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FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

'If I only had time'

Time has been on my mind recently. With the preparation and opening of the new church building in Forest Hill amongst the myriad of other things to do time has been on my mind.

Time – for some seemingly so little time with so much to do, and so little time to do it; for others so little to do and so much time to do it. Whichever is true for you or I, it still creates tension, frustration and sometimes angst. Yes :

Time is.....

Too slow for those who wait,

Too swift for those who fear,

Too long for those who grieve,

Too short for those who rejoice.

Time is all these things but also remember :

To those who love time is eternity.

Time is something that has always been and will always be with us. Time and the filling of it was as much a topic of the Old Testament as it is today. Remember Ecclesiastes 3. Why not spend a minute or so reading it now.

‘There is a time for every purpose under heaven’

What we need to learn is that the time for the particular matter in hand might be now or it could be later. We have to learn to apportion our own time but also remember that others have a similar problem. Our expectations of others should then always be in relation to our own knowledge.

Time then should be thought of in terms of all time, eternity. There is a time to talk, to think, to act, to pray, to worship, to live in and act for Christ in the world. It is only when we try to do everything at once, at one time, that the tensions and frustrations occur.

So now with me take time to meditate on this old Irish Prayer :

‘Take time to work - Take time to dream –

PUZZLE PAGE

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A selection of Bible Codewords for you to try. Each letter is represented by a different number. Can you work out the code and complete the puzzle?

FOREST HILL METHODIST CHURCH

The Opening and Dedication of the new Forest Hill Methodist Church and Centre took place on Saturday 26th May. Representatives of the Methodist Churches in the Circuit and other churches in the local area were present, together with representatives from the architects and builders, the local MP and local Councillors from the London Borough of Lewisham. Previous ministers of Forest Hill Church were present, including the Revs. Ralph Waggett, Ivor Mann, Jack Bates and Wally Stratford (all the way from Australia!). The Revs. Judy Turner-Smith and Andrew Goodhead were also present. The London District of the Methodist Church was represented by Mr. Bala Gnanapragasam, who brought greetings from the District.

The service was led by the Revs. Graham Cocking and Pam Clews and the address was given by the Rev. Harvey Richardson, who had been involved in the initial stages of the project as Chairman of the old South East District of the Methodist Church.

The dedication of the Church, font, piano and organ, stained glass window, pulpit and communion table was carried out by Harvey, Graham, Pam and Andrew, who had been involved in the project when he was Circuit Superintendent.

The Forest Hill Worship Group and Junior Worship Group took part, as did a combined Circuit choir. After the service there were refreshments and a chance to catch up with old friends. It was an uplifting occasion and our hopes and prayers are with our friends at Forest Hill as they start a new chapter in their Church's life.

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Take time to think -
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Take time to love and be loved

it is the source of power.

it is the privilege of the gods.

Take time to play -

Take time to look around -

it is the secret of eternal youth. the day is too short to be self-ish.

Take time to read -

Take time to laugh –

it is the foundation of wisdom. it is the music of the soul.'

Take time to be friendly -

it is the road to happiness

Ecclesiastes 3

'For every time there is a season,

and a time for every matter under

heaven'

And now as the summer beckons, as the sun shines, as the spirit moves, take time to pray.

God be with you.

Graham

FROM THE EDITOR

With this edition the magazine commences its 39th year of production, for the last 15 of which I have been editor. The magazine has grown from a couple of duplicated foolscap sheets in 1966 to the A5 sized magazine of today – and it even appears on-line as part of the Church's website!

This edition is also a first for me in that I am using a new computer programme so if there are any mistakes or things in the wrong place, please bear with me, as I am not very computer-literate!

Once again I am grateful for all the help I have received over the years, in particular from Valerie Tredinnick who finds time in her busy schedule to collate and staple all the magazines, although I understand she now has the help of Andrew, now that he has retired!

My thanks also to Dave Hynes, who maintains the mailing list and sends magazines to people who have moved away but want to be kept in touch with our activities.

Several people in the Church regularly give me articles and news, but I am always on the lookout for more! If you have any news or if you have an idea for an article, or even feel moved to write the occasional article yourself, please have a word with me.

If you want to write an article yourself and have access to a computer, you can send it by e-mail or save it to a disc (which I can supply). The page size is A5 and preferred font size is 12, in either Arial or Times New Roman font. Otherwise I am happy to type up whatever you give me. I would rather have something handwritten than nothing at all!

