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LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

As you were out and about this week I'm sure you noticed the leaves starting to pile up on the streets, blown by the wind into heaping piles of brown, red and gold. The leaves on the trees are changing colour as they are bursting with their last beauty.

I see autumn as a second spring when every leaf is as beautiful as a flower. In fact I am looking forward to when the road and parks will be full of leaves. Once again we will see people rolling in and jumping on the leaves and perhaps having lots of fun chasing each other as they play leaf fight. During the fall season, playing with the fallen leaves is our favourite family fun time. I also love the sound of crunchy leaves under my feet. It feels so satisfying and a great spiritual exercise.

Recently someone told me about witnessing a baptism with rose petals. I love the idea of being immersed in autumn leaves. Autumn leaves for me is about leaving the past with gentleness, beauty, grace, colours, ritual and willingness not with regret, sorrow and loss, because regrets and sorrow cannot transition you into a period of transformation and growth.

Rosh Hashana, a Jewish festival and the beginning of the New Year always occurs in autumn. This festival is also closely linked with the start of the agricultural

cycle and in their theological interpretations to celebrate the anniversary of creation. Our harvest festival service is a part of this celebration. We thank God for all the fruits of the earth and pray for the next season as nature enters into another season of preparation. In this season we are to evaluate the state of our souls. We may have done many good deeds but let the beautiful autumn leaves remind us to continue to show magnificence of God through our holy actions.

When you are out and about take some time to listen to the noise of leaves under your feet, pick up a leaf to reflect and pray. If you can, then take it to someone who cannot go out to experience the magnificence of autumn this year. May this season bring change to your soul and joy to those who are in the process of healing. Amen

Imran



ROUND THE FAMILY

In “Round the Family” in our last magazine we said that Chris Metcalfe, a former member and local preacher at Anerley, was very ill, and we are sorry to report that he died on 24th July. Many of us have fond memories of Chris, and our thoughts and prayers are with Deirdre and the family at this time. Jean Pogose has written an appreciation of Chris, which you can find on page 6.

We were also sorry to hear of the death of Percy Goodhead, the father of our former minister the Rev. Dr. Andrew Goodhead, on 28th August. Some may remember Andrew’s parents attending services at our church when they were visiting Andrew, and our thoughts and prayers are with Andrew and his mother at this time.

At this time of year some of our young people are moving on to new schools and classes, or starting new courses, and we wish them all every success.

Marian

WORDS OF WISDOM

If you love, you will suffer, and if you do not love, you do not know the meaning of a Christian life.

Agatha Christie

God is a good worker—but he loves to be helped.

Basque Proverb

Christopher Metcalfe 7th November 1935 – 24th July 2015

Dennis and I first met Chris and Deirdre Metcalfe in 1990, when we were members at Clock House Methodist Church. They had just arrived in Beckenham from the Malvern area and were looking for a church to join. Chris was travelling up to London each day from Clockhouse Station and had noticed the church by the station. They were Anglicans, but for some reason they decided to try our church first.

It could all have turned out quite differently because Clockhouse Methodist Church was undergoing extensive repairs and the services were being held in the Church Hall. The building was not originally a church. It was built on the side of a hill. The church is at street level whilst the church hall is directly beneath it. Chris and Deirdre had difficulty in finding the way in. Fortunately I saw them coming down the slope at the side of the church and then going back up. I rushed out and caught up with them before they gave up the attempt.

We were very fortunate in our new members. They both learnt to love the church and spent much time on the building and with the fellowship. Their faith and love for the Lord was clear to all who met them. In time Deirdre became a Steward and a Mother and Toddler Club Leader amongst other things. When we had a pantomime Deirdre was 'Buttons' whilst Chris made a wonderful Ugly Sister! Chris became Property Secretary and, after retirement, a Leader in the after-school Bible Club, and a member of the Church Council, amongst other things.

After a while it became apparent that Chris had a call to preach. He became a much loved Preacher who worked tirelessly for his Lord. We had many joyful times with both of them and a few others at the weekly Friday evening Prayer Meeting at Clockhouse. They were also two of the instigators of the Celebration services in the Bromley Circuit held on some Saturday evenings. Chris also led an Alpha Course. He also had a very active role as Secretary of the Churches Together in Beckenham Committee. Dennis played cricket with Chris at South Beckenham Cricket Club and enjoyed two cricket tours to Malvern organised by Chris.

