

Celebrating Chil Il Jeol and Chil Pal Jeol in Bromley Community

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On the 3rd of August, bright and early at 6am about 25 Brothers and Sisters gathered in Livingstone House to celebrate the most recent holy days, Chil Il Jeol and Chil Pal Jeol.

A beautiful holy table, banner, flower bouquet and cake had been prepared by a group of generous volunteers.

Matthew and Natasha Huish recently bought new and fancy candle holders with large candles as an investment to make holy days even more special than they already are. These investments were inaugurated on this day.

There was a pure atmosphere in the ballroom generated by the holy occasion, the external preparations and the dedication of the members who woke up so early, even though it was the middle of the week. The day was untainted and new.

We sang a song, said Pledge in English and Korean together, prayed, and listened to Alec Herzer reading relevant Hoon Dok Hae for the day in a strong and clear voice.



He read from the Cheong Seong Gyeong about the meaning of Chil il Jeol and Chil Pal Jeol. We learnt that Chil il Jeol has to do with celebrating that the Three Blessings have been made accessible to us through the hard work of God and True Parents. We also learnt that Chil Pal Jeol is about celebrating God's freedom to move around as he/she pleases. It's about remembering to make our homes as pleasing to God as we can, allowing him/her to stay with us because God feels

comfortable to do so.

Surely these holy days should be celebrated every year and not taken lightly. Some may say that they are not one of the main holy days- but why not? Shouldn't they be? What a victory for God that these two days are remembered!

After receiving our daily intake of spiritual food, we proceeded with 3 cheers of Ok-Mansei and a commemorative Group Photo, taken by Trevor Davies.

Then we went to the dining room to enjoy each other's company over coffee and tea with cake, fruit, chocolate and a continental breakfast before most of us headed off to work.

Even though we were not as many as we usually are, it was a very meaningful and a joyous occasion.