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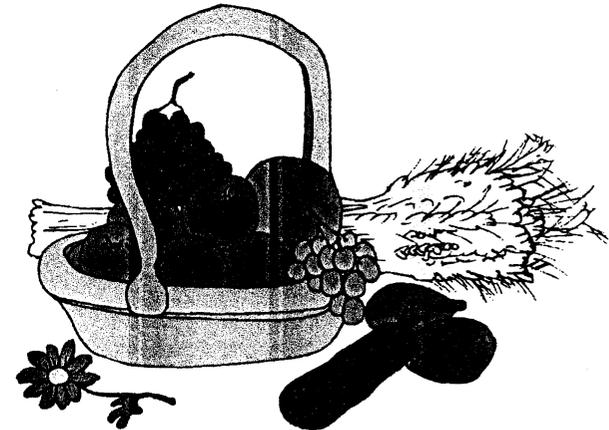
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**AUTUMN 2011**

**The Newsletter of  
ANERLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

USEFUL CONTACTS (as at 01.07.11) All prefix 020

Church (Minister is not available on this number)		8289 6771
Minister	Rev. Graham Cocking	8653 4902
Church Council Secretary	Marian Young	8402 6618
Treasurer	Andrew Tredinnick	8658 2347
Property Steward	David Hynes	8289 3524
Property Bookings	David Hynes	8289 3524
Baptismal/Cradle Roll	Sandra Hynes	8289 3524
Junior Church Secretary	Janice Friend	8659 2905
Christian Action Group	Valerie & Andrew Tredinnick	8658 2347
Wednesday Club	Marian Young	8402 6618
Church Library	Valerie Tredinnick	8658 2347
Missions Secretary	Sandra Hynes	8289 3524
Junior Missionary Association	Dinah Anaman	7274 6294
NCH Action for Children	Valerie Tredinnick	8658 2347
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Oxfam	Joan Loring	8659 1658
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**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2011**

**Volume 43 Number 3**

Following the riots in London during August, the London District Chairs produced the following message, which is still relevant some weeks later

**Chairs message**

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. The churches within the London District have been doing this together with our ecumenical partners and other community groups over many years and will continue to do so long after the riots and looting have ceased to be headline news.

I have today contacted each circuit and heard of meetings which are happening in many places as Methodist ministers and members seek to meet with ecumenical, other faith, community and council leaders in order to respond in a united way to the destructive events on our streets. A number of our people live close to the hot spots and have spoken of their shock at what they have witnessed, but are responding in positive ways by helping with clean up operations, calling together people for prayer and positive action and contacting church members to ensure that they are OK.

Many people across London and elsewhere are counting the cost of the destruction on our streets. Our churches, which are at the heart of the communities affected, want to play their part in partnership with others to bring healing and peace to those areas, and demonstrate that this city is a place of peaceful, diverse and vibrant communities.

The London District is making small grants available to those churches and circuits seeking to respond with local initiatives and is calling on the people in our churches and circuits to

pray for all who are caught up in and affected by what is happening on our streets and to pray for peace and healing.

### **Prayer for the city**

*Pray for the peace of the city, may peace be within your homes and security on your streets.*

Pray for everyone who has been traumatised by the events of the week - the policemen who have been injured, and their families - those who have lost homes and businesses - those who have lost their sense of living in a friendly and safe place.

Pray for fire fighters and police officers, for protection from the violence around them, and for those needing to devise new strategies to cope with the breakdown of law and order.

Pray for our police, that there will be among them exceptional men and women, able to understand the hopes and fears of all the different individuals and groups they deal with, able to uphold the law with wisdom, integrity and discretion, able to step over prejudice, their own and other people's.

Pray for entrepreneurs and business people with drive and energy to create sustainable, worthwhile jobs for folk living in deprived areas across our country...

Pray for mothers and fathers and grandparents to stand steady and faithful at the heart of their families, and offer the disciplines of love, truth and example. May they model how to seek justice without violence.

