



We look forward to welcoming you to our services on the 4th Sunday of every month at:

**St Andrew's URC Church**  
Mount Park Road,  
Ealing, London, W5 2RS

## Welcome to our Newsletter

**Rev. Edward Sanniez**

We are the GaDangme URC fellowship - A group of Christian brothers and sisters that meet monthly to hold a service in GaDangme (with a reading from other Ghanaian languages). We fellowship together at the end of each service.

The Fellowship was established by members of the GaDangme Community in London under the leadership of Revd. Dr Godwin Odonkor in October 2004, when he was the Ghanaian Chaplain for the URC in the UK. At the end of his tour of duty in the UK in 2008, the leadership role was transferred to Revd. Sylvanus Tettey who became the new Ghanaian Chaplain in the UK. Our current leader & chairman is Rev. Edward Sanniez.

We hold a service on the 4th Sunday of each month, with the service starting at 3pm with fellowship and periodic post-service refreshments. We are indeed thankful to our Heavenly Father for the opportunity to continue to do so.



Above: Pictures taken during normal monthly fellowship services



Above: photos taken at the 10th Anniversary Celebration: **Top-right inset:** Rev. Dr. Godwin Odonkor cuts the anniversary cake with some of the leadership of the fellowship.

## Choir Celebrates Second Birthday

On the 28th February 2017, our choir/singing band celebrated their second anniversary. This was marked with drums and praise music which commenced some 30mins before the service started, and continued during the traditional offertory period under the direction of Mr Mensah (Music Director & Choirmaster).

Members of the church took the opportunity to congratulate the choir members for their drive and efforts which have enhanced the enjoyment of service - especially during the offertory, when one can't resist the urge to dance and join in with the singing & organist-supported music. Our own Bernard Blankson also took to the organ and mic to support the choir

We pray for the band to continue to grow, and thank all members for their support, tolerance and appreciation of this vibrant group.

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# Ghana @ 60 Celebrations

A delegation from our Ga-Dangme Fellowship attended and participated in the Ghana @ 60 Anniversary celebrations at the Methodist Central Hall in Westminster on the 12th of March 2017. The scripture reading for the celebration was read in Ga by our own Mrs Julie Bortey.



## FAMILY FUN DAY



Our annual family fun days as held in Tooting on Saturday 17th June. As usual we were thoroughly entertained by the Abladae Band. There was a variety of games brought in and enjoyed by all. The Oware, Ludo and Draughts stalls did brisk business with ladies while the gentlemen preferring to indulge in Spar (card game).

Thanks to the catering team for cooking and providing a large variety of Ghanaian food for the occasion. We are glad that the feedback which was given by the attendees indicated that the occasion was enjoyed by all. Thank too to you all, your family and friends for patronising this event.

## Annual General Meeting

The AGM for our fellowship was held on 28th May 2017 following the service. The Annual accounts for the fellowship were discussed amongst other things and accepted. As part of this meeting, elections were held for members to vote for replacement/retention of serving leaders within the fellowship. A complete list of the elected officers is on page 3 of this newsletter.

## Day of Fasting & Prayer And Training Workshop

The fellowship summer Day of Prayer & Fasting took place on Saturday 19th August 2017 at the Shepherds Bush Road Methodist Church, London and was well attended. It was a day of real reflection under the theme

**“When The Holy Spirit Moves, There Must Be A Change”**

This was followed by a training workshop for the appointed Pastoral Care Leaders & Assistants

## Ga Adesatamɔ (Storytelling)

Bei ko le yoo ko hi shi ke ebihii ete. Klɛŋklɛŋ bi le da ni etso niiatse. Mo ni dzi enyo le tso nilelo kpeterkple, shi Mensa, binuu nidzi ete le, enilee eyafaa ni mofemɔ buo le buuluu ni noko kpakpa edzerɛ egbe no aba.

Gbiko beni mami le tee koo mli eyatao lai le, ena gbekɛ nuu bibioo ko ta tso ko shishi. Eyin dzi gbekɛ le eladze shi akɛ ni mɔbɔnalɛ gbɔmɔ dzi le hewɔ le ebɔilɛ efolɔi ahe sane bimɔ, shi gbekɛ le haa le hetoo. Yoo le to eyin akɛ ekɛ gbekɛ le aya eshia koni etao efolɔi.

Beni ekɛle she shia pɛ ni eku eyitsoi kusuu le ni edzu ehe ehale. Nɔŋŋ kekɛ le efee mofemɔ naakpɛɛ akɛ gbekɛ le boi wiemɔ: “Adopɛ dzimi ni edzi musu akɛ wɔku wɔ yitsoi hewɔ le yoo okɛ miyitsoi le awo miyitso no aloo oona nibii ni baaba onɔ.”

Ei wɔ ye sane mli. Yoo le ke akrowan bii le fɛɛ boi wiemɔ. Te aafeɛ tenɛ ni moko aanyɛ ekɛ yitsoi atsa yiterɛn ekonɛ. Shi adopɛ emanɔ mi akɛ ekɛ yoo le aaku esɛɛ keya koo le mli ni eyadzie enaa. Yoo le wekumɛi tsu ayatse ebihii enyo le kɛba. Niiatse le ke nilelo le, mokomoko tsee Mensa edzaakɛ abuo le buuluu ni enyɛn ewa ye gbekɔ gbekɔ no.

