

GOODMAYES METHODIST CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

June 2026



Revd Jacqui writes:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Welcome to a new month! And what a gift to celebrate Summer. I wonder if you're enjoying the sun as much as I have, it's brought longer hours of light and exquisite blooms!

Today as I prepare this letter, I am deeply grateful for Gods steadfast presence. This week I planned to take a few days off and help my daughter prepare for the new baby due in July. Our plans were completely disrupted as she landed up in hospital and her one-year-old got Chickenpox! A week of real anxiety and God's miraculous grace and healing. Today I am so grateful that both are recovering well!

Reflecting on this difficult week made me think of our Bible Month as we take on a journey of Philippians:

Paul reminds us of Joy that endures – Paul's call to rejoice, even in hardship, rooted in confidence in God's goodness.

That a **Christ-like humility** – the "Christ hymn" chapter 2 shows Jesus' self-giving love as our model.

Finally Pressing on in faith – discipleship as a lifelong journey of growth and peace.

Wishing you all every blessing,

Revd Jacqui

Minister : Revd Jacqueline Jones Tel: 07759 778070.

Goodmayes Methodist Church – April Financial Summary

In April, total income amounted to £4,948.89, with the main contributions coming from lettings and offertory. Expenditure for the month totalled £5,097.61, largely driven by assessment fees and utility costs. This resulted in a net deficit of £148.72 for the month.

Key Points

Tej and Mounish will be working closely together from now until the end of the Methodist financial year to support the handover of day-to-day financial responsibilities.

To help streamline this process, a central finance inbox has been set up. Please send all financial matters to: Treasury@goodmayesmethodistchurch.org

Online Giving

Thank you to everyone who has moved from physical to online giving. As a result, our monthly banking charges have reduced from £50 to £30. To help reduce this cost even further, we encourage you to consider switching to online giving or standing orders. These methods are secure, free for the church to process, and ensure that more of each donation goes directly toward ministry and operational needs.

We truly appreciate every form of giving and understand that online methods may not suit everyone.

The ‘Benevolence Fund’

The Benevolence Fund, established by the Methodist Church, is principally for the ‘relief of poverty and distress’ in the local community. The Church Minister may use it at their discretion to give emergency financial support to individuals or families, whether church members or not. Historically, at Goodmayes, we invited a small change offering at Holy Communion services to contribute to the Benevolence Fund, but this practice was discontinued and, latterly, any grants have been made from the church's current account.

It has been suggested that people may wish to donate specifically to such a fund, and, consequently, it is proposed that we have a retiring collection, once a month (you may wish to donate online or by standing order to save paying bank charges), so that we can support those who find themselves in difficult situations where a small grant could make a bit difference.

We are a very generous church, giving to Christian Aid, Action for Children, the Whitechapel Mission, the Redbridge Food Bank, Ripple Effect, the Queen Victoria Seafarers’ Rest and more. Sometimes we may overlook those in our midst who are struggling, and the Benevolence Fund is there for that purpose. An application is confidential and made to the Minister who will organise funds.

Church Family News



Edited by Jean Jones

June 2026

Dare I start with the weather? Suffice to say, it was great to have super sunshine during the half-term holiday, although it was very hot! Hope you were all able to enjoy it! As Summer begins officially, I trust we will have many opportunities to spend time together on glorious days.

The Annual Church Meeting, which was held within the morning service, was very well attended and gave everyone a chance to hear what is happening at Goodmayes and to look towards the future. Revd. Jacqui remarked that we are on a church journey together, and she encouraged people to offer support in any way they could. We were pleased to appoint two new stewards, Sumanth and Jackie, with Gail offering to assist the Steward and count the offertory on Sunday mornings. Kweku will take on the Property portfolio and Sumanth will be the AV lead. Elise has agreed to be a Communion Steward, as Leena has stepped down from that role; we thank Leena for her many years of committed service. Whilst Tej will be the Church Treasurer, Mounish, a member at Gantshill, will take on the day-to-day management of the accounts as Goodmayes Finance Officer. Discussion of Goodmayes 'Vision', where we can dream together, will be highlighted each time Revd. Jacqui is at Goodmayes and this will create the foundation for the future. This is also an important step in our ability to access funding.

