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LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

Growing in Christ

Jesus said "I am the true vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and in in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:4).

I spent almost two weeks of my holidays finishing off my MA dissertation. Part of my dissertation was to explore how our relationship with God shapes our lives and discipleship. I found that it is quite hard to grasp the true nature of our relationship with God, but comparing it to the relationships that we are familiar with helped me to understand the nature of divine and human relationship. Scripture uses many metaphors to describe our relationship to Christ. One of the commonly understood metaphors is the one Christ used in John 15, where Jesus is the vine and we are the branches and God the Father is the vine-grower. In this metaphor Jesus wants to have an abiding, long lasting and productive relationship with his people. When we remain in Jesus, we are fruitful, steadfast and strong but most importantly we are purposeful. The Father, the vinegrower not only gives us his spirit to sustain and abide in Jesus and his Word but also improves us by pruning. Those who continue to abide in Christ are the ones that bear much fruit for God. As the branch grows through its connection with the vine, our productivity depends on the nature of our relationship with Christ.

Roshan is nearly 6 months old now and we have started giving him solid food. The main purpose for this is to sustain his healthy growth and protect him from swallowing shoes, socks, stones etc. We are aware that if he is nour-

ished and protected now, the effects will be long lasting.

Similarly our relationship with Jesus is purposeful, nourishing and protective. Our abiding in Christ gives us the nourishment to grow and strength to enjoy happy times and overcome difficulties of life.

Abiding in Jesus is a supernatural experience. In this, we allow God to come and live in us as he allows to us to live in him through Jesus Christ. This intimacy of our relationship inspires us to follow his instructions and be safe. Christians do well when they are attentive to the Word of God. By being attentive to the word of God we also abide in his love.

When we obey his word we become his witness because our fruit will not be hidden. Our light will shine in dark places. The validity of the Christian gospel in the world's view is determined by the kind of relationship we have with God.

For us as a church it is important that we continue to grow in Christ by abiding in him and by following his Word we will remain in his love. Let God continue his work of nurturing, caring and pruning in us so we could produce much fruit for his glory. Our abiding relationship is a sign of our real faith as he said "if you abide in my Word, then you are truly my disciples" (John 8:31).

May you continue to grow stronger in Christ. Amen

Rev Imran

ROUND THE FAMILY

We were sorry to hear of the sudden death of Audrey Bobb's brother Colin at the beginning of August. Colin was a member of our Junior Church for several years and many of our older readers may remember him. Please remember Audrey and her family in your prayers.

Please also remember Louise Oppong, who is recovering from surgery and chemotherapy, Ken Waterhouse who has been in hospital for tests, and McPhene Pluck, who is recovering from surgery and a subsequent infection.

At this time of year some of our young people are moving on to new schools and classes. We wish them well and remember everyone for whom September is a new start, whether it be a new school, college or employment.

Marian

STUDY EVENINGS

CREATIVE SPIRIT

The aim of this course is to enable participants to reflect on the Christian Story and to respond imaginatively and creatively, through engaging with eight works of art from the Methodist Church Collection of Modern Christian Art

Each Monday evening in November 8pm—9.30pm in the Small Hall

Please see Valerie Tredinnick for more details.

Everybody Can Sing!

When I worked in the nursery with children under 5 years - I sometimes asked them "Who Can Sing?" Every child's hand would go up and they would shout out "I can sing!" They were all happy and willing to show you what they can do. Yet if I were to put the same question to a group of 11/12 year olds, I'd be lucky if 2 or 3 children put their hands up. It is a fact we all can sing! Somewhere along that road of growing up from nursery age of happy singing children they become shy, self conscious 11/12 years old. Has anyone told them that they can't sing? Maybe they have been laughed at by their peers? Are they judging themselves by others around them and the media? Or maybe they can sing but have set themselves a high bench mark which is unachievable? Maybe they are just too shy?

My daughter has always had a lovely singing voice. We have channelled this so she could use this talent in many different ways. When she was very young she would sing anywhere and all the time. She surprised us at her then primary school by forming a group called "Fusion" that did their own rendition of the song "Lean on Me" (by Bill Withers) Now she has reached that age of 12 years I feel her best singing efforts can only be heard in the shower. Her music teacher at school did not know he had a singer in his class until it was mentioned at parents evening.....

