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LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

The Yes and No campaign has concluded with a "NO". All of us waited impatiently for the results. Perhaps like me the first thing you did in the morning was to check the results. I must say that I am pleased with the outcome because from my forefather's experience, the separation of India and Pakistan not only laid down boundaries between Pakistan and India but also divided families and friends. After the partition my grandparents never saw many of their relatives on other side of the border because of the ongoing conflicts between these two countries.

I understand that it is a completely different scenario, but then there are those who are bitterly disappointed with the outcome. However, the Scottish referendum has achieved much more than just deciding their future. People were given the freedom to choose between "Yes" and "No". As it is always, there were those who instigated and guided the choices of undecided voters. There were heated debates to win voters to their side of the argument. On both sides people were passionately involved in the discussion about the future of Scotland. From media reports it seemed obvious that communities were thinking seriously about the choice that they had to make. They had to engage with the process and live with the consequences. Many think that the way people have engaged with the process has breathed new spirit into the politics of Great Britain.

Similarly in our day to day life, especially as Christians, free-

dom is not simply about choosing between "Yes" or "No". The choices we make are more complicated than just making a choice between Yes or No with possible outcomes. Our small choices influence and shape our whole life. May be this is why our freedom to choose Christ's way leaves us with some restrictions. Being disciples we do not use the freedom of choice to say yes to sin. There are borders around our thoughts and actions that shape our life's movement in this world.

However, the Christian understanding of freedom goes much deeper than that. It is an act of being. It is about movement that takes to a certain direction where one's self is given toward the other. Maybe freedom is a relationship of love. You are free to enjoy the relationship with the one you love and respect the freedom given in the boundaries of that relationship. For instance our relationship with the church community gives us freedom to express God's love in worship and fellowship but like any other relationship we respect and honour the boundaries our relationship imposes. We cannot do whatever we like because we have freedom. Yes we are free to choose in relation to each other when standing at the crossroads to say "Yes" or "No".

Our freedom in God is the movement of life in which our whole life respond to God's self-giving love in Christ and entering into the life of freedom of self-giving obedience, freedom of love and joyful service to God and to one another. My hope and prayer is that we may continue to cherish the self-giving freedom we are given by God in Christ. Amen

Imran

ROUND THE FAMILY

Our thoughts are with Rose Agyei, who has returned to Ghana for the funeral of her mother. Please remember her and her family your prayers.

On Sunday 7th September we were pleased to receive Rev. John and Julie Taylor into membership of the Methodist Church by transfer from the Congregational church. John and Julie have been worshipping with us for several months and have settled in very well with the "family" at Anerley, and John is enjoying leading worship at the various churches within our Circuit.

Congratulations to Ronnie Butler, who has been awarded a BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Photography. For this award Ronnie had to pass 6 units, which covered various aspects of photography and camera techniques. Ronnie is not taking any further courses at the moment, but has now joined the South London Camera Club, so he is still keeping busy.

We send our best wishes to Sandra Hynes following her retirement after 27 years. She will soon wonder how she found time to go to work.....

At this time of year some of our young people are moving on to new schools and classes. In addition, Hilary Oppong is now teaching at Kelvin Grove Primary School in Sydenham, a promotion for her. In wishing them well we also remember everyone for whom September is a new start, whether it be a new school, college or employment.

Marian

Meditations in the Garden
The story of Adam and Eve
Monday Evenings in the Church
29th September 2014

to

3rd November 2014
8.00pm—9.30pm

Booklet available
from Valerie Tredinnick £5

Session 1	29th September	God's Creation
Session 2	6th October	Freedom of Choice
Session 3	13th October	Facing Temptation
Session 4	20th October	The Reality of Sin
Session 5	27th October	Consequences
Session 6	3rd November	A Second Chance



OXFAM

Many thanks to those of you who subscribe on a regular basis to OXFAM. I'll run the year out before I announce how much we've raised during 2014. I am very pleased with the amount so far but, of course, I can always do with some more regular subscribers. Please let me know if you can spare 50p. per month!

