On Sunday 4th October David and Halima Johnson donated a crystal cross to the Chapel in appreciation of their wedding, many thanks from the congregation.

Members of the St. Peters Ladies Guild requested a visit to the Chapel on Wednesday 4th November. After a talk on the history of the Ragged Schools, refreshments were served.

During 1998 we have been indebted to Pearl and Albert Slater for their continued dedication as organists for special services, weddings and funerals. Albert has been very poorly, but now seems to be slightly improved. Our thanks, best wishes and continued improvement to you both.

To all members and young people who



helped throughout the year, serving refreshments, cleaning etc. A very big Thank You.

1998 Statistics

Christenings	19
Weddings	10
Renewal of Vows	1
Blessing of Wedding Ring	1
Funerals	12

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 28th November Christmas Fayre 12.00p.m.- 4.00p.m.

Sunday 6th December Christmas Gift Day service Greenfield Singers 6.00p.m.

Sunday 13th December Nativity Service 6.00p.m.

Sunday 20th December Candlelight Carol Service 6.00p.m.

Christmas Day Morning Service 9.00a.m.-9.30a.m.

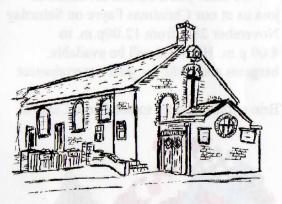
Sunday 27th December Evening Fellowship 6.00p.m.

Thursday 31st December New Years Eve Service 11.45p.m. - 12.15a.m.

Please put these dates in your diary, come along and enjoy fellowship

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CHRISTWAS 1998

WELCOME



At the commencement of the Festive Season may we offer seasonal greetings to all members and friends of Two Gates Ragged School, both near and far.

We offer you a cordial invitation to join us at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday November 28th from 12.00p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Hot food will be available, bargains and stalls for your entertainment.

Bring your children to see Santa Claus in

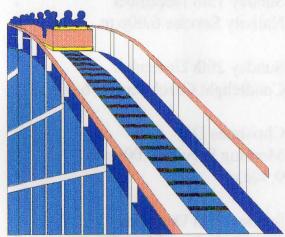


his grotto with a gift for each child and if required, a coloured souvenir photograph.

Summer and Autumn 1998

The Anniversary Services were held on the 7th and 14th of June . Collections over the two Sunday's amounted to £1,333.31p. The children and young people performed quite brilliantly under the expertise and tuition of the organist, Albert Slater. The congregations were slightly higher than in 1997 , still a host of friends and former scholars were notable by their absence. Please support the young people in 1999.

The Anniversary 'treat' was held on



Saturday 20th of June when a coach full of children and friends spent a happy day at Drayton Manor Park, Tamworth.

On Tuesday 30th June a party from Carters Lane, Baptist Church (Quinton), were entertained in the Chapel. Hazel spoke on the 'History of the Ragged Schools' and the ladies were later served coffee and biscuits.

A 'Victorian Evening of Song' was held on Wednesday 24th June when a large gathering were treated to songs, solo's and monologues from the Greenfield Singers. Barry was 'Master of Ceremonies'. Refreshments were later partaken of.

On Monday the 6th July the children and young people of the Sunday School (and some not so young), were taken on a walk round the perimeter of Cradley Park and told of the history of the area.

Wednesday 15th July a 'Rounders Match' was played against the Netherton



Bible Institute at Homer Hill Park, a pleasant evening was enjoyed by the children of both Sunday Schools.

A 'sponsored' walk was held on Monday 17th August when a party of young people and adults raised £268.00 towards Sunday School funds, thanks to all sponsors.

The Harvest Festival was held on Sunday 13th September, musical items by the 'Wombourne Singers' followed on Monday by the Sale of Goods. Collections and sale amounted to £218.64.