Marian

the Great North Wood. The path eventually emerges to cross the A21 and in a short while enters Beckenham Place Park, initially traversing a wide grassed area before entering woods populated with clusters of bluebells, and then crossing the public golf course to reach the 18th century mansion. Here I took a water stop (3.15 - 3.20pm): 13 3/4 miles walked.

After leaving Beckenham Place park the route descends Stumps Hill Lane, from where the Crystal Palace TV mast now seems quite close. However, the GCW then meanders about as if trying to avoid reaching the finish. The path passes through the subway at New Beckenham Station and detours into Cator Park before striking off towards Sydenham to reach a hidden footpath leading to Woodbastwick Road and an entrance into Alexandra Park. Next, the GCW crosses the footbridge at Penge East Station and on towards the High Street and enters the Crystal Palace grounds at Thicket Road. I had now covered 17 1/4 miles so I enjoyed a very welcome cup of tea at the Park Café (4.30 - 4.40pm).

The GCW officially ends in front of the national Sports Centre, but I wanted to get to Anerley Hill, so I followed the Capital Ring Route via the ship's bell from the SS Crystal Palace, past the Maze and the outdoor concert stage through to the bus stop near the station (4.55pm) to catch the 358 home. 18 miles completed.

I have in mind to walk from Erith to the Crystal Palace (or vice versa) in the autumn, again to raise funds for the Kumasi School Library. So if anyone was unable to sponsor me this time they will have a chance to do so then!

Andrew T.

Conduit Head, is reached (Grade II listed), which once controlled the flow of water from nearby springs to the moat of Eltham Palace.

There follows a stretch of pavement walking to reach the evocatively named Tilt Yard Approach at Eltham Palace, once the principal country residence of our Kings & Queens between 14th and 16th centuries. Facing the Palace is a substantial mustard-and-black timber framed building, formerly the Lord Chancellor's lodgings. The route then continues along King John's Walk, descending initially then climbing steadily past more stables, and fields with horses and ponies, to provide a splendid panorama ranging from the Crystal Palace TV mast, through to central London and round to the Millennium Dome and Canary Wharf. The path then crosses the busy A20 to work its way through the outskirts of Mottingham and after passing further stables a footpath is then followed between paddocks and the playing fields of Eltham College.

At Grove Park another length of road walking is necessary to reach a footpath, called Railway Children Walk, named after the famous book by Edith Bland, better known as E. Nesbitt, who lived nearby. Just before the footbridge over the railway is Hither Green nature reserve with a convenient seat for GCW walkers, where after 10 1/4 miles I had my lunch stop (1.45 - 2.05pm).

Duly refreshed I then continued to Downham, which most people know as a huge housing estate. One of the surprises of the walk therefore is Downham Woodland Walk, which stretches for over a mile along a narrow strip of woodland between the houses, and which is described as a remnant of

ROUND THE FAMILY

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Herman Murray's wife Caroline at the end of March. The funeral was held at our Church and there was standing room only as family and friends gathered to celebrate Caroline's life. Please remember Herman and his family as they come to terms with their loss.

By the time you read this we shall have lost two valuable members of our Church community, as Chris and Deirdre Metcalfe will have moved to Upton-upon-Severn to be nearer to their families. Chris and Deirdre have been attending our Church for about 5 years and were previously at Clock House Methodist Church. They have been a great asset to Anerley, Chris as a local preacher and both Chris and Deirdre as leaders of stimulating Bible Studies, as well as the other countless ways they have helped the Church family at Anerley. We shall miss them both very much and we wish them well in their new life at Upton-upon-Severn.

Our Church Anniversary Service this year was led by the Rev. Robert Lovell from Sanderstead and was a very happy occasion. Mr. Lovell has since written to say "Just a word of appreciation for the warm welcome I received at Anerley on Sunday last; for the enthusiasm whereby the hymns were sung ...142 years of Methodist witness in the neighbourhood of the church is quite something to celebrate." We were also pleased to have Herman Murray and his family join us for this special service.

Marian

CHILDREN'S DAY

As many of you know, there was no street collection for Children's Day this Spring as we are still trying to establish whether NCH, to whom our street collections go, still wish to be involved in this form of fund-raising. Because we did not want them to lose out, we took a retiring collection in Church which raised the sum of £53.60 and I was also given a further donation of £28.13, so we were able to send a total of £81.73 to NCH. I hope to have sorted out the difficulties surrounding Children's Day by the time of the next street collection in September.