I believe we are all artistic in some way or another. Jesus has given us all many talents and it is up to us how we use them. We as "grown ups" tend to sometimes impose limits on children, make assumptions - without thinking about it or perhaps for the best reasons with regards their artistic talents. However old or young you are, just the process of going through life, being told your piece of work was not up to scratch can undermine our self confidence and hide us from the reality of our God given Gifts. Maybe that is what happened to the man

who simply buried his Master's talents incurring his wrath when he returned! Just think about your own gifts and talents for a moment and ask yourself "When did I last Sing?"

"Some days there won't be a song in your heart"

Emory Austin

"A bird does not sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song"

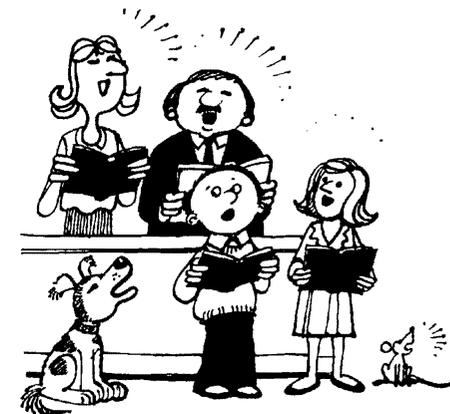
Chinese Proverb

"He who sings frightens away his ills"

Miguel de Cervantes, Don Quixote

Article adapted from "A message from Lindsay" Activity Village News Feb 2013

Audrey Bobb



COOKERY CORNER

Devonshire Flan

Serves 4-6

Ingredients

175gr (6oz) shortcrust pastry (made with 175gr (6oz) flour, 50gr (2oz) marg., 50gr (2oz) Trex or lard and about 3 table-spoons cold water.)

25gr. (1oz) butter

25gr (1oz) plain flour

½ pint milk

1 teaspn chopped parsley

100gr.(4oz) grated cheese

3 hard boiled eggs

50gr.(2oz) shelled prawns

parsley to garnish

Method

1. Heat the oven to 400°F/200°C/Mark 6.
2. Roll out pastry to a thickness of ¼ inch and use to line a 20 or 23cm (8 or 9inch) heatproof dish or flan ring.
3. Bake blind—line with greaseproof paper or foil and fill with baking beans or any other dried beans, 10 -15 minutes.
4. Make the parsley sauce—melt the butter in a pan, add the flour and stir well over a very low heat.
5. Remove from the heat, add the milk a little at a time, mixing all the time.

6. Return to a very low heat and bring slowly to the boil, stirring continuously, cook for a minute or two.
7. Add the cheese, prawns and 1 teaspn. parsley.
8. Bring back to nearly boiling point
9. Pour into the hot pastry case and serve at once, garnished with a small sprig of parsley.

Ann Vickery

Oxfam Pledged Giving Church representative

We are still looking for someone to take over this role which entails:

- Collecting contributions (usually each month) from subscribers who have undertaken to support Oxfam on a regular basis
- Forwarding the money to Oxfam (usually once a quarter)
- Distributing a monthly newssheet to each subscriber

If you can help or would like more information before deciding please speak with Joan Loring or Andrew Tredinnick.

METHODIST CHURCH STRUCTURE

For those who are comparatively new to the Methodist Church it may sometimes be confusing to hear people talk of “the Circuit” or “the District”. The following notes may help you to understand how it all fits together.

The Connexion

Methodists are linked together in a “Connexion” of churches, circuits and districts.

The local church

The local Church is the congregational place of worship, where Methodist members and attenders are nurtured, in our case Anerley Methodist Church.

The circuit

A circuit is a group of local churches, served by a team of local preachers and ministers including the superintendent minister. Our Circuit is the Blackheath and Crystal Palace Circuit. Our Superintendent minister is the Rev. Stephen Maunder. The churches in the Circuit, other circuit ministers, local preachers and circuit officials are shown on the Circuit Plan, produced once a quarter.

The district

The district serves a geographical group of circuits and is led by the district chair. Our circuit is in the London District, which roughly covers the area inside the M25.

The Conference

The annual Methodist Conference meets at different places (this year it was held in London) and is the supreme decision-making body of the Church.

