

As mentioned previously we are looking forward to next year and celebrating Two Gates Ragged School being in its present situation since 1867 take a look at the commemorative stone on the front of the chapel!

If you have any memories of the past, maybe some special occasion or some event that has taken place in the past, please drop a note to one of the deacons. We would be delighted to record any event or incident that you remember.

If it is of interest to you it will interest us

Funerals 1  
Baptisms 4  
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Services to look forward to-  
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Sunday November 27th  
6.00 p.m.

Gift Day Sunday December 4th  
At 6.00. p.m.

Sunday December 11th

Nativity at 6.00.p.m

With Two Gates ladies

Carol Service with

Halesowen Brass Band on

December 18th at 6p.m.

December 25th 9.00.a.m.

Christmas Morning Service

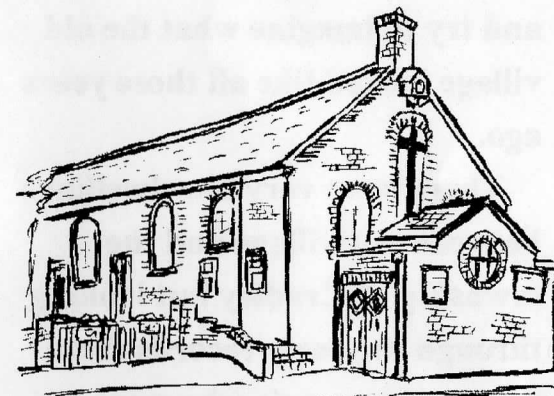
30 min service to start the day.

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No evening Service on Christmas Day.

WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL

# Two Gates Ragged School



## Newsletter

## May 2016

## Welcome

Two Gates Ragged School is now looking forward to its 150year anniversary (Sesquicentenarcy) opened in June 1867. I never cease to be amazed when I look at the old building and try to imagine what the old village looked like all those years ago.

There were very few dwellings between our village and the township of Cradley but looking through the early records there were many people who were prepared to walk two and even three times on Sunday to Sunday school and then to evening service starting at 6.00p.m. and frequently going on to 8.00p.m.

Of coarse in the very early years there was the day school Monday through to Friday and attendance was in the several

hundreds from all over the locality.

There were three coal mines within walking distance, and several brick workers wanting to be educated and to achieve some religious knowledge and the school also provided a social meeting place.

Coffee mornings continue to move along on the last Friday of each month with attendances between 60-70 people, many use the venue as a monthly meeting place to contact friends not seen at other times. Many a happy hour is spent together over a cup of tea and a sandwich.

On Wednesday 13 April a fashion show was held, with quite a crowd of ladies using the time to do some armchair shopping for

clothes and jewellery a good time was had by all.

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As usual our anniversary service will be held on May 15th and Mrs Jill Guest will lead the service and also help out with the ladies in the choir, please come along and support us on the 15th.

On Saturday 16th July we will be having a strawberry tea with the usual sandwiches and cups of tea and coffee. Come along and enjoy some good company.

Harvest time is just around the corner, the first weekend in September with a service on Sunday 4th and a Fish and chip supper will be held on Monday 5th, at 7 p.m.

**STRICTLY TICKET ONLY**



**2016**

**Tuesday 14th June**

**Ukulele band 7 p.m**

**Saturday July 16th**

**Strawberry Tea**

**Monday 5th September**

**Harvest Supper**

**Saturday 1st October**

**CRADLEY DAY**

**Sat November 26**

**Christmas Fayre**

**12 Noon-4.00p.m.**