I trust that you have been able to try the chair samples which will be collected this month. The manufacturers will leave colour swatches so that the seating fabric can be considered. All the chairs can be adapted to have arms, ledges/pouches for books, attaching hooks, etc. Once we are able to bring everything together and, providing we receive funding, a decision can be made.

Birthdays this month include those of Alice (2nd), Peter W (6th), Pat B (13th), Jane (15th), Mike (15th), Saut (18th), Derick (26th – this is a special one!), Dawn (26th), Philip H (29th) and Hannah L (30th). We hope you enjoy your day and celebrate in style. Also, it is Sarah and Brian's wedding anniversary on the 12th – many congratulations.

Revd. Kido conducted our worship on 31st May, and it was such a pleasure to see him and all the family and quite emotional; a highlight in the service was Haim playing a piano solo. We were so grateful to Seunghye for providing piano accompaniment in her inimitable style. Afterwards we enjoyed a 'bring and share' lunch; the food contributions were superb and the fellowship marvellous! Tia has suggested that we have lunch together, perhaps once a month or every two months, which will be a wonderful church family time. I recall that Revd. Charles Watson was always keen for us to organise a shared lunch as it brought people together. He was so right!

The next Messenger will cover July and August, and I look forward to receiving your contributions!

Every good wish, Jean

Youth and Sunday School News

Planned day at the seaside postponed until next year. On Saturday 11th July we hope to have a Sunday school outing to the trampolining park in Mayesbrook park. All children should have received details; if not please contact one of the Sunday school leaders. We hope to have a fun event with as many children/ young people joining in.

The Junior Sunday school have been collecting to support the charity Ripple Effect since January this year.

They were excited to learn at the end of May that their collection totalled a fantastic £43.35!

We had a lot of discussion on what gifts we should buy with our collection, and together the children decided it was important that everyone had access to water, food that could survive a drought and also protein. They therefore chose to fund a rainwater catchment tank, pineapples (yes they survive droughts) and a hen. They would have loved to have also purchased beans, but our adding up showed that would not be possible this time.

Ripple effect supports farmers in rural Africa (Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia) to 'grow more food, earn a living, and break the cycle of poverty - for good.' Last year the charity supported over 1.1 million people with life changing training, of whom 65% were women farmers. Their work creates ripples of kindness as each farmer they support goes on to teach other local farmers, creating many ripples of kindness that benefit whole communities. You can find out more at www.rippleeffect.org.

Thank you to all the children and their parents for supporting such a worthwhile charity.

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

Fellowship Circle met on Monday, 11th May, when we had an interesting discussion about May Day customs, followed by a quiz. Next month, on Monday, 8th June, at 2 o'clock, Kathy Lancaster returns with a presentation on Richmond and Kew. Refreshments follow. New members always very welcome to our meetings in the annexe.

Janet and Anne



Message received from Sandra

" I'd like to say many thanks to Janet and Anne for a fun afternoon at the GMC Fellowship meeting in May.

It was very interesting to hear about how people celebrated May day in the past and the quiz was very good too.

With best wishes, Sandra"

Something of interest from Janet:

The King's Official Birthday.
On Saturday, 13th June, 12.40-1.25p.m., there will be a flypast. You get an excellent view of this from the top of the hill in Fairlop Waters, Forest Road, as it's on the flight path to Buckingham Palace.

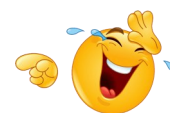
Smile A While!

A husband and wife are fighting about who has to make coffee in the morning. The wife says: "You wake up before me, you should do it".

The husband says: "It's part of the cooking, so its your responsibility."
"No." The wife says, "Its in the bible that the man makes the coffee."

The husband says: "Prove it."
The wife goes and gets the bible and sure enough, there it is

"HEBREWS.."





DIARY DATES

A message from Ann Flynn

At our next Own Arrangement in August we thought it would be good to have a songs of praise and time of Testimony. It will be an opportunity to get to know each other better.

If you could let Ann Flinn know if you have a favourite hymn and why unless you are prepared to say a few words yourself. I'm aware the plan says it's at the end of August but I think the preacher on the first week has asked if we can swap; so Ann would like to get planning as soon as possible as time really does fly.

