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FROM THE MINISTER

Dear all

My First few months at Anerley and season's greetings

I would like to thank you for the warm welcome I am still receiving and the support you have given to my family. Your prayers and friendliness have made it possible for us to feel settled in a very short period of time. Somebody asked me if I feel the part of the furniture now, the answer is yes.

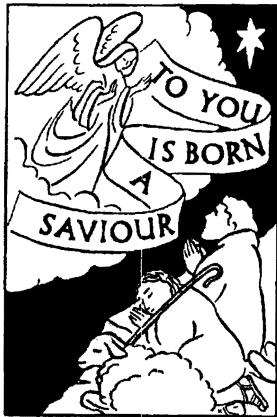
I would like say how much I appreciate the way you are involved in many church ministries that are transforming and fulfilling for both our church family and our local communities. I feel really blessed that the people at Anerley are very dedicated and working hard to meet the spiritual, intellectual and social needs of people of all ages. I especially value our Junior Church leaders and their ministry, which not only helps our children to develop their spirituality but also helps them to develop their social skills. My three year old son calls Anerley 'fun church' because he has already made a few friends. He likes his Junior Church leaders and the creative activities they do together. I thank God for our pastoral leaders who have dedicated themselves to non-stop praying and who offer moral and spiritual support for all those who in one way or another, are a part of the Anerley Methodist Church family; not forgetting the vital work of the stewarding team, who help to sustain all the ministries of the church, and I thank them for their stewardship.

Let me express my best wishes to all our family members at Anerley as the Christmas season approaches. This is a special time for us to reflect what it means to be a part of a Christian family. During this time we reflect on the incarnation of Jesus and His love that caused Him to leave all His glory behind to become one of us. Jesus gave his all so we could have all of God. Like many churches, Jesus' becoming one of us and his ministry has inspired us to be the body of Christ in our community. During this season we are given even greater responsibilities which are to retell the stories of God's love thorough Jesus Christ and how important it is for us to respond to God's love by offering ourselves to work for peace, harmony and justice.

May this Christmas bring joy in our hearts, laughter to our homes and peace in our communities.

God Bless

Imran



ROUND THE FAMILY

We send our congratulations to Nana and Nathaniel Arthur on the birth of a baby boy, Nana, at the beginning of October. We also send our congratulations to Aaron and Nimasha Yusuf, who had a baby girl, Anaiah Marissa Pinghe, at the beginning of November—the first grandchild for Anita and Faizool Yusuf.

Congratulations also to Franklyn Kwarteng, who was received into membership of the Methodist Church in September.

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

Marian

JMA AWARDS

On 28th October we held our JMA Service when our JMA collectors were awarded their certificates for their collections for 2011-12. Dinah Anaman, our JMA secretary, reported that during the year a total of £655.44 had been collected for JMA, an increase of £156.49 over last year's total of £498.95. Congratulations to all our collectors. If you would like to give to any of the children on a regular basis, please speak to Dinah.

Christmas Post Boxes

This year the Post Boxes will be available in the Entrance Hall from Sunday 26th November. The **final collection** from the **Country Box** will take place following the **evening Carol Service** on **Sunday 9th December**. Please do make sure that the only cards placed in this box are for the people listed (if you think a name should be added please let me know).

Because Christmas falls early in the week this year, the last time for posting items in the **Local Box** will be **Sunday morning 16th December** (NB. cards in this box should only be for people who attend our church services/activities).

If you bring cards along after these dates they will **not** be distributed as part of the Post Box scheme.

As we have several people who share the same Christian name please help make sure that cards get to the right person by writing their full names on the envelopes— if you do not know a surname please have a word with me.

We do invite donations for St. Christopher's Hospice. These can be placed in the plate alongside the boxes, or handed direct to me. Last year the net receipts (i.e. after paying the postage on the Country Box items) were £87.42.

Andrew T.

Oxfam Pledged Giving Church Representative

This position remains vacant. If you are willing to take the job on or would like more information before deciding, please speak with Joan Loring or Andrew Tredinnick.

Christian Aid Sponsored Walk

Just to let you know that a further £10 has been donated bringing the final total to £188.25. I received a very nice letter of thanks from Christian Aid and quote parts of it below:

Congratulations on raising £188.25 from your sponsored walk. I hope you had a fantastic time and enjoyed the walk, knowing that every step you took helped to fight poverty, it sounds like it was a beautiful route between 9 churches along the Blackheath & Crystal Palace Circuit!.....

By supporting us through a sponsored walk, you are part of a movement working alongside people living in the poorest communities to bring about positive change and greater hope. Do thank your friends at Anerley Methodist Church on our behalf for their support of your walk.

Best wishes

Hannah Glasgow (Events Fundraising Officer)

Andrew T.



USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Valerie is still collecting your used stamps for the Leprosy Mission, and is grateful to receive any you may have. Commemorative, foreign and definitive (ordinary ones) are all acceptable.

