

**Rivercourt Methodist Church**

# Rivercourt News

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# Happy to Help!

If you are interested in any items mentioned in the newsletter, want a confidential word, or have views that you would like to express, please contact any of the church stewards.

Juliana

Frances



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# Dates For Your Diary

## October 2017

Mo	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

- 06<sup>th</sup> Oct., Monty and Joan sleeping out for Glass Door Charity (see item)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Oct., 7.15pm Circuit Meeting at Fulham Broadway
- 14<sup>th</sup> Oct., 4pm-6pm Bag Beetle Drive (see item)
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Oct., 11.00am Harvest Service
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Oct., 12.30am Bring and Share Meal
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Nov., Glass Door Night Shelter at Rivercourt (see item)

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## **Thank yous:**

Frances for stepping in to train as a steward. With both Sigourney and Philip leaving us in September we were left with only one steward. You are our saving grace.

***Juliana***

Sheri, Margaret and all those who help the Stewards with their duties on Sunday.

***Juliana***

## **Please pray**

### **for:**

Mr and Mrs Thomas as Mrs Thomas settles into her nursing home.

Mrs Azariah and her family as the 8 year anniversary of Mr Azariah's death approaches.



**Our prayers are with you  
all**

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# **Volunteers required! Can you help?**

We will be hosting the Glass Doors Nightshelter Project. There are many ways of helping. So please get involved.

## **Cooking**

Could you come in at 6pm and cook for our guests using a recipe that will be provided?

## **Shopping**

Could you Buy the food from a shopping list that will be provided? (The cost of the food will be reimbursed)

## **Setting up**

Could you Arrive at 7pm Set up tables and chairs and chat to our guests?

## **Serving**

Could you Arrive between 6.30pm & 7pm Heat up the food, serve and wash up?

## **Praying**

Could you Undertake to pray for our guests and the work of the nightshelter at least once a week?

## **Giving**

Could you Give money, toiletries, clothes, and food for the work of the nightshelter?

**If you could do any of these things please see Steve Lawrence or a steward.**

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# Thank you and Goodbye

As many of you know we said goodbye to Sigourney last month as she goes travelling to Bali and Australia.

Since she was very young Sigourney came to Rivercourt with her mum and two brothers. Her commitment to the Church soon saw her recruited as a junior steward at the age of 16. She thrived in the role and gained in confidence. She left for 3 years to go to university but returned to join the stewards after graduating.

After working in London for a few years, Sigourney bravely wants to spread her wings and explore the world out there. She will be travelling to Bali for a few weeks then heads off to Australia for a year. While we will truly miss Sigourney we are proud of the woman she has become and happy for her in the adventure she is about to embark in.

Only God knows what the future holds for you Sigourney but we hope to see you when you return to London to see your family.

We are truly blessed to have had Sigourney serving as a steward at Rivercourt and being a valued member of the congregation.

All the best Sigourney. Stay safe and enjoy the world out there.

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# **See you Soon**

Not all of you may know that our Church Steward, Dr Philip Nortey, is currently away in Ghana until late December 2017.

Philip is trialling lecturing in a Ghanaian university. When he returns in December he will confirm if he will continue lecturing in Ghana for the foreseeable future or if he will remain in London and resume his Steward's post.

Philip, we pray that the Lord watches over you while you are in Ghana and helps you make the decision that is right for you.

See you in December.

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# Remember, Remember

Seven years have passed since our valued church member, Mr Joseph Azariah passed away. Please pray for his family during this time. The candle of our lost friend continues to burn brightly in our hearts.

Joseph Kodwo Essuon Azariah – Died 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010





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# Bag Beetle Drive

**Come along to an afternoon of fun for everyone and learn to play "BEETLE".**



**When?..... On Saturday 14th October between 4pm and 6pm.**



**Where?.... Rivercourt Methodist Church, in the lounge.**



**How much?.... Tickets cost £5 and include refreshments. They will be on sale in the next few weeks.**



**Who to ask?.... If you want to know more then please speak with Fiona Bignold.**

**Remember, you don't need to bring anything special with you, just your friends and family and your sense of fun.... No minimum or maximum ages!**

**Any profits will be donated to our Ghanaian church project.**

***Fiona***

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# **Glass Door Sleep Out**

## **2017**

Monty and Joan will be sleeping out on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017. They will be sleeping on the pavement at Duke of York Square for Glass Door's fifth annual sleep out.

**Why are they sleeping out?** To raise funds for the Glass Door charity which operates night shelters in churches for homeless men and women in the winter — from mid-November to April.

**What is the target?** The charity aims to raise £200,000 to ensure they can run all the shelters next winter, allowing about 100 men and women a safe, warm and dry place to sleep every night during the coldest months of the year.

**Why donate to Glass Door?** They are London's largest emergency winter night shelter, and are the only one you do not need a referral from another agency to access.

**What is Joan's target?** £1,150

**What is Monty's target?** £1,080

**How can you donate?** Visit Monty's and Joan's just giving page on the internet or complete the sponsorship form in the lounge area. Donations will be collected on the 08<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/monty-grigg2>

<https://www.justgiving.com/search?q=joan%20bennett&type=onresearch>

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# Poets Corner

## In The Train

AS we rush, as we rush in the Train,  
The trees and the houses go wheeling back,  
But the starry heavens above the plain  
Come flying on our track.

