

CHURCH NEWS

The funeral of Ray Breach was held in a full-to-capacity church at the beginning of February. The service was led by the Rev. Dave Faulkner and a very moving eulogy was complied and read by Vanessa who gave us a picture of a courageous man who had experienced great loss and battled serious illnesses. He was a keen football West Ham FC supporter, had an encyclopaedic memory especially for music and was a member of the MAD Company quiz team.

He will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Vanessa, the family and all his friends at this sad time.

In mid March it was especially sad to hear of the death at the age of 97 of Vanessa's mum who was in a care home.

The MAD Company pantomime was again a great success with vibrant costumes, lovely well known songs, exceptional scenery and props. The use of cotton buds to create the cactus was inspired. Many of us either watched, or helped front of house or with refreshments and a review is on another page.

It was lovely to see Richard Salter come over from Canada to visit his mother Chris at the beginning of February and to have a second visitor Verity also from Canada on the same Sunday was most unexpected.

During coffee on Mothering Sunday the congregation was shown a short information video referring to the defibrillator and what to expect in readiness for the installation outside our church.

Around twenty stayed for the church bring and share lunch which was held on Mothering Sunday again after our Communion Service. The children included the grand-daughters of Jayne and Sue. Flowers were distributed to all members of the congregation and we thank Jo for organising the bunches. During this service a beautiful croquet blanket made by Barbara and put together by Alice was displayed, blessed by Dave and a card signed by many of the congregation will accompany the blanket when it is returned to Barbara in her Care Home Another bring and share lunch is likely in May date to be confirmed.

We will have our Annual Church Meeting on the 12th April, it will follow the Communion Service with Dave and should last no more than an hour. Please try and make time to stay it is your chance to comment on anything you feel strongly about. This will also be our Gift Day Service—more details below.

Gift Day

A reminder that Gift Day this year will be on 12th April when we are holding our GCM.

It is a chance for you give an extra monetary gift to the church. This can be given via the envelope attached to this magazine or straight to the bank through a BACS payment (Details on request).

The money will go towards general church funds apart from 10% which we pass on to our chosen charity. This year it is the NSPCC, following Matt Patis sermon on 22nd February.

Lets try and beat last years total!

Thank you

Sue Calvert— Church Treasurer

Tea and Chat



On the third Tuesday afternoon of the month at 2pm eight to ten ladies have been gathering together for tea and cake followed by a not very strenuous activity using the church floor.

In February bean bags into pots was much more difficult than we had thought, so luckily we also tried bean bags onto a plastic scoring mat on the floor which was much more successful.

In March a word search was completed in record time and we then looked at boules but decided they were extremely heavy so instead we settled for a fun game using a balloon and fly swats.