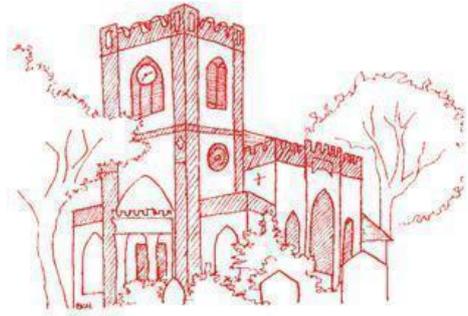


DPC News

Dagenham Parish Church

April 2015



'Don't be alarmed' said the angel, 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here.' Mark 16:6

Dear Friends,

We are looking forward to joining you in Dagenham. We hope that we will help each other in serving Jesus of Nazareth, who is alive today. We hope that together, we will welcome others to join us in this life.

He was crucified. On the Sunday after, the third day, his friends went to anoint his body to stop some of the effects of decay. But the angel said – 'he is not here'. Why not? The angel explained – 'he has risen'. Why did he rise? What does it mean?

We are normally quick to ask 'what's in it for me?' In this case: 'what do I get out of Jesus' rising?' And we do benefit. We come to know that this life is not all there is. We have confidence of a new life - like his - after this life. Our loved ones who died in faith will share that life. But the first question should be: 'what does this mean about him?'

Jesus is the first man to take on a body that will never decay. Jesus is the beginning of God's new creation. The body with which he stepped out of the tomb is the first of its kind. And so he is the king of God's new, imperishable creation.

As he stepped on to the moon, Neil Armstrong said 'One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind'. How much greater was Jesus' step out of the tomb. Greater than any explorer's step – even onto the moon. Greater than any scientist's discovery – he has not delayed death like medicine does; he has overcome it. Greater than taking any throne or rule – Jesus rules over the entire new creation - forever.

As we remember his rising this Easter, let's commit again to honour him with our words and our lives.

Joel Edwards

Join us in prayer...

Thanks to our gracious and sovereign Lord! Joel, our new vicar, and his family will move to the vicarage soon – the plan is for the family to be there by the second week of April.

Please pray:

- For a smooth moving-in process
- That wherever we can help them, we will!
- That we will warmly welcome the whole family (Joel and his wife Karen and their children Jake, Libby, Jon-Joe and Sophie).
- To show love to Joel's family as they adjust to a new home, new neighbourhood and new church. It's a lot to take in!
- For our Annual Church Meeting (details overleaf)
- For the Licensing Service (details below). That it will go well and more importantly that it will be a service where we focus on showing gratitude to God for his provision to our church family
- For Joel's first Sunday
- For our church to grow spiritually and in unity under Joel's leadership.

Joel's Licensing Service



This will take place at DPC on Monday 27 April at 7.30pm

Please do come along to this service, where we will mark the beginning of the public ministry of Joel at DPC. He will be formally welcomed by the Bishop of Barking.

Let's come together at this time to celebrate God's goodness to us!

Annual Church Meeting

Do you have a few minutes? Do you want to...

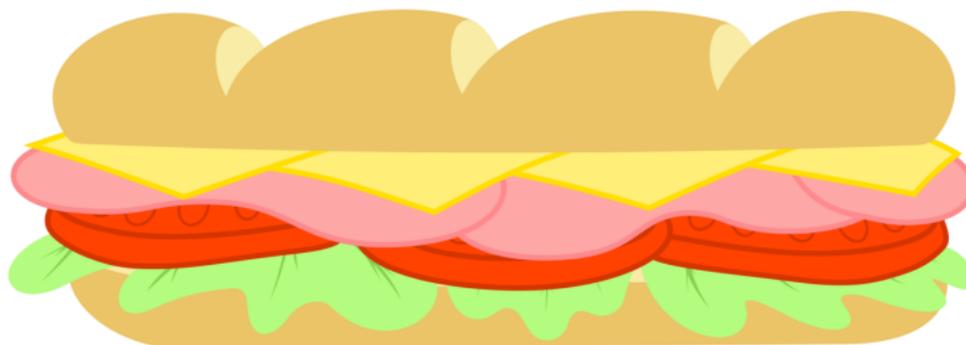
- * hear updates on our work this year?
- * find out what we've spent money on and our income received?
- * help us to appoint churchwardens and members of our PCC (trustees who help to govern and run the church)?
- * ask questions about what has happened this year and what's next?

If so, don't miss our ...

Annual Church Meeting

Following our service on Sunday 26 April, please join us for a short but very important Annual Church Meeting. We'll have a cup of tea or coffee and then quickly meet to hear about what's happened this year! Please do stay if you can.

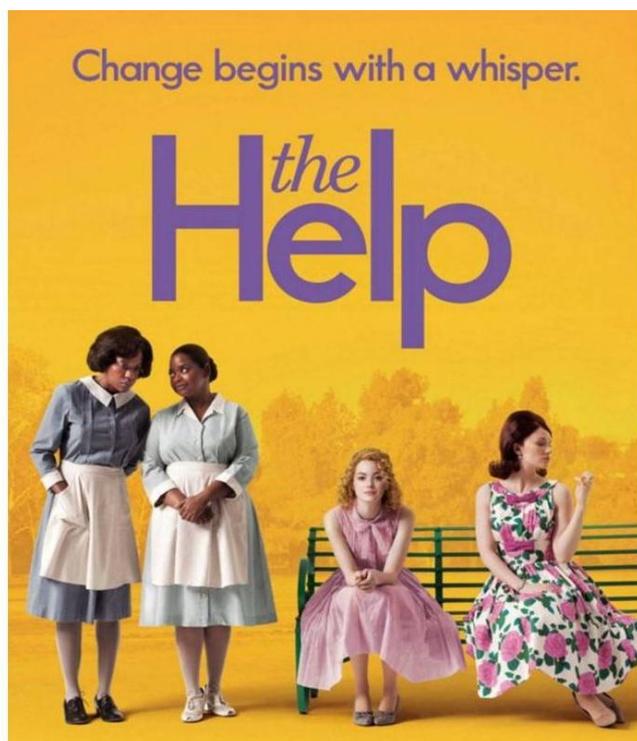
Welcome lunch for Joel and family



Join us as we welcome Joel, our new vicar, and his family. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in celebration!

The welcome lunch will take place after our service on Sunday 3 May. We'll have more to say about the arrangements in the notices part of our services in April.

DPC Ladies Movie Night



Let's get together with a movie and food on 18 April in the Minor Hall.

Come at 6.30pm to eat, the movie will begin promptly at 7pm.

If you'd like to come along, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the church lobby.

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