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LATE SUMMER 2010

The Newsletter of

ANERLEY METHODIST CHURCH

USEFUL CONTACTS (as at 021.07.08) All prefix 020

Church (Minister is not available on this number)		8289 6771
Minister	Rev. Graham Cocking	8653 4902
Church Council Secretary	Emmanuel Anaman	7274 6294
Treasurer	Andrew Tredinnick	8658 2347
Property Steward	David Hynes	8289 3524
Property Bookings	David Hynes	8289 3524
Baptismal/Cradle Roll	Sandra Hynes	8289 3524
Junior Church Secretary	Janice Friend	8659 2905
Christian Action Group	Valerie & Andrew Tredinnick	8658 2347
Wednesday Club	Marian Young	8402 6618
Church Library	Valerie Tredinnick	8658 2347
Missions Secretary	Sandra Hynes	8289 3524
Junior Missionary Association	Dinah Anaman	7274 6294
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Penge Community Pre-School

Leader: Sarah Batchelor Anerley Methodist Church
 Deputy Leader: Sue Charlesworth Oakfield Road
 SENCO: Dawn McConochie Anerley SE20 8QA

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Learning through play

for children 3 to 5 years

£7.50 per Morning or Afternoon

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Vacancies

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LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT

To be a follower of Christ

It must surely be one of the most challenging opportunities that could be offered to anyone: to be a Disciple, a follower of Jesus Christ—and to live out that calling in a Global City such as London.

During this year, the District is focussing on different aspects of our learning and growing as followers of Christ:

- The Nurture and Discipleship Commission is collecting information about local initiatives that further learning and how it can be supported by the District.
- Almost 100 people took part in a stimulating week-end at High Leigh that will enrich the preaching and leading of worship in many churches over the coming months.
- A DVD, "Pushing the Door", has been prepared that explores issues of vocation (contact the District Resource Centre for further details).
- In the weeks before Pentecost there were opportunities for people to look again at their discipleship and vocation.
- On Pentecost Sunday, members from around the District gathered at Wesley's Chapel for the Ordinands' Testimony Service - not only hearing from those who were to be ordained, but committing themselves to con-

tinuing discipleship and the fulfilling of their different vocations in the Church and the world.

The flavour and emphasis of our discipleship is influenced by the rhythm of the seasons and the observances and celebrations of the Christian calendar. We trust that the discipline and focus of Lent made us all more ready for the journey from Easter to Pentecost and beyond, and that the life of the risen Christ will be with us in fuller measure.

Rev. Ermal Kirby, the Rev. Jenny Impey and the Rev. Dr. Stuart Jordan

The District Chairs

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

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

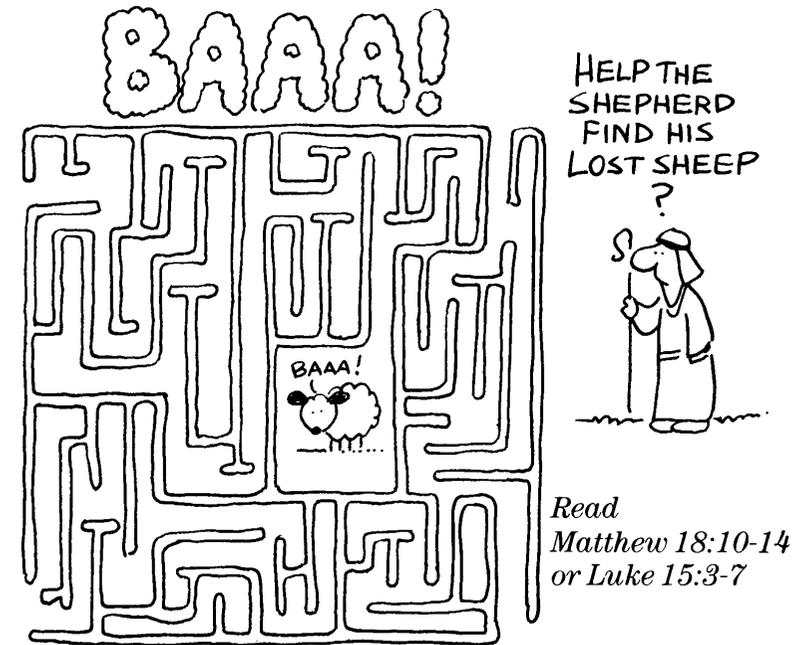
Wesley Hall	£224
Forest Hill	£228.63
Anerley	£109.40
Upper Norwood	£1153 (£153 plus a donation of £1000)

The total amount received in the envelopes was therefore £1715.03.

The total of the collection at the Easter Offering service was £72.50.

