

Rivercourt Methodist Church

Rivercourt News

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Dates For Your Diary

May 2012

Mo	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
30	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	31	01	02	03

Sun 13th May-
Sat 19th May

Christian Aid Week
(See item)

Sun 20th May., 6.30pm

The London District
Ordinands' Testimony
Service in Wesley's Chapel
(see item)

Sun 27th May
11.00am- 4.00pm

Pentecost Party
Bring and Share Meal
(See poster)

From our Minister

Dear friends,

The Easter period asks us to sit with the reality and the shock of resurrection and to wonder what God's offer of abundant life means to us individually, as a church and as a world. At the beginning of Mark's Gospel we saw how Jesus's presence enabled his disciples to see the explosion of God's love or kingdom around them. As the Gospel went on we began to realise how difficult it was for them, and us, to accept and grasp the full reality of that life. At Easter we stood with the disciple 'wondering what this resurrection might mean.'

As we read the Gospels we, like all those who have read before us, do so with the hindsight of those living after the resurrection. The empty tomb is a symbol we have grown up with and do not find shocking. But for the disciples it must have been truly bemusing and disturbing event. In the Easter season we are called to live with them and experience the ambiguity and mystery of the Easter garden and to discover for ourselves what this rising from the dead might mean.

The season ends with Pentecost as we celebrate the explosion of God's life into the group of early disciples. Please join us for a great service of celebration and praise on 27th May

which will be followed by a bring and share lunch. Why not invite friends to join us and swell our congregation on that day? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we were full to overflowing?

With love and much hope and faith

Rachel

i am Mark

Part One 22nd May

& Part Two 23rd May

Tickets for each performance £14 or buy for both shows for £20

Applecourt's innovative style of storytelling combines drama, music, film and comedy to drag traditional stories kicking and screaming to a modern audience.

Commanding demons and controlling storms, a lone man walks out of the desert and, gathering a nation around him, he walks towards certain death in an occupied land. Ridding the tale of two thousand years of religious baggage, Applecourt tells the epic story of Mark's Gospel over two nights.

Attracting capacity audiences at festivals, universities and conferences around the country Applecourt's unique brand of storytelling and drama is challenging, disarming, often funny and invariably deeply moving.

Audience Comments:

. “What I had not expected was that I would still be thinking about what I had heard a day, a week, then a month later!”

. “Inventive, entertaining and challenging... I found it utterly compelling.”

. “Brilliant – Seeing is believing. ”

. “Applecourt has got integrity. It cuts through the crap... I loved it.”

. “Applecourt are, in essence, tellers of 'the Story'. I know I'm not alone in the deep appreciation I have for the way they tell it!”

Parents should be aware that Applecourt performances may include strong language.

Ordinands Testimony Service

Come along and hear the stories of newly ordained Ministers! The London District will hold its annual Ordinands' Testimony Service on Sunday May 20th, at 6.30pm in Wesley's Chapel. Don't miss your chance to meet the new ministers of the London District and to celebrate their journeys to ordination.

Pentecost Party



Rivercourt Church
27th May 2012
11am Celebration
All Age Worship
Followed by
bring & share lunch
Come & join us!
Why not invite a
friend?



Birthday Calendar

Vanessa Brackett Friday 11th May

Betty Goode Friday 11th May

Katurah Thomas Wednesday 30th May

I don't believe that there are only three people in our congregation that celebrate their birthday in May. If you have not provided me with your name and birthday please do so. Simply put a note in the newsletter folder, which can be found in the lounge area.

Happy Birthday to all those mentioned or not, who celebrate their birthday in May. We wish you all everything you wish for yourselves and much more. May the Lord continue to bless you and shine down upon you.



Thank yous:

All those Rivercourt and non Rivercourt Church members who volunteered for the Nightshelter. Without you all the Nightshelter would not be such a success.

Juliana Goode

Margaret Ford for all she does with the Traidcraft stall and her monthly contributions to the newsletter. You're a star.

Juliana Goode

Please pray

for:

Margaret Arnold,
Rosaline Fearn,
Rebecca Rodney, Doris
Begent, Jean McCollum,
Mrs Katurah Thomas,
and Stephen Tharpes
Wife and their family.

The Family and friends of
Eileen Pascall who
passed away almost a
year ago. We continue to
think of you in our
prayers.

**Our prayers are with you
all**





Christian Aid Week – Sun 13th – Sat 19th May

LET'S GIVE THE TOOLS TO HELP PEOPLE IN POVERTY OUT OF POVERTY.

What is Christian Aid Week?

Christian Aid Week is seven amazing days of fundraising, action and prayer. It's a time when communities all over the country get together to raise funds to make real and lasting changes in the lives of some of the world's poorest people.

Get Involved

Whatever you do and however you do it, by being part of Christian Aid Week you can help people in poverty out of poverty. You will join 200,000 others to raise more than £13 million for poor communities around the world to help them find ways to improve their lives and have a brighter future

No matter how much you give, your contribution will help make a big difference.

Pray Together on the 13th May

On Sunday 13 May, Christian Aid is encouraging all churches to be part of a 'prayer moment' that everybody can see.

Churches around the country will be praying for poor communities. They are asking individuals to stop, reflect and text the word or phrase that's in their heart to 70788.

Visit www.christianaid.org.uk for more information.

Poets Corner

When Hope Calls

Never say “No” to hope, when hope comes knocking at the door to bid you, look towards the happier days in store.

Never “No” when hope comes dancing down your way with some great thing to communicate and something good to say.

Never refuse to listen for hope brings a word for you bidding you to take the upward slope, commanding the broadest view. Hope is always in a hurry, booking no delay. So never say “No” when hope calls you outside.

Come take the highway. His way.

Written by Patience Strong

Submitted by Margaret Ford



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

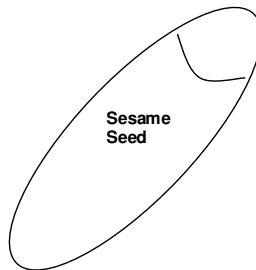
Good Deals

Cookies



Only £1.20 pkt
Elsewhere £1.49

Rice Crispies



Only 99p pkt
Elsewhere £1.05

Geo Bars – Divine chocolate bars- Toffee or Caramel bars and many more items at affordable prices- But your purchases are worth far more for the produces. So much so they can obtain more equipment and produce more, which helps their families to lead a reasonable life.

Thank you

Margaret Ford

A message from the editor

Thank you to all those who contribute to the items contained in the newsletter. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you wish to contribute to the newsletter please let me know via any of the below mediums:

- via email to **squigsxx@msn.com** - include the word *newsletter* in the subject.
- written items can be placed in the Newsletter Wallet which is available in the Church Lounge.
- by speaking directly to me following a Sunday service

The deadline for the June edition is Sunday 27th May.

Kindest regards

Juliana Goode

Services in the coming period

Sunday 6th May., 11.00am Holy Communion, Preacher:
Revd Rachel Bending

Stewards: Vestry Eddie Chapel: Vicky Door: Vicky

Sunday 13th May., 11.00am Preacher: Mrs Georgina Olu-
Davies

Stewards: Vestry: Juliana Chapel: Vicky Door: Vicky

Sunday 20th May., 11.00am Preacher: Mr Edmund Adu

Stewards: Vestry Philip Chapel: Vicky Door: Vicky

Sun 27th May., 11.00am Pentecost ,All Aged Worship,
Preacher: Revd Rachel
Bending

Stewards: Vestry: Pat Chapel: Vicky Door: Vicky