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EASTER 2013

**The Newsletter of
ANERLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

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FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

I hope that this Lent has been able to offer you opportunities to reflect on God in relation to your discipleship. As you know, we had our second baby boy, called Roshan Samuel Malik. His birth has exposed me to new spirituality realities and a resource for my reflection during this Lent.

Roshan is tiny and in much need of our tender care. I forgot how tiny Rohan was, when he was few days old. Unlike Rohan he is hungry all the time and wants lots of feeding. That is what new babies do. Observing his manners and staring at his innocent face for ages is helping me to reflect on my spiritual behaviour and my understanding of my relationship with my heavenly parent. St. Peter must have gone through this experience when he said "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation" (1 Peter 2:2).

At the end of this Lent season we will be celebrating Easter, the completion of our salvation and the resurrection of our Redeemer. We have celebrated Easter on the first Sunday that occurs after the first full moon following the vernal equinox (March 21st) for over 1700 years. This is the reason the date of Easter changes every year but Easter will always be between March 22nd and April 25th. This year we will be celebrating Easter on the 31st.

The main point is not when we celebrate Easter, but more important is to reflect on what happened on Easter Sunday. Easter is a day set aside to celebrate the resurrection of our beloved Saviour from death and the completion of His earthly

mission. The stone that closed the mouth of His grave was rolled away and He rose victorious defeating the curse of death and sin. On Easter morning, Jesus gave all the faithful for centuries to come the gift of hope – resurrection hope.

I pray for us that we may continue to live in resurrection hope and continue to crave for pure spiritual milk, so that we may continue to grow in our salvation.

Happy Resurrection Day

Rev Imran Malik



See what a morning gloriously bright,
 With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
 Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
 As the angels announce Christ is risen!
 See God's salvation plan,
 Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
 Fullfilled in Christ, the Man,
 For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

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ROUND THE FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers Hetty Thatcher, recovering from a fall, Comfort Oppong, still having problems with her eyes, Louise Oppong, recovering from major surgery, Hilary Waterhouse's mother, who has suffered a slight stroke, Carmen Douglin, recovering from knee surgery and Stella Roberts with continuing health problems.

We rejoice with our Minister Imran and his wife Sarah on the birth of their son Roshan on 8th March, a brother for Rohan.

Our 148th Church Anniversary will be held on 12th May and our preacher will be the Rev. Derek Stanworth from West Wickham. Please join with us on this special day.

Marian

BLACKHEATH & LEWISHAM CIRCUIT

EASTER OFFERING SERVICE

Sunday 12th May

At 4pm

At Forest Hill Methodist Church
 Normanton Street SE23 2DS

"BEYOND THE HARBOUR WALL"

Preacher: Rev. Imran Malik

METHODIST TALENTS FESTIVAL 2013

The Talents Festival was held on March 2nd at Shirley Methodist Church.

The results of the entrants from our Church are as follows. We had four winners – see results below. Thank you to everyone who entered.

CLASS 23 HANDWRITING (19 – 59 years)

Hilary Oppong	90% Winner
Emma Oppong	80%

CLASS 24 HANDWRITING (60 years and over)

Marian Young	80%
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CLASS 25 NEEDLEWORK (18 years and under)

Ayo Joseph	83%
Christopher Agyei-Guy	73%
Joanna Agyei-Guy	75%

CLASS 26 NEEDLEWORK (19 years and over)

Evelyn Richards	87% Winner
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CLASS 29 CROSS STITCH (any age)

Marian Young	85%
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CLASS 30 HAND KNITTING (any age)

Marian Young	79%
Sarah Malik	75%

CLASS 37 BEADCRAFT (19 years and over)

Evelyn Richards	90% Winner
Marian Young	70%

CLASS 38 COLLAGE (5 years and under)

Rohan Malik	85%
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CLASS 56 PHOTOGRAPHY (19 years and over)

Hilary Oppong	65%
Janice Friend	91%
Tim Yusuf	98% Winner

CLASS 76 COOKERY (11 years and under)

Christopher Agyei-Guy	80%
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CLASS 78 COOKERY (19 years and over)

Rose Agyei	84%
Eula Morris	75%

CLASS 113 POETRY READING (70 years and over)

Marian Young	90% Winner
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CLASS 120 BIBLE READING (19 – 59 years)

Hilary Oppong	90%
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CLASS 122 BIBLE READING (70 years and over)

Marian Young	82%
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The next Festival will be held in two years' time, in March 2015, and the Syllabus will be produced towards the latter half of 2014. If there are any classes that you would like to see included, or any alterations to existing classes that you think should be made, please let me know and I will pass your views on to the Committee.

