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**The Newsletter of
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FROM THE MINISTER

As we enter the Advent season we are called to remind ourselves that God has a great future for his people on earth. It also a season of remembering that for thousands of years God's people were anticipating and longing for the coming of God's salvation and His just rule. Scripture tells us of a ruler who will rule with God's strength and the knowledge of His greatness will bring safety and peace to people all over the world.

Advent season is a symbol of our longing for His rule and our hope that the knowledge of His goodness can make this world a better place. We hope for a place of safety and equality; where opportunities grow and flourish.

Since Brexit, the USA election and various situations in the rest of the world, it seems that the world is divided even more than before. Many statements from Donald Trump during his campaign have upset the world gravely. The US election results have caused great pain and disappointment to many and perhaps celebration to others.

In all of this, what hope does this Advent offer us or what do we hope to seek from this season? Advent gives us an opportunity to imagine the long-awaited fulfilment of God's promises in Christ. Christ was promised thousands of years before His coming to us as the Christ child. Prophets after prophets received the reassurance and prophecies of the coming of the Messiah. For us now the Advent season heightens our yearning for the one who came to fulfil all of God's promises two thousand years ago, and is coming again to fully establish His rule. Like the prophets of the Old Testament we do not know the ex-

act time of His coming back, but like them we have the reassurance and the promises of God in the scripture. God faithfully fulfilled His promises of the messiah and we can trust that Jesus will come back to fully establish His kingdom of justice, peace and equality for everyone.

In the meanwhile let us keep our hopes alive and do all we can make his presence felt in our divided world. The book of Revelations says in 11:15, "the seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."

Can we imagine His rule? Are we longing for his return and what expectation does this Advent invoke within us? By remembering Christ's first coming we see God's mercy and by anticipating his second coming we envision the Second Advent of the King Jesus.

So let us reflect on God's faithfulness to his promises past, as we ponder on the promises we yet wait for. Jesus Christ is coming soon. May this Advent inspire our Christian living in our fragile world, enable mutual encouragement and equip us with the everlasting joy that only Christ brings to this world.

Have a fruitful Advent season

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Amen

Imran

ROUND THE FAMILY

We were sorry to hear of the death of Ron Judge on 16th November. Older members of our congregation will remember that Ron was a former member of our Church and a local preacher in our Circuit. We understand that his wife Lilian is also very unwell and our thoughts and prayers are with their son Peter and his family at this time.

Please also remember in your prayers Mike Sayers, who has been very unwell recently,.

Maureen Cole thanks everyone who send good wishes following the death of her mother in September.

On 6th November we were pleased to welcome into the church family by baptism Andreea Eileen Hunte, daughter of Steven and Nicole, and it was good to have all the family at the service.

Selina Williams has now moved to sheltered housing in Camberwell, but will be coming back to see us from time to time. Please remember Selina as she settles in to her new surroundings.

Congratulations to Olivia Tchine on her selection to play for the England Under17 Netball Team. She joins an elite group of 21 young players, from which the 10-player squads will be drawn for forthcoming fixtures and possible qualification for the England team due for the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia.

Everyone connected with the production of the Magazine joins me in wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Marian

Christmas Post Boxes

The Post Boxes will be available in the Entrance Hall from Sunday 27th November.

Country Box

Please ensure that cards for the people listed below are placed in this box::

Rose Bateman	Andrew & Helen Maguire
Pam and Tony Clewes	Len & Brenda Maskell
Sandra Clifton	Stephen & Angela Maunder
Graham Cocking	Deirdre Metcalfe
Dave & Pat Dent	Brenda Pooley
Abraham Doku	Patricia Sakyi
Andrew Goodhead	Brian Surrey*
Gerald Hardy	Judy & Alan Turner-Smith
Philip & Laurel Luscombe	Selina Williams*

*new to list.

Last collection: **6.30pm Sunday 11th December**

Local Box:

This is for people who attend church services or other meetings regularly.