Many thanks, it doesn't have to be a hymn, a prayer can also be worked into the service.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday Services

11.30 am at Goodmayes

The live streaming link is:

[https://youtube.com/
@goodmayesmethodistchurch50](https://youtube.com/@goodmayesmethodistchurch50)

Also, you may wish to check out our website which is full of information relating to both our Church and the Circuit:

www.goodmayesmethodistchurch.org

Circuit Youth event

'Journeying Together'

It has not been able to book an outside site for this event so it will be held at Barking Methodist Church instead. We are waiting for flyers to be available but the date will be **Saturday 27th June, 11.00am - 4.00pm** with lunch provided by the Circuit as it was last year. Sunday School leaders have forwarded all the information to parents via email.

CIRCUIT EVENTS

**6th June 1000-1600 (Registration 9 am)
Barking Methodist Church
Being a Woman in God's Kingdom**

What does it mean to live, lead and flourish as a woman in God's Kingdom today?

Main Speaker: Revd Dr Kate Coleman, joined by Revd Cham Kuar-Mann and Revd Charity Tozvepi-Nzegwu, with Revd Mmasape Thathane-Tyolweni hosting the day.

Tickets: £20 (includes refreshments) available via Eventbrite

**Sunday 26th July, 4.00 pm
The Drive Methodist Church**

Farewell service for Revd Mmasape Thathane-Tyolweni.

**Saturday 13th June, 10.30 am
Beacontree Heath Methodist Church
Table Top sale**

If you are interested in buying a table, then please contact Jackie in the Circuit Office (bdicircuitoffice@btconnect.com OR 020 8517 6159)

London Methodist Lunch Club:

The London Methodist lunch club meet on the second Friday of the month at Lancaster Hall Hotel, 35 Craven Terrace, London W2 3EL. They have a 3 course meal and a speaker. Cost £22.00. Everyone is welcome.

You need to book the previous Monday by emailing cdmerriman@btinternet.com

The speakers will be:

Friday 11th September:

visit to Hinde Street Methodist Church, 19, Thayer Street W1U 2QJ

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study Group wil next meet on Monday 22nd June, at 2 pm. All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID



Thank you to everyone who donated to the work of Christian Aid.

I have been walking “70k in May” if you would like to sponsor me please donate via https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/challenge-2026/eileens-70k-may?utm_medium=sharedbuttons&utm_campaign=&utm_source=copy
Or give to me.

This summer, Christian Aid will be at Big Church Festival and they would love for you to join them. Further information can be found at:

https://bigchurchfestival.com/?dm_i=7MDW%2C2KSGM%2CETS72%2C5P8S8%2C1%2C0%2C0%2C0

Eileen (Christian Aid rep for GMC)

Action for Children Sunday 12th July: we will hold a collection for the work of Action for children during our service. If you have a “league of light” home collecting box please bring it that day to be dedicated and emptied. Thank you. If you would like a box please ask me.

Eileen (Action for Children rep)

I have the summer edition of the **Leprosy Mission** catalogue. There are copies in the Church. You can order on line but if you order through me, as well as supporting the Leprosy mission, we make a small profit which is shared between the Guide Dogs for the Blind and our Church funds (about £50.00 each last year)

Thank you, Eileen.

ALONGSIDE YOU

Is a charity supporting families in East London, with at least one child under 18 years old, where at least one person is HIV positive. They provide outings for children and support for their carers.

Volunteers and donations for Alongside You are always welcome. **Eileen**

Book Review

Island beneath the sea
by Isabel Allende

I have just finished reading “Island beneath the Sea” by Isabel Allende; it is about slaves in the Caribbean at the end of the 18th, beginning of the 19th century. It is quite complicated but well worth a read. “ a complex and involving saga of human passions and cruelties” I will put it on the book trolley. **Eileen**

Whitechapel Mission 150th Anniversary Service: Sunday 1st November 2026, 3pm, at the Mission

Whitechapel Mission was founded on 1st November 1876 so we are now in the 150th year of the Mission's life. It is, of course, a matter of sadness and regret that the Mission is still needed, perhaps needed more than ever, but we thank God that we are still able to serve our guests who come to us in need. The Mission will mark this anniversary at the Annual Thanksgiving Service on 1st November (3pm at the Mission), exactly 150 years after our foundation, at which the Secretary of the Methodist Conference, Rev Jonathan Hustler, will preach. All friends and supporters of the Mission are cordially invited to attend. Please save the date and look out for further information in the summer."

