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LETTER FROM THE MINISTER



As promised in my service on 3rd September a bit more about me.... born and raised in Ghana, I moved to England in the 1980s. I qualified initially as a Chef after completing my GCSEs and worked in the House of Commons but left her 'hot-stoves' (*my mother has never forgiven me!*) after two years to pursue a career in social care. Following this, I spent two decades in the UK voluntary and statutory sectors including Diabetes UK and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

My earliest recollection of Church was at the age of four. Some of the things that keep me spiritually excited are my strong identity in Methodism's emphasis upon Wesleyan grace for all; social justice and seeing the Gospel as transforming relationships and communities. Holy Communion, for me, is a conversion experience as well as remembrance. The music from the Taize and Northumbria Communities, Prayer for the Day, are also great sources of enrichment!

In 2013, I attended the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham for my initial training after ten years as Lay Worker at Wesley's Chapel and the London North West Mission Circuits.

My other interests include Women's Hour, The Archers, Emmerdale & Coronation Street but please do not hold the latter against me!

I am mother to Matthew, whom many of you have met and is currently reading Philosophy at Newcastle University.

Finally, I pray that our passion to spread the 'gossip' (Gospel) will

be a shared vision that recognises the offering of our individual gifts.

For now, may the Lord bless you all, and bless you kindly,

Abe Konadu-Yiadom

INTROIT

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

Summoned by the God who made us
rich in our diversity,
gathered in the name of Jesus,
richer still in unity.

*Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new church into being
one in faith and love and praise.*

*Delores Dufner, OSB
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ROUND THE FAMILY

Our thoughts are with Thomas Tchine, who is unwell at the moment.

Please also remember the children and young people in our congregation who have moved to new schools and colleges, and into new classes, and for all those for whom this time of year means a new start.

Marian

HYMN SURVEY

As many of you know, I keep a record of the hymns sung at our Sunday services, together with those sung at other services such as Good Friday and Christmas Day.

I only record hymns used in our services from Singing the Faith. If other hymn books are used during this time (e.g Songs of Fellowship), I only record the hymns which can also be found in Singing the Faith.

During the past (Methodist) year, ended on 31st August 2017 the following hymns were the most popular:

Sung 7 times : The kingdom of God is justice and joy (StF no. 255)
– sung once in 2015/16

Sung 5 times: Lord, the light of your love is shining (StF no.59) –
sung 3 times in 2015/16

Be thou my vision (StF 545) – sung 3 times in
2015/16

The most popular hymn in 2015/16– sung 6 times – was Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation (StF 88). It was only sung 3 times in 2016/17, which may suggest that certain hymns are chosen more often by preachers at certain times because they fit in with the Lectionary themes (or it may be that they just like them!).

If you would like to know more, or to find out how many times your favourite hymn was sung, please get in touch with me.

Marian

St Christopher's Celebrating 50 years

On 20th July Sandra & Dave attended the 50 years Celebration of St. Christopher's hospice in a packed Southwark Cathedral.

The service was most ably led by Rev. Dr. Andrew Goodhead in fine Methodist Style – including a Wesley Hymn. Andrew cut a fine figure in his plain preaching robe and stole in stark contrast to the Anglican dignitaries in their gold frocks – sorry robes!

The service marked a special moment for St Christopher's during a year of celebrations marking their 50th anniversary. Andrew reminded us in his welcoming greeting that we gathered in the cathedral to thank God for the vision and inspiration of Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of the modern hospice movement. In the service we recognised the faith of those men and women who joined Dame Cicely at St Christopher's; faith that shaped the earliest years of the hospice movement. The service was to be one in which the hospice and its leadership committed themselves to continuing Dame Cecily's work and making it their own for the present age.

The service opened with a procession of 50 lighted candles to the St. Christopher's Remembrance Tree carried by people associated with the hospice over its 50 years. The candles symbolised the work of the hospice with patients and families and would remain alight on the Remembrance Tree at the high Altar throughout the service of celebration and thanksgiving.