Bihii le ba pue ni shikatse le ka adopɛ le shika hamɔ shi ekplɛɛ shi mon ebi le akɛ menɛ ekɛ shika baafeɛ ye koo le mli. Binuu nidzi enyo nidzi enyo, nidzi bi nilelo le bo mɔdɛn akɛ eenyɛ ekɛ adopɛ le ana jifinumɔ ko ji no hu eya dzaa.

Aklowa muu le fɛɛ nyie yoo le, bɔni ewo yala le sɛɛ keyafi amɛfɛ man klotia heni Mensa, binuu nidzi ete le yoo. Ewa amɛ ni ebi amɛ akɛ nɛɛgbɛ nyɛkɛ mimami yaa? Akrowan bii le efoo edanɛ bɔni afee ni amɛ kafite be ye buuluu le hewɔ, ji moko bo le amanɛ

Mensa bo sane le toi ni ekɛɛ adopɛ le akemiitobo abasa nɛɛ ke oonyɛ okɔ tso nɛɛ kedze ni oyin onane faamɔ ye jia ni bɔle he kekpe le mli le, maha okɛ mi mami aya.

Adopɛ le here no akɛ enɛle dzee noko ni ji jii abɔ fɛɛ ni ebɔ he mɔdɛn le efo enane

Jifi ye jia le mli.

Kplanɛn bo sɛɛ beni enyɛɛ he noko efee ni etɔle hu le, adopɛ le wo enine no ni ekɛɛ yoo le akɛ ohe ye nii ni eladze. Akrowa lanɛ bii le ekomɛi wo Mensa ta amɛkɔnɔ ke blomɔ akɛ buulu le ahɛɛ emami; buulu hu he ye sɛɛnamɔ.

Amɛna Ghana abɛ ko ni kɛɔ akɛ ‘nu mudzi hu nyɛɔ gbɛɔ la le’ akɛ anɔkwale ni.

## Nikasemɔi

Meikomɛi jwaa fɔɔ jwili anɔ, ni meikomɛi hu okpɔnɔi, ji wɔle Yehowa wɔ Nyɔŋmɔ le gbɛi le no wɔ jwaa wɔ fɔɔ. **PSALM 20: 7**

Nɔni Nyɔŋmɔ etsuu he le, kaabule akɛ yakayaka noko. **ACTS 11: 15B**

## Annual Harvest

The annual Harvest is being planned for the 24th September this is our traditional thanksgiving and fund-raising service and will feature foodstuff & other fun products being sold/auctioned. There will be supper following the service.

## Leadership Election.

At this year's AGM held on 28th May, elections were held for leadership roles within the fellowship. The results are as listed below.

### Secretary

Evelyn Boateng

### Assistant Secretary

Christiana Ashare

### Pulpit Secretary

Lauretta Ribeiro-Nortey

### Treasurer

Edmund Abdo

### Assistant Treasurer

Nancy Ankrah

### Welfare Secretary

Reginald Otchwemah

### Assistant Welfare Secretary

Victoria Laryea

### Publicity Secretary

Ben Aryeetey

### Assistant Publicity Secretary

William Lartey

### Social & Catering Coordinator

Sarah Worburton

### Assistant Social & Catering Coordinator

Vida Vanderpuije



## KNOW THE GA ALPHABETHS

### Kanemɔ ni Okɛɛ (Read it and say it)

a b d e e f g h l j k l m n n o o p r s t u v w y z  
A B D E E F H I J K L M N N O O P R S T U V W Y Z

### The 3 key Ga Alphabets

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### NYɔJI LE AGBɛII ( Name of the months)

Ga	Blɔfo(English)
Aharabata	January
Oflo	February
Otsokrikri	March
Abeibe	April
Agbiɛnaa	May
Otukwajan	June
Maawɛ	July
Manyawale	August
Gbo	September
Antɔŋ	October
Alemle	November
Afuabei	December

### GBII LE AGBɛII (Names of the days)

Ga	Blɔfo (English)
Hɔgbaa	Sunday
Dzu	Monday
Dzufɔ	Tuesday
Shɔ	Wednesday
Soo	Thursday
Sohaa	Friday
Hɔɔ	Saturday

### NUNTSɔ LE SOLEMɔ - (The Lord's Prayer)

Wɔ-Tsɛ ni yɔɔ ɲwei!  
Ogbɛi le he atse!  
Omanɲseyeli le aba!  
Afee nɔ ni osumɔɔ ye shikpɔŋ le nɔ,  
taake afeo ye ɲwei le!  
Hã wɔ ɲmɛnɛ wɔdaa ɲmã.  
Ni okɛ wɔtɔmɔi le afa wɔ, tamɔ  
bɔ ni wɔkɛfaa mei ni tɔɔ wɔnɔ le  
Ni okɛ wɔ akaya kaa mli;  
Shi jiɛmɔ wɔ kɛjɛ ɛfɔŋ le mli.  
Shi onɔ ji manɲseyeli le  
kɛ hewalɛ le kɛ anumnyam le  
kɛyashio naanɔ. Amen