

Pinner Free Church (Baptist)
Minister: Revd Simon Prout B.A., M.Th.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT
(ADOPTED IN 2008)

We commit ourselves to seeking God's will for us and our church; being prepared to go forward with courage, open to change, taking risks where needed and trusting in God. We will encourage one another, listen to one another, appreciate and value everything that people do and all the resources that we have. We will welcome everyone and seek every opportunity to make God's love known to all.

Dear Friends,

We wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year!

The beginning of a new year brings more changes to our community. Valerie Edis and Elsie Adams retired as deacons at the end of 2009, and we thank them for their service in these roles. Valerie Edis will be moving to Little Chalfont and will be greatly missed by all of us; she has undertaken so many different jobs for the church over the years that it would be impossible to list them all. We give her our very grateful thanks and wish her well in her new home.

Joyce Eavis has been elected as Church Secretary for 2010, and Brenda Carpenter has been elected as a deacon, joining June Harris, Cliff Evans and John Gratton, the current serving deacons.

The church agreed that it was time to employ some paid help with the many administrative tasks that are required to keep the church going. Over the last few months we have been advertising, sifting applications and interviewing. **Mrs Karen Harle** has been offered the post of Administrative Assistant. She will commence her role on Monday 4th January and will normally work on Mondays and Thursdays from 10.00am to 12.30pm. She will be working in the room upstairs, formerly known as the deacon's vestry, which has been re-decorated and equipped to serve as the church office. Karen will deal mainly with the booking of the premises, keeping the church diary, producing the monthly diary, responding to enquiries, filing and photocopying. Please note that all requests for Karen to carry out any task will need to be given to the Church Secretary, as Karen can only take instructions in that way.

There are now two ways in which the church can be contacted. The church telephone number is, as always, **020 8429 2837**. We also now have a church e-mail address pinnerfreechurch@btinternet.com Any requests for bookings, both regular and occasional, or information of items for the monthly church diary can be sent to Karen through either of these ways.

Because the church office will contain sensitive information and data, please note that the issue of keys to it will be restricted. If you need access and do not have a key, you will either need to go to the church when Karen is working there, or make arrangements with somebody who has a key (Joyce, Derek, Ken Alder, Peter)

Sunday 17th January at 10.30am is our annual **Re-Dedication Service**, when we all have the opportunity to re-commit ourselves, in this Centenary Year, for another year of service to God and to each other. The service will also contain the commissioning of the new deacon and church secretary and will be a Communion Service.

Following the service, and after coffee-time, we will be having a **Bring and Share Lunch** in the church hall, when we will be joined by our friends in the Pinner Christian Fellowship. Do try to be with us on this day if at all possible; there is a list in church to put your name down if you are able to come to the lunch and please indicate what you will bring.

Sunday 24th January – FOURTH SUNDAY At the first of our Fourth Sunday Services for 2010 we are to have a speaker from **MERCY SHIPS UK**, which is our centenary project. Do come along to this service and hear about the inspiring work they do.

Saturday 30th January 10.30am – 12.30pm We resume our monthly Coffee Mornings, with the usual Sale Table of books, puzzles, toys, toiletries, china and glassware etc. These coffee mornings have been growing during the last year and more visitors have been coming along. We are grateful for all the items you donate for the Sale Table, please keep them coming. During the centenary year the proceeds from all the Coffee mornings will be given to our centenary project, Mercy Ships UK, except for Marmalade Sales, which will still be for Home Mission.

Saturday 6th March- Centenary Quiz Supper If you enjoy Quiz Suppers please put this date in your diary now and plan to come along. Bring a group to fill a table (8), or just join with others when you get there. More details nearer the time.

CENTENARY WEEKEND 24th/25th APRIL By now, probably everybody has this date in their diary. We look forward to a very special weekend, with the Flower and Music Festival on the Saturday, and the lunch and Centenary Service on the Sunday, with many former church members and friends joining us for the occasion.

FINALLY.....A very big 'THANK YOU' for all your generosity, especially over the Christmas period.

£65.00 was sent to **The Children's Society**, from the offering at the Christingle Service.

A large quantity of toys and gifts went to **Harrow Christmas Care**, also from the Christingle.

£150.00 went to **Crisis** from the offering at the Candle-light Carol Service

£500.00 was raised for the **London Air Ambulance Service**, mainly from the monthly Coffee Mornings, but with extra donations.

£763.11 has already been raised for our centenary project **MERCY SHIPS UK**.

Thank you for all the tasks that are carried out so faithfully each week, seen and unseen, which enable the church to continue to fulfil her mission. May we all seek God's will for us and for the church in the coming year.

Simon Prout
Minister

Joyce Eavis
Church Secretary

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