

THE EASTENDER

THIS WEEK

We continue our month of learning more about prayer with a joint sermon by Andy Ezeilo and Tony Cameron.

Friday's meeting is for everyone in the Theatre.

Following last week's encouragement to fast for 3 days, this week's suggestion is to have a one hour quiet time on 3 days.

HAITI COLLECTION

Please give any items you have brought for Haiti to Tuka and Claire.

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Further to our recent presentation and congregational discussions on the 'One Church' proposal, the Leadership Group would like to inform you that we have confirmed to the other London congregations that the East would like to be part of the wider London Church as presented in the proposal.

KINGDOM KIDS THANK YOU MEAL

Kingdom Kids will be hosting a teachers/helpers thank you meal at Loon Yee Chinese Restaurant in Snaresbrook on Thursday 11th February (7.45pm - 8.00pm start). If you have served in either Kingdom Kids or the 2-3s parents cooperative over the last four months and are able to come please speak with Kevin or Diane in the fellowship (or call/text Kevin on 07932 180 893). Restaurant details : - 6-7 Station Parade, High St Wanstead, Snaresbrook, London, E11 1QF, Tel 020 8989 7848 (adjacent to Snaresbrook tube station - Central Line Epping branch).

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.

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, INSPIRATION

There are few things more bonding than praying with fellow Christians. There is a band of disciples who pray together every morning Monday to Friday. We use Skype conference call to connect with each other from our own homes – so there is no need to get up extra early to travel. The technology is free and easy to use. Come and join us. You will be inspired beyond your expectation. Talk to Martin on 01708 641179 for more details.

BOOK & TAPE

Steve is looking for someone to help him with the Book & Tape Ministry. Interested? See Steve in the fellowship.

Diary Dates

SUN 7 FEB

Worship Service
'Prayer 2'

FRI 12 FEB

Church Meeting [All]
'Prayer 3'

SUN 14 FEB

Worship Service
'Prayer 4'

FRI 19 FEB

Church Meeting [All]
'Prayer 5'

SUN 21 FEB

Worship Service
'Prayer 6'

FRI 26 FEB

Worship Service
'Prayer 7'

SUN 28 FEB

Worship Service
'Prayer 8'

London Teens Devo.
London FGLs Mtg.

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'The Gifts Series in Q2 of last year (2009) was all about empowering members of the Church to discover, develop and use their spiritual gifts (and God-given S.H.A.P.E.) to the glory of God, the growth of His Church, and fulfilment of His purpose.

Since then, a lot of exciting activities have been going on behind the scenes with new ministries being set up as well as many Christians volunteering and using their gifts in existing ministries. There have been a number of set up meetings to kick start and define the purpose of new ministries such as the:

- **Teaching Ministry** (*Contact: Simon Dixon*)
- **Benevolence Ministry** (*Contacts: Ferdie & Gill Cruz*)
- **Newcomers Ministry** (*Contacts: Tony & Margrethe Cameron or Tuka & Claire Opaleye*)
- **Young Christians Ministry** (*Contacts: TBC*)
- **Restoration Ministry** (*Contacts: TBC*)

Other ministries including the **Worship Team** have been strengthened with disciples who are passionate and keen to use their gifts in these areas.

Throughout the year we will be showcasing different gifts and ministries, and over the coming months you can expect to hear more about the new ministries that are being set up, as well as what God is doing in existing ministries such as the Mums at Home Ministry (MAHM).

We are still looking at starting new ministries, mostly based on the results of the survey that was completed after the Gifts series but also based on people's initiatives, so do let us know if you would like to start a new ministry or would like some help with setting up a new initiative.

If you're still trying to figure out what your gifts are and/or where you can serve, the gifts team will soon announce some dates for workshops for anyone who would like to work through their S.H.A.P.E. questionnaire, in a small group setting, and discover how and where they could use their gifts to serve.

Our prayer is that discovering, developing and using our gifts in ministry will become an integral part of our church culture, so that truly *'the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ'* (Eph.4:13).

We believe we've got an exciting year and decade ahead of us as we glorify God with our gifts.

We welcome your comments, ideas and prayers.

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