We were reminded of how Dame Cecily's vision had its root in her nursing of David Tasma when he told her of the difficulties of laying down a life that felt incomplete and unfulfilled. He died of cancer, with pain and vomiting controlled as was usual at that time, helped by the interest of and skills of Cecily Saunders, then a dedicated ward sister. But above all, he needed someone to listen, someone who believed it was important for him to end his life with a sense of personal worth. David bequeathed Cecily £500 (equivalent to £12,700 today) to be "a window in your home". It was this donation which helped germinate the idea which would become St Christopher's. That was in 1948 and the legacy is a story of learning in both scientific and religious fields, of the urge to meet the needs of many thousands, focussed at the beginning in the plight of one man.

There were contributions from The Dean of the Cathedral, The Very Rev. Andrew Nunn, Rabbi the Baroness Julia Neuberger DBE and Shaun O'Leary ,Joint Chief Executive of the Hospice, all of whom paid tribute of the work of the hospice past and present and pointed to the vision for the future.

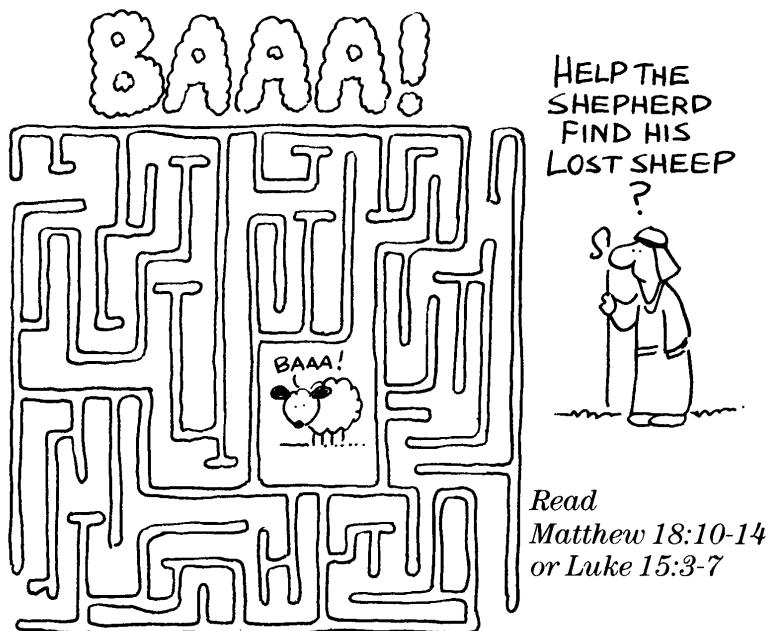
There was a most moving address from Mrs. Julia Rance, the mother of Sadie Rance a teenage patient under the care of St. Christopher's who died aged 24 in 2015. Julia outlined the tremendous support given to Sadie to come to terms with a terminal diagnosis and the support given to Sadie and her family. Julia told us that "when we first heard about St Christopher's Sadie refused to go. She thought you'd go there to die and it would be full of old people, not young people like her. So they came to our home. It was Phillipa Sellar (Clinical Nurse Specialist and Young Adult's Group Co-ordinator at St Christopher's) who came to visit. Sadie was always so bubbly and friendly but she wouldn't even talk to her. But Phillipa very quickly gained Sadie's trust. The very next day after her visit, she'd come up with practical solutions for every one of Sadie's problems at that time and pre-empted problems too. She was absolutely amazing."

The Service concluded with an Act of Remembrance and Dedication with a special song performed by the St. Christopher's Community Choir and the release of rose petals from the roof of the Cathedral fluttering down and reminding us of all the people over the years who have been supported by the hospice and benefitted from Dame Cecily's vision.

Prayer: "Almighty God our heavenly Father, we thank you for St Christopher's Hospice and for the great skill and gentleness with which staff and volunteers serve all those entrusted to their care, giving welcome and support to families and friends. We pray that you walk with each of us on a journey through life, that we may know your peace at the last, hope of the resurrection to eternal life for our Lord Jesus Christ." Amen

Sandra & Dave

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS



Thank you

Dear Everyone,

Thank you for your prayers, words of support and comfort, hugs, cards, telephone calls and cups of tea during this time of sadness. I could not have managed without you all. A total of £350 was given to Mike's charities - Gist Support UK, The Royal Marsden and St. Christopher's Hospice.

