

CONCORD

EAST DIDSBURY

Minister: Rev. Jane Wild



*On 20th November,
we celebrate the joy,
fellowship and love
we share with one
another in
our church.*

November 2016

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Dear Friends,

A little before his death, Isaac Newton (1642-1727) is supposed to have remarked, “I don't know what I may seem to the world, but as to myself, I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the sea-shore and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me.”

Yet he discovered in those smoother pebbles and pretty shells some of the most important scientific principles.

We still seek truth as human beings have through all time. Truth in our personal situation, truth in understanding, the creation which we are part of and truth concerning how we can be the promise of eternal life. Jesus says he is the truth; we as a Christian live by and share that knowledge and understanding and commit ourselves to pointing out the smoother pebble's and pretty shells of faith.

So let us hear the words of Timothy

2 Timothy 2:15

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved,
a worker who has no need to be ashamed,
rightly handling the word of truth.*

God Bless
Jane



MUSIC GROUP

The next meet for the group will be Tuesday 1st November at 7.30pm and we are rehearsing new material for our Church Anniversary. All welcome to join in; please speak to Alice for further details or email alice.billen@gmail.com

We aim to meet fortnightly and dates will be confirmed beforehand.



BOOK CLUB

At East Didsbury Methodist Church on Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm at church, reading 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society'.

For further details please speak to Jane or email juliejones9@ntlworld.com - or just turn up.



FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The next get together is Thursday 8th November at 7.30pm - please check your notices for the venue or speak to Jane.



BREAKFAST and CRAFTS

On the first Sunday of each month at
9.00am led by Rev. Jane Wild.
All welcome

LADIES CIRCLE 2.30pm

10th November Talk by Liz Stuart
24th November Quiz by Rosie Blayds

New members always welcome



MONTHLY LUNCH

The next lunch is on Thursday 17th November
12 for 12.30pm. For tickets please see
Ken Whittaker of Jean Thickbroom, which must
be bought/ordered by 1pm on
Sunday 13th November.

COFFEE EXPERIENCE



Why not pop into Room 3 on Saturday
26th November between 10am and 11.30am
for coffee and a chat.



You are invited to pop along on Monday
afternoons at 1.30pm to a Knitting and Crafts
session at East Didsbury - all welcome to learn
new skills, strengthen old ones - have a natter !



CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Come and join us for our
Anniversary on Sunday 20th
November at 10.45am.
The service will be led by
Rev. Dr. Andrew Lunn

Following the service, please stay to lunch, which will be Pie and Peas and tea/coffee of course. There is a list on the table at the back of church for you to pop your names on, so come and share lunch together. If you are unable for any reason to get to the service, but would like to join us for lunch, please email me and I will pop your name on the list - rosemaryblayds@hotmail.com



PETER PAN

Yes it's that time again - Oh yes it is !!!

Stockport Plaza Sunday 8th January at 2.30pm.

Tickets £16.50 adults and £11 for children.

There are some tickets left, so pop your name on the list
on the table at the back of church, thank you.

SHARING OF OUR TIME:

There is so much going on in our church life over the new few months and the gifts we have received are not ours alone. God gave them to us for the purpose of serving Him and serving other people.

Each of us has something to give. We can give our money and our time to charity, be a friend to someone who is sick or lonely, do volunteer work, or be a peacemaker, teacher or minister. We may give unselfishly of our time to our spouse, children or parents. We may choose a service-oriented occupation, or we may just do our everyday jobs with integrity and respect for others - or we give our time or support events at our churches in the name of our God and of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

PRAYER WALL

Over the last month we have had a prayer wall outside our church. This has created a lot of interest and been a focus for prayer in our community.

We felt that these prayers were important and could not just be left to the weather. The prayer ribbons have been taken into church and will be a focus of prayer. We are going to use the wall again during the year in the hope that we can keep offering opportunities for prayer.

Jane



Appendix: I have been truly amazed at the power of the prayer wall. I thought that we might get 20 or 30 ribbons, but it turned out to be 100's ! I have seen people stop and place a ribbon and stand for ages; I have seen cars pull over and people get out and place a ribbon, and I have seen children also putting ribbons on - as I said, amazing!

The power of prayer is not the result of the person praying. Rather, the power resides in the God who is being prayed to.