Peter highlighted an article in the 10th April edition of the Methodist Recorder which was entitled 'Booth at the beginning'. In it, the writer pays tribute to Rev Neil Drayton; he says that 'thanks to him, he learnt so much about what it means to be a Methodist minister'. Neil was a young neighbour of Peter's family when they lived in Merton Road in the 1950/60's with the family being members at Goodmayes. I'm sure that some of you will remember him.

Church Flowers



The Church Flowers for the month of JUNE

7th June	Tia & Saut
14th June	Gail
21st June	Gail
28th June	Sunday School

Sometimes there has to be last minute changes, So thank you to everyone for bearing with us if the names in the Messenger don't always match with the person supplying the flowers on a given day.

Many thanks to everyone who has provided or given money towards flowers so far this year it is very much appreciated. There may still be gaps on the rota so if you would like to know more about supplying flowers please speak to Ann Flinn. Thank you.

Ann

Church Book Library

The library trolley is positioned at the back of the church, and you are welcome to borrow any books that interest you. There are books for adults and children which, hopefully, will add to the knowledge and understanding of your faith including the books we have used in Bible Study over the past few years.

Thanks to those who have added new books to the library trolley.



Ann

NEXT EDITION COPY DATE

Reports and articles for the **JULY/ AUGUST** edition to Jean please before
Tuesday 23rd June

Prayer Corner

Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.

Psalm 62 v 8

We continue to pray that the conflicts in many countries are resolved in a just and honourable manner. The war in the Middle East is affecting not only those in the region but around the world as the price of fuel escalates, impacting so many industries.

We hold the people of all worn torn nations in our thoughts and prayers.

We pray for the many thousands of people driven from their homes, not knowing if they can return; and those who seek refuge and a new life in other countries who are often nervous about their position.

Protection of the environment is an important issue in regard to health and wellbeing, and the climate crisis has devastating effects on people's ability to exist, especially in poorer countries; we pray that leaders of all countries work to address these significant problems.

Sadly, we know that many people are suffering at this difficult economic time and we pray for charities providing support and accommodation for the homeless and those offering welfare/ support services; we think of the Whitechapel Mission, the Queen Victoria Seafarers Rest (QVSR) and the Redbridge Foodbank in our local area.

We pray for the leaders of our Circuit as change approaches. We pray, also, for all the churches in the Circuit as they seek to be an active and caring presence in their communities.

Please pray for members of our church family, especially those who are going through difficult situations. At times, it can be difficult to share problems, but through our Church pastoral system, you will always find support.

If you have any prayer requests you wish to include in future editions, please let me know.

Jean

Bible Month: June 2026

As we journey into June, we are delighted to invite all our circuit churches to take part in Bible Month 2026. This year, we will be exploring Paul's Epistle to the Philippians - a letter filled with encouragement, resilience, joy, humility, partnership in the Gospel, and deep hope in Christ.

Throughout the month, churches will be encouraged to engage with Philippians in worship, preaching, personal devotion, and group study. To support this shared journey, Bible Month workbooks will be distributed across the circuit to assist individuals and groups in reflecting more deeply on the text week by week.

In addition, we will gather online each Thursday evening for a circuit-wide Bible study, where we will explore the weekly passages together, share insights, and encourage one another in faith and discipleship (<https://zoom.us/j/92671098929?pwd=Qo0y70BupDEophgaqaBM9ysFSas9mi.1> Meeting ID: 926 7109 8929
Passcode: 212939

We warmly encourage ministers, local preachers, worship leaders, Bible study groups, house groups, and individuals to participate as fully as possible in this opportunity to grow together in God's Word.

Paul writes in Philippians 1:6:

"...the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."

May this Bible Month be a season of deepening faith, renewed joy, and strengthened fellowship across our circuit.

With every blessing,
Revd Mmasape Thathane-Tyolweni

