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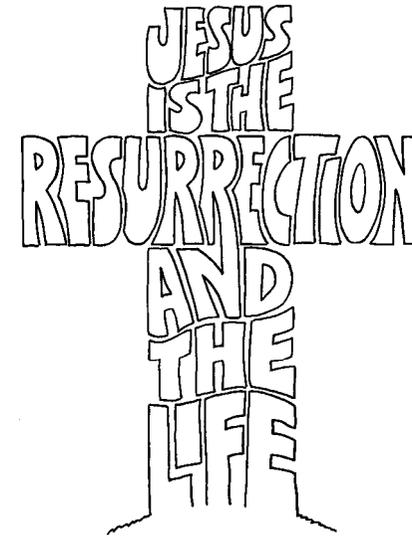
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Church Council Secretary	Emmanuel Anaman	7274 6294
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Property Steward	David Hynes	8289 3524
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FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

Have you seen a daffodil lately? One that is out I mean!

Daffodils, the heralds of Spring, the flowers that normally brighten up Mothering Sunday, all gone missing! I walked through the park this morning and 'hosts of golden daffodils', are poking their stunted heads to the heavens, waking but not yet woken. The colour, the vibrancy, the trumpeting of Spring is not there.

The daffodil is so important because it is a herald; because it can be seen; because it uses its very being to shout forth a message 'Spring is here', 'New life is upon us'. The darkness of the winter is past and the vibrancy, new life and colour of Spring is upon us.

Have you thought of Easter lately?

The daffodil is also the flower of Easter. What if it is not there? What if it is stunted, not its' normal colourful vibrant self? What or whom is going to trumpet the triumph of Easter after the dark days of Good Friday?

There is no choice, it is up to us, we have to be that herald, to display that colour in our being. We have to shine the glorious message of Easter in and through what we do and say. We have to be heralds of 'new life' so that all can see the old order is gone and the new order is rampant. We have to trumpet the Good News - *'Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!*

Dust off those smiles, regenerate that laughter, look happy, show in your life, in your very being the message of Easter, that death has been conquered and new life begun.

And if the daffodils do come out for Easter don't think you don't need to bother, for two heralds are better than one, and many trumpets make a greater sound than one.

Be ready, be a herald, trumpet the true, vibrant, colourful message:

'Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!



HAPPY EASTER

Graham

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 £73. .. Responding to the Haiti earthquake has been one of the toughest challenges in the history of Oxfam. Although aid is beginning to get through, the impact of the earthquake on Oxfam’s Haitian and international staff, the logistical challenges combined with a destroyed office and warehouse and the loss of communications have made this the one of the hardest responses we have ever mounted.

“Oxfam lost two employees among the currently estimated 80,000 fatalities and most of our staff had their homes damaged or destroyed and are sleeping outside like the rest of the Haitian population.

“The staff salvaged some stocks from the destroyed warehouse, and new equipment for providing clean water and sanitation is now arriving. Oxfam is using Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic as a hub for supplies from the UK, which will go by road to Port-au-Prince. Ten tonnes of new stock has been flown from the United Kingdom to Santo Domingo and has now arrived at Port-au Prince. A further thirty tonnes of stock will depart from the UK immediately and will be followed by a further flight, carrying 50 more tonnes of Oxfam aid after that.

“If you would like to know more about Oxfam’s response in Haiti, please get in touch on 0300 200 1300 and we would be very pleased to let you know the latest situation.

“With best wishes

“Ken Smith
“Supporter Relations”

PENGE FESTIVAL

The Penge Festival will take place during 3 weeks in April and May and Programmes will be available soon. A preview of some of the events is given below.

- Mon 26/04 Talk on the Victorian actor Ira Aldridge,
7.30 pm at Holy Trinity Church Hall
- Thur 29/04 Bat Walk in Cator Park 8pm
- Tue 04/05 Fish & Chip Supper and Music Quiz 6pm at the
Crooked Billet, Penge High Street
- Sun 09/05 Guided Walk round Elmers End Cemetery,
Meet 2.30pm at the cemetery office.
- Mon 10/05 Cheese & Wine evening with poetry reading.
Poems of Walter de la Mare
- Tue 11/05 Walk to see the houses in Penge where Walter
de la Mare lived. Meet 10am at "The Moon &
Stars", Penge High Street
- Wed 12/05 Penge Forum: Talk on Walter de la Mare.
8.00pm at Christ Church, Anerley Road
- Thur 13/05 Talk on "The A to Z of Edwardian & Post-war
Penge". Venue to be arranged.
- Fri 14/05 Walk around Penge. Meet at Penge Library,
Maple Road, at 10.30am
- Sat 15/05 Penge Festival Fete, Malcolm School Field

ROUND THE FAMILY

Margaret Boreham thanks everyone for their prayers, cards and messages of support following the sudden death of her brother at the beginning of February. Margaret's mother is also very ill in hospital in Sussex so please continue to remember Margaret in your prayers at this worrying time.

Our Minister Graham had his second eye operation at the beginning of March and is therefore still unable to take services or do as much as he would like. We were pleased to see Graham and Jenny at our morning service on 21st March. He has very little sight in the second eye at present, but the sight in the first eye is improving very slowly. Please remember Graham and Jenny in your prayers at this time.

Please also remember Comfort Oppong and Dinah Anaman and their families following the sudden death of their cousin whilst on a visit to Ghana.

Our best wishes go to Dave Hynes, who started a new job in February. So far, he is surviving!

