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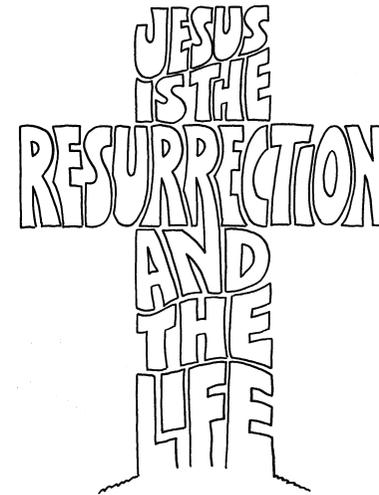
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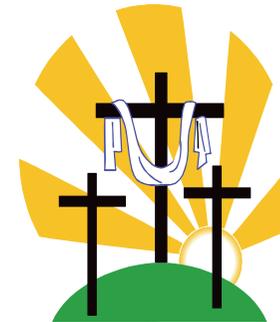
### FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

As Easter approaches we need to reflect again at what it means to us in our life, our faith and our future.

In spite of our attempts to be optimistic, politicians and financiers love to talk of crisis, belt tightening, downgrading on world markets, people's future inability to furnish mortgage and other loan repayments, pension instability – one could go on! So what does our faith and Easter in particular have to say to us in the light of the above.

Let us play a game. Let us take the letters in Easter and reflect on them as letters to start words that reflect our faith.



**E** could stand for **Everyone**, for the resurrection of Easter is not just for you or me but all who want to put the old life behind them and move forward, free of past wrongs.

**A** could stand for **Another**, for new life is another opportunity to start again, to find a new way to live, a new hope.

**S** could only stand for **Salvation** that is the precursor, the

only way for everyone to experience freedom once again, a new life, devoid of the hindrances of the old.

**T** is for that gnarled **Tree** on which the process of salvation depended, as Christ gave his life so that we could be forgiven our sins and thus experience salvation.

**E** could stand for **Energy** given by the load that has been lifted from our shoulders. No more is our energy sapped by the past. A load free life beckons because that load of past and present is supported in Jesus' hands.

**R** could be **Resolution** as we resolve to continue to be forever with Him, serving Him and caring as He would want us to care for all as He did and continues to do.

Remember the song:

*'A new commandment I give unto You,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.'*

*(based on Luke 10 v. 27)*

In the darkness we have been in, as many tell us we still are in, let the Lord help us see the resurrected life of Easter.

Just a few points to ponder in the coming weeks for:

*'Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!'*



Graham

If you have any questions about these projects or any aspect of Oxfam's work please let me know. You can write to me at Oxfam House, John Smith Drive, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2JY, or ring me on 0300 200 1300. I will be very pleased to hear from you.

With best wishes  
KEN SMITH  
Supporter Relations

## APPOINTMENTS

At the February meeting of the Church Council we looked at the appointment of people to carry out various jobs in the church. Although appointments are made annually, the Methodist Church advises that people should not hold an office in the church for longer than 6 successive years. However, in a small church such as Anerley, it is very difficult to replace those people due to retire, and some of us have been in office for much longer than 6 years. In particular, if you are interested in becoming a Church Steward, a Communion Steward or being on the Church Council or are interested in helping out in the church in any way, please speak to Graham or one of the Church Stewards. If you would like to find out more about a job by "shadowing" someone, this can be arranged.

Church Stewards and members of the Church Council are appointed by the General Church Meeting, which this year is on Sunday June 17th.

Please note that to be a steward or serve on the Church Council you must be a member of the Methodist Church.  
Marian

## LETTER FROM 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 £92...

International Women’s Day is 8th march and we know that there are still huge steps to be made around the world before equality is achieved.

In many countries women are still:

- Missing out on an education. Two-thirds of all children denied school are girls.
- Suffering horrendous domestic violence - the single biggest cause of death and injury to women worldwide.
- Dying needlessly in childbirth. Every minute a woman with no medical care dies in pregnancy and childbirth.

There are around 1.3 billion people living in extreme poverty worldwide; more than two-thirds of them are women and girls. Statistics like these reflect the bleak reality of life for millions of women in the developing world. Entrenched attitudes deny them their rights, effectively keeping them poorer than men. As a result, whole communities fall further into poverty.

All of Oxfam’s projects have equality at their heart, ensuring women overcome the discrimination they face, and secure their basic rights. Just three examples are

- Supporting girls’ education in Mali
- Supporting women in business in Vietnam
- Supporting maternity care in Ghana

## ROUND THE FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers Mike Sayers, Stella Roberts and Sarah Hynes, who have all recently been in hospital for major operations. We pray that the operations have been successful and that they will soon be feeling a little better.

Congratulations to Selina Williams, who celebrated a significant birthday in February!

Our 147th Church Anniversary will be held on 13th May and our preacher will be the Rev. Cameron Kirkwood. Please join with us on this special day.

Marian

## SINGING THE FAITH

The Church has now bought copies of the new Methodist Hymn Book—Singing the Faith. The books will be dedicated at the All Age Worship service on 27th May, which is Pentecost.

We have received some donations towards the cost of the books and it has been suggested that other people may like the opportunity to pay for one or more of the books in memory of a family member or friend. If you would like to pay for a book please see Andrew or Valerie Tredinnick before the end of April, with details of the inscription you would like in the book. The books cost £7.50 each.