Marian

JUNIOR MISSION FOR ALL (JMA)

Each year the Circuit JMA shield is presented to the Church in the Circuit which has increased its JMA collections over the last year by the largest percentage (**not** the church which has collected the most) and this year Anerley won the shield with a percentage increase of 30%. The shield was presented to Dinah Anaman, our JMA Secretary, at the Easter Offering Service at Forest Hill at the beginning of May. It is hanging on the wall towards the front of the Church if you would like to see it. Congratulations to our small band of regular collectors. If you would like to give regularly to any of our collectors, please have a word with Dinah.

Experience is not what happens to you. It is what you do with what happens to you.

Aldous Huxley (1894 - 1963)

From 1600 Quips and Quotes

on the north bank. Across the river too is London City Airport, and the steep descents and take-offs of the planes is an added interest.

When I joined the GCW path coming from the Thames Barrier, my route turned away from the river and began climbing steadily through two parks, the second of which, Maryon Wilson Park, has a children's zoo. I caught sight of a large stationary black pig, which I took to be a model until it suddenly moved! Other inhabitants included deer, sheep and various types of fowl.

The next open space is Charlton Park, which was part of the estate belonging to Charlton House, an impressive structure, and reckoned to be one of the finest Jacobean buildings in London. The GCW then passes Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and crosses Woolwich Common to reach the old Police Station at Shooters Hill. Still climbing, the path enters the trees of Eltham Common and Castle Wood, reaching a height of 404 feet (the highest point on the GCW). In the woods is a strange triangular tower, Severndroog Castle, built in the 18th century by the widow of a naval officer as a memorial to him.

Having covered about 5 miles I took a coffee break (11.50 - 12 noon) by the café above Oxleas meadows, which has fine views across south east London to the North Downs. The route then drops down through Oxleas Wood, with some very imposing trees, to cross Rochester Way and enters Shepherdleas Wood. A concrete footbridge then leads across both a railway line and the A2 into Eltham Park South, a pleasant enough suburban open space. A short distance on to Butterfly Lane with the first of several stables seen on route. At the end of this section a little brick structure,

The Green Chain Walk (GCW)

Thanks to everyone who sponsored my walk from Woolwich to the Crystal Palace (18 miles) in aid of the Kumasi School Library Appeal, which I undertook on Friday 20th April. As several people said that either they had not heard of the walk, or if they had did not know its route, I thought I would take this opportunity to explain to explain more.

The GCW is a 40-mile network of footpaths linking up open spaces in South East London. Routes start at the Thames Barrier, Thamesmead and Erith, all on the River Thames, and continue to Chislehurst and the Crystal Palace, which means that several permutations of routes are possible, as well as many short individual stages. The routes are well sign-posted and because the paths are within urban areas, transport links are excellent. The use of Travel Cards and Freedom passes mean that getting to and from any of the walks is easily done.

The GCW is just one of a series of walking routes in and around the capital planned by the London Walking Forum, and forms part of the Capital Ring, a 78 mile circuit of inner London. Its big brother, the London Loop (150 miles), provides an outer circle.

My walk started in Woolwich by the ferry at about 10.15am, where the route of the Capital Ring crosses the Thames (accessible from this area by the 54 bus). The first 2/3rds mile follows the river upstream towards the Thames Barrier. Although there isn't the river traffic of past years, the ferry-boats continue to ply to and fro, and a large ship, the Daniel, was moored at the Tate and Lyle sugar refinery at Silvertown

THE BEATITUDES

A Study Series by

Frank Collier

At Anerley Methodist Church 8pm- 9.30pm

TUESDAYS

29th May	The Moral Teaching of Jesus
5th June	The Sermons on the Mount and on the Plain
12th June	Self- Knowledge and the Knowledge of the Kingdom of God (i) The Meaning of Self-Knowledge

THURSDAYS

27th September	Self-Knowledge and the Knowledge of the Kingdom of God (ii) The Blessing of the Kingdom
4th October	In the Shadow of Grief
11th October	Meekness - Virtue or Folly?

TUESDAYS

20th November	The Quest for Righteousness and Justice
27th November	The Quality of Mercy
4th December	The Transparent Christian

OXFAM

Joan Loring, our Pledged Giving collector, has received the following letter from Oxfam.

“Dear Miss Loring

Thank you very much for your Pledged Giving donation to Oxfam of £76...

“The crisis in Sudan is now almost four years old and yet the level of suffering continue on an almost unimaginable scale. Now people in the neighbouring country of Chad have also been caught up in the violence.

“Thanks to the on-going support of donors like you Oxfam has been there, throughout the crisis and is currently providing aid to 530,000 people—470,000 in Sudan and 60,000 in Chad. We are providing clean water, sanitation, public health promotion and helping people earn a living. All this costs £10m a year and makes our work in Sudan and Chad our biggest emergency programme in the world.

