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## MINISTER'S LETTER

God is at Work

In recent months a lot has happened. We had a very successful outreach event at Penge High Street and family fun day in collaboration with other churches. We received four people into our church membership, five of our young people received Holy Communion for the first time and one of our church members has gone to glory. God has really been at work with us and in us.

Lots of that was new, exciting and challenging for us, especially for me. I feel that our church is blessed by faithful, prudent and welcoming disciples whose hospitality and care is evident in times of joy and pain. I also appreciate all the ministries that use Anerley Methodist Church premises for worship and various social activities. They are remarkable people of God, generous in sharing His love and faithful in their discipleship.

I thank God that He is at work fulfilling his good purpose through us but at the same time we are aware that the field we are working in needs lots of workers. We need to work together so we have a work force for all seasons. Some of us are called to plant, some to water, some to weeding, some to harvest and some to protect the precious produce. But, to be fruitful we must carry on working as God's good workers.

Nurturing those who are under our care and our unity of spirit will make His presence real among us; bringing the refresh-

ing presence of the Holy Spirit within our church communities and our local community. Our working together as the people God should reflect the joy and hospitality that we share at the Lord's Table. We are called to live the sacrament life beyond the event of receiving hospitality from the Lord's Table. Offering and receiving hospitality is not a practice that should be reserved for special occasions. Hospitality is a disciples' way of life, mirroring the coming of God's Kingdom in our lives, churches and communities. I must say that it is a difficult path, because it requires going the extra mile, doing something more than would be expected. Despite our weakness we are to reflect openness in spirit, generosity of love and gratitude. But, we must remember despite our struggles, we will all shine like stars in the sky, illuminating dark places within us and around us. Your labour for His kingdom will not run out in vain but will be poured out like a drink, an offering and service coming from your faith (inspired by Philippians 2:12-18).

Let us continue what God has initiated with an open heart and generous spirit.

May God continue to bless our fellowship and continue to be at work in us all,

Rev . Imran Malik

### **METHODIST HOMES FOR THE AGED**

Ronnie Butler thanks everyone for helping to raise £74 for Methodist Homes for the Aged in the June envelope collection. This compares with £46 raised last year, so is a very good result.

### **ROUND THE FAMILY**

We were sorry to hear of the death of Arthur Thompson at the end of June at the age of 93. Arthur had been a member at Anerley for many years before he and Glenys and their family moved to West Wickham in the 1960's. During his time with us Arthur was the Church Treasurer, as well as being a Church Steward and playing a large part in the planning and organisation of the major building works which took place in the Church at that time. He and Glenys kept in touch, returning to Anerley on many occasions to join us in our Church Anniversaries in particular. Please remember Glenys, Hilary, Fiona and their families in your prayers.

Ola Joseph had to return to Nigeria at the beginning of June to visit her mother who had had a slight stroke. Her mother is now recovering and Ola is now back home. Please remember the family in your prayers

Congratulations to Audrey Bobb-Sayers for obtaining a Foundation Degree with merit in Play Work from the University of Brighton and to Ronnie Butler for receiving a certificate from Lambeth College to acknowledge his completion of a course on the Digital Camera and Creative use of the Computer.

At the beginning of August Vanessa Anaman is going to America for a year on a student exchange. Our thoughts, good wishes and prayers go with Vanessa at this exciting time in her studies.

Marian

### **Charity Bake-Off**

Imagine, if you can, that you are driving home from work one day and suddenly find that your vision is failing! Unsurprisingly you are frightened and go immediately to your doctor who sends you off - urgently - to hospital. At hospital the medical staff can do little to reassure you but although you may need some surgical intervention you are sent home as they cannot provide ophthalmic care at the weekend. Back home you are faced with the prospect of sudden blindness and your concern heightens as your eyesight progressively fails. Eventually you do have surgery to correct a detached retina caused by a bleed and scar to the macula. The macula is a part of the retina at the back of the eye. It's only as big as a grain of rice but gives us our central vision, much of our colour vision and the fine detail of what we see. This is not just a worrying story – it actually happened to Comfort Oppong and there is a history of age related macular degeneration in her family. In most cases treatment, though unpleasant can correct the problem, but more research and greater availability of trained ophthalmic professionals is needed to prevent the loss of sight and ensure that sufferers get speedy reassurance and help.

