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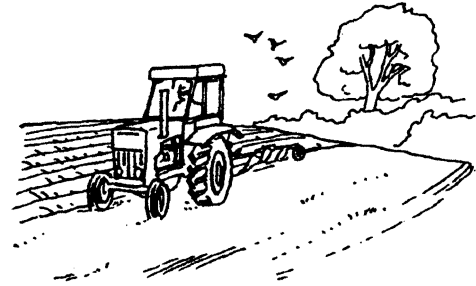
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LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to be able to contribute to this edition of your Church magazine. As Marian mentioned in the August/September edition, this is a time of change for us as a new Circuit is formed, and as we get to know new people. For you, and friends at Upper Norwood, there is also the excitement of having a new minister with the arrival of Imran, Sarah and Rohan.

One of the areas of change for me in moving to South-East London last year, and then travelling beyond my Blackheath and Lewisham Circuit appointment, was the need to know where I was going! I do not have a good sense of direction and the invention of the 'SatNav' has been a great blessing for me over the past few years. It has been especially useful in helping to avoid the frequent stops and examination of the map to find out where I was, and in which direction I then needed to go to arrive at my destination.

Just as useful however, is the guidance provided to find the way back home again. For those of you with an acute sense of direction, you might wonder what the problem is. If you got there, surely you must know how to get home? Don't you believe it! At the very first junction, doubts would arise about which way to turn, but now a very patient voice offers simple direction.

If only decisions in everyday life could be that straightforward. We are often faced with choices to be made, and uncertainty about which course is the right one to take. Sometimes we might long for a voice that says, "marry him", or

“move house now”, or even “no, don’t worry about the shopping, have a cup of tea instead”!

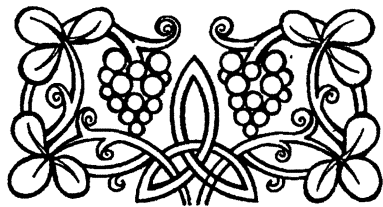
Some people appear to be blessed by hearing God’s voice as a constant guide. For many of us, however, our relationship with God is not quite like this. Whilst we would love to hear his voice more clearly, we live instead within a “context of faith”, in which we know that God loves us, that he desires that we live as Christ lived and taught, and that the guidance of the Holy Spirit may be found in different ways such as daily prayer or the wisdom of others.

In all the paths that we take individually and as a Church, this context means that we know that God is with us and for us, as we try to discern his direction for our lives. Furthermore, when like the prodigal son we have to “make a U-turn now” (as my SatNav sometimes tells me), our loving father is there with arms open wide.

At a time of new beginnings for our Circuit and our churches, God’s will has been sought as we have come together, and as Imran and family have moved to be amongst us. May we continue to know God’s blessing and his constant loving presence with us now, a presence which in the fullness of time will bring us safely home.

God bless,

Stephen



ROUND THE FAMILY

We were sorry to hear of the death of Kwame Acheampong’s brother in Ghana. Rose and Kwame were already in Ghana visiting family and friends and they will now be staying in Ghana for a little time longer. We have also heard of the death in hospital of John Baskerville, husband of Edie. Please remember Kwame, Rose and family, and Edie and family. in your prayers.

Please also remember Comfort Oppong, who is recovering eye surgery.

At this time of year some of our young people are moving on to new schools. We wish them well and remember everyone for whom September is a new start, whether it be a new school, college or employment.

Marian



Description of Andrew's sponsored walk for Christian Aid on Friday 17th August – passing all 9 churches in the new Blackheath & Crystal Palace Circuit

In choosing my route I tried to avoid busy roads as far as possible, use 'green corridors', and start and finish at points easily accessible by public transport from home.

A 9 am start from **Upper Norwood** church on a muggy overcast morning. Down Anerley Hill past the base of the north tower of Joseph Paxton's Crystal Palace (which encroaches onto the pavement here) and the entrance to the National Sports Centre. On down the hill then left into Minden Road and Canal Walk to reach **Anerley** church (9.22 am). It is hard to imagine that 200 years ago the scene would have been very different here with horse-drawn boats passing by.

Then through the 'Groves', and into Penge Recreation Ground (entered through an attractive avenue of mature trees), later passing the King William IV Alms-houses en route to Penge East Station (where my route for the next ½ mile coincides with a section of the Green Chain Walk [GCW]) and Alexandra Recreation Ground. Next along tree-lined Woodbastwick Road, where some residents have been busy planting colourful flowers at the base of many of the trees, to reach **Wesley Hall** (9.57 am).

