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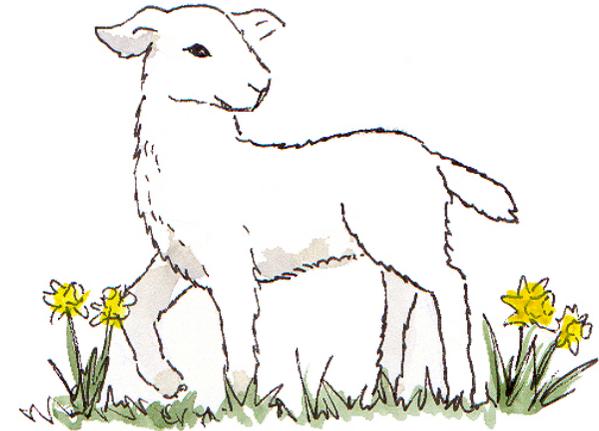
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EASTER 2008

The Newsletter of

ANERLEY METHODIST CHURCH

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FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

Thank you. Thank you to all of you for the support in prayer and financial terms of the library at Wesley Girl's High School, Kumasi, Ghana.

Wesley Girls' High School is situated in Kumasi at the site of Mmofraturu Girls' School (JSS & Primary) near Wesley College. It was built to encourage girl child education in a country where female literacy is well below that of male literacy. A library at the school will help in turning this round in this region of Kumasi. The library will hopefully accommodate up to 600 girls gaining access at differing times and will include an area for computers so that information on CD and the internet will also be available. The school is part of the Kumasi Diocese of the Methodist Church of Ghana.

Education leads to knowledge, knowledge leads to better education, medical facilities and a growing and self sustaining economy.

We know that after the preparation, the pain and difficulties of Holy Week came the renewal, hope and light of Easter. I hope that with the help you and many others have given we can bring to the young people of Wesley Girl's High School the opportunity to renew themselves and bring life and hope to them and their country.

This Easter then let us hope that the shaft of light that is Jesus in His risen life will bring new opportunities to the school and to all other communities. This does not mean that all difficulties in the lives of the young people will disappear but re-

member the disciples' difficulties did not stop with Easter.

There were future struggles, loss of life, inward turmoil. They knew however that after the resurrection Christ was with them in a very special way. Keeping faith in that way will help revitalise the lives of these young girls and give a good foundation for the future.

The library itself will not be enough but combined with the other educational opportunities available and a growing faith

I am sure that a better life will emerge.

If you did not know about this library before and would like to contribute please do not hesitate to contact me.

'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 £84. .. I’d just like to mention a new development involving our shops. Oxfam and Marks and Spencer have teamed up by launching a partnership encouraging customers to recycle their clothes that are no longer worn. When you bring a bag of donated clothes containing at least one item of M&S clothing to any of Oxfam’s 750 high street shops, you’ll get a voucher for £5 off your next purchase of £35 or more of clothing, homeware or beauty products in M&S. The offer started on January 2008 and vouchers are valid during the calendar month in which they are received.

“We are sure this scheme will increase donations of good quality clothes to our shops to help people living in poverty. As well as raising funds for Oxfam this will help reduce waste. I million tones of clothing is discarded every year in the UK alone, a lot of which is good enough quality to be re-sold or recycled.

“Oxfam is the only major charity with its own textile sorting facility, Wastesaver. So even if we can’t resell the item in the shops, the chances are that we can use it in another way to raise cash.

“If you have any questions about the Oxfam’s shops...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”

PENGE FESTIVAL

The Penge Festival will take place mainly during April and May and Programmes will be available soon. A preview of some of the events is given below. This is not a full list and some events are awaiting confirmation.

- Sat 19/04 Concert by Beckenham Ladies Choir
7.30pm at Penge Congregational Church
- Sun 27/04 Thanksgiving Church Service 11.30 am St. Anthony's Church, Genoa Road
- Sun 27/04 "Tour de Penge" Cycle Ride, Penge to Greenwich, meet 11am at Royston Field
- Tues 6/05 Book signing by local author Martin Spence at the Crooked Billet, 7.30pm
- Fri 9/05 Short Walk around Penge (a.m.)
- Sat 10/05 Treasure and Trash Sale, Congregational Church
- Wed 14/05 Penge Forum: Talk on Penge 7.30pm
- Sat 17/05 Penge Festival Fete, Malcolm School Field
- Tue 20/05 BRIT School Photography Display, Congregational Church
- Wed 28/05 Quiz Night 7.30pm Penge East Community Centre
- Sat 21/06 Art Exhibition, Penge Congregational Church

ROUND THE FAMILY

Vicky Shine's father is very ill with mouth cancer and is now in St. Christopher's Hospice. Please remember Vicky and her family at this stressful time.

Please also remember in your prayers Adam McKop who is suffering from lung problems and has been in hospital. At the time of writing he is home again but is finding it difficult to get about.

Marian

Kumasi School Library Appeal

The final figure raised by our Church is £2,550 (£50 more than our target) and a cheque was presented to Graham at the service on Palm Sunday. He will be visiting Ghana during his sabbatical and will be going to the Kumasi Girls' School to see their plans for the new library. Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our target.