Last collection: **11am Sunday 18th December**

Please help the postman by writing the recipients' Christian name **and** surnames on the envelopes (nb. we have two Roses and two Hilarys)

We invite donations to St. Christopher's Hospice. These can be placed in the plate beside the boxes or handed to me. Please be as generous as you can.

Andrew Tredinnick

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 4th December Gift Service 11am
Gifts of craft items will be welcomed
for Demelza Children's Hospice

Sunday 11th December Carol Service 6.30pm.

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve Communion
9.15pm

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day All Age Worship
9.15am

150th ANNIVERSARY CALENDARS AND MUGS

We still have mugs and 2016 calendars available, which will be at the back of the church following morning services. These can be taken in return for a donation.

JMA AWARDS

On 30th October we held our JMA Service when our JMA collectors were awarded their certificates for their collections for 2015-16. Dinah Anaman, our JMA secretary, reported that during the year a total of £552.17 had been collected for JMA, a drop of £14.56 from the year before. Congratulations to all our collectors nevertheless. If you would like to help us raise our totals again next year by giving to any of the children on a regular basis, please speak to Dinah.

HARVEST THANK YOU

We have received the following letter from Living Well, to whom we gave non-perishable Harvest Gifts:-

“On behalf of all the guests and volunteers at Living Well, I am writing to thank you very much for your generous donations to the food bank. The donations provide essential items to people who are vulnerable or suffering hardship in the local area.

People come from all over Bromley to use the food bank and demand continues to grow. Over 27% of people living in London are struggling with poverty. We are seeing increasing numbers of families and pensioners who are facing very real hardship. We have over 800 people registered with us, 35% of whom are homeless or sofa surfing. Many of the people who turn to us for help have had their benefits sanctioned or are on very low incomes, some are trying to pay off debts or are finding it impossible to meet the rising costs of living. Others are struggling with drug or alcohol addiction, or mental health problems. The food bank is a hand up, rather than a hand out: our statistics show that most people visit the food bank fewer than five times before moving on.

Thanks to your generosity, we will be able to continue to support people through difficult times in the weeks and months ahead.

With very best wishes

REV. DR. NICK READ
Director of Living Well Bromley & Vicar of Holy Trinity Beckenham

Our Hymn Singing Heritage: 19th Century discord and diversity

With the passing of John and Charles Wesley, as well as the formal split with the Anglican Church in 1795, Methodism became the focus of much internal dissent and division. This unfortunately led to the partial fragmentation of the denomination into a number of distinct independent branches. Each branch of Methodism that split from the 'mainstream' had its own particular theological and doctrinal focus as well as organisational aspirations. Similarly, each branch of Methodism had its own 'take' on the role and significance of hymn-singing and music in congregational worship.

John Wesley had - during his lifetime - expressed very strong personal views about hymn singing in worship. He largely dictated which hymns should be sung in services, and also how hymns should be sung. Once John Wesley was 'off the scene', centralised control of hymnody and music in Methodist congregational worship was undermined, leading to local customs and arrangements gradually taking over in some places. This led to protracted arguments - at both national and local level

In 1805, Methodist Conference sought to limit the use of 'formal' choral music in Methodist churches, followed in 1808 by attempts to limit the use of organs in Methodist church services. The arguments about the use of organs to accompany congregational worship rumbled on until 1820 when Conference gave in to pressure to endorse the use of organs in services. By 1870, church pipe organs cost about £300 to build and install (£25,000 equivalent in today's money!). Some smaller Methodist chapels could ill afford large sophisticated pipe organs so had to be content with using wind-up mechanical barrel organs to accompany hymns. Unfortunately, most barrel organs were limited to reproducing a maximum of just twenty different hymn tunes! The invention of the harmonium or 'American Organ' provided a cheaper and more effective alternative later in the century.

