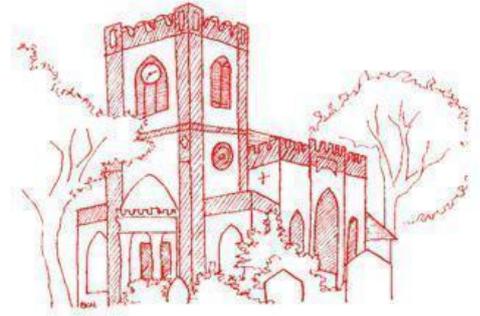


DPC News

Dagenham Parish Church
November 2014



Dear Friends,

At this time of year we're remembering key events in history that make Britain the country it is today. **Remembering things is vital because we're all so prone to forgetting what's important.**

On Guy Fawkes Night we remember the failed gunpowder plot as a group of what we might now call terrorists attempted to blow up the House of Lords and kill King James I and key members of his government. As the rhyme goes: *"Remember, remember the 5th of November, gunpowder treason and plot. I see no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot."*

The centenary of the start of World War 1 makes Remembrance Day 2014 particularly significant as we remember those who laid down their lives for their country. The famous verse written by Laurence Binyon says: *"They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."*

As we have seen in church recently in the book of Esther, after God had so dramatically worked behind the scenes to rescue His people, *"the Jews took it upon themselves to establish a custom that they and their descendants should ... remember and observe in every generation by every family ... these days of Purim."* (Esther 9v27-28).

Later on in the Bible we're told to remember the way Jesus Christ lovingly laid down His life for His friends. As the apostle Paul wrote: *"The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'"* (1 Corinthians 11v23-25)

It's absolutely right to remember and not forget all these great rescues. But the last one is most important because trusting Jesus' death will ultimately rescue people from our greatest enemy: death itself.

Kieran Bush

Gift day 2014

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to be good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”
(1 Timothy 6:17-19)



Brothers and sisters, some of us may feel poor, but compared to the whole world we are all rich. Whether we feel rich or poor, it feels very hard not to put our hope in wealth and chase after it. But these verses encourage us that God is worthy of our hope because he provides so generously for us.

Paul calls us to be both rich in good deeds and to be generous and willing to share. Our motivation - the **certain future of eternal life!**

Please use this **Gift day** to consider whether there are additional ways you can serve and/or be generous with your money.

This year's Gift day will go towards funding a toilet block in church so we can use our building more fully. We currently have about £75,000 towards a building project that may cost in the region of £250,000-£300,000. We hope this final stage of our ongoing building project will be completed in the next 3-5 years.

Please drop into church between 9-11am on **Saturday 15 November**

Please pray: for the ministry of the gospel at DPC, for the appointment of the right man to lead our church family and for the progression of the building project.

Please fill in a serving form and give generously what you have decided in your heart to give to the Lord's work. (If you are a tax payer and choose gift aid then we can receive an extra 25% ☺).

All aboard!

All Aboard!! Last week was half term and DPC joined Finn the Fisherman on a four day nautical adventure!

There were lots of exciting games and fun crafts, including a fishing obstacle course and each 'port' making a mascot to go with their team names - Clown fish, Starfish, Jellyfish, Seahorses, Barnacles and Stingrays!



Each day we were joined by the superstar band 'Dolphins Aloud' who taught us some excellent songs about Jesus and why he was so incredible.



Each day, there were two short talks based on events in the life of the disciple Peter. We started by discovering that Jesus called Peter to become a fisher of men... something that confused Finn at first! As we heard about what Jesus said and did, we saw how it changed Peter's life forever.

Peter realised his own sin and his own weaknesses (especially when he denied knowing Jesus) but when he realised what it meant for Jesus to die in his place, he couldn't keep the news quiet!

Please give thanks to God for a great holiday club. Praise God that many children got to hear about Jesus, and pray that the truths that they heard about will make a lasting impact in their lives.

Meet Ros Howles!

Ladies at DPC are invited to join us on **Saturday 15 November** to share a meal and hear more about life in Uganda from Ros Howles.



Ros, her husband Chris and their children live in Uganda and our church family supports their ministry.

After some brunch, there will be an informal interview with Ros about the joys and challenges of life in Uganda.

Please join us at the minor hall from 10am-12pm. There is a suggested donation of £2 per person to cover the cost of our meal.

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