital of the Northern Province. Walking through places I had only known through family stories made me feel both like a visitor and someone returning home.

This trip was more than a holiday; it was a chance to reconnect with my roots and reflect on the enduring importance of heritage, community, and faith in shaping who we are. As my aunty reminded me over dinner, *"Because we are Tamil, our story must live on."*

Christian Heritage in Sri Lanka

Christianity in Sri Lanka dates back to around the 5th century, with Persian Christian traders and missionaries introducing the faith. Interestingly, Nestorian communities developed in other coastal regions well before European colonisation. Later, Portuguese, Dutch, and British rule brought Catholicism and Protestantism, shaping the island's Christian heritage and community life. Spending a few weeks in Sri Lanka gave us the privilege of attending several Sunday services at different churches, and even the fun of spotting churches during our travels throughout the week.

CRC Dehiwala

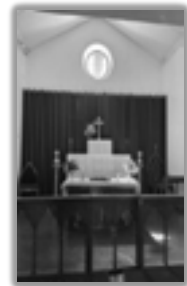
The Christian Reformed Church (CRC) in Dehiwala is part of Sri Lanka's Dutch Reformed tradition dating back to the colonial period.

It has long served as a centre of Protestant worship and community in the Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia area of Colombo. This was my mum's former church, and during our first week, we had the chance to visit during their Sunday service. We also met the Reverend who married my parents in the nearby Methodist church!



JDCSI Church, Atchuvely

This was my dad's childhood church, built in the early 1800s and has been the backdrop for significant moments in our family's history, including the wedding of my paternal grandparents. Although the building has suffered from years of limited maintenance and is a shadow of its former glory, witnessing its small yet devoted congregation was truly inspiring. I also had the special privilege of reading a Bible verse in English here, even though the usual Sunday service is conducted in Tamil!



St Antony's Church, Mathagal

While in Jaffna, we also were doing our best to trace my mum's family history, which also has roots in the region on her maternal side. My mum's great-grandfather lived in a village called Mathagal and our only lead was that he lived near St. Anthony's Church, pictured right. I found it deeply poignant that our sole clue was linked to a church - a gentle reminder of God's presence in our lives.



Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes (Mathagal parish)

We passed the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Mathagal, Jaffna, carefully modelled after the original Lourdes in France. The shrine immediately stood out with its peaceful and picturesque surroundings. Along the pathway, visitors can follow a series of detailed depictions illustrating Jesus' journey carrying the cross, culminating in his crucifixion, creating a moving and immersive spiritual experience. Adding to the reflective atmosphere, the Ten Commandments are prominently displayed on trees in Tamil, encouraging contemplation and devotion among worshippers.



HISTORY, CULTURE AND THE BEAUTY OF RENEWAL

Our visit to Jaffna was a journey filled with history, beauty, and faith. We explored the Nilavarai well, the Jaffna Fort (from the colonial periods) and the lagoon bridge. We also saw the bustle of everyday life at the Central Market. Nature had its own treasures too - the calm sands of Casuarina Beach, the healing waters of the Keerimalai springs, and the northern tip of Sri Lanka at Point Pedro.

Among all these places, my favourite was the Jaffna Public Library. Opened in 1933, it quickly became one of Asia's biggest libraries and a proud centre of Tamil culture. Its collection once included thousands of rare books and priceless palm-leaf manuscripts, inscribed with classical Tamil literature, history, and wisdom. Tragically, the library was burned in 1981, destroying almost its entire collection. Today, however, it has been lovingly rebuilt, standing not only as a

place of knowledge but also as a symbol of resilience, renewal, and the enduring value of learning.

Through these experiences we were reminded that, just as Jaffna has been renewed, God also restores what is broken in our lives and sustains us from one generation to the next.

“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable” (Psalm 145:3).

Pictured below: Jaffna Public Library (left) and ancient Tamil manuscripts saved in the 1981 arson attack (right).



Thank you for this Rochelle. It sounds an amazing trip – Ed.



FROM SMALL ACORNS DO OAK TREES GROW

An interesting thing happened to me many years ago when I lived with my children in an upstairs flat in Ilford. One of the people living in a bedsit underneath my flat was a lady in her 30s who was very shy and reclusive and looked like life had been very hard for her. After a period of time, we started to notice occasionally during the night sounds that she was getting very distressed, crying and the like, but she wouldn't answer her door if I knocked. This went on for quite a long time, not every night but maybe every other week or so.

