



The Methodist Church

Blackheath and Crystal Palace Circuit

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Superintendent Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

The Summer months after the Easter season are traditionally thought of as being a quieter time within our Circuit-life. Not so this year! The Circuit Stewards have been hard at work planning for the ministerial changes that are happening soon, and life has been far from quiet.

I thought it might be helpful to summarise some of the forthcoming changes as our work for the Kingdom of God continues.

You will know that this Summer sees the departure of Revds Pam Clews and Imran Malik, and we hold both of them and their families in our prayers at this time of change. Farewells are rarely easy, and we shall miss both who have contributed so much to our churches and Circuit, and have been good friends and colleagues. Revd Steve Poole has also been helping us during this quarter, and Steve takes up a new appointment in September.

Despite the national ministerial shortage, we are delighted that two ministers will be joining us as our Senior Circuit Steward, Garry Young, has already made known. We shall be welcoming Revd Dee Yeadon, joining us as the minister for Wesley Hall and Forest Hill, and Abe Konadu-Yiadom, as minister for Anerley and Upper Norwood. The Circuit Welcome Service will be on Saturday September 2nd at Forest Hill at 4.00 p.m., and will be led by Revd Dr Jonge Zihle who will be the new Chair of District with responsibility for this area of London.

We hold in our prayers all those who are moving and taking on new responsibilities. And we continue to give thanks for the many people who serve our Circuit and churches so faithfully. I hope that all manage to find some rest-filled moments amongst the busyness of a Methodist Summer!

God bless,
Stephen

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Circuit/Church Forthcoming Events

Sat. 17 th June	Garden Party	11am	Forest Hill
Tues. 20 th June	Circuit Meeting	7.45pm	Wesley Hall
Sun. 2 nd July	Circuit Service	4pm	Lewisham
Mon. 3 rd July	Safeguarding Training	10am	Eltham
Thurs. 27 th July	LP & WL meeting	7.45pm	Burnt Ash
Sun. 20 th Aug	Welcome Service for District Chair	5.30pm	Central Hall
Sat. 2 nd Sept	Circuit Welcome Service	4pm	Forest Hill

Circuit Service on 2nd July 2017

During the Circuit service on 2nd July, we will be marking Eno Demehin's successful completion of the steps necessary to become a Local Preacher, saying our farewell as a Circuit to Revd Pam Clews on her retirement, and presenting Jean Pogose with a long service certificate as a Local Preacher. The service will therefore be one to give thanks for God's calling to preaching and ministry, to which all are welcome.

Safeguarding Training

A series of Safeguarding training sessions is taking place around the circuit over the summer months. If you are eligible to attend, and receive an invitation letter from the Circuit office, please make every effort to attend. This training is part of the Methodist Church's response to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults and is, therefore, very important.

Congratulations to the sixteen members from churches around the circuit who completing Refresher training on 20th May at Hither Green; and to the nine who completing Foundation on 10th June 2017 at Forest Hill.

If you require details of courses taking place in June and July, please contact Linda Ryan in the Circuit Office : office.bcpc@btinternet.com

Circuit Website: bhcpmethodist.org.uk

Deadline for information for next newsletter:

24th August 2017

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

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Easter Offering Service

Sunday 7 May 2017 at 4.00 p.m.

at Hither Green Methodist Church, 53 Torridon Road, SE 6 1RQ

Preacher: **Rev. Pamela Clews**

Accompanist: **Rebecca North**

Leader: **Ira Fernando**

Shine like Stars

This act of worship when we dedicate our Easter Offering is always an inspiring and meaningful service when we hear how the World Mission Fund supports God's mission in different parts of the world.

Each of the three stories is about the work done by a national in mission appointment – (NMA) working in their own country funded by the World Mission. They work in a difficult and challenging environment but in Paul's words to the Philippians "shines like a star" to bring the light of the risen Christ into the situation. The stories are from Brazil – work with young offenders, Ghana – work with female school drop-outs and street children and in Pakistan – peace building work.

Thanks are due to many people who contributed in various ways to the service. Rev Pam Clews was the preacher whose reflections on the theme of 'shine like stars' was interesting and inspiring. Thank you to Beccie North for the music, Winston Fraser for projection, Elizabeth Buck for preparation for the Service, all the readers, the catering team at Hither Green and everyone who attended the Service.

The JMA Shield was won by Eltham Park. The winner is decided on the percentage increase in the total JMA collections in each Church. All collections should go to Megan Roberts as the Treasurer for World Missions.

Total funds from the Easter Offering envelopes and Offertory at the service, together with late additions, brought the total to £4,663.57. Thank you for such an excellent collection for World Missions.

Ira Fernando

Circuit Missions & MWiB Secretary

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Living Hope Recital

Maria Gayle-Rogers, Carol-Anne Grainger,

John Collis – 2SP (Two Sopranos and a Piano)

Guest performer Peter Boreham

Saturday 24th June 2017 2.45 p.m.

Anerley Methodist Church Oakfield Road London SE20 8QA

Tickets £5, available in advance from:

Peter Boreham, 2 Sackville Avenue, Hayes, BR2 7JT, 020 8462 2228.

Payment in advance with ticket order. Cheques payable to "Living Hope."

We hope that you will be able to support this special fundraising recital for the Rev. Imran's inspirational project which has involved building and running a Christian school in the town of Baddomalhi, Pakistan. The school is open and beginning to thrive. It is providing children from extremely poor and deprived homes with the opportunity to receive a life-changing education. More resources are required for this project that will save many children (some as young as 8) from having to work in the local brickfields.

We are delighted that **2SP (Two Sopranos and a Piano)** have most generously agreed to perform in this special fundraising recital. All monies raised from the recital will go to **Living Hope**. **Maria Gayle-Rogers** and **Carol-Anne Grainger** are both highly experienced singers who are well-known in the realm of opera, secular and sacred music. The recital offers of a veritable 'feast' of beautiful singing which will make a memorable afternoon for those who attend. Our singers will be accompanied on the piano by **John Collis** (organist at Forest Hill Methodist Church). **Peter Boreham**, accompanied by John Collis, will be a guest performer (violin and viola) at the recital. The recital will be in two halves, with a half-time interval (light refreshments to be served in the large church hall).

There are **90** tickets available for this recital which is being held in the intimate surroundings of the **Anerley Methodist Church Chapel**. Tickets at just **£5** each will be sold on a 'first-come-first served' basis. Buy early, don't be disappointed! If you are unable to attend the recital in person, you might instead consider making a financial donation in lieu of buying a ticket. Thank you so much for your support which will bring hope, encouragement, faith and education to the young children of Baddomalhi, Pakistan.

Please note that car parking on the church site will be limited on the day of the recital, but there is car parking in the surrounding streets. Oakfield Road is very close to Anerley Station and is just 5 minutes walk from local bus stops.

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