

# THE EASTENDER

## THIS WEEK

Welcome to our Christmas Carol Service. The children will be with the adults for the whole service, so that we can all encourage one another with festive worship. Afterwards there will be special refreshments. Yum!

The next meeting is at Wanstead High School on Sun 27th, at 11am for an hour long service, with the children in the service as today.

We will get back to our normal schedule on Sun 3rd January. Please see the Diary Dates section opposite.

In regard to our Friday meetings, the results of the recent questionnaire implied that Wanstead is an easier location to get to on a Friday evening for 4 in 5 of us. Though we had intended to have a congregational discussion before any change of venue, these results, and the fact that we no longer have use of the Sports Hall at Lammas School, has meant that we have needed to make a decision in order to have something suitable available for the start of the new year. Therefore we will be meeting for the first two available Fridays in January (8th and 15th) at Wanstead, for a trial-run using the Theatre for the adults and the Allan Hearne Hall for the children, which is next door to the Theatre. Parking will be in the same car park as for Sunday. We will have a congregational meeting after the second Friday to see if this arrangement works, or whether we should try a different setup, such as using the Main Hall and classrooms. We are confident that Wanstead is a suitable location for our church meetings, but we haven't yet determined how to use what it has to offer to best meet our many needs.

We are aware that we haven't yet presented our monthly Leadership Update. Because of the Christmas break we will do this in early January, but if you have any questions please feel free to speak to one of us.

The results of the consultation exercise that we did with Malcolm Cox a few weeks ago are shown elsewhere on this sheet for your information.

Malcolm has written a Quiet Time series to help prepare us for the New Year - you can download it from the website ([www.icoc.org.uk/east](http://www.icoc.org.uk/east)).

## Diary Dates

### SUN 20TH DEC

Carol Service  
(Mike Desouza)

### SUN 27 DEC, 11AM

Family Service  
(No Kids Kingdom)  
(Mike Desouza)

### SUN 3 JAN

Worship Service  
(Mike Desouza)

### FRI 8 JAN

Church Meeting (All)  
[Wanstead-Theatre]

### SUN 10 JAN

London-Wide  
Service  
Friends House,  
10:30am

### FRI 15 JAN

Church Meeting (All)  
[Wanstead-Theatre]

### SUN 17 JAN

Worship Service  
(Mike Desouza)

### FRI 22 JAN

Meet in Family  
Groups

### SUN 24 JAN

Worship Service  
(Mike Desouza)

### FRI 29 JAN

Family Group  
Leaders  
[Wanstead-6th  
Form]

### SUN 31 JAN

Worship Service  
(Mike Desouza)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE HOMELESS

Crisis homeless charity are operating shelters for the homeless this Christmas from 23/12/09-30/12/09 and are looking for general volunteers, and also for service volunteers with skills in dentistry, opticians, catering, podiatry, healthcare, dogs, sewing, legal advice, hairdressing etc. If interested please register at [www.crisis.org.uk](http://www.crisis.org.uk) or contact Maria 07944775 792

## HOGMANAY CHARITY CEILIDH

The Edinburgh Church is hosting a Hogmanay Charity Ceilidh to raise money for the HOPE Foundation School in Bhuj, India. (Supported by the Scottish Churches) This will take place on Hogmanay (New Years Eve) Thurs 31st Dec 2009 at the Stockbridge House in Edinburgh 8pm till late. The Ceilidh will be an extravaganza of Scottish dancing with music and much more to celebrate the end of 2009 and the coming of the New Year. It will be a great chance to meet some old friends and to make new ones. Come to Edinburgh and you will know why this is the place to celebrate Hogmanay.

Please begin to make plans now! Spaces are limited for this event and adult tickets cost £15.

Details shortly.

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for several disciples, men or women, who have the desire to help in their community and in the church. One of our members, George Eaton, lives in a Care Home in Walthamstow, and we are appealing for help from those who can spend time with George. It would be really encouraging for him to receive visits from disciples who can talk, read the bible together, or take him out for walks in the park close by. If you would like to help in this way, please contact Tony Cameron on 07855 332 451 or [camerontony@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:camerontony@yahoo.co.uk), who is coordinating the visits.

## FUNDRAISING MEALS

Abisola & Ayesha are organising a number of meals to raise money for the Village of HOPE and East Sector Benevolence. This is a great way to have food and fellowship and support the needy at the same time. Please see them for details or call Abisola on 07595156560.

## Consultation Responses to the Question 'What is great, good and broken in the East Congregation?'

Great	#	Good	#	Broken	#
KK	22	Family Groups	10	Evangelism/Mission/growth	19
Yearly and Quarterly Calendar	7	Worship/Sunday Service/organisation	7	Singles Ministry	15
Dynamic Marriages/Marrieds ministry	5	Leadership group	7	Discipling	8
Leadership	4	Teen Ministry	5	Dating	6
Worship/Sunday Service/organisation	4	KK	4	Teen Ministry	5
Fellowship/Hospitality	4	Staff/Desouzas/Lambs	3	Deeper relationships/fellowship	5
Gifts Program	3	Discipling	3	Prayer	4
East Retreat	3	Ushering	3	Young Christians support	4
Preaching/Sermons	2	Singles	3	Lack of vision/faith/dreams	4
Staff	2	Preaching	3	Raising up new leaders/training	3
Family groups	2	Gifts Program	3	Marriages	3
Communication with church	2	Deeper relationships/fellowship	3	Community service	3
Discipling	1	Communication with church	2	Divison between Marrieds and Singles	3
Women's Ministry	1	Church Teaching	2	Parenting	2
HOPE	1	Practical Teaching	2	Punctuality	2
Young Christians support	1	Prayer	1	Counselling/emotional healing	2
Church Teaching	1	Missions Contribution	1	Using our Gifts/Serving	2
Meeting venue	1	Parenting	1	Expository Preaching	2
Sisters book group	1	Meeting venue	1	Benevolence	1
Deeper relationships/fellowship	1	HOPE	1	Empowering Christians and ministries	1
Desire for change	1	Marriages	1	Define Membership	1
		LG/Congregation unity	1	Women's Ministry	1
		Visiting Sick	1	Financial giving	1
		Shepherding	1	Specific preaching on deeper life issues e.g. divorce/death	1
		Financial Giving	1	Meeting venue undecided	1
		Desire for unity	1	Top down communication	1