From Sydenham High Road, narrow Berryman's Lane leads through to Mayow Road and a chance to leave the pavement and walk on the grass in the park. Then back onto tarmac again to reach Sunderland Road, where at the brow of the hill a right turn onto a short footpath leads to **Forest Hill** church (10.16 am).

The next stage of the route to Ladywell is surprisingly 'green'. After the pavements of Como, Houston & Winsford Roads the River Pool Linear Park is soon reached which leads all the way through to Catford Bridge, on the way passing the confluence with the River Ravensbourne. As I pass under a railway arch the scene is transformed from sylvan beauty to the harshness of a trading estate! Through a subway and past an entrance to Catford Bridge Station, another brick railway arch opens up the delights of Ladywell Fields where the Ravensbourne River continues as my companion. The path crosses the railway via an impressive spiral footbridge and leads to the park café – a suitable stop for 'elevenses' (11.10 – 11.20 am) – 6.4 miles completed.

By now the clouds have burnt off and it is turning into a hot day. My exit from the relative peace of Ladywell Fields is via the footpath through St. Mary's Churchyard to Lewisham High Street, where I am suddenly confronted by noisy traffic. Turning left towards the shopping centre I soon reach Albion Way and **Lewisham** church (11.35 am).

On through suburban streets, I cross the quiet River Quaggy (which is easy to miss), and reach Lee High Road. On the north footway, near Halley's Gardens, a flat stone set in the paving marks the Greenwich Meridian - so I stride on purposefully into the eastern hemisphere and pass the attractively situated Merchant Taylor's Alms-houses (1825). My arrival in Blackheath village coincides with a clock chiming 12 noon. As I make my way up onto Blackheath the towering blocks of Canary Wharf come into view, and along the edge of Greenwich Park various structures erected for the Olympic Equestrian Centre can be seen. Such a far cry from the

events of 1381 when Wat Tyler massed his peasant army here!

It is nice to walk on grass again before crossing a busy road junction. Avington Way and then the green sward of Vicarage Avenue give me another break from the traffic. **Sunfields** church sits on the other side of the sunken A102M where the traffic can be seen hurtling to and from the Blackwall Tunnel (12.25 pm).

There follows a long pavement walk along Shooters Hill Road, passing the aptly named Marathon Playing Fields to reach the old police station where a right turn allows me onto the edge of Eltham Common and through to Westmount Road. I reach **Eltham Park** church (1.12 pm) and a short distance later stop for lunch on a convenient bench seat beside a baker's shop (1.15 – 1.40 pm) – 12 miles completed.

On my way into Eltham (still along Westmount Road – isn't it long!) I pass a cyclist who has stopped to light his pipe! (I can't remember the last time I saw such a scene). My route then joins the GCW again to reach the evocatively named Tilt Yard Approach and Eltham Palace (where Henry VIII spent much of his childhood). King John's Walk which follows offers a panoramic view across London. The Shard, the City office blocks, and the Canary Wharf complex are all well displayed, but with stables and fields of horses around me it is difficult to believe that I am so close to the centre of the capital. The way crosses the busy A20 and a railway line to pass some of the buildings of Eltham College (the 'Chariots of Fire' hero, Eric Liddell, attended here), where I part company with the GCW. Across the road is 'Fairmount', a substantial property which bears a Blue Plaque proclaiming that W.C. Grace

once lived there. The road falls away before a steady climb brings me to **Burnt Ash** church (2.48 pm). By now I am feeling the effects of the heat and am more than thankful to purchase a chilled drink at the nearby Londis!

A short distance on and I re-join the GCW to enter Railway Children's Walk so named in memory of (Mrs) E. Nesbitt, the author of the well-known story, who lived nearby. Just before the railway is reached, Grove Park Nature Reserve offers a suitable place for a 'tea break' (3.00 – 3.10 pm) – 15.6 miles completed. A bench seat is suitably inscribed – 'Green Chain Walk Resting Place'.

Over the railway and I am on the last leg. Downham Fire Station comes as a surprise tucked away as it is in a suburban street. Here my route leaves the GCW for the last time, as I turn down Verdant Lane past the cemetery. The combined reflected heat from the pavement and the cemetery wall is intense so I quickly cross the road. Suddenly the roar of motorcycles greets me – and no less than 50 machines pass by – quite a sight: quite a sound! Up the last rise to Torridon Road and then along to **Hither Green** church (3.40 pm) – 16.75 miles walked.

