

Arts & Crafts Fair

A big **thank you** goes to everyone who was involved in any way in contributing to the success of this event on Saturday 27th September.

A bigger **thank you** goes to everyone who came along and supported the day. There were 6 craft stalls run by semi-professional or professional crafts people who were selling a variety of hand crafted or painted products. WBS had their own cakes, plants, cards and photo-art stalls and together everyone raised around £530 for our funds.

Curious?

Are you curious about any aspect of our work? Would you like to join our counselling team, become a “Friend of WBS”, serve on our committee or run a fundraising event for us? we would be very pleased to hear from you. Why not contact Yvonne in office and talk to her about how you could help?

Who's Who

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WOODSIDE BEREAVEMENT SERVICE NEWSLETTER

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Good news - God loves you!

W.B.S. works with adults, young people and children who feel very alone because that special close relationship with someone has been severed through death. The ultimate end.

W.B.S. counsellors carry within them the knowledge that God loves them and you. When someone dies it may feel that there is no God, that God has deserted one or turned His back and nobody cares. It may even be that you have gone to church for years but now it no longer seems real. If these statements resonate with you, then why not give us a ring on 020 8662 1648 and leave a message on our confidential line and we will call you back.

Our team of volunteers are ready to listen to those deep emotions which are not easily expressed to friends and relatives who may be grieving themselves.



From Darkness to Light

Our annual memorial service will be held in Woodside Baptist Church on Thursday 11th December at 7 pm. Again this year we have the privilege of having a children's choir from Woodside Junior school. After the service mince pies and coffee will be served in the lounge. Everyone is invited to share this time with us whether you have lost someone recently or many years ago. Feedback over the years has indicated that this time has been of great help to those who attended.

Webb Ivory

Don't wait! This year's Webb Ivory catalogue is ready and waiting for you to view it. Contact Eddie for your copy or get one from the office.

Carmen & Andrew's Cream Tea



We all held our breath, hoping that the weather would be kind to Carmen and Andrew for the repeat of their excellent event. The weather did hold and a good number of people attended the couple's Woodside Green home on Saturday 13th September. Andrew's delicious scones were up to their usual standard and all those who attended expressed their delight with the cream tea and being able to enjoy their beautiful garden. The whole event raised £600 for our funds. Thank you to Carmen and Andrew and to everyone who attended.

Prayer

W.B.S. cannot survive without our prayer partners! Would you be prepared to become one of them! Rose Cottle has taken over responsibility as our Prayer Secretary and if you are interested in receiving our prayer letter and praying for our work regularly then please let her know by contacting the office on 020 8662 1648



W.B.S. Children & Young People's Project

It has been almost 3 years since the beginning of our project. As many of our supporters will know, Churches Together in England granted us 3 years of funding to employ a part time project worker to give our children and young people's work a boost and raise awareness of W.B.S. among the schools in the borough. Now two and a half years down the line, Angie Henley, our project worker, has contacted about 20 -25 of the 150 primary and secondary schools in Croydon.

Originally we thought that the project should work exclusively among "looked after" children and those who had been removed from the normal education system and placed in the pupil referral units which exist for the 'hard to handle' children within Croydon. We knew that many of these children and young people were in PRU's due to their unacceptable behaviour within the normal schooling system, and this behaviour could often be traced back to loss in that youngster's life. Usually the loss of a very close relative, often mum or dad. However we were encouraged by the PRU's to work in mainstream schools with needy children in order to help stop the behaviour which leads to expulsion. This made loads of sense, so that is where Angie began.

After about 18 months of networking among the school staff and building up a 'client base' of schools who were aware and trusted our project, Angie was able to train some of our existing counsellors who had a heart for working with youngsters to specialise in this work. We now have a small group of 4 trained counsellors who either go into schools to talk with the youngster or go to their homes to meet with them if that is more appropriate to their situation. With the funding received through CTIE we have been able to purchase good resource books and equipment which enable us to engage successfully with children, young people. and their families.

If you would like to know more, why not contact Angie at the office and talk with her or one of the counsellors.

