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**LATE SUMMER 2011**

**The Newsletter of  
ANERLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

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## LEETER FROM THE MINISTER

### I want to understand.

Dear Friends,

What a time.

A time in which many lives have been irrevocably influenced.

The famine in East Africa, scenes none of us want to see, of starving children, grief stricken parents and miles upon miles of land turning to dust through lack of water.

The atrocity in Oslo and the horrendous deaths and injuries there and on the island of Utoeya.

The closure of Latchmere House Resettlement Prison and its consequential impact on prisoners, staff and their families.

Loss of home, loss of life, loss of security.

It perhaps can prompt us how life that can seem so good, so enjoyable can in a stroke be taken away by things beyond our control.

And then in the midst of my anger, my despair, my disbelief, I heard a voice reminding me of Romans chapter 8 verse 28:

'We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose'.

My thought, Yes God I know, but why? I know you didn't craft it but why does it have to happen? Why the pain, the grief, the suffering?

Then the same voice points me to Romans Chapter 5 verses 3 & 4. Read it and inwardly digest and ponder and believe.

God doesn't wish these things on us, but when we as men and women have created them, he is there to work them through with us, to comfort, to grieve with us and to bring peace.

It is a matter of faith. It is hard, sometimes almost impossible but we need to have faith and rest in him. 'Come unto me all ye who labour and are heavy laden.'

Let us trust, let us rest in Him, let Him address our confusion and as we do so let us continue our prayers so that He may bring understanding and peace to all.

May God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you in all things visible and invisible.

Graham

### **MAY QUEEN CENTENARY**

As well as being the year of the Olympics, 2012 also marks the centenary of the May Queen movement. If you have children who are interested in joining in the celebrations and being an attendant to the Penge May Queen, please contact Maria Harris on 0754 9335 861. Both girls and boys are welcome, but must be aged 3 years and upwards. A fee of £25 is payable for dresses/costumes and insurance cover.

### **ROUND THE FAMILY**

Please remember in your prayers the Oppong family following the sudden death of Joe's brother on 14th July.

We send our congratulations to Tim and Abbey who were married on 9th July near Salisbury ( I am now a mother-in-law!). Also to Aaron Yusuf, who will be marrying Nimasha at the end of August in Sri Lanka. Congratulations also to Martha Agyei following the birth of Lily on 14th July, a sister for Christopher and Joanna and a further grandchild for Rose.

Marian

### **EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES**

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

Wesley Hall	£227.66
Forest Hill	£345.30
Anerley	£142.70
Upper Norwood	£1254.50
Others	£15.00

The total amount received in the envelopes was therefore £1985.16

The total of the offering taken up at the Easter Offering service was £109.40.

## BABY CLOTHES

A Message from our Friends in Franschhoek, South Africa:-

“All the items that were so kindly collected have now arrived safely and are being distributed to the many families in need. One of the centres we support is the Rock Centre, run by a free church of the same name, and they support 90 single Mums , who have been very brave to keep their babies in spite of the opposition of their families. To many families, an unmarried Mother brings shame to the whole family, and abortion is their preference. The Rock Centre is helping these girls, some very young, to rebuild their lives by providing training and supporting them until the baby is 2/3. As you can imagine a vast amount of clothing is needed, and although the baby things can be recycled, the toddler clothes are usually too worn out to use again.

Some other items have gone to help very poor Mothers in the Maternity Hospital, at Malmesbury,”

David & Margaret will be in the UK August/September and we hope to have another collection effort so that they will have more baby clothes to take back with them

David Hynes

## METHODIST HOMES FOR THE AGED ENVELOPES

Thank you for helping to raise £90.40 in cash and cheques for Methodist Homes for the Aged in June. Gift Aid from those who pay tax will mean that the final total will be a bit more than £90.40. I am very grateful for you raising this sum in this climate of cut backs. Once again, thank you.

Ronnie Butler

## INTROIT

The introit for the next four months will be as follows:-

Come let us bow down in worship,  
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
Come let us bow down in worship,  
For He is our God and we are His people,  
For He is our God, the people of His pasture,  
The flock under His care.  
Come let us bow down in worship,  
Let us kneel before the Lord.

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## LONDON DISTRICT NEWS

### New Chair of the District

Following interviews held recently, the Chairs' Nomination Committee, consisting of District and Connexional representatives, has recommended to the District Council that, with effect from September 2012, Revd Michaela Youngson be appointed as one of the three Chairs of the London District (Conference having just agreed that we should no longer use the designation of 'Lead' and 'Co-' Chairs).

The District Council has unanimously endorsed that recommendation. It will now be brought to the September Synod for District approval and final ratification will be sought from the Methodist Conference in July 2012.