'Formalism' started to creep into Methodist worship as the 19th century progressed, particularly in the Wesleyan Methodist Churches that were attracting the new lower middle classes in large numbers. There was a struggle between those who desired a more structured and 'dignified' service (perhaps more in the 'Anglican' liturgical tradition), and those who wanted to remain loyal to the early more spontaneous and lively roots of Methodism. Primitive Methodist congregations that were often made up of poor agricultural and craft workers in the rural countryside generally enjoyed more lively unaccompanied congregational singing using simple tunes in the 'folk' tradition.

Many local church choirs originated in the 18th century Methodist 'societies' of young men who met in the evenings after work to study the bible, pray, and have fellowship. Singing hymns was part of this tradition. The 'societies' of young men survived well into the 19th century. These rapidly metamorphosed into voluntary chapel choirs, where they were occasionally joined by female singers or children. The original purpose of leading the congregation was gradually lost as the singers, in their unrestrained enthusiasm, "sought out anthems and elaborate tunes with solos and duets, fugues and complicated counterpoint rhythms that effectively excluded the congregations."

There was an increasing trend in larger urban and suburban Methodist churches to formalise music by introducing full choirs; paid soloists and large pipe organs. This formalisation of worship was criticised in some quarters for being 'ritualistic'. Choral rather than congregational singing took on such a central role in some Methodist churches that local preachers were led to complain that they had to curtail their prepared sermons because of the length of the interminable introits, anthems and psalms sung by the choir. It was seen by some that church musicians and choirs were gradually undermining the authority of ministers and preachers and that control was being lost by those who should be leading worship.

Hymn singing remained important in all branches of Methodism in the 19th century despite the difference in musical style and practice. Most of the new branches of Methodism (Primitives; New Connexion; Independents; Bible Christians; Wesleyans etc.) actually maintained the core of John Wesley's original 1780 *Collection of Hymns for the use of People called Methodists* as a basis for their new hymnals. A supplement to this original Methodist hymn book was published in 1831. The new book contained 769 hymns. A further supplement was issued in 1876, at which time the book contained 1026 hymns.

There were individual provincial Methodist churches and circuits that rejected any central control. They produced their own hymn books to suit local custom, practice and aspirations. There were also those who disliked the more 'contemporary' style of Methodist hymnody that was creeping in, so they also produced their own local hymn books to counteract the trend.

One such hymn book was compiled by William Miller of Doncaster in Yorkshire who wanted a more 'traditional' hymn book. Miller observed "It is to be lamented that, lately among the *Methodists*, a light, indecorous style of music has frequently been introduced, diametrically opposite to the genuine tones of sacred harmony." He further observed that "Many persons, destitute of scientific knowledge, and merely possessing a tolerably good ear, think themselves qualified to compose hymns, set them to music, and have them performed in their *chapels*; but these compositions only expose their authors to ridicule by the meagre style of their poetry, and the frivolity and indecency of their music."

Some of the new Methodist hymnals produced in the 19th century were 'panned' by the critics. In 1850, *The Musical Times* criticised such hymn books for containing "...great quantities of modern rubbish, particularly the modern ranting tunes used in Methodist and other dissenting chapels.... These collections of hymns are quite at variance with the grave and solemn character of the English eccle-

siastical music.” In the opinion of *The Musical Times*, the editors of such hymnals were lacking in both taste and judgement. A hymn book produced by the Primitive Methodists in 1853 generated particular controversy. It was described by a leading hymnody expert as “the worst edited and most severely mutilated collection of hymns ever published.”