It was the experience of Comfort and the family history of macular degeneration that led Hilary to arrange a Charity Bake-Off at Anerley on 1<sup>st</sup> June. This was a real family effort with the Oppong family and friends organising a baking competition and arranging for cakes to be baked for sale at the event. The well organised and fun filled afternoon was well attended by friends, family and church members and we were treated not only to great food and music but also to a table quiz based on food and drink. Well done to Hilary and the family who at the time of writing have raised a magnificent £429.28. If you have not done so and would like to donate – please see Hilary or any member of the Oppong family or donate on line at <http://www.justgiving.com/charitybakeoff>

Amidst all the fun, did the winners matter? Yes of course! The bake-off was judged by Janice and Sylvester - who did not know who had baked the various entries. Hilary won with her Blueberry Sponge (a just reward for all her hard work in organisation). Clarence was second with a magnificent Chocolate Passion Fruit that looked like a 'Top Hat' and third

place was claimed by Rose with her Fruit Flans. The table quiz was won by 'Team Evelyn'.

As far as we can recall, this is the first time we have had a charity fund raiser on this scale at Anerley and how refreshing it was to see a young lady who many of us remember as a child in Junior church taking responsibility and organising a 'ground breaking' event at Church. The next generation of movers and shakers at Anerley are making their presence felt and moving us forward! Well done Hilary and to all who helped to make this occasion so enjoyable, successful and memorable.

### **Church Family Fun Day**

One week after the Bake-Off we were back at Anerley for another 'New Venture'. This time – on what seems to have been one of the few summery days so far this year – I guess we all wondered what we were letting ourselves in for when Imran first suggested a Family Fun day with an open invitation to all our user groups and local people to enjoy a free BBQ and children's entertainment. The bouncy castle was a great hit and we enjoyed a great time of entertainment with music and dance performances from Love2Dance. First Lady Stephanie Greaves treated us to a performance of her hit latest single 'Fresh Start' and a previous recording "Children Obey". Several people visited the chapel to an area of quiet reflection with 'prayer stations' created by Imran. What a joy to have four of our resident Faith Groups involved and helping to make the day a success. Some statistics – Over 250 people attended, 192 Burgers and Hot Dogs were served, 50 portions of Jerk Chicken, 45 Samosas and 53 Onion Bhajis were consumed and 12 litres of Cola were drunk. Pastor Elaine from the LINGK fellowship gave a blessing and thanks at the end that emphasised that we are all one Christian Family whatever the style and nature of our worship.

I am sure we will repeat next year and pray for another fine day in every sense of the words.

Dave

## Our Grand Parents

Nan, Nanny, Grandma, Gran-Gran, Mama, Grandad, Grandpa, Pops, and Papa are just some of the names we use with affection to call our grandparents. Someone wrote "When I think of grand parents I often think of old people sitting by a warm fire in their rocking chair with their slippers on. They are great cooks and make lovely home baked cakes for little church fairs"

In the old days grand fathers smoked pipes, had a beard, grew their own vegetables and always sat reading the paper, while Grandma did the washing, cooking baking, cleaning before taking a well earned break

Today's grandparents have mobile phones, computers, can text, send emails and know all the latest in things with their grandchildren.

Did you know the Day Care trust says there are 14 million plus grand parents in the UK, one in two have grandchildren by the age of 54. Most children under 6 have living grandparents some even have great grandparents

Grandparents of today want to take an active part in their grandchildren's lives

What skills do grandparents offer?

Family Folklore which children love to hear - what mum/dad/auntie/uncle/ cousins did years and years ago.

Traditional skills - Things like cooking from the basics, sewing, knitting, basic carpentry and so on. These are now back in fashion due to the current government cut backs

"Grandparents are the only ones who can pass on traditional pastimes and knowledge to another generation"

I spent some of my childhood in Guyana with my grandmother whom we called "Mama" She took me and my brother to church every Sunday morning. Then about 3pm we would go back for Sunday school. I remember her doing lots of cooking and baking

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National Grandparents Days is a secular holiday founded in 1978 by Marian McQuade in the USA Her goal being to educate the young people in the community about the achievements of the older people in our history. Young people were encouraged to "adopt" a grandparent for a lifetime not just for a day or a year. This is usually celebrated on the first Sunday after Labour day in September

The Charity Age Concern initially introduced this celebration to the UK in 1990. It is normally celebrated on the first Sunday in October since 2008- (though it is not widely known about) This year's UK Grandparent's Day falls on 6 October 2013.

Our Grandparents are very special people they are the ones who make us what we are today.

Article adapted from "Happy Grand parents Day " in Rascals of London September 2011 (p.59)

Online from [www.grandparents.com](http://www.grandparents.com)

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National)

By Audrey Bobb-Sayers

## CHURCH AND CIRCUIT NEWS

At the morning service on 30th June, Millie, Trevor and Harold Weekes and Eula Morris were received into membership of the Methodist Church. At the same service Joan Loring was presented with a certificate marking over 40 years of being a Pastoral Visitor, following her decision to retire.