The October OXFAM Newsletter highlights the conflict in Syria and says they are doing all they can to help those affected by the crisis. They have been meeting with Syrian refugees in Jordan to find out how best to help people whose lives have been turned upside down.

Families have often left comfortable homes, decent jobs and even loved ones behind. More than 65% of refugees surveyed fear they may never get back to Syria. Za'atari refugee camp is now home to between 80,000 and 120,000 residents. A large percentage of the refugees said that the biggest problem is accessing things like medicine, education, legal services and even food. 25% of them said that not knowing about services on offer stopped them getting help. Most rely on word of mouth for information, which distorts the facts.

OXFAM are now distributing leaflets about services available and holding awareness sessions on people's legal rights. This is made possible through the relatively small support people like ourselves at Anerley are able to give. Want to know more about "Unwrapped Chickens" then become a subscriber and find out more from the October Newsletter.

Thank you. Valerie

COOKERY CORNER

Kedgeree

Ingredients

500gr (1lb) smoked haddock	125gr (4oz) peas, cooked
200ml (1/3 pint) skimmed milk	salt and pepper
150gr (5oz) long-grained rice	parsley sprig to garnish
1 hard-boiled egg, chopped	

Method

1. Poach the haddock in the milk for 10 minutes or until tender.
2. Drain, reserving the liquor, flake the fish and remove any skin
3. Cook the rice in plenty of boiling salted water until tender.
4. Drain and rinse thoroughly, then return to the pan
5. Stir in the fish, egg, peas and a little of the fish liquor.
6. Season with salt and pepper, then place over a low heat until heated through.
7. Transfer to a warmed serving dish and garnish with parsley.

Serves 4. Calories per portion 295 (1151KJ)

Ann Vickery

Living Hope Quiz Night on Saturday 11th October 7pm – 10pm in the Top Hall

Have you entered yet? We still have some spaces available. You can form a team (3 to 6 people), be part of a scratch team on the night, or simply come and watch the fun.

Tickets are available from Andrew & Valerie. Suggested donations are £7.50 for adults and £5 for children (this includes refreshments). However, don't let these suggested figures put you off – any contributions will be welcome.

During the interval Peter will provide a musical treat, and Imran will report on how the scheme is progressing.

It promises to be an interesting and entertaining evening, so do come and give your support to Living Hope and the establishment of a school in Imran's village in Pakistan.

METHODIST TALENTS FESTIVAL 2015

The syllabus is now available for the Talents Festival on 7th March 2015. Please look through the copy of the syllabus on the notice board and decide which classes you would like to enter. (Spare copies are available at the back of the church if you want time to look at one at home). Once you have decided which classes to enter, please enter your name on the list on the notice board or speak to me. The last date for giving me names is **Sunday 16th November**. The entry fee for each class is 50p. The last date for giving me your handicraft entries is **Sunday 18th January 2015**.

Marian

150TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Next year marks our Church's 150th anniversary - an exciting and special milestone for Anerley Methodist Church. In the run up to that I will be producing a calendar of our memories from over the years. It will be available to buy later this year. I am writing to ask for your help in putting this together. I am looking for photos of church events from over the years to use in the calendar. They can be old photos or ones from this year and recent times and of any church events that have taken place either at church itself or elsewhere (for example any from summer get togethers at the Manse, our annual seaside trips in the 80s and 90s, Carol singing etc). The photos can either be emailed to me or given as hard copies which I can scan. I would like this calendar to represent us all as a church family so the more photos I can gather, the better. Everybody's contributions are welcome and are needed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you in advance for your support.

Best wishes, Hilary (Oppong).
E-mail : hilary659@hotmail.com

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

See if you can find all the words below in the grid.

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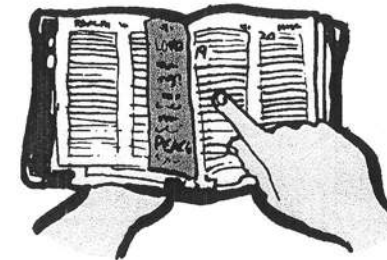
IBRA Reading Notes 2015

Fresh From the Word: the Bible for a Change will inspire your reading of the Bible in a changing world. Bringing together top theologians and biblical scholars, cutting-edge church leaders, activists for peace and justice and a range of creative Christian writers of different nationalities, Fresh From the Word offers 365 sets of notes, prayers, and suggestions for action on biblical themes.