Thank you all again - God bless always

Audrey

Different expressions of ‘Church’: Bi-monthly Saturday ‘happenings’ at Anerley Methodist Church

Almost every Christian denomination is now actively exploring how to ‘do Church’ in new, fun, accessible and exciting ways. Gathering together for an hour on a Sunday morning is great. However, it is also good to have the luxury of much more time - perhaps on other days of the week - to provide opportunities where people can come together in unity and fellowship to explore the Christian faith and the Gospel message in creative ways.

Over the past two years, a dozen all-age ‘happenings’ have been organised bi-monthly on a Saturday at Anerley. This has provided an opportunity to bring our Church family together. We have had fun informally exploring and building up our Christian faith, and praising God. All are welcome including friends from other churches in our Circuit.

We have enjoyed lively ‘Song Saturdays’; reflective ‘Prayer Saturdays; ‘Frunches’ and ‘Crunches’, and even a Pre Pentecost Praise Party (a nightmare for the stewards to announce without losing their teeth!). Twenty-seven people turned up to one of Anerley’s recent ‘Song Saturday’ events!

What do we do? We share, and we encourage and support each other in our Christian journey. We utilise creative skills and talents to express our faith. Music, drama, crafts, and new technology have underpinned these events. Importantly, we share food, and we eat together. People have brought friends and family along to these events. This provides a relaxed and gentle way for people who perhaps do not normally attend church to meet the Anerley congregation and to learn more about Jesus.

Many of those who have attended these ‘happenings’ have said how much they have been blessed by coming together.

Further ‘happenings’ are planned for **Saturday 18th November 2017 and Saturday 20th January 2018**. Do reserve these dates in your diary. If you haven’t yet attended one of these events, do come along. You will be most welcome.

COOKERY CORNER

Bakewell Tart

Ingredients

Short Crust Pastry:-

100gr (4 oz) plain flour	25gr.(1 oz) margarine
25gr.(1 oz) Trex or lard	Water to mix.

Filling:-

50gr (2 oz) margarine	50gr (2 oz) sugar
50gr (2oz) ground almonds*	12gr ($\frac{1}{2}$ oz) plain flour
1 egg, beaten	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspn. almond essence
2 tablespns jam	a few blanched almonds

Method

1. Rub fats into flour, add sufficient water to mix to a firm dough.
2. Knead lightly until smooth, on a floured surface
3. Roll out pastry and use to line an 18cm (7 oz) flan ring.
4. Spread jam on the base of the pastry
5. Cream together the margarine and sugar until light and fluffy.
6. Mix together the ground almonds and flour and stir into the creamed mixture alternately with the beaten egg.
7. Add almond essence and mix in
8. Spread mixture over jam and decorate with blanched

almonds

9. Bake in the centre of the oven on 375°F/Mark 5/190°C for 40 minutes
10. Serve hot or cold

* ground rice with almond essence is cheaper!

Ann Vickery

KNIT FOR PEACE

Knit for Peace UK is an initiative of the Charities Advisory Trust. It grew out of projects we developed in Rwanda and India, which brought together women of traditionally hostile communities (Hutu and Tutsi war widows in Rwanda and Muslim and Hindu women in the slums of Delhi) to knit clothes for street children and orphans. We paid the knitters and distributed the clothes through local NGOs.

The funds came from the Good Gifts Catalogue (another of our initiatives). Knitters in the UK asked if they could knit for those in need, and we discovered there was a huge need for knitters to have someone to knit for. Once we said we would distribute donated knitting we found we were inundated.

Here at Knit for Peace we believe that knitting (and crochet) is good for people. As well as being fun and therapeutic, knitting brings people together and gives a way of helping others in need, providing benefits both to the knitter and the recipient. Based on our experience of developing Knit for Peace over the last few years, we have learned that knitting is extremely important as an

activity that can be carried out right into extreme old age and helps improve long-term health, both mental and physical.

Our policy is to encourage people to give, whether it is time or money. So we set about finding outlets. We now distribute regularly to over 200 outlets, including hospitals, women's refuges, refugee drop in centres, prisons, community groups, and hospices as well as to developing countries. We send the knitting (and crochet) to where it's needed. We also pass on donations of yarn and needles to enable people on low incomes to knit. The operation has grown organically, and we estimate we have over 15,000 knitters.

Send your knitting to us and we will make sure that it goes to a good home.