We look forward to welcoming Michaela to her new appointment in due course.

## COOKERY CORNER

### LIME AND ORANGE MOUSSE

#### Ingredients

1 packet lime jelly

¼ pint boiling water

325 g (11oz) can of mandarin oranges

175g (6oz) small can evaporated milk, chilled

1 pint soufflé dish

#### Method

1. Chill the evaporated milk in the fridge for an hour or more.
2. Secure a paper collar of double thickness greaseproof paper around the soufflé dish to stand 2 ins above the top.
3. Break up the jelly and put into a bowl.
4. Pour on the boiling water and stir to dissolve.
5. Drain the juice from the mandarin oranges and chop half of the fruit.
6. Add the chopped fruit and juice to the jelly.
7. Leave in a cold place until just on the point of setting.
8. Whisk the evaporated milk until thick, then whisk it into the jelly.
9. When evenly blended, pour into the soufflé dish.
10. Put in the fridge to set.
11. Decorate with the rest of the mandarin segments.
12. Grated chocolate can be added just before serving

Ann Vickery

## WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST & UNITING CHURCH WOMEN – BRITISH UNIT

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN (MWiB) was launched nationally at the Methodist Conference in Southport on 1 July 2011

### Launch and Road Show in London & the South East

#### **“Women—for such a time as this”**

**Sunday 18 September 2011 at**

**Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

**2. 30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.**

Participants include Kasta Dip (Coordinator of Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Desk of the Church of North India, sharing news of the plight of Dalit women) ~ Rev. Val Ogden ~ Rev. Nicola Vidmour ~ Rev. Jenny Impey ~ Femi Cole-Njie ~ Blossom Jackson ~ Peter Baker (drama) ~ Westminster Women's Outreach ~ Jill Baker.

Also

News from the World assembly in Johannesburg

Photo exhibition and resources

Light Refreshments on sale at the end

(Central Hall Restaurant open before the event, also the library, where packed lunches can be eaten)

[www.mwib.org.uk](http://www.mwib.org.uk)

## “Come And See”

### THE METHODIST ART COLLECTION

Saturday 17th September to Saturday 29th October

Chislehurst Methodist Church

Prince Imperial Road

Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 5LX

Tues-Sat 10.00—16.00, Sunday 14.00—17.00

The Methodist Art Collection has been described as “the best denominational collection of modern Christian art outside the Vatican”. From 17 September until 29 October, 24 pictures from the collection will be on display at the newly refurbished Chislehurst Methodist Church.

The exhibition includes work by Graham Sutherland, Elizabeth Frink, Mark Cazalet and Ceri Richards, focusing on episodes in the life of Christ, inviting visitors to look at these events with eyes open to new revelations through an artist’s inspiration. All of the works reflect aspects of the Christian narrative and experience as interpreted by a range of artists.

The exhibition will be the first event in the refurbished church and already a programme of arts and music is being planned for autumn 2011 and for 2012. The exhibition is an ideal opportunity for a visit, as Chislehurst Methodist Church is well situated with car parking and refreshment facilities for booked parties. Form more information visit: [www.chislehurstmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.chislehurstmethodistchurch.org.uk) or contact

Anthony Faulkner, Church Administrator, Chislehurst Methodist Church, 020 8468 7695, [chismch@talktalk.net](mailto:chismch@talktalk.net)

## METHODIST TALENTS FESTIVAL

### Progress Report July 2011

The Festival Committee thanks everyone who responded to the questionnaire. Many interesting suggestions were made which will be useful in helping make plans for the Festival in 2013, to be held on **Saturday 2nd March 2013**.

**The Talents Festival needs a logo and invites you to design one.** 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

**Please pass your logo entries to your Talents Festival organiser, Marian Young, by Sunday 4th September.**

The Committee will keep you informed of the plans for the Talents Festival in 2013 through regular Progress Reports.

Comments made in your questionnaire responses showed just how valued the Festival is as a way of all our churches coming together as a family. As a member at Forest Hill said, “This Festival has brought young and old together as one family from God. So now let us all continue to work and enjoy this Festival, as talented girls, boys, men and women, as long as it takes. May God bless it and let it work for all of us. Together we can do it. Amen.”

## STONES

Two friend were walking through the desert. During some point in the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but, without saying anything, wrote in the sand: "Today my best friend slapped me in the face."