Pray for the young, that they will listen to the voices calling them to live courageously and freely, and will turn away from those influences calling them to alienation and victimhood.

Pray for the future when resources may be scarce, jobs and homes hard to come by, May we be those who demonstrate a genuine concern for our neighbours, the salt that resists the tendency to care only for ourselves, the light that reveals all the many dimensions of well being that do not depend on affluence.

*For the sake of my family and my friends I will say, "Peace be within you". Amen*

### **ROUND THE FAMILY**

We were sorry to hear of the death of Velda Weekes on 18th September following a stroke on 4th August. Velda had been a member of our church since the 1960's and had been a loyal member of the Church Council, amongst other responsibilities. We shall miss her quiet and cheerful presence in church each Sunday. Please remember Harold and Trevor in your prayers at this time. Please also remember in your prayers Rose Agyei, whose brother died at the end of July, and Emmanuel Anaman, whose brother-in-law died at the end of August.

We welcome into our church family Margaret Kasozi, Keith Jeffery and Alfred Sandford, who have recently transferred their membership to Anerley Methodist Church.

Vanessa Anaman will be going to the University of Hertfordshire at the end of September to study maths, and some of our young people are moving on to new schools. We wish them well and remember everyone for whom September is a new start, whether it be a new school, college or employment.

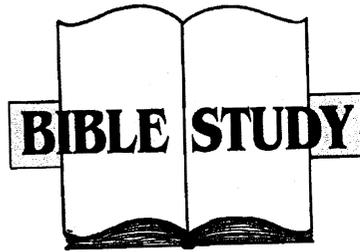
Marian

### **Upgrading your Mobile phone?**

Send your old mobile phone to **Shelter** for recycling. 70% of its value can go to support **Shelter's** vital work with homeless and badly housed people across Britain.

Ask me for a Freepost envelope in which to return your handset.

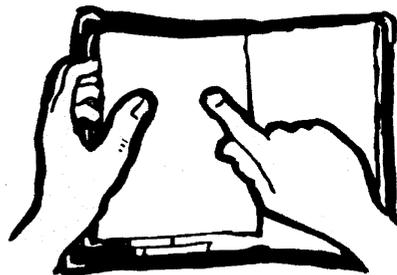
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**Monday evenings 8pm—9.30pm in the Small Hall**

**MEDITATIONS IN THE BODY—A GROUP STUDY COURSE  
EXPLORING THE STORY OF JESUS**

10th October	Jesus in the desert -Temptation and Distraction
17th October	Jesus on a Boat - Coping with Fear
24th October	Jesus journeys into Jerusalem — Triumph over doubt and confusion
31st October	Jesus in a Garden - Overcoming despair
7th November	Jesus in Captivity - An end to guilt
14th November	Freedom and Hope - A second chance
21st November	Jesus: What is your response?



### **Fr. Luis Ruiz SJ**

Subscribers to Joan's Tin will be saddened to learn of the passing of Fr. Luis Ruiz, who died of respiratory failure on Tuesday morning 26th July at the age of 97. His funeral took place at Macao Cathedral on 3rd August.

Father Luis spent over 60 years working among the people of Macao and China, especially the poor and marginalized, those suffering with leprosy and AIDS, as well as orphans and the elderly.

The work he started continues under the guidance of Fr. Fernando Azpiroz, and we will be maintaining our support with prayers and financial contributions. If you would like to become a subscriber, please have a word with Joan.

### **SINGING THE FAITH**

To coincide with the publication of "Singing the Faith", the new Methodist hymnbook, the Museum of Methodism will be displaying a small exhibition that will chart the development of Methodist hymn books through the centuries. The exhibition will be on display during September to November. The Museum, which is housed within Wesley's Chapel, is open from 10am—4pm Monday to Saturday and after morning service on Sundays.

The London launch of "Singing the Faith" will take place at Wesley's Chapel, London, on Friday 21st October at 6.30pm. It will be a service of thanksgiving for the work of the Music Resources Group in producing the new hymnbook and the dedication of the new collection to the praise and glory of God.