Marian



PENGE FESTIVAL

The Penge Festival will be held over three weeks from the middle of May. This year we are starting with the Festival Fete on Saturday 18th May, to be held this year in Royston Field, and various activities will be held in the following three weeks. Festival programmes will be available shortly. Some of the activities to be held during the Festival are listed below. Please see Marian for further details.

MAY

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| Sat 18th | Penge Festival Fete at Royston Field, starting at 11am. |
| Sun 19th | Thanksgiving Service at Anerley Methodist Church at 11am |
| Sun 19th | Tour de Penge Cycle Ride 11am. Meeting Venue TBA |
| Tue 21st | Teddy Bears' Picnic, Anerley Methodist Pre-School 10.30am |
| Wed 22nd | Senior Citizens' Cream Tea and Bingo at Kenilworth Hall, Penge Congregational Church at 4pm (venue to be confirmed). |
| Sun 26th | Cemetery Walk, Elmers End Cemetery 2.30pm |
| June 8th | Family Fun day at St. Hugh's Community Centre, Ridsdale Road (to be confirmed) |

Dates have still to be arranged for a talk on Walter de la Mare and recital of his poetry, and a Walter de la Mare walk around Penge and Anerley, visiting the places where he lived and wrote some of his poetry. Also still to be arranged are a heritage walk around Penge, a Race Night and a Quiz Night, plus other activities. More details soon.

COLLEGE PARK PLAYERS

PRESENT

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Our Sunday Offerings

At our Finance Committee in January I was asked to write a piece for the magazine encouraging everyone to take a few moments to review their personal giving.

The Church continues to face a gap between offerings received (including the tax recovered from the Inland Revenue) and the Circuit Assessment (which pays our portion of the ministers' stipends, the upkeep of the manses, various District & Connexional levies etc.). Incidentally, the enlargement of the Circuit has not increased this year's share.

The Circuit Assessment for 2012/13 is £21,104. However, the expected income from collections plus tax recovered is £17,500, resulting in a shortfall of about £3,600. We can make up the difference by using money from the Property Fund. However, this has the effect of reducing the amount we place in reserve to meet large property expenditure. Recently we used our reserves to replace the Top Hall roof and refurbish the toilets, without having to make special appeals. We know that the flat roofs will soon need attention and that at some time we shall have to replace the central heating boiler, so we really do need to be careful about using monies which would otherwise replenish our property reserve.

I am conscious that the amount each of us gives is a personal matter – our individual circumstances differ, both in terms of the size of our income and the financial commitments we face. Certainly the on-going financial difficulties have affected us all. Nevertheless, it is right that we should

re-assess our giving to the Church regularly.

I have set out below a short questionnaire, which has been used before, and which you may find helpful:

Score

How often do you increase your weekly offering?

- a) Every year – score 3 points
- b) Every 2 years – score 1 point
- c) Less frequently – score 0 points

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Are you in the Envelope Scheme?
(this enables you to set aside a regular sum for collections each week)

- a) Yes – score 2 points
- b) No – score 0 points

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If you are in the Envelope Scheme, do you remember to put your envelopes in the offertory bag for any Sundays you have been away?

- a) Always – score 2 points
- b) Sometimes – score ½ point
- c) Usually forget – score 0 points

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If not in the Envelope Scheme, do you make standing order payments direct to the church?

- a) Yes – score 4 points
- b) No – score 0 points

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If you are a taxpayer, have you signed up for Gift Aid?

- a) Yes – score 2 points
- b) No – score 0 points

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TOTAL.....

How did you get on? Taxpayers who scored 9 points and non-taxpayers who scored 7 points, well done! If you scored less than this, do please consider whether your financial contribution to the Church can be increased and /or be made more effective.

Some thoughts:

You may find reviewing your giving at a regular time each year helpful. This could be around the time of the Annual Covenant Service in January; when pensions/benefits are increased in April; or whenever you receive a pay rise.

If you haven't already done so, please consider joining the Envelope Scheme (you don't have to be a church member). Please speak with our Envelopes secretary, Anita Yusuf, for details.