Sandra Hynes

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS



METHODISTS ENJOY LONGER LIVES

Methodists live more than seven years longer than the rest of the population, according to a study.

Men belonging to the famously clean-living denomination live to 83.9, researchers working for British Religion in Numbers found, compared to a national average of 77.

Female Methodists die at 91.1 on average - nine years longer than the 82 years enjoyed by most British women.

Daily Telegraph 26th June 2010

COOKERY CORNER

LIME AND ORANGE MOUSSE

Ingredients

1 packet lime jelly

¼ pint boiling water

Can of mandarin oranges

1 small can (6oz) evaporated milk, chilled

Small amount of grated chocolate, optional

Method

1. Chill the evaporated milk in the fridge for an hour or more.
2. Break up the jelly and put into a bowl, pour over the boiling water, stir to dissolve.
3. Drain the juice from the mandarin oranges and chop half of the fruit, add the juice and chopped fruit to the jelly.
4. Leave in a cool place until it is on the point of setting.
5. Whisk the evaporated milk then whisk it into the jelly.
6. When evenly blended, pour into a deep soufflé dish or mould.
7. Put in the fridge to set.
8. Decorate with the rest of the mandarin segments.
9. Grate chocolate in centre of mandarin segments if wanted.



Ann Vickery

ROUND THE FAMILY

We were sorry to hear of the death of Herman Murray at the end of June. Herman had been a member of our church for many years and, although he was not able to attend our church in recent years, he always took a keen interest in everything that was happening at Anerley. Our Church was filled to overflowing at his funeral service as family and friends gathered to celebrate Herman's life. Please remember his family at this time as they come to terms with their loss.

By the time you read this, our Minister Graham will have had the first of his cataract operations; if all goes well he will have the second operation some time during August. It has been a very worrying time for Graham over the last few months, firstly with the operations to deal with the original eye problem and then with the rapid onset of cataracts. Please remember him in your prayers over the coming weeks.

Marian



Sandra and Dave Hynes will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on Sunday 19th September. They would be delighted if church friends could join them for the celebration—further details in the weekly notices.

MOLDOVA NOT FORGOTTEN

As some of you may know, Peter Coates, a former minister of our church, is the Director of “Moldova not Forgotten”, a Roman Catholic charity working in Moldova, one of the poorest countries in eastern Europe.

He has sent us reports of extensive flooding throughout Moldova when the river Prut burst its banks in early July. A report from the Chisinau area, of particular interest to the charity, says that many people lost their homes as the houses, which were made of loam, collapsed into the flood waters. Other houses were made of stone and the government is still discussing with villagers whether any of these houses can be repaired or whether they too should be abandoned and the owners move out of the risk zone; the government has found new areas where houses for the flood victims can be built.

Many people lost all their possessions and animals, as well as their homes. The whole area has lost electricity, water and gas and some people are using oxygen cylinders for cooking. Help from the government and other parts of Moldova is now arriving and people are receiving cooked meals, water, detergents and clothing. The wells are still flooded and water is still lying in many places.

In the immediate aftermath of the flooding, there was chaos as people from the lower part of the valley moved to their relatives and friends in the upper part, and the local government is still trying to establish list of who has lost housing and to issue the relevant documents.

Marian

feel loved. These are vulnerable adults and the Street Pastor try to talk and give them love. No one has been abused.

The Street Pastors give out cards with phone numbers of Mini Cabs, Connexions (Careers), Drop-in Centres (youth), Samaritans, Shelter, Church support (where available) and Residential Centres for accommodation. They have been trained by the Police to do a “sweep” – to look in bushes and undergrowth for guns and knives hidden away for future use by criminals. They have also been taught to handle and put away these weapons. If they are confronted with problems with gangs they have ready access to the Police.

How did this initiative start?

It was started by Rev. Les Isaacs who travelled to Jamaica and Ghana to find out why young people feel so detached. People do not come to Church – with Street Pastors the Church goes out to them. Now this initiative is in Australia, India and world wide.

In the UK Street Pastors started in Brixton in 2003 with 18 volunteers of whom 15 were women. Now there are six hundred in London alone. There are four thousand in all parts of the UK. Their ages range from 18 to 89!

The new initiative is School Pastors which started in Purley. Their work is with groups involved in inappropriate behaviour on their way home after school. The Street Pastors connect with the school and often attend assemblies. They are on the streets and the shops constantly and accompany children safely home.

There is a great deal of resistance at the beginning but eventually the barriers break down and there is a vulnerable young person who needs love. They also work with Anger Management and Life Style classes.

The Street Pastors are volunteers. However, they depend on donations to buy flip flops, blankets and provide cups of tea or coffee to the people who need them on the streets. Their aim is to be the “Church on the Street” and carry out the work that Jesus did.

