

Rivercourt Methodist Church

Rivercourt News

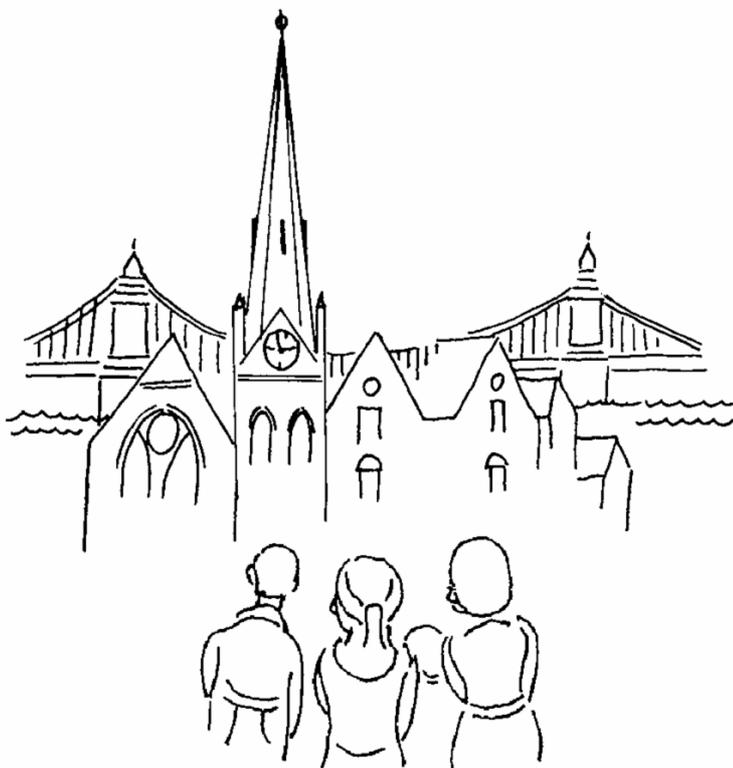
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Happy to Help!

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 trustees.

The head of the trustees is Rev. Paul Saunders

The trustees in alphabetical order are:

Joan Bennett
Fiona Bignold
Vanessa Brackett
Juliana Goode
Monty Grigg
Steve Lawrence
Philip Nortey
Sigourney Quartey
Kwaku Tiekou

Dates For Your Diary

November 2018

Mo	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	01	02

4th Nov., 12.30pm

Informal discussion about Rivercourt and St Peters church coming together

5th Nov.,

Working Party to tidy up the Church

5th & 6th Nov., 7.00pm

Identity in Christ Healing Service at Shepherds Bush

11th Nov.,

Glass door Nightshelter starts (see item)

6th Dec., 7.30pm

Circuit Men's Group

8th Dec.,

Circuit Christmas Concert (see item)

15th Dec., 10am – 4pm

Christmas tree event at Rivercourt Methodist

16th Dec., 11am

Rivercourt Christmas Carol Service

New Ways of Stewardship at Rivercourt

We have been having discussions over the past few months about the dwindling number of stewards. A solution is in place which involves four teams taking it in turn to undertake all the tasks which need to be completed on a Sunday morning. The teams consist of 3-4 team members and a team leader. The team leaders in alphabetical order are:

- Fiona Bignold
- Juliana Goode
- Betty Goode
- Steve Lawrence

Below is the list of tasks which the team undertake:

nb. The team on duty should be in the church by 10.30am.

Team Leader

Prior to Sunday

- Check the order of service for special requirements, hymn numbers, readings.
- Find readers and issue readings.
- Buy milk.

On Sunday

- Bring milk
- Open the building
- Prepare and read the notices during the service

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- Greet and prepare the preacher before the service; assist with radio mic., check they have everything they require, lead a prayer before the service
 - Count the collection (with a witness, e.g. team member 1), record, lock in safe.
 - Lock up building, leave by Rivercourt Road door.