A new style of hymn or chorus emerged in mid 19th century Britain that was the product of primitive American Methodism open air camp meetings and revival services. The Primitive Methodist Church in Britain embraced the idea of open air camp meetings with an emphasis on hard-hitting evangelism. Very often, a chapel harmonium would be hoisted onto the back of a horse-drawn wagon and taken out into the fields to accompany the singing. Simple folk, gospel, and even secular tunes were used as an accompaniment to the new ‘revival gospel songs’ with emotionally charged words. Lively tuneful ‘revival’ hymns were soon being sung in Methodist churches mainly thanks to the American gospel singer and composer Ira Sankey (1840-1908). Ira was nicknamed “The Sweet Singer of Methodism”. He was associated with the evangelist Rev. Dwight.L.Moody and produced a popular hymn book entitled *Sacred Songs and Solos*. The great Moody and Sankey London revival meetings of 1875 attracted up to 12,000 people at a time.

Dozens of children’s hymn books were published in Britain and America during the 19th century. Due to the high rate of infant and childhood mortality in 19th century Britain, there was a perceived added urgency that children should be ‘converted’ at a young age (‘Prepare to meet thy Maker’). The growth of the Sunday School movement also substantially increased the demand for children’s hymns that conveyed the gospel message in easily comprehensible terms. Children were encouraged to struggle against temptation and sin, and to strive for truth and a better world.

In conclusion, the ‘mainstream’ of the 19th century Methodist

church and its many branches still retained a great emphasis on congregational hymn singing as a focus for worship. Both old and new 'traditions' of hymnody and church music added to the richness and diversity of the worship experience. Formal choral singing, grandiose organ music, introits and anthems were initially regarded with suspicion and sometimes opposed, but by the end of the 19th century had almost become the 'norm' in larger Methodist denominational churches, particularly in urban and suburban areas.

Peter Boreham (to be continued)

CHRISTMAS CRUNCH

What a lovely time we all had at the Christmas Crunch on Saturday 19th November. In the morning various activities were available—colouring and making various Christmas themed decorations and pictures, sewing jingle bells onto socks (!) for the afternoon celebration, card making, and generally having fun. After a tasty lunch we had an afternoon singing Christmas songs and hymns, poetry reading and dancing, this last activity mainly undertaken by the children with great zest!

Thank you to Peter and Margaret Boreham for arranging the day, those who provided activities and contributed food for the lunch, and to everyone who came and entered into the activities with such enthusiasm. It was a lovely time of fellowship and a chance to get together and enjoy ourselves.

COOKERY CORNER

Vanilla Custard Flan (serves 5—6)

Ingredients

For the pastry

25gr (1 oz) lard	25gr (1 oz) margarine
100gr (4 oz) plain flour	water to mix

For the filling

2 large eggs (separated)	75gr (3 oz) sugar
25gr (1 oz) cornflour	25gr (1 oz) flour
$\frac{3}{4}$ pint (600ml) milk	$\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon Vanilla essence

3 level tablespoons desiccated coconut, browned under grill.

Method

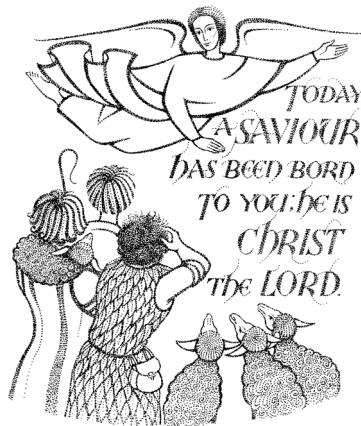
1. Pre-heat oven to 400°F/ Gas mark 6/ 200° C,
2. To make the pastry, rub fats into the flour until mixture resembles breadcrumbs, stir in enough water to give a soft, not sticky, dough, knead lightly, wrap in cling film and chill for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour in the fridge.
3. On a lightly floured surface roll the pastry out and line a flan case and prick the base.
4. Bake in the centre of the oven for 25 minutes.
5. To make the filling, cream the egg yolks with the sugar, cornflour and flour and a little milk until the mixture is smooth.
6. Heat the rest of the milk to just below simmering then pour over the egg mixture, stirring all the time.