For those with access to the internet there is a website which serves as a directory of Christian directories. There you can look up Christian events. Holidays, churches, resources etc. there is also a bible "search button" it is www.christianuk.org. 10% of the income generated by this websites goes to MAF. Mission Aviation Fellowship

LETTER FROM CHILE

Disaster in La Cruz Valparaiso

Some of the poorest people in Chile live in '*campamentos*'. These consist of tiny houses or huts constructed of any materials that are free or very cheap, such as second-hand timber, sheets of corrugated steel or plastic, asbestos sheeting or polythene. These dwellings are usually only one room in which the residents live and sleep together and are located often illegally on marginal land or the banks of rivers, the sides of major roads or on hillsides too steep or unstable for housing or agriculture.

As the land is often occupied illegally (*atoma*) there is no mains water supply, little sanitation and a do it yourself electrical arrangement, often taken from the nearest street lighting or other public service.

The houses are small and frequently packed closely together often one above the next on steep hillsides with poor access by narrow steps cut into the earth.

Successive Governments have promised to eliminate the *campamentos*, which exist all over the country, and move the residents into subsidized housing, but the process has proved to be slow and costly. Successive administrations have failed to eradicate them, although to be fair, considerable progress has been made. Nevertheless, many *campamentos* still exist, the majority on the periphery of the larger cities where work of some sort may be found.

Fires in *campamentos* are common, as residents tend to cook over open stoves, and in cold weather use open fires for heating. Electrical faults in the 'Heath Robinson' wiring arrangements are also a frequent source of fires, which once started spread rapidly through the very combustible homes and from house to house. Water for quenching the flames is

HELP WANTED

Door Stewards

We are in need of people to serve as door stewards before the service on Sunday mornings. The door steward is responsible for greeting all members of the congregation as they arrive, giving them the appropriate hymn book(s) and Church notices and being sensitive to any newcomers or visitors. The door steward needs to be at church early, certainly no later than ¼ to 11, so that he or she can check which hymn books and other items need to be given out and prepare them accordingly. Please see **Marian Young** if you are willing to serve as a door steward.

SHARING TREASURES, CELEBRATING GIFTS

This was the title of an event put on by the London District of the Methodist Church at the Central Hall, Westminster in February. The event was led by the Chair of the District, Rev. Ermal Kirby, and included a Bible Study and sermon by the President of the Conference, Rev. Martyn Atkins, a reflection led by Ruby Beech, Vice-president of the Methodist Conference, musical items from the gospel choirs of Harlesden and Trinity-at-Bowes Methodist Churches, Walworth Methodist Church and Green Lanes Methodist Church. We looked at maps of the District (one of which is in the Church entrance hall) and tried to match circuits with the map. There were also communal hymns and a break for refreshments.

The new District is still finding its feet, but the event was fairly well attended. The only quibble I had was that the afternoon seemed to concentrate more on inner city churches—there are plenty of churches out in the suburbs of Greater London and I hope they don't get overlooked.

Marian

INTROIT for the next four months.

Holy Spirit, hear us
 Help us while we sing;
 Breathe into the music
 Of the praise we bring.

Holy Spirit, prompt us
 When we kneel to pray;
 Nearer come, and teach us
 What we ought to say.

W.H.Parker

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frequently in short supply and access for fire engines and emergency services is difficult and slow on the steep hillsides and through narrow passageways.

Just such a fire occurred last week in Valparaiso, Chile's main port. In dry hot weather and fanned by a stiff sea breeze, it rapidly spread. Reportedly started by an open fire for making charcoal, which got out of control, the ensuing conflagration destroyed ninety homes, leaving five hundred people homeless and fifty-two with burns and injuries. Four of the injured are seriously ill and one has since died.**

This country is very proud of its rapid economic growth with shopping malls and tall blocks appearing all over the place, but as usual and as always in every country, some people seem to get left behind!

Nicholas Tredinnick

Santiago—January 2008

**Some pictures of the devastation can be seen on a display board in the entrance hall at the church.

MINISTER'S SABBATICAL

Graham will be on Sabbatical leave from 1st April until 21st July. A list will be placed on the notice board in the foyer giving details of responsibilities and contacts during his absence. If you need the services of a Minister during this period please contact Comfort Oppong, Senior Steward, in the first instance, who will advise you who to contact.

METHODIST TALENTS FESTIVAL 2008

The Talents Festival (formerly the Methodist S.E. District Festival) was held on March 1st at Shirley Methodist Church.

The results of the entrants from our Church and Cub Scout Group 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	76%
SCRIPTURE READING 60 years and over	
Marian Young	75%
LIMERICK	
Jean Pogose	80%
MINI SAGA	
Jean Pogose	84%
HANDWRITING 14 – 18 years	
Vanessa Anaman	83% WINNER
Emma Oppong	82% (2 nd)
HANDWRITING 60 years and over	
Marian Young	84% WINNER
NEEDLEWORK 19 – 59 years	
Evelyn Richards	88% WINNER

KNITTED SOFT TOY 60 years and over

Marian Young 86%

PHOTOGRAPHY

Jean Pogose 80%

Marian Young 77%

DRAWING 6-7 years

Christopher Agei-Guy 65%

Ayleisha Green 65%

DRAWING 8-9 years

Charlie Painter 87%

PAINTING 6-7 years

Reisha Bobb-Sayers 65%

PAINTING 8-9 years

Alfie Dare 65%

Matthew Coomber-Clancy 80%

Myleisha Green 80%

Tia Layton 80%