(Based on “The Methodist Church of Great Britain/Structure” on the Methodist Church website www.methodist.org.uk)

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING ASSOCIATION

This year a new book of daily Bible Studies is being produced, which will replace Words for Today and Light for our Path from previous years.

Fresh from the Word: the Bible for a Change will inspire your reading to the Bible in a changing world. Top theologians and biblical scholars, creative writers from around the world, cutting-edge church leaders, activists for peace and justice contribute notes, prayers and suggestions for action on biblical themes for every day of the year. With a foreword by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, *Fresh from the Word* is for those who want to engage with a community of Christians from different cultures building a relationship with one God.

Writers have been drawn from a wide variety of contexts around the world, including the Caribbean, Africa, India, Europe and the United States.

UK-based writers will be drawn from a wide variety of contexts and theological perspectives. They will include lay and ordained writers from academic and pastoral backgrounds and those critically engaged with social issues of the day in their particular locales, including those from marginalised groups.

If you would like to place an order please see me by Sunday 3rd November. The price is for the book is £8.75, though there may be a discount if we order more than 6 copies.

Marian Young

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 again 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	

At the moment they are in desperate need of shoes size 10, 11 and 12, and jeans size 28, 30 and 32 in particular.

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.

You can also give me items throughout the year so if you decide to clear out your wardrobes during the next year and have suitable things to donate I will pass them on to the organisers.

Marian

PENGE WAR MEMORIAL

With the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the end of WW2 in November 2015, a group of Penge residents has decided to commemorate our WW2 fallen soldiers, sailors and airmen and civilians by having plaques bearing the names of approximately 400 men, women and children who died in Penge in WW2 put up in their honour.

The project has already gained the support of Penge Partners, Penge Forum, local historians and local councillors, and work has started on the design and compilation of the names. The WW2 plaques will be sited around our largest WW1 memorial in the High Street outside Penge Recreation Ground and this will be the place where present and future generations can come and remember.

An approximate estimate is £3,000, which we aim to raise by November 2013. If you want to help make this happen you can donate by sending a cheque payable to Penge Forum (Memorial Fund) and post to Wendie Roche, 19 Burmarsh Court, Manston Close, Penge, London SE20 7SQ.

If you are related to, or know the name of, someone who should be represented on the plaques please contact Chris Doran, c/o Penge Congregational Church. 172 High Street, Penge, London SE20 7QS



Penge Community Pre-School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

- Wed 2nd No Wednesday Club
- Wed 9th Wednesday Club 8pm Treasured mementoes
- Thur 10th Church Council 8pm at the Church
- Wed 17th Wednesday Club 8pm Bees to the Honey pot
- Tues 22nd Christian Action Group 8pm at 32 Lloyds Way.
Speaker: Jean Pogose
- Wed 23rd Wednesday Club 8pm Holiday Pictures
- Thur 24th Stewards' Meeting 8pm at 4 Garden Road
- Wed 30th Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Card making

NOVEMBER

- Sun 3rd JMA Service and All Age Worship 11am
Preacher: Rev. Lilian Barth
- Mon 4th "Creative Spirit" Study Evening 8pm
- Wed 7th No Wednesday Club
- Fri 8th Fireworks 7.30 pm at 32 Lloyds Way.
- Sun 10th Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50 am.
Preacher: Rev. Imran Malik
- Sun 10th MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO
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- Mon 11th "Creative Spirit" Study Evening 8pm
- Tue 12th Christian Action Group 8pm at 5 Percy Road.
Speaker: Rev. Pam Clews
- Wed 13th Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
- Mon 18th "Creative Spirit" Study Evening 8pm
- Wed 20th Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Decorations
- Sun 24th All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Hilary Waterhouse
- Mon 25th "Creative Spirit" Study Evening 8pm
- Wed 27th Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Decorations

DECEMBER

- Tue 3rd Christian Action Group 8pm at 163 Clock
House Road. Speaker: Lilian Barth
- Sun 8th Christmas Gift Service 11am
- Sun 15th Carol Service 6.30pm

Evening Services are held at the church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 6.30pm, and Holy Communion is usually celebrated on the 2nd Sunday. During October and November the dates are 13th (HC) and 27th October, 10th (HC) and 24th November .