What does the Bible have to say about poverty and hunger in our world? This year's topics include an in-depth look at the United Nations' Millennium Development goals, which were set for 2015. Other themes include Easter with the Gospel of John, Small is Beautiful, Attentiveness, Work, Birds in the Bible, and Tears and Rejoicing in the Bible. The Gospel of Mark, the Revised Common Lectionary gospel for the year, is featured in several continuous readings

If you would like to place an order please see me by Sunday 2nd November. The price is for the book is £9, though there may be a discount if we order more than 6 copies.

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	

At the moment they are in desperate need of shoes size 10, 11 and 12, and jeans size 28, 30 and 32 in particular.

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

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 2014/15 are: Beckenham Street Pastors (November), Crisis (February) and All You Can (MRDF) (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.

WARNING TO CAT OWNERS

Did you know that all parts of the lily are toxic to cats? The main danger to cats is from the pollen - which they may get on their coats by brushing by the lily and then ingesting the pollen when they lick their coats. It results in a slow death from poisoning and kidney failure. If you own a cat, do not buy any sort of lily. If you are given lilies, cut the pollen bearing stamens from the lilies before arranging them and make sure you wash any pollen from your hands and brush any pollen from your clothes before handling your cat.



Penge Community Pre-School

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 Deputy Leader: Sue Charlesworth Oakfield Road
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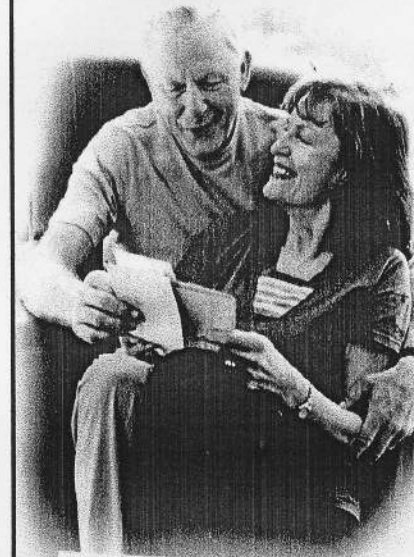
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

- Wed 1st Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening
- Mon 6th "Meditations in the Garden" 8pm at the Church
- Wed 8th Wednesday Club 8pm Dominoes
- Mon 13th "Meditations in the Garden" 8pm at the Church
- Tues 14th Christian Action Group 8pm at 32 Lloyds Way.
Speaker: Rev. John Taylor
- Wed 15th Wednesday Club 8pm "Wow!" experiences
- Thur 16th Church Council 8pm at the Church
- Mon 20th "Meditations in the Garden" 8pm at the Church
- Wed 22nd Wednesday Club 8pm Beetle Drive
- Sun 26th All Age Worship and JMA Awards service 11am
Preacher: Rev. Imran Malik
- Mon 27th "Meditations in the Garden" 8pm at the Church
- Wed 29th Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Card making

NOVEMBER

- Mon 3rd "Meditations in the Garden" 8pm at the Church
- Wed 5th No Wednesday Club
- Thur 6th Pastoral Committee Meeting 8pm at the Church

- Fri 7th Fireworks 7.30 pm at 32 Lloyds Way.
- Sun 9th Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50 am.
Preacher: Clyodelia Cantamackloe
- Sun 9th MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
- Mon 10th Christian Action Group 8pm at 5 Percy Road.
Speaker: Dr. Gary Young
- Wed 12th Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
- Wed 19th Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Decorations
- Sun 23rd All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Rev. Imran Maik
- Wed 26th Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Decorations

DECEMBER

- Mon 1st Christian Action Group 8pm at 32 Lloyds Way.
Speaker: Margaret and Peter Boreham
- Sun 7th Christmas Gift Service 11am
- Sun 14th Carol Service 6.30pm

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 12th (HC) and 26th October, 9th (HC) and 23rd November .