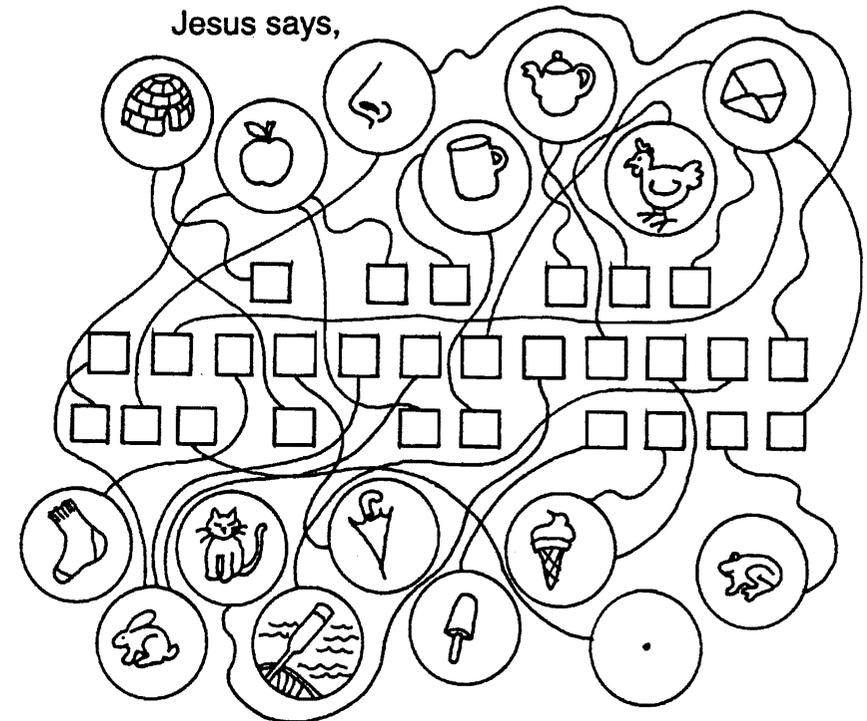
They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but his friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone : "Today my best friend saved my life."

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand, and now you write on a stone. Why?" The friend replied, "When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand, where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

Learn to write your hurts in sand and to carve your benefits in stone.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. Do not value the material things you have in your life but value who you have know in your life. (Author unknown)

## FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS



Write down the first letter of each picture to see what Jesus says (some are used more than once).



## Penge Community Pre-School

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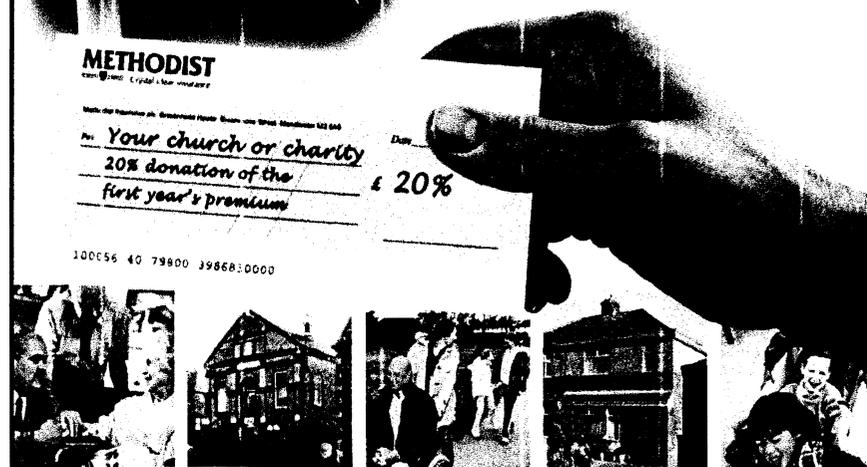
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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **AUGUST**

- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm. Social Evening
- Sun 7<sup>th</sup> All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Rev. Graham Cocking
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Card Making
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup> All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Jean Pogose
- Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Christian Action Group 8pm at Birchanger Road, SE25. "Love in Action" DVDs
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Rev. Graham Cocking (Holy Communion)
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Dominoes
- Sun 28<sup>th</sup> All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Winston Webber
- Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Joan's Gibraltar Experiences

### **SEPTEMBER**

- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm
- Thur 8<sup>th</sup> Stewards' Meeting 8pm at 19 Felmingham Road

- Sun 11<sup>th</sup> MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Christian Action Group 8pm at 32 Lloyds Way  
Speaker: Revd. Philip Davis, Penge Baptist Church
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm.
- Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit Meeting 8pm at Wesley Hall
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Methodist Art Collection exhibition opens at Chislehurst Methodist Church (see separate article)
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Methodist Women in Britain Launch Roadshow at Westminster Central Hall 2.30pm (see separate article)
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm
- Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 11am Harvest Festival Service, Preacher: Rev. Graham Cocking (All Age Worship), followed by a Faith Lunch
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm
- Thur 29<sup>th</sup> Church Council 8pm

### **OCTOBER**

- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Bible Study
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Penge Forum AGM 8pm at Penge Congregational Church