If you have envelopes, do make sure to put your gift aside on the Sundays you are absent, and then bring them with you when you next attend.

Some people find it less hassle to pay by bank standing order. This can be monthly or four weekly to coincide with your payday. Do speak with me if you want to arrange this.

Taxpayers can make their gifts even more valuable by signing up for Gift Aid. Our Gift Aid Secretary, David Hynes, has the necessary forms.

NB Taxpayers who currently Gift Aid their giving should remember that Personal Allowances increase in April, and that they need to ensure that such gifts continue to qualify under the scheme. If in doubt, please speak with David Hynes.

Finally, if anyone has any questions about the church finances generally, please feel free to ask me.

Andrew Tredinnick
(Church Treasurer)
Spring 2013

Socrates believed that the wise person would instinctively lead a frugal life, and he himself would not wear shoes. Yet he delighted in the market place and often went there to look at the wares on display. When asked why, he said he loved discovering how many things he was perfectly happy without.

*Another 500 Quotes and Anecdotes ,
compiled by John D. Beasley*

TRUTH AND LIES ABOUT POVERTY

13 million people – including 3.6 million children – live in poverty in the UK today. A major new report, launched by four leading Churches including the Methodist Church, shows how evidence and statistics have been misused, misrepresented and manipulated to create myths that blame and stigmatise the most vulnerable in society.

The Churches hope that the report *The lies we tell ourselves: ending comfortable myths about poverty* will empower Christians and others to challenge myths and lies about poverty wherever they find them. The main myths exposed by the report are as follows:

1. **“They” are lazy and don’t want to work.**
The most commonly cited cause of child poverty by churchgoers and the general public alike is that “their parents don’t want to work”. Yet the majority of children in poverty are from working households. **In work poverty is more common than out of work poverty.** It is readily believed across the country that there are families in which three generations have never worked, and this is used as the argument behind welfare policies. However, the report shows that examples of such families have not been found, and the evidence suggests that it is unlikely they ever will be.
2. **“They” are addicted to drink and drugs.**
Churchgoers and the wider public cite addiction as the second most common cause of child poverty. While addiction is devastating for the families and communities touched by it, **fewer than 4% of benefit claimants report any form of addiction.**

3. **“They” are not really poor—they just don’t manage their money properly.**
Nearly 60% of the UK population agrees that the poor could cope if only they handled their money properly. The experience of living on a low income is one of constant struggle to manage limited resources, with small events having serious consequences. **Statistics show that the poorest spend their money carefully, limiting themselves to the essentials.**
4. **“They” are on the fiddle.**
Over 80% of the UK population believe that “large numbers falsely claim benefits”. **Benefit fraud has decreased to historically low levels—the kind of levels that the tax system can only dream of.** Less than 0.9% of the welfare budget is lost to fraud. In fact, if everyone claimed and was paid correctly, the welfare system would cost around £18 billion more than it presently does.
5. **“They” have an easy life.**
Over half of the British public believes benefits are too high and churchgoers tend to agree. Yet we know that **benefits do not meet minimum income standards. They have halved in value relative to average incomes over the last 30 years.** We know the ill and the unemployed are the people least satisfied and happy with life.
6. **“They” caused the deficit.**
The proportion of our tax bills spent on welfare has remained stable for the last 20 years. It is ridiculous to argue, as some have, that increasing welfare spending is responsible for the current deficit. Public debt *is* a problem, but why is it being laid at the feet of the poorest?

See more at www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/truthandlies

LETTER FROM OXFAM

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

"Thank you very much for your Pledged Giving donation to Oxfam of £110.90...

On January 23rd Oxfam GB helped launch the UK wide campaign 'IF' which is a coalition of UK-based organisations who share the vision of a world where everyone has enough to eat.

There can be ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE:

- IF we give enough aid to stop children dying from hunger and help the poorest families feed themselves.
- IF governments stop big companies dodging tax in poor countries, so that millions of people can free themselves from hunger.
- IF we top poor farmers being forced off their land and we grow crops to feed people, not fuel cars.
- IF governments and big companies are honest and open about their actions that stop people getting enough food.

Between now and the G8 Summit in June, we are joining forces to petition David Cameron relentlessly to use his presidency of the G8 to take a lead on combating hunger. Through our actions, and his leadership, we can persuade governments to act too, and when they do, everyone on this planet will have the chance of getting the food they need to live a healthy, happy life.