1 John 5:14-15 tells us, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him." No matter the person praying, the passion behind the prayer, or the purpose of the prayer - God answers prayers that are in agreement with His will. His answers are not always yes, but are always in our best interest. When our desires line up with His will, we will come to understand that in time. When we pray passionately and purposefully, according to God's will, God responds powerfully!

Rosie



A picture to colour



A Special Afternoon Tea

This was no ordinary tea in a café, although they can be special too. It was by invitation from the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor Carl Austin-Behan, and it was held in the Lord Mayor's parlour in Manchester Town Hall.

The invitation was in recognition for people from Didsbury East Ward who have made a difference in their community through voluntary work (the Lord Mayor extended this invitation to all Wards in the city).

Steve and I were part of a group of ten people who enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea of dainty sandwiches, delicious chocolate mousses and cakes with tea and coffee.

If this sounded rather grand and stuffy, it was far from it. The Lord Mayor sat casually with us, and with his engaging personality soon had everyone talking about what they did in Didsbury. He was interested in everything people said and wanted to know why volunteering was so strong in the area and how this might apply to other areas of the city.

It was an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon in the company of people like ourselves who are very proud to live in Didsbury.

God bless
Cynthia Evans

ADVENT LUNCHES
AT
EAST DIDSBURY

A light lunch and short reflections will take place in Room 3
and you are all invited to come along and join in the
discussions at 12.30pm on ...

Wednesday 30th November
Wednesday 7th December
Wednesday 14th December
Wednesday 21st December



Today, the Advent season lasts for four Sundays
Leading up to Christmas. At that time, the new
Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration
of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve
until Epiphany on 6th January





DIDSBURY METHODIST
CHURCH

Wednesday 23rd November
at 1.45pm

THE SCARLET AND THE BLACK (PG)

During the German occupation of Rome in 1943 an athletic Irish priest devotes all the time he can spare from his work at the Vatican to hiding Jews and Allied POWs from the Nazis. This is an entertaining and inspirational true story of courage and ingenuity. Starring Gregory Peck and Christopher Plummer.

Didsbury will have a Film Club on 28th December - a film suitable for people to bring children and grandchildren to, with a bit of a party atmosphere - more details in your December Concord - watch this space!

COMING UP AT EAST DIDSBURY DIN DECEMBER

Advent Lunches	7th, 14th & 21st December
Christmas Tree Festival	10th December - at Didsbury
Carol Service & Christmas Lunch	18th December
Breakfast with Santa	19th December
Christingle	24th December
Christmas Day Celebration	25th December
Film Club at Didsbury for all	28th December

The first Advent Lunch will be on Wednesday 30th November.
Full details of all these events will be in your December Concord.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31st October	1.30pm	Knitting and Crafts
1st November	7.30pm	Music Group
2nd November	7.30pm	Book Club

6th November	9.00am	Breakfast and Crafts
	10.45am	Worship: Chris Davis
7th November	1.30pm	Knitting and Crafts
8th November	7.30pm	Fellowship Group
10th November	2.30pm	Ladies Circle
13th November	10.45am	Worship: Rev. Sue Rowe
14th November	1.30pm	Knitting and Crafts
20th November	10.45am	Worship: Rev. Dr. Andrew Lunn Church Anniversary followed by Pie and Peas lunch.
21st November	1.30pm	Knitting and Crafts
23rd November	1.45pm	Film Club at Didsbury
24th November	2.30pm	Ladies Circle
26th November	10.00am	Coffee Experience
27th November	10.45am	Worship: Rev. Jane Wild Holy Communion
28th November	1.30pm	Knitting and Crafts
30th November	12.30pm	Advent Lunch

We continue to pray for all those in our church and in our community who are lonely or alone, or poorly at this time and ask God to hold them in His arms.

CONCORD:

Articles for your December/January edition of Concord to be with me by NO LATER than 27th NOVEMBER please. Kindly pop items into the envelope in the fellowship area, or phone 07758 011362 - you can email rosemaryblayds@hotmail.com, or post to 13 Moor Park Road, East Didsbury, M20 5PF thank you.

Much love as always
Rosie xxx

LAST THOUGHT

YOU are the one God loved enough to create;

YOU are the one Jesus loved enough to die for;

YOU are the one whom the Holy Spirit
loves enough to dwell upon.