## A MESSAGE FROM IMRAN MALIK



Hello Everyone,

My name is Imran Malik. I am going to be your new Probation Minister from September 2012. I am married to Sarah Malik (ex-Methodist Youth President). We are parents of a son called Rohan who is two years old. He is very friendly and active.

I grew up in a town in Pakistan called Baddomalhi. My mother tongues are Panjabi and Urdu. From a very young age I felt that God is calling me to His service in a church setting but it took me a long time to discern what directions I should take. When I arrived in England I lived in Slough for two years then I went to Derbyshire to study theology at Cliff College. After finishing my studies at Cliff I came to Queen's Foundation in Birmingham to do ministerial studies. Currently I am doing an MA in contextual theology along with ministerial studies.

I enjoy cooking and am well known for my curry. My favourite

## PERCEPTION

In Washington DC, USA, at a Metro Station on a cold January morning in 2007 a man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about an hour. During that time, approximately 2,000 people went through the station, most of them on their way to work.

After about 3 minutes, a middle-aged man noticed that there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds, and then he hurried on to meet his schedule. About 4 minutes later, the violinist received his first dollar. A woman threw money into the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk. At 6 minutes, a young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again.

At 10 minutes, a 3 year old boy stopped, but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. This action was repeated by several other children, but every parent - without exception - forced their children to move on quickly. At 45 minutes, the musician played continuously. Only 6 people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of \$32. After 1 hour he finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded. There was no recognition at all.

No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million. Two days before, Joshua Bell sold-out a theatre in Boston where the seats averaged \$100 to sit and listen to him play the same music. Joshua Bell, playing incognito at the station, was organised by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities.

If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made... how many other things are we missing as we rush through life?

Enjoy life NOW - it has an expiration date.

## COOKERY CORNER

### Somerset Apple Cake

#### Ingredients

225gr (8oz) self-raising flour

½ teaspn mixed spice

75gr.(3 oz) margarine

75gr (3 oz) caster sugar

1 lb (450gr) cooking apples, peeled, cored & finely chopped

1 egg, beaten

A little milk

#### Method

1. Rub the margarine into the flour and spice mixture until it resembles fine breadcrumbs.
2. Stir in the sugar, apples and egg and enough milk to give a fine dropping consistency.
3. Spoon the mixture into a greased & lined 20cm (8 inch) cake tin and bake in a moderate oven (375°F, 190°C, Gas Mark 5) for 1 - 1½ hours.
4. Turn on to a wire rack and leave to cool.
5. Serve sprinkled with caster sugar.

Ann Vickery

food is Caribbean goat curry although I haven't learnt how to make it yet. I enjoy running and playing badminton. Currently I am training for the Stafford half marathon. I enjoy watching films and documentaries; my favourites are David Attenborough and Brian Cox.

My family and I are very excited and are looking forward to meeting the congregations of Upper Norwood and Anerley. When we began this process, as a family we hoped and prayed that we could become a part of a faith community, that is devoted to serving and loving the communities they are located in, and are committed to growing the Kingdom of God. I have been reading the churches portfolio and I feel encouraged by your diversity and the mission and ministries you are doing. I feel that there is a lot to which I can contribute (Perhaps even towards the table tennis!) and during my time with you, I will be devoting myself to evangelism alongside preaching, teaching, pastoral care, healing, youth and family ministries. However I strongly believe that I would not succeed in any of those without the help of the full body of Christ.

I truly hope and pray that my time in the new circuit with you will be a blessing for all of us and bring glory to God. As you are all in my prayers, I humbly request you all continue praying for the things that you want to see in your new circuit and in your churches.

Yours in Christ

Imran Malik

## PENGE FESTIVAL

The Penge Festival will be held over three weeks from the end of April, finishing with the Festival Fete on Saturday 19th May. The Festival celebrates its 40th year this year, the first Festival having been held in 1972 and Commemorative Festival programmes will be available shortly. Some of the activities to be held during the Festival are listed below. Please see Marian for further details.

### APRIL

Sun 29th Thanksgiving Service at Penge Congregational Church 10.30am

### MAY

Tue 1st Under 5's Activity "Birthdays" at Penge Library, Maple Road at 2.15pm

Wed 2nd Senior Citizens' Cream Tea and Bingo at Burmarsh Court, Croydon Road 4pm

Thurs 3rd Bat Walk at Cator Park 8pm

Tue 8th Teddy Bears' Picnic, Anerley Methodist Pre-School 10.15am

Wed 9th Reminiscence event at Penge Library, Maple Road, 2pm

Fri 11th A Walk Round Penge—meet at Penge Library at 10am

Fri 11th Poetry Evening at Holy Trinity Church 7.30pm

Sat 12th Walter De La Mare walk—meet outside the Moon and Stars, Penge High Street, at 10am

Sun 12th Tour de Penge Cycle Ride 11am. Meeting Venue TBA

Sun 12th Cemetery Walk, Elmers End Cemetery 2.30pm

Wed 16th Showing of Local Archive Film at the Crooked Billet 2pm

Wed 16th Penge Traders' Association Quiz and Supper at the Crooked Billet 6.30pm

Thurs 17th - Sat 19th Arts and Crafts Exhibition at Kentwood Adult Education Centre, daytime

Thurs 17th Senior Citizens' Social Event and Mandolin Recital at Burmarsh Court, 7.30pm

Sat 19th Penge Festival Fete at Malcolm Primary School Field, starting at 11am.

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## FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