Following the recent earthquake in Chile, we were pleased to hear that Nick and Paz Tredinnick, who live in Santiago, were safe and well. They have contacted Andrew Tredinnick to say that, when the earthquake happened, they were on holiday to the south of Santiago. After a very difficult journey back to Santiago, they found their flat was relatively undamaged apart from minor damage to some crockery. Paz was also pleased to hear that members of her family in Chile were safe.

Marian

TALENTS FESTIVAL 2010

The Talents Festival was held on March 6th at Shirley Methodist Church.

The results of the entrants from our Church are as follows. We had three winners – see results below. Thank you to everyone who entered.

	Mark
READING POETRY 60 years and over Marian Young	85%
SCRIPTURE READING 60 years and over Marian Young	81%
SHORT STORY 8-11 years Ayo Joseph	80% WINNER
HANDWRITING 8 years and under Christopher Agyei-Guy	82%
HANDWRITING 60 years and over Marian Young	85%
HAND KNITTING Any age Marian Young	80%
CANVAS WORK 19 years and over Marian Young	95%
NEEDLEWORK 19 years and over Evelyn Richards	75% WINNER
CARD MAKING 10 years and under Reisha Bobb Sayers	83%
Ayo Joseph	80%
Deji Joseph	85%

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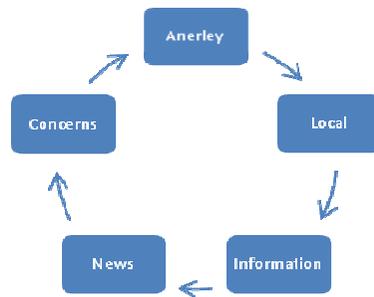
Tickets are valid for all 4 days and include entry to the exhibition, seminars, workshops and performing arts.

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Anerley Local Information News & Concerns

Some people have suggested that we might use e-mail as a way of letting people know about "Births, Marriages, Deaths, Information and News". Being part of the Anerley LINC as it is to be called will ensure that news is passed quickly and should go some way to overcoming the problem that sometimes people are left in the dark and don't get to hear about news and concerns until they come to Church on Sunday. Also the circulation will enable people who miss church or who are away to keep in touch with events.



The Linc will be managed by Dave and E-mails will be sent confidentially so that individual privacy is maintained. If you receive a LINC message you will not be able to see or reply directly to other recipients of the message.

Advantages of being part of the LINC are

- Provide you with immediate information about people concerns and Prayer needs
- Provide you with immediate News and other information
- Provide you with an e-mail copy of the Church Magazine
- Provide you with an electronic copy of 'Dates for Your Diary'.
- Provide you with access to news whilst away from home or unable to attend Church
- Give you the ability to feed in news and concerns to the church community.

If you would like to join the LINC please e-mail Dave at

David.hynes@ntlworld.com

Grace Tchine	90% WINNER
Olivia Tchine	88%
CARD MAKING 19 years and over	
Janice Friend	90%
Marian Young	95%
Evelyn Richards	90%
PHOTOGRAPHY 19 years and over	
Jean Pogose	65%
DRAWING 5 years and under	
Joanna Agei-Guy	78%

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There's a quiet understanding
 When we' re gathered in the Spirit,
 It's a promise that He gives us
 When we gather in His name.
 There's a love we feel in Jesus.
 There's a manna that He feed us,
 It's a promise that He gives us
 When we gather in His name.

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WOMEN'S NETWORK NEWS

The project "Awakening Technology Skills of Jui Women of Sierra Leone" came to an end in August 2009. Our circuit contributed £1,000 last year—the funds raised at the Garden Party. The Computer programme has started with 10 women. The aim is to provide skills training for 20 women for two years. At the end they will receive a Certificate in Basic Computer Skills, which is a nationally accredited course.

The next project by all three London Sections will be to combat **Gun and Knife Crime**, supporting one or two organisations which are already in place.

Dates for your diary

Easter Offering Service: *Companions in Faith, Hope and Love.* Sunday 16th May, 5.30pm at Forest Hill Methodist Church. Guest Preacher: Rev. Jennifer Potter, Minister at Wesley's Chapel and Companion to Zimbabwe.

Summer Garden Party Saturday 10th July 2010 at Forest Hill from 12 noon to 3pm.

Ira Fernando

Circuit Missions and Network Secretary

EASTER OFFERING

On Palm Sunday you should have been given an Easter Offering envelope with your hymn book. This annual appeal is organised by the Women's Network of the Methodist Church.

Your giving is for the Methodist Church World Mission Fund. This fund helps give support and training to mission partners working overseas, people in mission appointments, overseas students in ministry training and grants for particular requests from Partner churches for special projects.

The envelopes may be placed in the offertory bag by Easter Sunday if possible.

Together with the other three churches in our Circuit (Upper Norwood, Wesley Hall and Forest Hill), on Sunday 16th May at 5.30pm at Forest Hill Methodist Church we shall hold an Easter offering Service entitled "Companions in Faith, Hope and Love" to acknowledge the work done in practical ways throughout the world, and to offer prayerful support and interest.

Sandra Hynes
Missions Treasurer

PRAISE WITH US THE GOD OF GRACE

Following on from previous services celebrating the hymns of Charles Wesley and of Isaac Watts, there will be another hymn service at Forest Hill Methodist Church on **Sunday 25th April at 4pm.** Come and sing hymns and learn something of the lives of several early 19th century hymn writers. There will be a choir drawn from churches in the circuit and from other local churches; if you are interested in joining the choir, please see Marian Young.