When Chris and Deirdre came to Anerley Methodist Church they became very active in the church here. They were both appreciated in the Forest Hill Circuit. Chris was very much a 'circuit person'; his involvement in the

Brigade at Wesley Hall is remembered with affection. He was a preacher-mentor. Chris and Deirdre had a great gift for friendship. They were always ready to be supportive. They are remembered by many people for their love, concern and practical help.

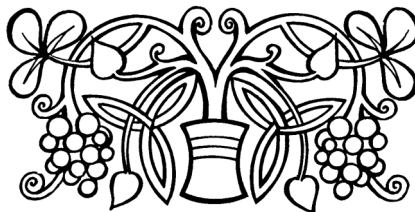
We remember when they were considering whether they should move back to the Malvern area in order to be nearer to their family. It was a wrench to leave friends – but after much prayer they decided to move to Upton upon Severn. They obviously chose to do what God wanted because Chris had a wonderful, if too short, a ministry in that place. The Baptist Church was without a Minister at that time and Chris' preaching skills were much appreciated. Their home was also the venue for many bible studies, prayers and discussions.

Others may tell you of Chris' career and his family – but I tell you of his love for the Lord Jesus Christ and his faithfulness in sharing the Gospel.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Christopher Metcalfe was held at Upton Baptist Church on Tuesday 11th August 2015. The church was full and included two of his godchildren and members of the Blackheath and Crystal Palace and Bromley Circuits. In tribute to the man who was a faithful servant to his Lord, the gospel was faithfully and powerfully preached and God's praises were joyfully sung.

It is a privilege to have known him and to have called him a friend.

Jean Pogose



COOKERY CORNER

Date and Walnut Loaf

Ingredients

200gr.(8 oz) stoned dates, chopped; 1 egg, beaten
1 teaspn. Bicarbonate of soda; 50gr.(2oz) chopped walnuts
100gr.(4 oz) butter, cut into pieces
100gr (4 oz) dark muscavado sugar
280 gr. (10oz) self raising flour, sifted
2 tablespoons Demerara sugar

Method

1. Mix the dates & bicarbonate of soda in a large bowl with a pinch of salt.
2. Pour on 300ml (½ pint) hot water, stir well and leave until cold.
3. Pre-heat the oven to 180°C/fan oven 160°/Gas mark 4.
4. Butter a 1 kg (2lb) loaf tin
5. Rub the butter pieces into the flour until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs.
6. Stir in the walnuts and muscovado sugar until evenly combined.
7. Tip the flour mixture and egg into the cooled dates.
8. Beat well to mix, then pour into the prepared tin and

sprinkle the Demerara sugar on top.

9. Bake in the oven for 1-1½ hours or until a skewer comes out clean.
10. Cool in the tin for 15 minutes, then turn out on to a wire tray.
11. Double-wrap the cooled cake and store in an air-tight tin for 1-2 days before eating.

Ann Vickery

Ann says that she won 2nd Prize in a recent Horticultural Show with this recipe!

The Story of Anerley Methodist Church

You may be wondering where Book 4 has got to and why you haven't received it yet.

Many of you will already know that Valerie and Andrew are living in temporary accommodation following a lightning strike on their neighbour's house resulting in their own home catching fire.

Valerie hasn't, therefore, been able to continue with the series of Church History booklets at the moment and the next one will probably be delayed for a while.

Once things settle down again the series will resume. Please accept our apologies for this temporary break.

OXFAM

In October OXFAM will be holding an “extreme” fundraising event – the OXFAM Emergency Challenge.

It is a day of tough challenges simulating the aftermath of a natural disaster in a race against the clock. It’s a unique test of fitness, strategy and communication as teams of four rise to the 12 hour challenge.

The event is designed to match real-life challenges giving the teams a genuine taste of the pressure OXFAM’s teams feel across the world. One of the teams taking part was working with OXFAM in Nepal after the devastating earthquake that struck that country.

Among other vital work carried out by OXFAM their task is to supply fresh water to places like Nepal when disaster strikes.

You can, of course, support this fundraising event directly. As an alternative you can become one of our pledged givers who donate on a regular basis to the work of OXFAM. If you would like to do this please speak with me and I would be more than pleased to add your name to my “card”. In 2014 our loyal collectors at Anerley raised over £400 – good for us, but a small drop in the ocean of suffering.

Thank you.

Valerie

INTROIT

The introit for the next 4 months will be as follows:-

Praise the Lover of Creation,
praise the Spirit, Friend of Friends,
praise the true Beloved, our Saviour,
praise the God who makes and mends,
strong, surrendered, many-splendoured,
Thee whose Oneness never ends.