If you would like to know more about the campaign you can call Oxfam Supporter relations on 0300 200 1300 or log on to www.oxfam.org.uk/if.

Thank you for your support
With best wishes
SARAH HORTH
Supporter Relations"

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**METHODIST IDENTITY AND THE ROLE OF
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Date—4th May 2013

Time—10.30am to 3.30pm
Registration/tea/coffee from 10am

Venue—Walworth Methodist Church
54, Camberwell Road, London SE5 0EN

Facilitators:
Red. Bonni-Belle Pickard,
Superintendent, Kingston Circuit

And

Revd. Jennifer Potter,
Minister at Wesley's Chapel, London

*Please bring your own lunch
Tea and coffee will be served throughout the session at £1.50
per person.*

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For more information, please contact 07960 062 686



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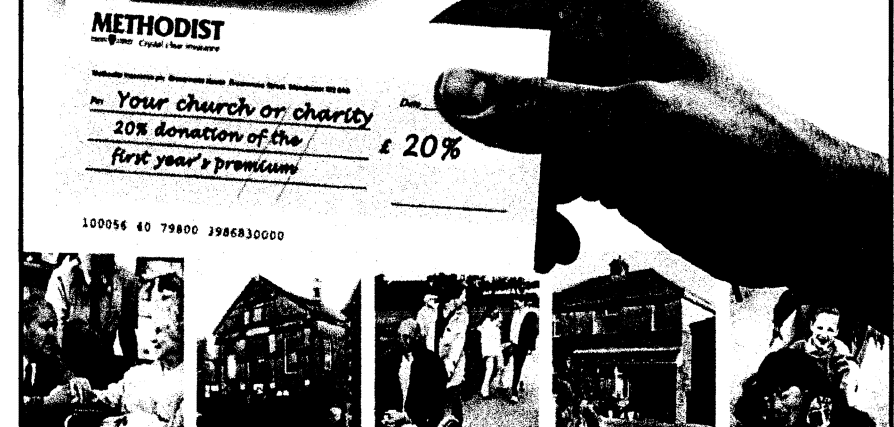
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

- Wed 3rd Wednesday Club 8pm: Criss Cross Quiz
- Sun 7th General Church Meeting after morning worship.
- Mon 8th Christian Action Group 8pm at 103 Birchanger Road, Speaker: Penny Smith-Orr (Croydon Schools RE co-ordinator)
- Wed 10th Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening
- Wed 17th Wednesday Club 8pm DVD evening at 78 Ferndale Road
- Thur 18th 150th Anniversary Working Group 8pm at 2 Sackville Ave., Hayes.
- Tue 23rd Stewards' Meeting 8pm at 4 Garden Road
- Wed 24th Wednesday Club 8pm Visit to Penge Forum—talk on the Penge Festival
- Sun 28th All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Yoko Brewah

MAY

- Wed 1st Wednesday Club 8pm Paper Dissection
- Wed 8th Wednesday Club 8pm Bees to the Honey pot game
- Sun 12th Church Anniversary 11am Preacher: Rev. Derek Stanworth
- Sun 12th **MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!**
- Sun 12th Easter Offering Service 4pm at Forest Hill Methodist Church. Preacher: Rev. Imran Malik
- Wed 15th Wednesday Club Meal 7.15pm

- Sat 18th Penge Festival Fete at Royston Field
- Sun 19th Penge festival Thanksgiving Service 11am at our Church
- Mon 20th Pastoral Committee 8pm at the Church
- Tue 21st Christian Action Group 8pm at 78 Ferndale Road. Speaker: David Lemmon
- Wed 22nd Wednesday Club 8.00pm Programme Planning
- Sun 26th All Age Worship 11am Preacher: Hilary Waterhouse
- Wed 29th Wednesday Club 7.30pm Ramble

JUNE

- Tue 11th Christian Action Group 8pm at 32 Lloyds Way Speaker: Rev. Stephen Maunder
- Thur 13th Circuit Meeting 7.45pm at Lewisham
- Sat 22nd Circuit Missions Garden Party at Forest Hill

Morning services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion is usually celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of the Month and All Age Worship usually takes place on the 4th Sunday. However, During May Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 2nd Sunday, 12th May (Church Anniversary), which is also All Age Worship. All Age Worship will also take place on the 28th May.

Evening Services are usually 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. However, during May will be no evening service on the 2nd Sunday (the 12th), and no evening Communion.