It is just a short walk to the bus stop in Brownhill Road. A 202 arrives straightaway, and a convenient change onto a 194 at Lower Sydenham sees me home by 4.25 pm.

I'm pleased to have completed the walk. Some of the pavement sections were hard and unforgiving, but the route is not without interest. There is no doubt that the new Blackheath & Crystal Palace Circuit encompasses an area where events and people have made their mark – let's hope and pray that

the witness and service of the new circuit will also leave a mark in this part of south-east London.

I do sincerely thank everyone who sponsored me on this walk. Your support helped to raise £178.25 for Christian Aid.

Andrew Tredinnick



Oxfam Pledged Giving Church representative

We are still looking for someone to take over this role which entails:

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If you can help or would like more information before deciding please speak with Joan Loring or Andrew Tredinnick.

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Annual volumes of day-by-day Bible Reading Notes in the popular page-a-day layout are available for 2013 as follows:

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If you would like to place an order please see me by Sunday 28th October. Prices for either book are £8.75 each, with a 10% reduction if we order a total of more than 6 copies.

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IBRA also have available Christmas cards (4 different designs) - £3.50 for a pack of 10; Advent calendars (3 different designs) - £2.99 each; Scripture Verse Pocket Diaries (2 different covers, 6 colours) £1.99 each. If you are interested in any of these items I can give you further details.

Marian Young

OUTREACH TO THE HOMELESS

Outreach to the Homeless are a local voluntary group who supply items of clothing and essential toiletries to local homeless people and those sleeping on the streets of London.

They are replenishing their stocks in preparation for the coming winter and have again asked whether any of our congregation have surplus items they wish to dispose of, or would like to donate toiletries etc.

They need men's clothing and useful items as listed below:-

T shirts	jeans	shoes	trainers
Hankies	scarves	gloves	hats
Underwear	holdalls	coats	flannels
Towels	soap	disposable razors	plasters
Toilet bags	Blankets	empty ice cream tubs	

If you wish to donate any items, please give them to me and I will pass them on to the organisers. There is also a list on the notice board in the entrance hall, to remind you of what is needed.

You can also give me items throughout the year so if you decide to clear out your wardrobes during the next year and have suitable things to donate I will pass them on to the organisers.

Marian

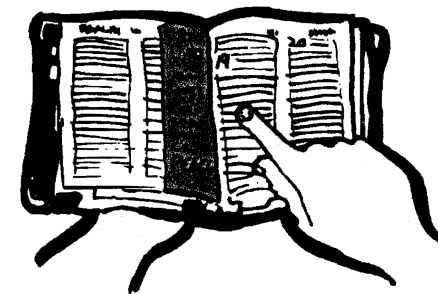
BIBLE STUDY

Monday evenings 8pm—9.30pm in the Small Hall

SOMETHING TO SHARE—COMMUNICATING THE GOOD NEWS

24th September	No-one told me
1st October	Keep it simple
8th October	Practicing what we preach
15th October	Speaking their language
22nd October	Words from the heart
29th October	Don't push it

A Study Book for the series is available price £3 from Valerie Tredinnick, who can also give you more details if you are interested in coming.



INTROIT FOR THE NEXT 4 MONTHS

To be in Your presence
To sit at Your feet,
Where Your love surrounds me,
And makes me complete.

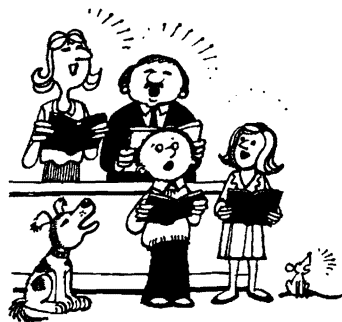
*This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.
This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.*

To rest in Your presence,
Not rushing away;
To cherish each moment,
Here I would stay.

*This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.
This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.*

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PRAYERS AROUND THE CIRCUIT AND WELCOME SERVICE

On Saturday 8th September each church in the new Blackheath and Crystal Palace Circuit was visited in turn, starting at Sunfields and finishing at Upper Norwood. At each church a candle was lit, prayers were said and a passage from Ephesians was read. After the prayers at Anerley the final stopping place was at Upper Norwood, where a service was held to welcome the Rev. Imran Malik to the Circuit, and specifically to Anerley and Upper Norwood churches, and to celebrate the inauguration of the Blackheath and Crystal Palace Circuit.

The service was very well attended and during the service Imran was welcomed by representatives of the new circuit and by ecumenical and civic representatives from Anerley and Upper Norwood.

