



Pinner Free Church (Baptist)

Paines Lane, Pinner

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**February
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The disappearing pews!

A couple of years ago we removed some of our pews to create a 'Prayer Corner' in the church - which has been put to good use at some of our services and prayer times, and also as a display area.

Now we have removed a few more and created a seating area at the back of the church and a coffee serving area. The seating area also serves as a children's corner for parents with young children.

This means we can now serve coffee in the church after our service instead of asking everyone to make the trek to the church hall.

Our thanks to all those who made this possible!

Pinner Christian Fellowship

At the end of January we were delighted to welcome Pinner Christian Fellowship to use our hall for one of their services, when they were unable to have their usual meeting place. This worked out so well, that they will be coming back again for 2 more services in March.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Meets every Tuesday afternoon in the church hall at 2.30pm. A group mainly for Ladies, they have speakers on various different topics, plus a cup of tea and chat. New members are always welcome. Ring Jean 8866 6309 or Doris 8866 4430

New Year - New Name!

By now everybody probably knows that we have changed the church name - see above. There are brand new notice-board headings outside the church and everyone now uses the new name and the changed logo. We want to be known as 'Pinner Free' not PFC when you refer to us in conversation. *(PFC is a range of shops 'Perfectly Fried Chicken!')*

'CONTACT'

Coffee and Chat

Our monthly coffee mornings on the last Saturday of each month started again in January.

We have the usual sale table (and would appreciate any donations for this) and also sale of marmalade made by church members. Home-made cakes and percolated coffee make the mornings a bit special.

Please pop in when you can -future dates

February 23rd

March 29th

April 26th (But help needed)

all coffee mornings 10.30am - 12.30pm

Proceeds this year are being divided between BMS World Mission & Home Mission, and Helen House and Douglas House (Hospices for children and teenagers)



MEET PETER AND VICKI BUTCHERS - our linked Missionaries working in Ecuador and home on leave

One of them will be speaking at our service on Sunday 17th February, then we are invited to lunch at South Harrow Baptist Church at 1.00pm to meet them both informally in the afternoon.

Special Services at
Pinner Free



Sunday 24th February 10.30am

'FAIR TRADE' A service for the beginning of Fair Trade Fortnight with Richard Baker, from St. Andrew's URC speaking about 'Fair Trade and Justice'. Sample some fair-trade products after the service - including chocolate!

Sunday 2nd March 10.30am

'MOTHERING SUNDAY' Parade Service with Brownies and Guides taking part. Flower posies for all Ladies.

Sunday 16th March 10.30am

'PALM SUNDAY' Palm Crosses procession plus service of Holy Communion

Thursday 20th March

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER

7.00pm in the church hall. (Come a bit earlier and make the bread for Communion!) 2-course supper with reflections on the 'Last Supper' followed by....

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

8.30pm in the Prayer Corner in Church

(To come to the supper please put your name on the list in church or tel. Joyce 8866 9871)

Good Friday 21st March

9.30am Service at Love Lane Methodist Church

10.20am SILENT WALK OF WITNESS with all the Pinner Churches, starting from Little Common Park and finishing at St. Luke's RC Church. Coffee and hot cross buns after the walk in St. Luke's church hall

EASTER SUNDAY 23rd MARCH

10.30am Easter Day Family Service with Holy Communion. The church will be specially decorated for Easter, with floral decorations and the symbols of the Easter story.

CHURCH OUTING

In October a coach-load from Pinner Free had a great day out in Bourton-on-the-water and Burford. We enjoyed it so much we are planning our next day out!

SATURDAY 10th MAY

To the town of Rochester in Kent

A coach has been booked and tickets will be £15.00. The town has close associations with Charles Dickens, plus a Cathedral and many other attractions. If you would like to book a place on the coach please ring June 8428 4542. Bring a friend along with you.



CHRISTIAN AID DONATIONS THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the donations for the Christmas Post Box which amounted to £250.00. By using this means of sending your Christmas cards you have helped us to send the following items....

- Disaster Kit for Bangladesh;
- Volunteers Bicycle for Malawi;
- Sewing Machine for Egypt;
- Baby birthing kit for Burkina Faso;
- Rainwater Harvester for Bangladesh;
- Can of worms for Bolivia;
- School uniform for AIDS orphan;
- 2000 saplings for Honduras;
- Maize flour for family for 6 months in Zambia;
- Teachers salary for 1 month in India

Amazing how far the money will go!

STOP PRESS ITEM.....

Early plans are being made to hold a
'HOLIDAY AT HOME'

Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th August

11.00am - 3.00pm in the church hall and rooms
Many churches hold Holiday Clubs for children (including us in other years), but this is a holiday for 50years plus! We have plenty of ideas and will be circulating full details nearer the time. Book the date in your diary now and come and be part of this!

For further details on anything in this newsletter please ring the Church Secretary
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