7. Return the custard to the pan, bring to the boil, stirring continuously, and boil gently for 1 to 2 minutes.
8. Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla essence.
9. Whisk egg whites until stiff, then fold into the warm custard.
10. When both the flan case and the filling are cold, spoon the filling into the pastry case and level the top.
11. Sprinkle toasted coconut over the top of the flan.

Ann Vickery

In 1939 King George VI ended his Christmas Broadcast with the words of M. Louise Haskins -"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. And he replied: Go out into the darkness and put thine hand into the hand of God. That shall be to thee better than light and safer than a known way."

Wise words to ponder on in the uncertain year that lies ahead.



FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

See if you can find all the words in this Christmas word search. Words go from side to side, up and down and also diagonally.

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

ANGELS
 BETHLEHEM
 INN
 JESUS
 JOSEPH
 KINGS
 MARY
 SHEPHERDS
 STABLE
 STAR

A	T	U	Q	V	X	Y	R	U	O
J	E	S	U	S	T	H	R	E	J
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- Love 2 Dance** Friday 6.45pm to 8.45pm Tel. 07940 233 882
- Only Believe Assembly** Tues 7.30pm to 10.30pm Tel.020 8778 0863
- Penge Community Pre-School** Tel. 020 8289 6771
Monday to Friday 9.15am to 4pm
- Salvation & Deliverance Ministry** Tel. 020 8683 3094
Sunday 2pm to 4.30pm; Tues 7pm to 9pm
- Tai Chi** - Thursday 8pm - 10pm Tel. 01424 420050

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WENDY BLENMAN (Dip. Couns., MSc in therapeutic counselling)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

- Sun 4th Gift Service 11am led by Rev. Imran Malik
- Mon 5th Christian Action Group 8pm at 5 Percy Road.
Speaker: Rev. Bervin Hedman, Penge Baptist Church
- Wed 7th Wednesday Club 8pm: Puzzles Evening
- Sun 11th Carol Service 6.30pm led by Jean Pogose
- Wed 14th Wednesday Club 8pm: Christmas Jig
- Wed 21st Wednesday Club 8pm: Christmas Readings and Music
- Sat 24th Christmas Eve Communion 9.15pm
- Sun 25th Christmas Day All Age Worship 9.15 am
- Wed 28th Wednesday Club 8pm Social Evening at 32 Lloyds Way,
- Sat 31st Watchnight Services 11.15pm at Forest Hill Methodist Church; 11.15pm at Lewisham Methodist Church

JANUARY

- Sun 1st Morning Service at 9.15am
- Wed 4th Wednesday Club 8pm: Card Games
- Sun 8th Covenant Service 11am
- Sun 8th ALL MAGAZINE ARTICLES TO MARIAN **TODAY**
- Wed 11th Wednesday Club 8pm: Quiz of the Year

Mon 16th Christian Action Group 8pm at 103 Birchanger Road
– Business Meeting

Wed 18th Wednesday Club 8pm: UNO

Sun 22nd All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Valerie Tredinnick

Wed 25th Wednesday Club 8pm: Valerie's Birthday Bash

FEBRUARY

Wed 1st Wednesday Club 8pm

Tue 21st Circuit Meeting 7.45pm at Lewisham Methodist Church

Thur 23rd Pastoral Committee 7.45pm at the Church

Mon 13th Christian Action Group 8pm at 28 Chesham Road
Speaker: Rev. Pam Owen, Penge Congregational Church

Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. During December Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 18th, and All Age Worship will take place on 4th (Gift Service). In addition, Christmas Day will be All Age Worship (9.15am). In January Holy Communion will be celebrated on 8th (Covenant Service) and All Age Worship is on 22nd.

Evening Services are usually held at the church on the 2nd (HC) and 4th Sundays of each month at 6.30pm. During December the evening service will be on 11th (Carol Service) and Holy Communion will be celebrated on Christmas Eve (9.15pm). During January evening services will be on 8th and 22nd (HC).