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FROM THE MINISTER

Greetings,

We have begun another year. Ghana has begun with a new leader and government and so has the United States of America but what a task they and we have as the year progresses.

Not for a long time, some people say never, have our financial institutions been in such a state. Then there is Israel and Gaza, Zimbabwe and other parts of our world crying for peace, for restitution, for a future. Other concerns are climate change, knife and gun crime and home repossessions. And we, and we, what part can we play in bringing spring out of winter in our economy, in our communities, in our world?

What is at the forefront of the situations above? Hatred, greed and love for self. That is what has brought us to winter. So what can lift us out of the mire? What about love instead of hatred, giving not greed, selfless love instead of love of self. Where can we find the power to initiate such changes?

Surely our solution is in the one who encouraged us to love even our enemies, the one who gave everything and expected nothing in return, the one who was so selfless he gave his life.

Our solution is to keep close to Jesus, to let his presence seep in and through us to others, to let his power and wisdom enable us and prepare us.

‘Come unto me all ye who labour and are heavy laden’

‘Love one another as I have loved you’

Promises of help in difficult times, words of wisdom to guide us – all is in Christ. So let us work towards that spring in our economy, our communities, our world and bring sanity and peace by embedding ourselves into the only one who can bring peace to war, who can sustain us in darkness and bring light.

This Spring as we meditate through Lent, as we prepare for Easter let us let Christ remake us and help us live in His way.

Graham



God has written the promise of resurrection, not in a book, but in every springtime leaf.

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

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 £52.50... The credit crunch and the impact of the world banking crisis are in the headlines every day. The proposed US bailout amounts to \$700 billion, a truly amazing figure. The arguments for a bailout to avoid a worldwide collapse are genuine and persuasive but Duncan Green, the Head of Research for Oxfam, recently came up with some comparison figures that I would like to share with you.

\$700bn would clear all the accumulated debts of the 49 poorest countries in the world twice over.

\$700 is almost five times the annual amount of extra aid needed to achieve the Millennium development goals on poverty, health, education etc.

\$700bn is about 7 years of current global aid levels.

\$700bn is enough to eradicate all world poverty for 2 years.

Tellingly, \$700bn is also only about half of annual global military spending.

Oxfam will be putting pressure on governments throughout this crisis and beyond to make the needs of the poorest of the world so not fall off their agendas.

If you would like more information on how Oxfam is working in this situation..... call me on 0300 200 1300—I would be happy to hear from you.

Ken Smith

Supporter Relations”

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

Make a Good Fruit Tree

You will need

- A branch or strong twig
- A pot of earth
- Thin card and scissors
- Thread
- Colouring pens or pencils
- Your Bible

What you do

1. Fix the branch firmly in the pot.
2. Look up Galatians chapter 5, verses 22 and 23 to find the fruits produced by the Spirit. There are nine of them.
3. Cut out nine different fruit shapes from card. Write a fruit of the Spirit on one side and decorate both sides.
4. Punch a hole in the top of each fruit and hang it from the "tree" with thread.

ROUND THE FAMILY

We were sorry to hear of the death of Adam McKop on 6th January. Adam had been a regular worshipper with us for some time until increasing bad health led to several stays in hospital, following which he moved to a nursing home in Bromley. We have missed his quiet presence at our services and our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Congratulations to Comfort Oppong, who was awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours for services to older people in Southwark. A well-deserved award!

Please also remember in your prayers Ethel Hall, who at the time of writing is in Mayday Hospital.

We send our best wishes to Hilary Oppong, who is now working in France on teaching practice, and enjoying it very much so far!

Our Christmas services were again a time of fellowship and friendship. At the Carol Service the Junior Church puppet show of the nativity story was enjoyed by everyone and our thanks go to the Junior Church children and staff for all their hard work in making the set and puppets, and for the "acting"!

The Church received Christmas greetings from the Rev. Graham and Jenny Cocking, the Rev. Dr. Philip and Laurel Luscombe, the Rev. Joan and Royce Warner, Peter and Margaret Boreham, Ronnie Butler, Abraham Doku, , Muriel French, Chris and Deirdre Metcalfe, Dawn McConochie, Herman Murray, Anita Yusuf's sister Winnie, Upper Norwood Methodist Church, Forest Hill Methodist Church and Wesley Hall Methodist Church.

Marian

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 6th MARCH 2009

A Service prepared by Christian Women of Papua
New Guinea

This year the service in our area will take place at
Avenue Baptist Church, Avenue Road 7.30pm
Speaker: the Rev. Andrew Jones

The service is not only for women. Men are also welcome to
attend!



METHODIST TALENTS FESTIVAL

The Talents Festival will be held on Saturday 1st March at Shirley Methodist Church. Several of our Church family have entered Handicraft classes and "live" classes. I have timetables if you want to see what is on when. If you would like a timetable or travel directions to the Church, please see me.