“We are also putting pressure on governments, including the UK government, to do more both to increase their own level of aid and to help solve the underlying problems.

“If you have any questions about our emergency programme in Sudan and Chad or about any aspect of Oxfam, please contact me on 0870 333 2700—I will be happy to help.

“Thanks again for your gift ...

With best wishes

KEN SMITH, Supporter Relations

Kumasi School Library Appeal

Contributions received during the past two months have brought the amount raised to over £1,400. Please see the notice board in the Church entrance hall for the latest total.

Thanks to everyone who sponsored Andrew's recent Green Chain walk. (See separate item). He is proposing to walk the Erith branch in September or October, so if you missed sponsoring his first walk there is the chance to support him in the autumn.

Hilary's book of mouth-watering recipes is still in course of preparation, but is expected to be available shortly.

Do you have a favourite hymn or chorus? Would you make a donation to have it sung? Plans for a sponsored Songs of Praise, probably on a summer Sunday evening, are in hand. Look out for more details.

Evening meals with Valerie and Andrew — The first three evenings have been fully booked. Currently, two places remain available on Saturday 28th July, and three on Friday 5th October. Suggested donation is £10. To see the menu/book a place please speak with Valerie.

Can you organise an event or do something to raise funds? It doesn't have to be a large project as every contribution helps. There is still time as the appeal remains open to the end of the year. See what you can do.

FRIENDS OF PCHA

The Friends of the Penge Churches Housing Association (PCHA) was constituted in May 1969 at the time that the PCHA itself was set up and its aim was "to assist the Penge Churches Housing Association Ltd. to develop its work."

Over the years the role of the PCHA itself has changed in line with housing legislation. In the beginning anyone could apply direct to the PCHA itself to be considered for a tenancy and it is probable that the Churches themselves could nominate tenants. Nowadays there are no direct applications and all new tenants have been referred by other agencies.

The Friends organisation has also changed over the years in that very few people are now actively involved in its fundraising events. Furthermore, only a very few Churches are now represented on the Friends' Committee, despite the best efforts of the Secretary to involve Churches and to encourage them to provide a representative. .

In addition, changes in legislation will effect the constitution of the Friends and place further liabilities on them. In addition they would now have to take out Public Liability Insurance for all fund-raising activities open to the public.

A meeting was held in January between the Chief Executive of the PCHA, Gill Rose, Katherine Bance as Secretary of the Friends and me as Chairman of the Friends, to discuss the choices open to the Friends.

We came to the decision that the Friends may now have reached the natural end of its lifespan and at the Friends Committee held in April it was proposed to wind up the

Friends Organisation. All the monies in the Friends' accounts will be transferred to the PCHA to be ring-fenced for providing help for needy tenants.

The proposal to wind up the Friends will be put before the PCHA Management Committee in June and if they agree, a Special General Meeting will be held on 10th July at the PCHA Office, 99 Maple Road, to pass the Resolution winding-up the Friends.

It is always an occasion for sadness when a long-standing body ceases to exist. I myself have links with the Friends from its early years as Mike was a member of the Friends' Committee from just after its inception and was its Treasurer for many years. I have been Chairman of the Friends since January 2001. Furthermore, the Friends is one of the few groups where members of different churches in the area can meet on an informal basis, as we have no Churches Together in Penge and Anerley.

However, things have changed so much since 1969, both in the Friends Organisation and in the PCHA itself that this seems the logical step to take.

We will have fond memories of the many Kent Kapers, Sponsored Swims, Quiz Nights and Carols & Mincepies, as well as other activities that have taken place over the years.

Marian

A MESSAGE FROM MACAU

Andrew Tredinnick has received the following letter from Father Luis Ruiz, whose work in Macau and China is supported by members of our congregation by donations to Joan's "tin" and by the Christian Action Group.

"Dear Andrew

"Many thanks for your generous donation of £297.50 from the Christian Action Group sent in January via Jesuit Missions to help our poor leper brothers and sisters in China.

"On behalf of these lepers I express my heartfelt gratitude to you for your kind support, love and generous help to make them live a better new life with human dignity. I do not know how to repay you all, but Our Lord will do in His marvellous way.

"Daily in my Masses I remember you and pray specially for you and your dear ones, commending your intentions to the Lord.

"I just came back from my visits to the lepers in China giving light to their minds and love to their hearts. At my age of 93 I thank God for giving me the health and strength to serve Him in them.

"May the joys of Easter and the blessings of the Risen Christ be with you now and always.

"With much love and prayers,

"Yours sincerely in Christ,

"Father Luis Ruiz."