Team Members

Set up church for service

- Switch on the lights.
- Set up the microphones and sound system; switch on, check mics, deliver radio mic. to vestry.
- Put the falls out.
- Put up the hymn numbers.
- Prepare the hymn books, orders of service, service books as appropriate.
- Put out the candles and matches.
- Find people to take collection and hand out bags.
- Prepare water for the preacher.
- Check church steps, clear any rubbish.

Before service

- Set up for refreshments; cups and saucers etc. (tea, coffee, biscuits in cupboard at rear of church), milk from Team Leader.
- Welcome congregation to the service and distribute books/sheets as appropriate.

At start of service

- Light the candles, say opening prayer and introduce minister.

During service

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- Operate microphones

After service tidying up

- Collect and pack up radio mic., switch off sound system.
- Put the falls away.
- Put the hymn books etc. away.
- Put the candles away.
- Put the preacher's water away.
- Switch off the lights.
- Serve refreshments, then clear away.
- Shut front doors.
- Security check round building - all lights extinguished, nobody inside, all internal doors shut, report to Team Leader.
- Leave by Rivercourt Road door.

We are still looking for team members so, if you feel like you could do any of the above, please speak to one of the team leaders.

Thank you's:

Everyone for embracing the new ways of stewarding. The sharing of the Sunday duties is brilliant and allowing us all to be more involved with the Church.

Juliana Goode

Please pray

for:

Those Church members who are unable to make it to Church.

Please pray for those who mourn the loss of their loved ones.

Our Circuit as we review how we will organise ourselves without an appointment of a new minister after Paul leaves us in August 2019.



**Our prayers are with you
all**

GLASS DOOR

Homeless support in West London churches

The 2018 Glass Door Night Shelter season commences at Rivercourt on Sunday 11th November.

The two members of St Peters Church who slept out on Friday 5th October raised a fantastic £3,000. Well done to them! You can still donate on their just giving page.

I urge you all to contribute towards helping this worthy charity with the invaluable work they do. See below the various ways you can help:

Cooking Could you come in at 6pm and cook for our guests using a recipe that will be provided?	Setting up Could you arrive at 7pm Set up table 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 night shelter at least once a week?
Giving Could you give money, toiletries, clothes, and food for the work of the night shelter?	If you could do any of these things please see Steve Lawrence

Invitation to Christmas Circuit Concert

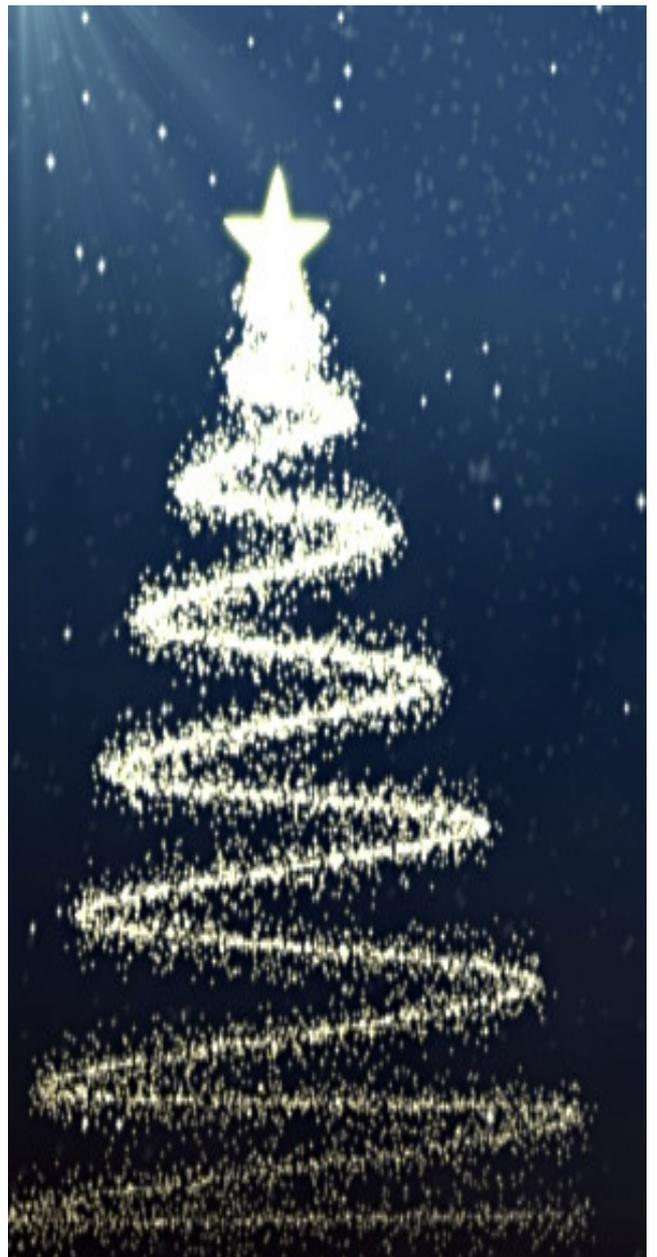
*On Saturday 8th December 2018
From 7.00pm*