Knitting needed:

We particularly need warm adult clothes, bed socks, scarves, adult hats and of course large sized blankets. We have at the moment a lot of baby hats, baby jumpers and cardigans and baby blankets. We are delighted for anything you send and can always find people who need them. We are also very happy to take crocheted items. We can only accept new, unworn, 'hand-made' (ie not shop bought) items.

Donate knitted items and knitting materials

If you are an individual or group looking to give knitted items to a good cause then have a look at our Projects and Patterns page where you'll find a range of free patterns to use. You can use any pattern you would like and knit any item you fancy.

Have you got any spare needles, yarn or other knitting related paraphernalia? We are always on the look out for these as we can then use them in our work with marginalised sections of society, for

example in prisons, to help set up new groups and keep the needles clacking!

If you have any supplies you can donate please send them to:

**Knit For Peace
Radius Works
Back Lane
London NW3 1HL**

Please include a knitted goods recording sheet with your parcel so that we know who has sent us what!

Note from Marian

I am aware that many people who read the magazine already knit for other charities and good causes. However, for those who do not already knit for a charity and are looking for a worthwhile cause to support, please have a look on the Knit for Peace website <http://www.knitforpeace.org.uk/>. It has more details of their activities, patterns, details of knitting events, and the Knitting Goods Recording Sheet which is needed if you are sending goods to them.

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I am now taking orders for *Fresh from the Word* for 2018. Please see me by **Sunday 5th November** if you would like to order a copy. The cost will be about £9 (including discount). Marian



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Dog Training	Monday 7pm - 9pm	Tel. 07939 023 135
Harlequins Theatre School	Monday 4.00-6.30pm	Tel. 07773 066 645
Jumoke After School Club & Jazzy Juniors	School Holidays Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm ; Term time 4-pm-6pm Breakfast Club :Term Time Monday to Friday 7.30am - 8.30am	Tel. 020 8656 8684
Living Vine Ministry	Fri. 7-9pm, Sun. 8-10.30am	Tel. 020 8249 2352
LINGK Fellowship	Sunday 1pm—4pm	Tel. 07939 367 333
Only Believe Assembly	Tues 7.30pm to10.30pm	Tel.020 8778 0863
Penge Community Pre-School	Monday to Friday 9.15am to 4pm	Tel. 020 8289 6771
Salvation & Deliverance Ministry	Sunday 2pm to 4.30pm; Tuesday 7pm to 9pm	Tel. 020 8683 3094
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Wed 4 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Musical Evening
Mon 9 th	Christian Action Group 8pm at 32 Lloyds Way, Speaker: Claire Holl, Spinnaker Trust.
Wed 11th	Wednesday Club 8pm Bulb Planting
Thur 12th	Church Council 8pm at the Church
Mon 16th	Bible Study 8pm "Esther". More details later
Wed 18 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening
Sun 22nd	JMA Awards service 11am. Preacher: Hilary Waterhouse
Mon 23rd	Bible Study 8pm
Wed 25th	Wednesday Club 8pm Mystery Evening
Mon 30th	Bible Study 8pm

NOVEMBER

Wed 1st	No Wednesday Club
Mon 6th	Bible Study 8pm
. Fri 3rd	Wednesday Club Fireworks evening at 32 Lloyds Way at 7.30pm
Wed 8 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Card Making
Sun 12 th	Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50 am. Preacher: Valerie Tredinnick
Sun 12 th	MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!

Mon 13th	Christian Action Group 8pm at 28 Chesham Road. Speaker: David Lemmon
Mon 13th	NO Bible Study
Wed 15 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
Sat 18th	A Special Saturday with Peter and Margaret (More details later)
Mon 20th	Bible Study 8pm
Wed 22nd	Wednesday Club 8pm Church Christmas Decorations
Sun 26th	All Age Worship 11am. Arranged by the Worship Leaders
Mon 27th	Bible Study 8pm
Wed 29th	Wednesday Club 8pm Church Christmas Decorations

DECEMBER

Sun 3rd	Christmas Gift Service 11am

	Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 15th October and 19th November.
Evening Services will be held at 6.30pm on Sundays October 8th (HC), 22nd October, November 12th (HC) and November 26th.	
A Prayer Meeting is held at the Church every Thursday morning between 10am and 11.30am. Drop in and out as you wish.	