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Penge Community Pre-School

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EDITOR'S LETTER

A time of change

By the time you read this, Graham and Jenny Cocking will be on their way to retirement in Essex. At the beginning of September we shall be welcoming Imran Malik as our new Minister, together with his wife Sarah and son Rohan. We shall also be joining with the Blackheath and Lewisham Circuit to form the Blackheath and Crystal Palace Circuit, with a new Circuit Superintendent, the Rev. Stephen Maunder.

Change can be unsettling, but it can also be a time of opportunity, a chance to look at things in a new way, to be open to new ideas.

But however much things change around us, God never changes; as the old chorus says, "Yesterday, today, for ever, Jesus is the same. All may change, but Jesus never. Glory to His name." Again, St. Theresa of Avila wrote, "Let nothing affright thee, let nothing dismay thee, God never changes."

So let us move on to the next stage of our Church's life, following whatever new and exciting paths lie ahead, in the knowledge that God will be with us, supporting us, all the way.

Marian

ROUND THE FAMILY

We were sorry to hear of the death on 3rd July of Nicky Jaffray, a former member of our Church congregation. Nicky moved to a church nearer to her home in West Wickham a little while ago, but came back on occasions to join us in our services. We were also sorry to hear of the death of Sandra Hynes' Aunt Jean, a former member of Forest Hill church, in June. Please remember Nicky's husband Tom, and Sandra and her family in your prayers.

On 27th May we celebrated the christening of Hannah Luella Ekua Oppong and Florence Leonora Ekua Oppong, twin daughters of Sylvester and Louise, and on 15th July we celebrated the christening of Maria Paris Grant Banton, daughter of Vanessa and Alex, and John Isaac Kocogni Tchine, son of Thomas and Alphonsine. On 15th July we also celebrated the adult baptism of Joseph Harlington, and we send our congratulations to Joseph and Christina on their marriage on 23rd July.

The 15th July was also a special day for Vanessa Anaman, who was confirmed and received into membership of the Methodist Church, and it was good to see all her friends and family there to support her.

Congratulations to Emma Oppong, who has graduated with a 2:1 degree in Maths and Economics.

Congratulations also to Emmanuel Anaman, who was 70 on 30th June and he and Dinah, who was 60 earlier in the year, held a 130th Birthday party to celebrate!

Marian

CRYSTAL PALACE PROGRESS BAND

PLAYERS WANTED!

The Crystal Palace Progress Band is the training band for the main Crystal Palace Band. They play a few concerts throughout the year, including charitable events, fetes etc. They are looking for players of all ages and some musical ability, Grade 1 or above, as unfortunately they are not able to support complete beginners. They are able to supply instruments to those who need them. They practice every Wednesday from 6.30 pm to 8pm at the Crystal Palace Museum on Anerley Hill. For more information visit their website: www.crystalpalaceband.co.uk or contact Margaret on tel 0208 653 7537

LONDON DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

You are invited to:-

The Welcome Service for Revd. Michaela Youngson
as new District Chair

To be held at 6pm on Saturday 1st September 2012 at
Wesley's Chapel, 49 City Road, EC1

RSVP by 3rd Aug 2012 to Nwabisa Ewing, London District Resource Centre
I Central Buildings, London, SW1H 9NH. admin@methodistlondon.org.uk
Tel: 020 1654 3850

CHURCH FLOWERS

Would you like to mark or celebrate a special day or anniversary? Why not arrange the Church flowers on that date?

You can either arrange the flowers yourself or just pay for the flowers and we will arrange them.

There is a form on the Church notice board in the entrance hall. Please fill in the special date or let me know. We are in desperate need of more flower arrangers. If you can help out, once a quarter or on the odd occasion. I would be very grateful.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Janice

METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK

The new Methodist Prayer Handbook, called Crossing the Chasm, will be published in August. If you would like to purchase a copy please give your name to Valerie Tredinnick as soon as possible. Its main themes are reconciling discipleship and living the peace of Christ in a broken world..

METHODIST TALENTS FESTIVAL

The Festival will take place on 2nd March next year, after a gap of a year. I shall shortly be placing a copy of the syllabus in the church entrance hall for you all to look at. It has been produced earlier because there have been changes in entry dates, to make it less of a rush for everyone. There are some new classes and others have been modified, so do have a look to see what you can do.

GOODBYE

On 10th June we held a lunch after the morning service to say goodbye to Graham and Jenny as they leave us to retire to Essex. The church presented them with a barbecue set, a book about Crystal Palace and Penge, and a cheque. Jenny was also given flowers and the Junior Church presented Graham and Jenny with gifts that they had made.

The Circuit Farewell service took place at Upper Norwood Church on Sunday 22nd July, at which the preacher was the Rev. Harvey Richardson, and the congregation included people from the four circuit churches, from the Blackheath and Lewisham Circuit, from Graham's former churches in Lambeth and Kingston-upon-Thames, family and friends. The service was followed by a meal, after which representatives from the circuit churches, the Ghanaian Fellowship and Graham's former church at Lambeth gave their thanks for Graham's work and ministry.