The church council have agreed that Dinah Anaman, Audrey Bobb-Sayers, Clarence Hunte, Hilary Oppong and Tim Yusuf can begin training as Worship Leaders

The Revd. Solomon Joseph, at present the Minister at Burnt Ash, Hither Green and Sunfields churches, has announced his decision to retire from the Ministry in August 2014. The Circuit Invitation team, alongside representatives from the three churches, are now embarking on the invitation process to find a replacement for Solomon.

### Circuit Garden Party

A very big thank-you to all who made the Garden Party such a happy event. To everyone who worked so hard in setting up and packing away, organizing the serving of refreshments, the raffle, competitions and games, the stalls and looking after the steel band, and to all who attended the event, a very big THANK YOU. It was wonderful to have members from all the nine churches contributing in many ways to make the Garden Party so enjoyable. The amount raised, after expenses, was £1,079.88.

Ira Fernando  
Circuit Missions and MWiB Secretary

## INTROIT FOR THE NEXT 4 MONTHS

Come, Holy Spirit, Come Holy Spirit,  
Come to this place, we will embrace Your presence.

Come, soften our hearts, come soften our hearts,  
That we may obey, teach us your way, come lead us.

Come Holy Spirit, Come Holy Spirit.

Loralee Thiessen; Mission Praise no. 689

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### 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 2013/14 are: Royal London Society for the Blind (November), Mencap (February) and Methodist Training & Development Fund (August).

In future, however, instead of someone holding a collection bag at the back of the church, everyone will be invited to place their gifts in the wooden 'Anerley box', which will be available as you leave.

Do remember to put your envelope scheme number on gifts made.

Andrew Tredinnick (Treasurer)

## COOKERY CORNER

### Vanilla Custard Flan

Serves 5-6      Oven temperature 400°F/200°C/Gas mark 6

#### Ingredients

##### For the pastry case

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 25gr.(1oz) Trex      | 100gr.(4oz) plain flour |
| 25gr.(1oz) margarine | water to mix            |

##### For the filling

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 large eggs (separated) | 25gr (1oz) plain flour     |
| 75gr (3oz) sugar         | 450mg(¾ pint) milk         |
| 25gr (1oz) cornflour     | ¾ teaspoon vanilla essence |

3 level tablespoons desiccated coconut, browned under grill

#### Method

1. Preheat the oven
2. Make the pastry: rub the fat into the flour until mixture resembles breadcrumbs.
3. Stir in enough water to give a soft, not sticky, dough.
4. Knead lightly and (if time) wrap in cling film and chill in the fridge for ½ hour.
5. On a lightly floured surface roll the pastry out and line a flan case, prick the base, then line with greaseproof paper and weigh down the base with dry beans.
6. Bake in the centre of the oven for 20 minutes, remove the paper and beans and return to the oven for 5 to 10

minutes

7. Cream the egg yolks with the sugar, cornflour and flour and a little milk until mixture is smooth.
8. Heat the rest of the milk to just below simmering, then pour it over the egg mixture, stirring all the time.
9. Return the custard to the pan, bring to the boil, stirring continuously, boil gently for 1 to 2 minutes, remove from heat and stir in vanilla essence.
10. Whisk egg whites until stiff, then stir into warm custard.
11. When both flan case and filling are cold, spoon filling into pastry case and level the top.
12. Sprinkle toasted coconut over the top of the flan.

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### **WHAT IF THE CHURCH SAW BLOOD AND ORGAN DONATION AS PART OF ITS GIVING?**

**Flesh and blood** is a campaign to mobilise the church to increase the number of blood and organ donors in the UK. A call to recognise a need and respond as an act of generosity. Founded as a partnership between Kore and NHS Blood and Transplant, the campaign aims to raise the profile of donation within the church and encourage donation as a personal gift. It seeks to equip individuals and churches as advocates for donations, helping them to engage with their family, friends and community.

The church is made up of millions of people, who share in a rich tradition of giving, practice a rhythm of generosity and say **YES** to a life lived generously. For more details see [www.fleshandblood.org](http://www.fleshandblood.org).



## Penge Community Pre-School

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **AUGUST**

- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening
- Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Christian Action Group 8pm Venue TBA  
Speaker: John Beasley
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Play Reading
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Darts

### **SEPTEMBER**

- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm
- Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Stewards' Meeting 8pm at 4 Garden Road
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm.
- Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Action Group 8pm at 163 Clock House  
Road, Beckenham. Speaker: Revd. Cathy Gardiner,  
St. Paul's, Hamlet Road
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> No Wednesday Club
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Circuit Meeting 7.45 pm at Forest Hill
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am Harvest Festival Service, Preacher: Rev.  
Imran Malik (All Age Worship), followed by a Faith  
Lunch

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Pastoral meeting 8.15pm at 19 Felmingham Road

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm

### **OCTOBER**

Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Church Council 8pm at the Church