All the beautiful stars of the sky,  
The silver doves of the forest of Night,  
Over the dull earth swarm and fly,  
Companions of our flight.

We will rush ever on without fear;  
Let the goal be far, the flight be fleet!  
For we carry the Heavens with us, dear,  
While the Earth slips from our feet!

***Author: James Thomson***  
***Submitted by: Margaret***

## Flower in The Crannied Wall

Flower in the crannied wall,  
I pluck you out of the crannies,  
I hold you here, root and all, in my hand,  
Little flower-but if I could understand  
What you are, root and all, all in all,  
I should know what God and man is.

***Author: Lord Tennyson***  
***Submitted by: Margaret***

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# **Should we have a small Garden at the front of the Church?**

There is a suggestion to 'do something ' with the concrete area at the front of the church on the corner of Rivercourt Road and King Street. Over the years we've struggled to keep this a car free area, only allowing vehicles to be parked for loading and unloading and with permission.

One suggestion is to create an 'urban garden ' - this would enhance the front of the church considerably and there are also challenges. Abundance is an organisation which offers advice on how an urban garden can best be created. There are several local projects with which Abundance have been involved - Chiswick library, Turnham Green, Chiswick Town Hall etc. Over the next few months we'll be discussing this as a church.

Your thoughts and suggestions are welcomed.

***Joan***

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# Mushroom and Cauliflower Cheese Crumble

Serves: 4

## Ingredients

- 1 medium cauliflower
- 55g butter
- 115g button mushrooms, sliced
- Salt and pepper
- 115g dry breadcrumbs
- 2tbsp grated parmesan cheese
- 1tbsp dried oregano
- 1tbsp dried parsley
- 2tbsp butter

## Method

1. Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil.
2. Break the cauliflower into the small florets and cook in the boiling water for 3 minutes. Remove from the heat, drain well and transfer to a large shallow ovenproof dish
3. Preheat the oven to 230°C/Gas mark 8. Melt the butter in a small frying pan over a medium heat. Add the sliced mushrooms, stir to coat and cook gently for 3 minutes. Remove from the heat and add to the cauliflower. Season with salt and pepper.

4. Combine the breadcrumbs, cheese and herbs in a small mixing bowl, then sprinkle the crumbs over the vegetables.

5. Dice the butter for the topping and dot over the crumbs. Place the dish in the oven and bake for 15 minutes, or until the crumbs are golden brown and crisp. Serve from the cooking dish.



**TRAIDCRAFT**  
Fighting poverty through trade

## Traidcraft responds to new 'Fairly Traded' tea from Sainsbury's

At the end of May, retail giant Sainsbury's announced a new pilot scheme to sell their core tea ranges under their own 'Fairly Traded' scheme. The new standard will not carry the Fairtrade Mark.

Traidcraft has real concerns about how this scheme will operate. For example, the social premium, a key requirement for products carrying the Fairtrade Mark, in the Sainsbury's scheme will be managed by a grant-making committee in London rather than paid directly to local producer groups. You can read our statement at: [traidcraft.co.uk/news-and-blog](http://traidcraft.co.uk/news-and-blog)

Traidcraft Exchange – along with other founder members of the Fairtrade Foundation – has raised our concerns with Sainsbury's and will continue to do so. If you want to express your concern, you can write to Sainsbury's CEO: Mike Coupe, Chief Executive, J Sainsbury's, 33 Holborn, London, EC1N 2HT

Meanwhile here at Traidcraft we're still sending out box-loads of our fabulous Fairtrade teabags and we're

expecting an upturn in demand as consumers start to vote with their wallets and purses...

### **Footnote**

Other Churches like Rivercourt use Traidcraft products and order direct from Gateshead, Traidcraft's headquarters. This cuts out the middleman so that proceeds can go straight to the countries it supports who produce tea, coffee, sugar and lots more.

Enjoy your cuppa after the Sunday service.

***Margaret***



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## **A message from the editor**

Thank you for all the contribution in this month's newsletter. I just wanted to wish Sigourney all the best and hope she enjoys the time she spends travelling. Also we look forward to seeing Philip when he returns in December 2017.

You can contact me via any of the below mediums:

- Written items can be placed in the Newsletter Wallet which is available in the Church Lounge.
- By speaking directly to me following a Sunday service.

**The deadline for the October edition is Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October.**

Kindest regards

*Juliana*

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# Services in the coming period

Sun 01<sup>st</sup> Oct., 11.00am

Preacher: Ms Susannah  
Yarde

Stewards: Vestry Juliana

Chapel Frances

Door Frances

Sun 08<sup>th</sup> Oct., 11.00am

Preacher: Revd Marylin  
Neufville

Stewards: Vestry Juliana

Chapel Frances

Door Frances

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Oct., 11.00am

Harvest Festival, Preacher:  
Revd Paul Saunders

Stewards: Vestry Juliana

Chapel Frances

Door Frances

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct., 11.00am

Preacher: Mr Monty Grigg

Stewards: Vestry Juliana

Chapel Frances

Door Frances

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Oct., 11.00am

Preacher: Revd Mark  
Davenport

Stewards: Vestry Juliana

Chapel Frances

Door Frances

Sun 05<sup>th</sup> Nov., 11.00am

Preacher: Revd Paul  
Saunders, Holy  
Communion

Stewards: Vestry Juliana

Chapel Frances

Door Frances