THANK YOU

Emmanuel and Dinah and family are very grateful that you joined them to celebrate 130 years of life on 30th June 2012. We thank you for your love, time and presents. We had a lovely time and we're sure you enjoyed yourselves too. May God richly bless you all.

OXFAM

Joan Loring has received the following letter from Oxfam:

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“With best wishes,
KEN SMITH
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COOKERY CORNER

Banana Apple Cake

Ingredients

225gr (8oz) self-raising flour	1 banana
125gr (4 oz) soft margarine	1 apple
75gr (3 oz) brown sugar	Vanilla Essence
2 eggs	
75g (3oz) sultanas or raisins	

Method

1. Grease a 20.5 cm (8 inch) cake tin.
2. Beat together flour, margarine, sugar, eggs and a dash of vanilla.
3. Fold in chopped up apple & banana with sultanas and stir in the mixture.
4. Turn into cake tin
5. Scatter more sugar on the top and bake at 180° C, 350° F or gas mark 4 for about 40 minutes.

You can substitute ginger for vanilla.

Can also be eaten hot as a pudding.

Ann Vickery



EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Easter Offering amounts from each church are as follows:-

Wesley Hall	£160.27
Forest Hill	£432.43
Anerley	£118.50
Upper Norwood	£1263.25

The total amount received in the envelopes was therefore £1963.45

The total of the offering taken up at the Easter Offering service was £100.30, making a grand total of £2063.75.

The total raised at the garden party for Methodist Women in Britain's latest project was £718.69 after expenses.

SPONSORED HYMN PLAYING

On the same day as the Circuit Garden party a team of pianist and organists from the four churches in the circuit played the first 600 hymns in the new Singing the Faith hymn book, to raise money for two Rangers from Forest Hill Church, Chelsea Creasy and Shantene Thompson, who have been given the opportunity to go abroad with the Guide Movement next year. The total raised was £865, for which the girls are very grateful.



JOB VACANCIES IN THE CHURCH

Two important positions in the life of the Church have become vacant and need to be filled. Please do consider taking on one of these roles. If volunteers do not come forward then the tasks are likely to fall on people that already have jobs to do.

Safeguarding Coordinator (position shared with Audrey Bobb)

The Church Council is responsible for having a safeguarding Policy for Children & Vulnerable Adults. The Safeguarding Coordinators are there to ensure that the Policy is properly implemented, and to be known as contacts for any child or vulnerable adult who wanted to make a disclosure. Coordinators have to be CRB checked, and to be aware of present guidelines and good practise in Safeguarding. It would be helpful to have coordinators who have some existing knowledge of Safeguarding issues, or who are willing to undertake training to help them in their role. Support is available from the Circuit Safeguarding Coordinator.

If you are interested or want more information please speak to either Audrey Bobb-Sayers or Andrew Tredinnick.

Oxfam Pledged Giving Church representative

This 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 newsheet to each subscriber

If you are willing to undertake this role or want more details please speak to Joan Loring or Andrew Tredinnick.

150TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

The church will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in May 2015 and we have set up a small working group to start thinking about how we can celebrate this special occasion in the life of our church. It may seem early to start thinking about this, but it's amazing how quickly the time goes, and some things will need a bit of planning.

The group have met a couple of times so far and we have come up with the following ideas:-

- One day exhibition of memorabilia, old church communion vessels and crockery, old plans, class tickets etc. and perhaps combined with an exhibition of old photographs;
- Have a competition to design a suitable logo for the anniversary, to be used on booklets, souvenirs etc. The competition to be open to adults and children, with a small entry fee to go to charity.
- Souvenir badges, mugs, pens and calendars (showing pictures the church and activities, both past and present);
- Booklet of memories of the church, written by past ministers/present and past members etc.
- Ask the Junior Church to write and draw their impressions of the church and its people and activities; the writing to be included in the booklet above and the drawings be included in the exhibition.
- Have a day of demonstrations by the other users of the premises (Tai Chi, Dog School, Dance Groups etc.) perhaps finishing with a concert in the evening. The Pre School to be asked how they would like to be involved in

the celebrations.

- Have a Victorian church service! - dressing up?
- Have special preachers—not yet decided who, or how many Sundays.
- The last history of the church was written in 1928. We hope to have filled in some of the history since then by the time we reach 2015

These are just the main ideas we have come up with so far. The working group would appreciate any comments on the ideas (too many?, not practical? Suggestions for preachers etc.) and any other ideas for activities and ways to celebrate.

Start looking through your cupboards and drawers for any photographs, programmes, service sheets, etc. that you may have hidden away. Make a note of things you remember about your time at the Church. It may be something small but everyone's memories put together can build the bigger picture.

If you want to get in touch regarding any aspect of the 150th Anniversary, my contact details are inside the front cover of the magazine.

Marian

METHODIST HOMES FOR THE AGED ENVELOPES

Thank you for helping to raise £46 for Methodist Homes for the Aged in June. I am very grateful for you raising this sum in this climate of cut backs. Once again, thank you.

Ronnie Butler