The preacher was the Rev. Jenny Impey, one of the Chairs of the London District and the service concluded with Holy Communion.

It was an inspiring service and there was a chance for people from the different churches in the new circuit to meet each other afterwards during the refreshments provided by Upper Norwood church.

Anerley gave its own welcome to Imran, Sarah and Rohan a week later, when Imran had his first morning preaching appointment at Anerley.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL

I wonder how many of you have visited Wesley's Chapel in City Road in London. It was built by John Wesley in 1778 as his London base and replaced his previous London chapel, the Foundry, which stood about 200 yards away. Wesley described his chapel as "perfectly neat but not fine" and it is a fine example of Georgian architecture and a Grade 1 listed building. It was the first Methodist Church to be built specifically for the celebration of Holy Communion as well as for preaching services.

John Wesley's house stands next to the chapel. It was his home for over a decade and is one of the finest surviving small Georgian town houses in London. It contains many artefacts connected with Wesley, including some original furniture and clothing, his library of books and replicas of his electricity machine, used for treating many different ailments, and his "parlour horse" - an early form of exercise machine!

The Museum of Methodism is located in the crypt of the chapel and tells the history of Methodism from John Wesley to the present day and its contribution to shaping Britain's political and social history.

Wesley's Chapel and the Museum of Methodism relies on its team of Heritage Stewards to show visitors around the Chapel and House, and to be on duty in the Museum and Gift shop. For the last 18 months I have been a Heritage Steward at Wesley's Chapel and have found it an interesting and rewarding experience. Visitors come from all over the British Isles and from all over the world. They range from large groups, who are interested in seeing everything on site, and

individuals who are dropping in during their lunch hour, or who are filling in time before an appointment at Moorfields Eye Hospital, and just have time to see the House or the Chapel. It is interesting to talk to the visitors, to find out where they are from and what links they have with Methodism, and it is a privilege to share the history of Wesley's Chapel with them.

Heritage Stewards are asked to commit two days a month to volunteering at the Chapel (though you can do more if you wish). The Chapel pays travelling expenses and also offers a volunteer discount in the Museum shop. No previous knowledge about Methodism or experience is necessary, as training is provided. There are normally three Stewards on duty each day, who take it in turns to show people round or be in the Museum and shop.

If you would like the opportunity to meet interesting visitors from all over the world, work with staff and the many other volunteers and learn more about the historic Chapel and Methodism generally, then do consider being a Heritage Steward. Further information can be obtained by emailing museum@wesleyschapel.org.uk or writing to The Curator, Museum of Methodism, Wesley's Chapel, 49 City Road, London EC1Y 1AU. If you would like to know a bit more about being a Heritage Steward before you apply, please contact me and I will try to answer your questions.

Marian





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OCTOBER

- Mon 1st Bible Study 8pm: Keep it simple
- Wed 3rd No Wednesday Club
- Mon 8th Bible Study 8pm: Practising what we preach
- Wed 10th Wednesday Club 8pm Slides of past Club holidays
- Thur 11th Church Council 8pm at the Church
- Mon 15th Bible Study 8pm: Speaking their language
- Tues 16th Christian Action Group 8pm at 78 Ferndale Road, SE25 Speaker: Eunice Shepherd
- Wed 17th Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening
- Mon 22nd Bible Study 8pm: Words from the heart.
- Wed 24th Wednesday Club 8pm UNO
- Sun 28th JMA Service and All Age Worship 11am
Preacher: Rev. Imran Malik
- Mon 29th Bible Study 8pm: Don't push it
- Wed 31st Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Card making

NOVEMBER

- Wed 7th No Wednesday Club

- Thur 8th Pastoral Sub-Committee 8pm at Church
- Fri 9th Fireworks 7.30 pm at 32 Lloyds Way.
- Sun 11th Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50 am.
Preacher: Rev. Leslie Middleton-Weaver
- Sun 11th MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
- Tue 13th Christian Action Group 8pm at 103 Birchanger Road SE25. Speaker: Rev. John Taylor
- Wed 14th Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
- Wed 21st Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Decorations
- Wed 28th Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Decorations

DECEMBER

- Mon 10th Christian Action Group 8pm at 32 Lloyds Way.
Speakers: Peter and Margaret Boreham

Evening Services are held at the church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 6.30pm, and Holy Communion is usually celebrated on the 2nd Sunday. During October and November the dates are 14th (HC) and 28rd October, 11th (HC) and 25th November .