So, at about 10pm one night when my children were asleep, my doorbell rang and it was her, asking if she could come and talk to me and of course, I said yes. She talked all through the night, telling me her story (which was very distressing) and I offered to try and get her some help for her distress. When I got to work that morning, very tired, I sought advice from a nurse in the medical department where I worked who advised me on how to take this forward i.e. get her to her doctor.

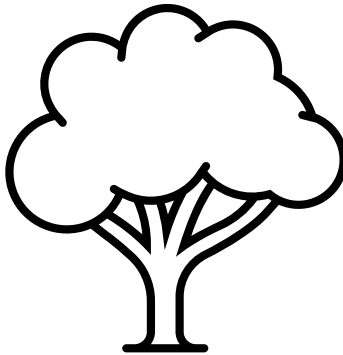
Over the next few months, I tried to get her the help she needed without much success as her GP was not very cooperative but we tried valiantly.

Then I moved house and somehow lost contact. About 2 years later, I was in Sainsburys in Barkingside when a lady said "hello Ruth". I apologised and said "do I know you" to which she said "yes, I'm your neighbour from the flats who you helped". I really didn't recognise her as she looked fabulous and she went on to tell me that all the nagging of her GP eventually paid off and she got the help she needed.

So why did she knock on my door? Because at that time, my younger daughter was involved with the church near Redbridge Station and joined a choir they had formed to be part of a Billy Graham Mission taking place at West Ham football ground and had asked me to put a car sticker in my back window saying something like "**Jesus listens**"!

Makes you think!!

Ruth Joyce





**OUR REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
WILL BE LED BY
THE REVD JACQUI JONES
ON SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER.**

**PLEASE NOTE THE SERVICE WILL START AT 10.45AM
IN ORDER FOR US TO OBSERVE THE
TWO MINUTES SILENCE AT 11.00AM**





SMILE

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too.



I walked around the corner
and someone saw my grin
When I smiled, I realised
I had passed it onto him.



I thought about the smile
and realised its worth
a single smile like mine
could travel round the earth.



If you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic
And get the world infected.

Jez Alborough



Submitted by Ruth Joyce

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.papyrusuk.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. thecalmzone.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 29

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.org.uk 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.

DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Sun 28th	11.15am	Morning Worship led by TDY
Tues 30 th	7.45pm	Choir Practice Church Parlour

OCTOBER

Fri 3rd	12.30pm	Funeral Revd Peter Hudson at West Herts Crematorium followed by
	2.15pm	Thanksgiving Service at Marlborough Road Methodist Church
Sat 4 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Collection of harvest gifts in the church (see page 13)
Sun 5th	11.15am	Harvest Thanksgiving Morning Worship led by Revd Jacqui Jones with Holy Communion followed by
	1.00pm	Harvest Lunch Church Hall (See page 13)
Tues 7 th	7.45pm	Choir Practice Church Parlour
Sun 12th	11.15am	Homeless Sunday (see page 16) Morning Worship led by Mrs Sharon Grundy
Sun 12 th	4.00pm	Valentines Singer Concert, St Anne's Church, Chingford (see page 15)

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OCTOBER		
Tues 14 th	7.45pm	Choir Practice Church Parlour
Sun 19th	11.15am	Freedom Sunday (See page 16) Morning Worship led by Ms Florence Amoah
Sun 26th	11.15am	Bible Sunday (See page 16) Morning Worship led by Mr Matthew Walton-Thorne
NOVEMBER		
Sun 2nd	11.15am	Morning Worship led by Revd Jacqui Jones with Holy Communion
Tues 4 th	7.45pm	Choir Practice Church Parlour
Wed 5 th	7.30pm	Fundraising Committee Meeting Church Parlour
Sun 9th	10.45am	Remembrance Sunday Morning Worship led by Revd Jacqui Jones (see page 25)
Sun 9th Deadline for receipt of Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes See page 18		

***Deadline for November Newsletter items:
Monday 20TH October 2025 - Thank you!***



Services every Sunday at 11.15am

Communion services as announced

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Term time only: Mon to Fri 9.15am-12pm; 1pm-3pm