## TALENTS FESTIVAL

As mentioned in a previous magazine article, the next Festival will be held on **Saturday 2nd March 2013**. Provisional plans have been made to launch the 2013 Festival Syllabus with a Festival Concert on Saturday 23rd June 2012, possibly at Forest Hill Methodist Church. More details will be available later.

The deadline for designing a Talents Festival logo has been extended. To remind you, the brief is:

- it can be designed by hand or on a computer
- It can be submitted in colour or black and white, but it needs to be clear in black and white
- The design needs to be clear enough to be resized to 5cm square

The Committee reserves the right to use the logo or modify it to incorporate another design. If you want to submit a design, please let me have it by Sunday 30th October.

In November the Committee will be looking at which classes and subjects should be included in the new syllabus. If you have any suggestions about which classes should be included (or dropped!) or ideas for new classes or subjects for classes, please give me your suggestions by Sunday 30th October.

Marian

## INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING ASSOCIATION

Annual volumes of day-by-day Bible Reading Notes in the popular page-a-day layout are available for 2012 as follows:

### Light for our Path

*Light for our Path* gives you the key Bible verses printed in full, accompanied by reflections and prayers, and weekly questions for further thought or group discussion.

### Words for Today

*Words for Today* presents a lively, fresh and often adventurous approach to the text with a daily reading, comment and prayer. The writers' perspectives will challenge you not only to reflect but also to act in the light of the readings

If you would like to place an order please see me by Sunday 30th October. Prices for either book are £8.75 each, with a 10% reduction if we order a total of more than 6 copies.

IBRA also have available Christmas cards (4 different designs) - £1.99 for a pack of 5; Advent calendars (3 different designs) - £2.99 each; Words of Faith free-standing calendar - £3.99; Words of Jesus Engagement Calendar - £3.99. If you are interested in any of these items I can give you further details

Marian Young

## CRAFT CLASSES

Sewing, knitting and crafts 10am to 12 noon at the Church starting on 23rd September and then every fortnight. £6 per session including refreshments. For more information contact Jenny O'Leary 07881833548, or email [jennyosew@yahoo.com](mailto:jennyosew@yahoo.com)

## COOKERY CORNER

### BROWNIES

#### Ingredients

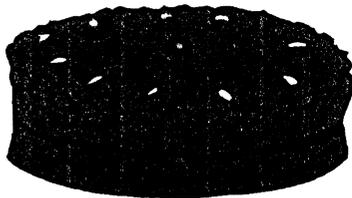
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| 100gr (4oz) margarine             | 100gr(4oz) self-raising flour           |
| 50gr (2oz) plain chocolate        | pinch of salt                           |
| 175gr (6oz) dark soft brown sugar |   |
| 2 medium eggs, beaten             | 50gr(2oz) chopped walnuts<br>(optional) |