If you are able to trim them yourself please leave a 5mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch) single thickness border around the edge. If you are unable to trim them round yourself, please tear round the stamp leaving a large enough margin to be trimmed.

We give the stamps to the Leprosy Mission who, whenever possible, sell direct to collectors, but failing this the stamps are sold at auction or to the trade. The Leprosy Mission also hold their own stamp fairs at Clanfield, Peterborough, Maldon (Essex) and Maidstone in Kent.

It is appreciated that many large businesses and official departments now use other delivery firms to handle their post instead of the Post Office, and so fewer letters and parcels will have stamps on them. However, with Christmas approaching, you are bound to have some cards through the post, so don't throw the envelopes away before you have cut off the stamps!



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

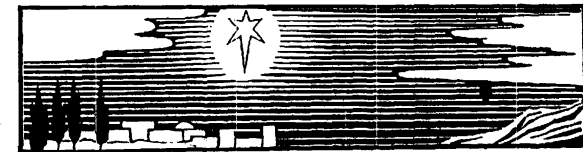
Sunday 9th December Carol Service 6.30pm

Sunday 23rd December Family Carol and Gift Service 11am

Gifts will be given to Fegan's Child and Family Care.

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve Communion
9.15pm

Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day All Age Worship
9.15am



FIREWORK PARTY

On a mild November evening just after November 5th a group of adults and children gathered at the home of Valerie and Andrew for the annual firework party. Among the group were Stella and Barry Taylor from Swanley, As usual Andrew had a very good selection of fireworks, including some spectacular aerial ones. The display was followed by the usual delicious food, including old favourites such as hot dogs and jacket potatoes. An evening of fun and fellowship much enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Valerie and Andrew for once again arranging a very enjoyable evening.

Joan Loring

OXFAM

Joan Loring, our current Pledged Giving collector, has received the following letter from Oxfam:

“Thanks very much for your Pledged Giving donation of £145....Oxfam has been responding to emergencies for over 70 years, in 2011 we were present at 55 emergencies around the world. Currently millions of people in Yemen are facing widespread hunger and chronic malnutrition. The shortage of food means that many people cannot afford to feed their families and have now exhausted every option, bringing them close to breaking point.

In the north and south of the country over 400,000 people remain displaced. Among them is Rafiqa, who found refuge in the camps and remembers the struggles. *“Women in particular suffered, as there was no privacy, and this issue was considered minor compared to our tough sanitation. There was only one tap, where we raced to get water for drinking and washing.”*

The cause of this is the severe humanitarian crisis generated by the conflict between the government forces and tribal groups. The parties involved are divided over their approaches to help the poorest regions in the country, which is delaying responses and holding back funding. However, the crisis has built up so much that doing nothing is no longer an option. Plans that address both urgent humanitarian needs and longer-term structural concerns must be put into action.

Oxfam has been helping within all these crises including assisting nearly 60,000 people living in makeshift camps and informal settlements through the provision of safe water,

sanitation and hygiene services. We are also helping hundreds of families to rebuild their livelihoods by providing people with goats and fodder, as well as equipping communities with basic entrepreneurial skills so that they can begin new lives.

Best wishes

SARAH HORTH

Supporter Relations

If you would like to contribute regularly to Oxfam through Pledged Giving, please see Joan Loring. We are still looking for someone to take over from Joan—see the note on page 6.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

See if you can find the words in CAPITAL LETTERS in the word search. The words can be found horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

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M	I	Y	B	F	S	L	L
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W	L	J	R	A	S	O	T
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MARY was engaged to JOSEPH. The angel GABRIEL was SENT from God to her. He TOLD her she would have a BABY who would be the SON of GOD. He would SAVE people from their sins. Mary said, LET all this be DONE, just as God has said.

COOKERY CORNER

West Country Pudding

Serves 5-6; Oven temperature 375°F/190°C/ Mark 5

Cooking time— 1 hour

Ingredients

175g (6oz) self raising flour

75g (3oz) suet water to mix

675g (1½ lb) cooking apples, peeled, cored and sliced

50g (2oz) sugar

Topping 13g (½ oz) margarine; 75g (3oz) soft brown sugar

Method

1. Mix together dry pastry ingredients with sufficient water to make a firm but pliable dough.
2. Cream together topping ingredients and spread on the bottom of a well-greased 1½ pint pie dish.
3. Roll out ⅔ of the pastry and use to line the dish.
4. Fill the dish with sliced apples, sprinkle with sugar, finishing with a layer of apples.
5. Roll out the remaining pastry to cover apples and seal edges firmly.
6. Place on a baking tray and bake in the centre of the oven for about an hour, until golden.
7. Turn out the pudding onto a large dish, the sauce will run out and cover the dish
8. Serve hot with custard or cream

Ann Vickery

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN (MWiB)

The District Day of the London District was held on Saturday 3rd November at Walworth Methodist Church with the theme of Discipleship—what does it mean to be a Methodist woman in 21st century Britain and what is our calling?

