

CIRCUIT SUMMER GARDEN PARTY: SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2016
11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. AT FOREST HILL METHODIST CHURCH,
NORMANTON STREET SE 23 2DS
In aid of the MWiB London District Project – two charities
OPEN HANDS GAMBIA and MERCY SHIPS

There will be a number of stalls selling a variety of goods some managed by the Churches and others by people who have hired tables (at £10.00) to sell jewellery, crochet & knitted goods, books, plants, jams & chutneys, cakes, cards and many interesting items. Refreshments for every taste will be available throughout the day including bacon and sausage rolls, fish balls, chicken or vegetarian curry, sandwiches and a variety of cakes. Tea, coffee and cool drinks will also be available.

If you are able to make a contribution towards the Raffle prizes, small gifts for the Tombola and cakes, these would be very welcome and can be delivered to the Forest Hill Church Office or brought on the day.

REPORT ON MWinB LONDON DISTRICT SECTOR C DAY 2016
at Shirley Methodist Church on Saturday 7 May

The morning session opened with worship led by Caroline Ogunsola, Vice-President of the London District MWiB. MWiB business was then presented by Wendy Hislop, Co-ordinator for Sector C. Evelyn Degraft, Treasurer for Sector C commented on the high total of collections of the Easter Offering envelopes in the Blackheath and Crystal Palace and Croydon Circuits.

After lunch, Revd Eleanor Jackson introduced the four workshops:

Contemporary culture (Revd. Eleanor Jackson): *What do I watch, what do I see?* This workshop focused on popular TV programmes, especially soaps, and discussed people's attitudes and understanding of the issues they raised.

Angels (Wendy Beard)

Church visioning (Elizabeth Smart and Christine Leonida): *'You're closer to God in a garden than anywhere else on earth'* : collage on themes of gardens: The group produced two beautiful collages, one scene on land with numerous flowers and butterflies and another with scenes from the sea.

Singing workshop: (Susanna Wesley Group): This was extremely vibrant and immensely enjoyable.

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Secretary

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Ministerial Team's Letter

Dear friends,

On Sunday the 29th of May members of our Lewisham faith communities, as well as other attendees, will participate in the Lewisham Inter-faith walk for peace. This idea was born after the Charlie Hebdo atrocity in Paris, when it was felt that a sign of solidarity and friendship in partnership with all members of society was needed. Lewisham Police and the faith leaders group are responsible for the organization of this event. Last year's inaugural walk was a great success, despite the wet weather, with about 200 people walking, including Mayor Sir Steve Bullock and Lewisham East MP Heidi Alexander.

We started at the Catford Synagogue and ended at Lewisham Police Station, stopping off along the route at the Civic Centre, Islamic Centre, Lewisham Methodist Church and Sivan Temple. A good lunch was provided at the Islamic Centre and further refreshments at the Sivan Temple. At each stop the respective faith leader welcomed us and gave a short reading from their sacred scripture. The whole event was friendly and inclusive.

This year the event starts with an all faiths shared community lunch, 1 pm at The Catford Synagogue in Crantock Road. The walkers will then proceed to the different locations to visit, participate in a shared welcome and witness the lighting of a Peace candle. The walk ends at Lewisham Police Station.

This year's schedule is as follows:

- Catford Synagogue SE6 2QS for lunch at 1pm, then on to
- Lewisham Civic Centre SE6 4RU
- Lewisham Islamic Centre SE13 6NZ
- St Mary's Church SE13 6LE
- St Saviour's Church SE13 6AA
- Lewisham Sivan Temple SE13 5ES
- Lewisham Police Station SE13 5JZ for 4.30pm

God bless,
Bill

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Circuit Missions & Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB)

EASTER OFFERING SERVICE

24 APRIL 2016 4.30 p.m. :LEWISHAM METHODIST CHURCH

The Easter Offering Service was inspiring and fairly well attended. We were fortunate to have two special people as guests at our Service – **EVELYN DE GRAFT** – an executive officer of Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) with a long history of work with Women's Network and of course a dear friend of our Circuit. Eve's excellent power point presentation about caste discrimination suffered by the Dalit people, especially the women and girls in India and abroad was thought provoking.

We had the privilege to welcome **STEVE PEARCE, AREA SECRETARY FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC IN WORLD CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS**. As the Easter Offering is dedicated to the World Missions Fund it was good to know about Steve's role and some aspects of his work. As he was directly involved with the work done by Methodist Women in Britain in the Dalit Solidarity social justice campaign he was able to confirm the positive outcomes as described by stories read in the Service. Steve was also able to illustrate further how the World Missions Fund is utilised for work done by Mission Partners all over the world.

The JMA Shield was won by Eltham Park with an increase in collections of 35.22%. The funds from the Easter Offering envelopes and the offertory collected on the day amounted to £5303.41; thank you for such generous giving.

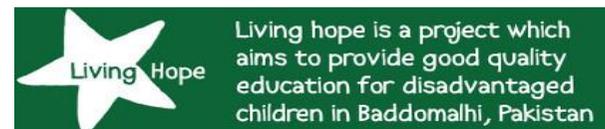
My thanks also to all who participated in the Service in doing the readings and the prayers, the accompanist and the projectionist and everyone at Lewisham Methodist Church for hosting us and providing the tea.

Ira Fernando
Secretary

Circuit/Church Forthcoming Events

Friday 17 th - Saturday 19 th June	Circuit Weekend	High Leigh
Sat. 25 th June	Missions Garden Party	Forest Hill 11am- 2.30pm
Thurs. 14 th July	Circuit Meeting	Forest Hill 7.45pm
Thurs. 21 st July	LWP meeting	Lewisham 7.45pm

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of Living Hope. This financial year we have raised £15,577 and have sponsorship of 2 of our 3 teachers and 11 students, enabling us to continue our work and strive to continue to improve the education we provide. The Malik family spent 3 very successful weeks in Pakistan improving and updating the school. Unfortunately Imran's father was killed in a motorcycle accident during the first week there meaning his availability at the school was limited. However, Sarah spent time creating resources for the teachers, meeting the children and observing lessons. During our stay we observed that our school is already at a high standard compared with local schools, however we want to raise that bar further. Imran introduced the use of projector and computer to show educational films during class. The 'Alpha blocks' are now a favourite among the children, helping them to learn English phonetics in record time.

We took several large suitcases full of books and resources for the school. Our next project is to raise funds to provide good storage for each classroom so that resources can be properly accessed and used well. We also want to provide a computer in each classroom, so that they can be used by the teachers and students during, and after classes to improve knowledge. All children in Pakistani schools learn 'computer studies' from a book, but 90% of them never get access to a real computer. Before our arrival we arranged to have the first set of solar panels installed. Beckenham Rotary club raised the fantastic sum of £645 (Which will be matched by a grant from the Rotary Foundation District Grant) for our new electricity system.

Sarah will be walking 'Half a million steps in a month' (Around 220 miles) during June to raise money for more computers and resources at the school.

Please sponsor her:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/sarahmalik1>

Please continue to pray for the work of Living Hope and its community,
Thank you, God bless, *Imran & Sarah Malik*

Circuit Website: bhcpmethodist.org.uk

Deadline for information for next newsletter: **24th August 2016**

Please email details to: office.bcpc@btinternet.com

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