

## Cafe Arts @ Hounslow Methodist Church

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February visitors to Hounslow Methodist Church were treated to a full blooded evening of music - Ghanaian style. The Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship Choir performed an evening of music at the Cafe Arts project at the church. They sang to a packed church audience with fulsome African voices. The rhythm and vibrancy of the singing made it impossible not to tap your feet, and once the second half started, many people were up dancing to a mixture of traditional hymns and gospel songs.

Some of the responses from the evening showed how blessed people felt:

*"A very uplifting evening, in the worrying times is a great help"*

*"I really had a great time. Well done!"*

*"The Ghanaian choir was an exhilarating and enjoyable evening - great to hear and look at"*

Cafe Arts is an outreach project from the church and is now in its second year. We have bi-monthly concerts from different Christian artistes, and attract audiences from a wide variety of churches and denominations. With a fair trade cafe and a range of delicious cakes it makes for a good evening out. The project was inspired

by the launch event of the London District. Whilst listening to the Still Time Band and the Ghanaian Choir we thought about our multi-purpose church building, researched on the internet, spoke to the Church Council, formed a small organising group and Cafe Arts was born! So far alongside the Ghanaian Choir we have had Dave Bilbrough, The Still Time Band, Paul Field, Bryn Howarth, Gareth Davies-Jones, Cathy Burton and Dan Wheeler and storyteller, Simon Airey. Cafe Arts has given the church a real profile in the local area.



For further information about the Cafe Arts project see: [www.cafearts.hounslowmethodist.org.uk](http://www.cafearts.hounslowmethodist.org.uk)