Ira Fernando

Circuit Missions and Network Secretary

METHODIST LONDON DISTRICT WOMEN'S NETWORK
SECTION C DAY – 12 JUNE 2010 - **STREET PASTORS AND PARENTING**

The speakers were: Mrs Pam Searle – *Street Pastors* and Rev. Eric Mustapha – *Parenting*

STREET PASTORS - *The Church in action on the streets*

Who are they? What do they do? Have you heard about their work?

Street Pastors are Church members from a number of Churches who are concerned about the many difficult problematic situations that arise on the streets at night and volunteer positive assistance in dealing with people involved in those situations. Their objective is to do Jesus' work on the streets – but they are not preachers. Any committed and practising Christian Church member who is over 18 can be trained to be a Street Pastor.

They are highly trained in the work they do and covered for insurance by their Governing Body the Ascension Trust. They are all CRB checked. They are connected to the Metropolitan Police, Ambulance Service and the Fire Service but they maintain their independence as they want to keep their Christian ethic.

They walk the streets in teams of four from 9.30 p.m. till 3.30 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and also on special Thursdays. They carry Walkie Talkies and are directly in contact with the Police, They wear a blue uniform and a woolly hat and overcoat. They always pray before, during and after their work.

So, what are they doing on the streets at these 'ungodly' hours?

They try to provide support to people overcome with alcohol and drugs and people who are homeless on the streets. Alcoholism is a major problem. They deal with women with too much drink and with very high stiletto heels and extra short mini skirts by providing them with flip flops to prevent falls and wrapping them with foil blankets to prevent hyperthermia! They also carry a First Aid kit and there is always a fully trained First Aider who can assist till the ambulance arrives.

The teams also try to befriend homeless people who are on the streets at night. They find them places where they can find food and accommodation. Street drinking and drug addiction is a problem that intimidates people going about their normal life. The Street Pastors sit by the perpetrators and talk to them. They resist at first but want a friendly hand and to

NEWS FROM OXFAM

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

“Dear Miss Loring

“Thanks very much for your Pledged Giving donation of £56... Six months since the earthquake that struck Haiti, over 300 dedicated Oxfam staff members are working alongside Haitians as they rebuild their lives. We are now reaching more than 403,000 earthquake survivors with assistance.

“As Haiti's hurricane season is nearly here, getting people safe sanitation and shelter continues to be the top priority. Overall Oxfam's humanitarian response in Haiti includes:

- The provision of shelter materials;
- Sanitation and hygiene, solid waste management and rubble removal;
- Food security (food aid, nutritional and agricultural support);
- Cash-for-work programmes to support livelihoods;
- Protection of vulnerable groups.

“We're also working hard to ensure that the voices of the Haitian population are heard in the reconstruction efforts.

“If you would like to know more about Oxfam's work in Haiti or have any questions about any other area of Oxfam's work or your donations, please get in touch on 0300 200 1300, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

“With best wishes

Charlotte Isles, Supporter Relations



“Come On And Celebrate”

Songs and Hymns of Praise

Anerley Church, Sunday 22nd August 2010

6.30pm to 8.00pm

Including a break for tea and biscuits

If you have had a special event during the past year that you wish to remember by choosing a Christian song or hymn why not come along on 22nd August and enjoy singing it in remembrance of the occasion.

A few words to let others know why you have chosen your song would be much appreciated but not essential.

Valerie would like to hear from you by Sunday 8th August so that she can put the programme together.

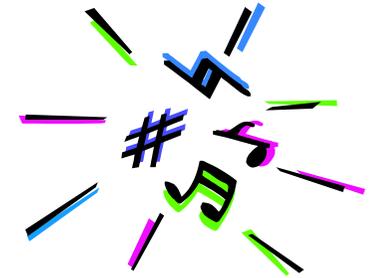
There will be an opportunity for everyone to contribute to the collection for Christian Aid.

Please do put the date in your diary and come along and enjoy the celebration.



St Patrick's Gospel Choir

What a wonderful and uplifting evening we had when St Patrick's Gospel Choir came and performed for us on Saturday 3rd July.



It was an evening not to be forgotten and I haven't heard anyone say they didn't enjoy it.

A very big thank you to Clarence for arranging it for us and for his contribution to the evening itself. Many of you will not have realised that he stepped in to conduct and I think you will agree with me that he did a grand job.

A very satisfactory sum of £300 was raised for Action for Children for which everyone who came must be thanked. Thanks must also go to Janice who did the catering for us.

A good few people have said they'd like to have the choir again soon. These things take some arranging but we shall see what can be done especially as there were those who couldn't come who would have liked to have been there.

Valerie