*Venue: Fulham Broadway
Methodist Church
SW6 1BY*

*Gospel Choir rehearsals
dates (for all ages)*

*Sat 24th Nov – 11am -1pm
Sat 8th Dec – 11am -1pm*

*At Fulham Broadway
Methodist Church*



Poets Corner

I saw the rising sun aglow,
I heard the morning lark
I saw the darkness westward go,
I heard a late fox bark.

I watched old Mother Nature dress and fling
her windows wide,
Then she unlocked the morning gates and
beckoned me inside,
Inside the gate I stood awhile and leaned
upon the gate
And wondered why this world should be so
full of greed and hate
Whilst here where I was standing there was
peace enough for all,
And I wished that I had booked my fellow
men early call;
But why not meet me here tomorrow
Just inside morning's gate
And discover for yourself a peace that God
himself creates?
It's an open invitation that comes from
heaven above
To walk in paths of peace, within a world of
love.

Written by: Patience Strong
Submitted by Margaret Ford



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Moving with the times

Sadly the articles that I have put in the monthly Rivercourt news concerning the progress of third world countries are now only available on the website. Being a dinosaur I do not possess a computer!

I do hope that over the years you have enjoyed reading the articles. And also a big thank you to Juliana in editing them which at times have been quiet lengthy.

So please go on enjoying your tea and coffee on Sunday mornings which remains Fairtrade.

Submitted by Margaret Ford

A message from the editor

What shame about the ever consistent Fairtrade articles from Margaret. I have enjoyed editing and reading every one of them.

Thank you Margaret for never letting us down, even when you are unwell, abroad or absent from Church you always manage to submit your Fairtrade and other newsletter items.

Like Margaret, If you wish to contribute to the newsletter please let me know via any of the below mediums:

- via email to office@rivercourt.org.uk - include the word *newsletter* in the subject.
- by speaking directly to me following a Sunday service

The deadline for the December/January edition is Sunday 25th November.

Ideas and Suggestions

If you have any ideas or suggestions for the Church and /or our time together please either speak to Rev. Paul Saunders, a Trustee or email office@rivercourt.org.uk

Kindest regards

Juliana Goode

Services in the coming period

Sunday 4th Nov., 11.00am Holy Communion; Preacher:
Revd Paul Saunders

Team on duty: Juliana's team

Sunday 11th Nov, 11.00am Preacher: Revd Paul Saunders

Team on duty: Betty's team

Sunday 18th Nov., 11.00am Preacher: Revd Paul Saunders

Team on duty: Fiona's team

Sunday 25th Nov., 11.00am Preacher: Mr Monty Grigg

Team on duty: Steve's team

Sunday 2nd Dec., 11.00am Holy Communion; Preacher:
Revd Paul Saunders

Team on duty: Juliana's team