Rev. Michaels Youngson, co-Chair of the London District, presented an extremely interesting interactive session on Discipleship, drawing on the women who were key role-models in her life who helped her to become a Minister.

Blossom Jackson, President of the London District MWiB, spoke about the legacy of the Paralympics and urged us to make our own churches centres for our skills and to do things as women to make people passionate about God's work.

Deacon Kerry Smith introduced the Adavu project, a project of the Birmingham Methodist District which works to support people affected by human trafficking and exploitation, in collaboration with national and local agencies.

Over the next two years the London District of MWiB and Network will be funding as their projects the Adavu Project and Children Unite, which campaigns against child labour.

The closing devotions were conducted by the Rev. Georgina Mensah-Brown, a Methodist Minister from Ghana.

Ira Fernando. Circuit Missions & MWiB/Network Secretary

Please note: On 17th January 2013 there will be a meeting with Rev. Pam Clews to form a Circuit Missions/JMA & MWiB/Network Committee for the new Blackheath and Crystal Palace Circuit. All those interested are welcome. Details of time and venue will follow.



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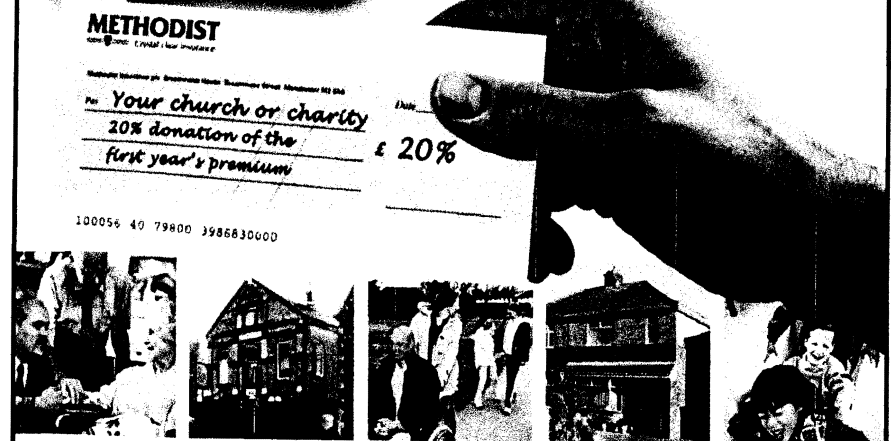
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

- Wed 5th Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Quiz
- Sun 9th Carol Service 6.30pm led by Valerie Tredinnick
- Mon 10th Christian Action Group 8pm at 32 Lloyds Way
Speakers: Margaret and Peter Boreham
- Wed 12th Wednesday Club 8pm Holiday Slides
- Wed 19th Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Adventure
- Sun 23rd Family Carol Service and Gift Service 11am led by
Rev. Imran Malik
- Mon 24th Christmas Eve Communion 9.15pm
- Tue 25th Christmas Day All Age Worship 9.15 am
- Wed 26th Boxing Day—No Wednesday Club

JANUARY

- Wed 2nd Wednesday Club 8pm – Social Evening; venue TBA
- Thur 3rd Stewards' Meeting 8pm at the Manse
- Sun 6th Covenant Service 11am
- Wed 9th Wednesday Club 8pm Quiz of the Year
- Sun 13th ALL MAGAZINE ARTICLES TO MARIAN TODAY
- Tue 15th Christian Action Group 8pm at 19 Colby Road – Busi-
ness Meeting

- Wed 16th Wednesday Club 8pm Dominoes.
- Thur 17th Circuit Meeting to form a new Missions/JMA & MWiB/
Network Committee. Time and venue TBA
- Wed 23rd Wednesday Club 8pm WOT.
- Wed 30th Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening
- Thur 31st Church Council 8pm

FEBRUARY

- Tue 5th Circuit Meeting 7.45pm at Hither Green
- Wed 6th Wednesday Club 8pm Musical Evening
- Mon 11th Pastoral Sub-Committee meeting 8pm at the Church
- Wed 13th Ash Wednesday Service 7.30pm at Lewisham Meth-
odist Church
- Mon 18th Lent Studies begin
- Tue 19th Christian Action Group 8pm at 163 Clock House
Road Speaker: Rev. Imran Malik

Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. During Decem-
ber Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 18th,
and All Age Worship will take place on 23rd (Gift Ser-
vice). In addition, Christmas Day will be All Age
Worship (9.15am)

Evening Services are usually held at the church on the 2nd and
4th Sundays of each month at 6.30pm. However,
during December the evening service will be on 9th
(Carol Service) and Holy Communion will be cele-
brated on Christmas Eve (9.15pm)