Marian

THESE THREE ...FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

A Lent Course in five parts

Prepared by

Canon John Young

Anerley Methodist Church

Thursday 5th March	Believing and Trusting
Thursday 12th March	The Peace of God
Thursday 19th March	Faith into Love
Thursday 26th March	The Greatest of These
Thursday 2nd April	All Shall be Well

All sessions are from 8.00pm to 9.30pm

Including Light Refreshments

A Handbook is available at £2.99 from Valerie

We look forward to seeing YOU

A VISIT TO THE PANTOMIME

For a Junior Church treat we took the children to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Catford.

It was good old-fashioned entertainment.

When we took our seats Daji took out a small computer game and started to play with it. Within two minutes it was put away in his pocket and not seen again.

It was good to see the children jumping up and down in their seats, booing the baddie, cheering the goodies and hiding behind their hands when the ghost appeared.

They laughed at all the jokes, including a questionable one about Charlton Athletic! We had popcorn, crisps, drinks and ice cream. A good time was had by all, including the big kids!

Thanks to Audrey for organising a great afternoon out.

Janice

Reisha says...

“It was fun being with my friends from Church. I enjoyed it....Mum, can we go again next time?”

Action for Children (formerly NCH)

Coughs and colds “knocked out” several of our regular carolers this Christmas, and our reduced numbers meant that we could only have one collector, as everyone else was needed for singing. Consequently we were unable to complete our normal round on either evening. Nevertheless we still managed to make a joyful noise and raised £111-36. Thanks to Rose Agyei, Ronnie Butler, Gill Cranstoun, Evelyn Richards, Vicky Shine, Andrew and Valerie Tredinnick and Marian Young for braving the elements. Special thanks too to Hetty Thatcher for reviving the carollers with warming refreshments at the end of each evening.

The Christmas Day offering, which traditionally goes to AfC (NCH), amounted to £118.39.

Christmas Post Boxes

We had hoped that donations for St. Christopher’s Hospice would be up this year, but after deductions for postage (Country Box items), the amount received was £64-75, slightly down on 2007.

Green Chain sponsored walk for CAG funds

Thanks to everyone who sponsored Andrew on his walk in November, and who contributed to the final total of £171. This sum will boost the CAG’s funds, and enable them to continue their financial support to various charities, including: Shelter, Sightsavers, Corrymeela, Methodist Relief & Development Fund, Outreach to the Homeless, Methodist Homes etc.

At our Gift Service in December the gifts we donated were sent to Fegan's Child and Family Care. The article below gives more details of Fegan's and what they do.

FEKAN'S CHILD AND FAMILY CARE

The man who started it all.....

James Fegan began his work amongst destitute boys in 1870, his first home being in Deptford in South East London. In 1882 the work was transferred to Southwark. The orphanage in Stratford opened in 1900 and a training farm in Goudhurst, Kent, operated from about 1910. James Fegan's initial work was very much one of rescue—seeking out those who had nowhere to live and no one to care for them.

By the early 1960s the accent was on the smaller residential family home, seven of which were opened in South East England. In the mid 1980s the fostering and adoption of children became the local authorities' preferred policy, resulting in a decline in the number of children placed in residential care. This led to the closure of the children's homes, and the re-shaping of the work.

James Fegan was a man of strong faith and it was this faith that inspired the work he started. The desire to share his faith and the gospel message was as important to him as the desire show God's love in the practical work of tackling the social needs he encountered. These principles are woven into the Charity's Trust Deed, and we endeavour, through our mission, ethos and values, to adhere to the teaching of the Bible in all that we do as a charity.

Our Work

The work of Fegan's has been focussed on the child from the

start. Although we no longer run children's homes, our priority remains the wellbeing of the child. Much of our work is directly with children, through the groups we run at our Centres and in schools, as well as one to one.

Today we offer no residential provision. Instead we work in the community. We undertake services such as counselling, child and family support, pre-school facilities, school work and training.

As a Christian organisation, Fegan's underlines the value of the family. In order to help children, it means that issues in the family home often have to be addressed. Therefore we work with parents, or those with parental responsibility, especially in times of crisis.

CONCERTS

We have been notified of two concerts in the Circuit, both on Saturday February 14th, and catering for all tastes.

CONCERT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY 7.30PM at Upper Norwood Methodist Church, including classical music, not so classical music and other things, in aid of Church Funds. Donations of around £5 at the door appreciated.

OLD TIME MUSIC HALL 7.30PM at Wesley Hall Methodist Church, Sydenham, presented by Theatre Productions on behalf of Wesley Hall Church Development Fund. Adults £5, children £2.50