Brian Wren

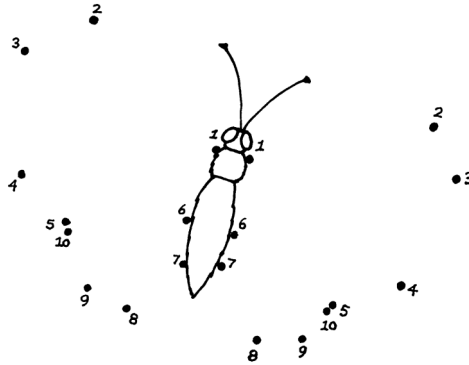
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FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

Can you see what this is?
Join the dots to find out.



Now you know what it is you can
colour it to look like a real one.

Jesus: The voice that makes us turn

What is it about the voice of Jesus that makes us turn around and pay attention?

A study course in four parts at the Church on Mondays 12th, 19th & 26th October and 2nd November, 8 – 9.30pm will help us answer the question.

Subjects for each week are –

The crying voice – the role of crying, the place of crying, crying for others

An other voice – the otherness of Jesus, his voice and authority

A dying voice – the voice that knows, that forgives, that loves

A rising voice – the call of life.

Do come along and share in listening to what others have to say, and add your own thoughts.

We look forward to seeing you.

Study book available, price £3.49

Valerie



Holy Communion – Retiring Collections

It is our custom to have a retiring collection following services when Holy Communion is celebrated. These monies usually go to the Benevolent Fund, which enables us to meet any urgent requests for assistance. However, during specific months the monies go to a selected charity, as advised in the weekly notices.

The charities we shall be supporting during the Connexional year 2015/16 are: Victim Support (November), RNIB (February) and Help the Aged (August).

You are invited to place your gifts in the wooden ‘Anerley box’, which will be available as you leave.

If you are in the Envelope Scheme, spare envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church, if needed. Please remember to put your envelope scheme number on your envelope.

SONGS OF PRAISE EVENING

At the evening service on 23rd August, Valerie Tredinnick led us in looking at and singing hymns from all the hymn books used by our church during its 150 years at Anerley, from the earliest Wesleyan hymn book to Singing the Faith, via the Methodist Hymn Book published in 1932, Hymns and Psalms, Hymns and Songs, and the various books used by the Sunday School/Junior Church. We were joined by members of other churches in the Circuit and it was an inspiring and enjoyable evening, when we endeavoured to raise the roof with our singing!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

- Sat 3rd Gospel Concert by Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir 7.30pm
- Wed 7th No Wednesday Club
- Fri 9th Stewards' Meeting 8pm at 5 Percy Road
- Sun 11th Morning Service 11am. Preacher: Rev. Judy Turner -Smith, Minister from 1993-2000, followed by refreshments.
- Mon 12th Bible Study 8pm (See magazine for details)
- Tues 13th Christian Action Group 8pm at 179 Langley Way, West Wickham. Speaker: Major Paul Robinson, Penge Salvation Army
- Wed 14th Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening
- Thur 15th Church Council 8pm at the Church
- Mon 19th Bible Study 8pm
- Wed 21st Wednesday Club 8pm Holiday slides
- Thur 22nd Pastoral Committee Meeting 8pm at the Church
- Sun 25th All Age Worship and JMA Awards service 11am Preacher: Valerie Tredinnick
- Sun 25th Circuit Service 5pm at Hither Green Methodist Church
- Mon 26th Bible Study 8pm
- Wed 28th Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Card Making

NOVEMBER

- Sun 1st Morning Service 11am. Preacher: Rev. Dr. Philip Luscombe, Minister from 1979—1986, followed by refreshments
- Mon 2nd Bible Study 8pm
- Wed 4th Wednesday Club 8pm Guy Fawkes Evening
- Sun 8th Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50 am. Preacher: Rev. John Taylor
- Sun 8th MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
- Wed 11th Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
- Sun 15th Morning Service 11am. Preacher: Rev. Gordon Lemmon, Minister from 1966-1973, followed by refreshments.
- Mon 16th Christian Action Group 8pm at 5 Percy Road. Speaker: Rev. Pam Clews
- Wed 18th Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Decorations
- Sun 22nd All Age Worship 11am.
- Wed 25th Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Decorations
- Sun 29th Circuit Christingle Service at Anerley 6.30pm Led by Rev. Pam Clews.

DECEMBER

- Sun 6th Christmas Gift Service 11am
- Sun 13th Carol Service 6.30pm

Evening Services will be held at Anerley on Sundays October 11th (HC), November 8th (HC) and November 29th (Circuit Christingle Service).