1x25ml spoon (½ teaspn) vanilla essence

#### Method

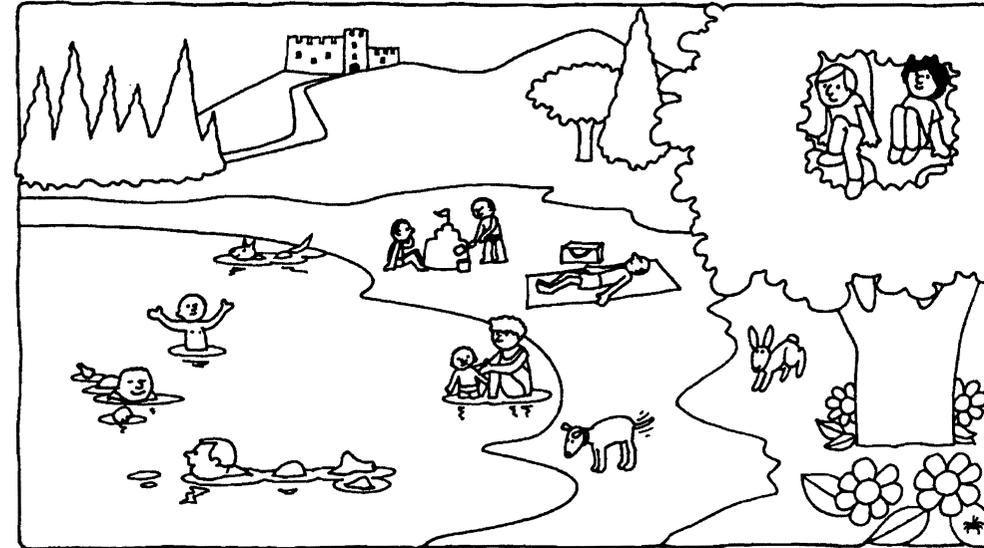
1. Pre-heat oven to 180°C, 350°F or Gas Mark 4, grease a 28 x 18cm (11x7ins) tin.
2. Melt the margarine and chocolate over hot water, remove from heat and cool
3. Stir in sugar and add eggs, mixed with vanilla essence.
4. Mix in flour, salt and nuts.
5. Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for about 25-30 minutes, until the top is crispy and the inside soft.
6. Leave in the tin until cold before cutting into squares.

Ann Vickery



## FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

Colour the picture as your 'thank you' to God.



How many people?  How many flowers?  God has made a beautiful world for us to enjoy living in.  
How many animals?

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2011

Chris Doran, the Area organiser for Penge and Anerley, has notified us of the amounts raised by the various churches in the area for Christian Aid Week 2011.

Anerley Methodist Church	Sponsored Walk	173.50	
	Church Collection	87.50	261.00
Avenue Baptist Church	Church Collection	100.00	100.00
Holy Trinity Beckenham	House-to-House	1089.89	
	Penge East Station	187.09	1276.98
Penge Congregational Church	House-to-House	446.70	
	Collection+Sales	239.11	685.81
	<b>2011 CAW Total</b>		<b>2323.79</b>
	Tax Reclaimable from Gift Aid		221.34
	<b>2011 TOTAL</b>		<b>2545.13</b>

## OUTREACH TO THE HOMELESS

Outreach to the Homeless are a local voluntary group who supply items of clothing and essential toiletries to local homeless people and those sleeping on the streets of London. They are replenishing their stocks in preparation for the coming winter and have asked whether any of our congregation have surplus items they wish to dispose of, or would like to donate toiletries etc.

They need men's clothing and useful items as listed below:-

T shirts	jeans	shoes	trainers
Hankies	scarves	gloves	hats
Underwear	holdalls	coats	flannels
Towels	soap	disposable razors	plasters
Toilet bags	Blankets	empty ice cream tubs	

If you wish to donate any items, please give them to me and I will pass them on to the organisers. There is also a list on the notice board in the entrance hall, to remind you of what is needed.

Marian



## OXFAM

Joan Loring our Pledged Giving Collector, has received the following letter from Oxfam:

"Thank you very much for your Pledged Giving donation to Oxfam of £70.....

"The worst food crisis of the century has left more than 10 million people in East Africa in desperate need of food and water. As I write, our response teams are working tirelessly across Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya. Our aim is to provide up to 3 million people with clean drinking water, the means to buy food, and vital animal health care - keeping people's main source of food and income alive.

"For people caught up in the crisis, this work means everything. Halima Nur lives in eastern Ethiopia - one of the worst-affected areas:

*" 'If Oxfam had not arrived, we would not still be here. You reached us at a very bad time. We have crossed the drought because of this.'*

"You can get the latest on the situation and Oxfam's response at [www.oxfam.org.uk/eastafrica](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/eastafrica).

"If you have any questions about our work in East Africa...or about any aspect of Oxfam please contact me on 0870 333 2700- I will be happy to help.

"Thanks again for your gift....

"Charlotte Isles, Supporter Relations



## Penge Community Pre-School

Leader: Sarah Batchelor                      Anerley Methodist Church  
 Deputy Leader: Sue Charlesworth        Oakfield Road  
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