

What's WBS
up to?

Are you inter-
ested in sup-
porting a
lively imagi-
native local
charity?

Do you have a
little time on
your hands?

Contact us: we
are always on
the look out
for enthusias-
tic volunteers
to fulfil a
variety of
roles

Advance notice!

Don't miss our Christmas
coffee morning and card
party on **Saturday 3rd
November** –just drop in
and look through our large
selection of hand made

cards. Members of the WBS team have made
All Occasions and Christmas cards. There will
also be artistic photocards on sale, together with
notepads and some other seasonal gifts.



We shall also have our Webb Ivory catalogue
available if you haven't yet given Ed an order -
it's not too late so long as you do it on that day.

This morning will be your last chance to join our
balloon race which will be on sale at £1 each
and a grand release is planned for the early after-
noon (weather permitting) There is a prize for the
balloon which travels the greatest distance .

So come and join us all at **Woodside Baptist
Church in Spring Lane, Woodside, SE25** and
enjoy a cup of coffee whilst taking your time
choosing cards. There will be a bargain box too
- so don't miss out! Bring your family and
friends

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Woodside Bereavement Service Newsletter

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New Patron

Woodside Bereavement Service

is pleased to announce that
the Rt. Rev. Nick Baines

has agreed to become our new patron.

Nick, a Liverpudlian, has been the Bishop of Croydon since 2003. He has a particular interest in the bereaved and wrote his first book (which has recently been reprinted), "Hungry for Hope" in 1991 specifically to help a friend who was tragically bereaved quite early in her marriage. He is no stranger to the problems of London as he moved here from the Diocese of Leicester in 2000, where he served as the Vicar of Rothley for 8 years. He was appointed the Archdeacon of Lambeth and continued his interest in children and young peoples work while being the Chair of the diocesan Children & Young People's Development Group. He and his wife, Linda, live in the heart of Croydon where they see at first hand the problems and joys of living in a multi-cultural community. He is an accomplished broadcaster and has regularly contributed to Radio 2's *Pause for Thought*.

WBS looks forward to having a long and fruit-
ful association with both Nick and Linda.



Training Course

Our present course is now well under way. This year we have 7 trainees who come from a variety of Christian churches. We are delighted that in addition to the 5 women on the course, we also have 2 men. Sadly, one of them was unexpectedly called back to his home country to support the family of a relative in Nigeria. We wish, Valentine well and hope that he will feel able to continue with the training when he returns.

WELL DONE & THANK YOU

Carmen Hagel, who is one of our counsellors and has served WBS in the past as our Administrator, held a Cream Tea in her garden on the corner of Woodside Green on 15th September. The weather was wonderful. Thank you to Carmen and all those who supported this event. Carmen to date has raised £195.00 for our funds.

Memorial Service



Christmas can be a particularly lonely time of year for those who are bereaved and for several years now WBS has held a “**From Darkness into Light**” service in December. This year is no exception and everyone is invited on Tuesday 11th December at 7pm. Once again a choir of children from the Woodside junior school will sing some seasonal songs. The Service will be followed by coffee and mince pies.

We're a keen bunch!

We may be a small charity but we are a very enthusiastic one! Just look through our newsletter and see how many activities we have been involved in or plan to run. We welcome new members and invite you to join our “Friends of WBS.” We need your support and your prayers.

2007 is WBS 15th Birthday

Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 22nd July.

The birthday thanksgiving celebration service was attended by The Mayor & Mayoress of Croydon, Councillor Derek and Mrs Bunty Millard and Rev Nick-Baines, the Bishop of Croydon who spoke at the Service. For both the Mayor and Mayoress it was the first time that they had heard anything of the work of WBS and were very interested. Rev. Nick Baines spoke with great knowledge and insight into bereavement issues



Alexandra Rose Day

23rd June was Alexandra Rose Day. This very old and established charity now turns its energy to helping other smaller charities to raise money. Under their banner WBS collected outside the Addiscombe Co-op store. We are very grateful for this opportunity to keep in contact with the people of Addiscombe and receive their support. Many people spoke to us of those they knew who had used our Service or talked of bereavement which they had experienced themselves. We collected £216 (after making a small deduction to Alexandra Rose).

Green Space Walk

Our annual sponsored “Green Space Walk” was held on Saturday 8th September. It was the perfect day for walking, not too hot, not too cold. Eddie, our fundraiser, promised us that this year the course would be flat! The new route was about 14 miles long. Fifteen intrepid walkers took part. This exhilarating morning



was a time of fun and enjoyment—and an excellent way to get fit and lose some of those excess pounds. One particular walker achieved a life time best whilst walking 10 miles. Thank you everyone for your efforts and thank you to all those who sponsored our walkers. We are not sure yet how much we raised so make sure you don't miss our next newsletter!

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