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**ANERLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

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### **MINISTER'S LETTER**

I am very pleased to say that this summer we had another Bible Study course completed, mainly led by John Taylor and Valerie Tredinnick. They both brought depth of knowledge, years of experience and spiritual care and honesty to these sessions. During our studies we had in-depth discussion on some of the popular themes covered in Paul's writings. In a friendly and open environment we wrestled with some complicated topics covered in Paul's writings in the New Testament. Two of the topics that I enjoyed and found challenging were on *love* (agape) and Christian living in a materialistic world. We had engaging discussion about the challenges of loving some who is difficult to love and inconsiderate most of the time. Similarly how can we remain free from attachment to our material possessions? Loving unconditionally and remaining unattached to our material possession is a challenge we all face.

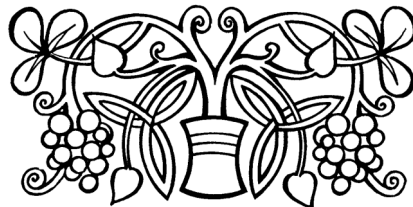
We are familiar with the phrase which says *practice makes perfect*. Maybe we can apply it to *Love* as well. The more you practice it the more it will become a part of you. There are things we have to learn before we can do them and we grow by doing them. I think agape love is one of those things and like faith you grow in it with practice. The more you practice it the more you will have. Even if you don't like the idea just give it a go and see if it works! Just remember that growing is a slow process and often we need someone else to tell us about our growth, so don't jump to conclusions on your own.

Our love for our possessions; it is our prayer that everyone should have enough to live a comfortable and meaningful life in a developed country like ours. We want poverty to be a thing of past. Maybe in Paul's time it was easy to live without lots of possessions but with astonishing advancements it may be difficult for many to live without expensive equipment of communication and white goods that have become essential part of many lives? Perhaps with the demands that modern life puts on us, most of our possessions are essentials. May be being not materialistic means not so much about how much or what we possess but it how we see what is in our possession? Many compassionate Christians share their possessions with those in need. God created and gave many things into our possession to have a meaningful life but Christians are also encouraged to share their possessions with those in need and use them for God's mission. I think trouble arises when we become precious about our possessions and pursue to have more and Christian ethics becomes secondary

Let the joy of our Christ be our sole possession and his unconditional love enable us to love those who are difficult to love.

May God bless you and keep you,

Rev. Imran



## ROUND THE FAMILY

We were very sorry to hear of the death of the death of Jenny Cocking, wife of our former Minister Graham, on 3rd June. Our thoughts and prayers are with Graham at this time.

We were also sorry to hear from Deirdre Metcalfe that her husband Chris, a former member and local preacher at Anerley, is suffering from cancer and dementia and is now in a hospice. Please remember Chris and Deirdre in your thoughts and prayers.

We continue to remember Selina Williams' son Michael, now in Stanmore Rehabilitation Centre, following a serious road accident; also the Hynes family as daughter-in-law Sara and sister-in-law Kim receive treatment for cancer.

Many of you will know that Valerie and Andrew Tredinnick suffered a fire at their house following a lightning strike on a neighbour's house during the severe storm on the night of 3rd July. Please keep Valerie and Andrew in your thoughts and prayers as they cope with the aftermath of this upsetting event.

On a brighter note, we were pleased to hear that Vanessa Anaman has graduated from University with a 2:1 in Business and Marketing—congratulations!

Marian



**REV. STEVE WILD**

**President of the Methodist Conference 2015-2016.**

In his inaugural address at the Conference in Southport, the Revd. Steve Wild challenged each Methodist church in Britain to aim to bring just one person to faith in the coming year, saying, "Let's take God seriously. I want to help us in the task of evangelism, to put mission on the agenda and give our churches an aim to win a person for Christ."

"We cannot sit back in complacency," he added. "We have a massive Kingdom of God task. I'm wanting this year to challenge each church to bring one person to faith—to make one new member this next year, let's make bringing people to faith the main point, we don't do it alone. The unconditional love of Jesus is our motivation."

He told those gathered at the Conference that John Wesley only had ten guineas to his name when he died. Wesley's will directed that four of these guineas should pay four unemployed men to carry his coffin and the remainder be distributed among his poorest preachers.

"What else did he leave behind?" Steve asked. "Changed lives, hundreds of them, Christian communities dotted all over this country and in other parts of the world, fellowships seeking to take God seriously. Oh that we may all draw to the foot of the cross and experience this powerful love and make this our legacy, one of transformed lives and communities!"

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**BENEVOLENT FUND OFFERINGS**

During August the Retiring Collections made at Communion Services will be in aid of All We Can (formerly Methodist Relief and Development Fund)

## **FAMILY FUN DAY**

We had it all - good weather, good company, lots of fun. Our three chefs for the barbecue were Imran, Thomas and Desmond and the food was plentiful and delicious.

The cakes on offer were apple, pear and peach, and very nice they were too.

Children's corner included face painting, balloon modelling, loom bands and of course the bouncy castle.

The Kitchen staff, Anita, Comfort, Rose and Dinah kept the teas and drinks flowing.

For entertainment we had a dance display by Love to Dance.

The calm was restored in the chapel - it was a quiet place for anyone to use and it was nice that a few of the little ones wandered in.

We have lots of visitors from the community. Throughout the afternoon visitors were seen to put rubbish in bins and generally help, and at clear up time every one lent a hand.

It was a long tiring day but it was also a happy loving day, which was reflected in everyone's faces.

Well done Anerley Methodist Church. It was a Fun Day.

Thank you.

Evelyn Richards

## **PENGE FESTIVAL POETRY COMPETITION**

Each year the Penge Festival holds an evening devoted to the poetry of Walter de la Mare, with talks and readings of his works. Not many people know that Walter de la Mare had connections with Penge and Anerley, having lived for a while in Mackenzie Road, short periods in Worbeck Road and Samos Road, and for a longer period in Thornsett Road, where he wrote "The Listeners" and where a blue plaque now marks his house.

This year for the first time the Penge Festival held a poetry competition open to anyone living in the London Borough of Bromley. The entries were judged by the manager of Beckenham Library and two former heads of English, one of whom is a published author, and the awards were made at this year's Walter de la Mare Poetry Evening on 19th June.

The entries were whittled down to a First, Second and Third prize and several Highly Commended, and I am pleased to say that the Winner of the First Prize was our very own Peter Boreham, with his poem "The River Estuary at Dawn". Peter was presented with his prize, (money and a volume of the Poems of Walter de la Mare), by Giles de la Mare, the grandson of Walter and President of the Walter de la Mare Society.

Well done, Peter!

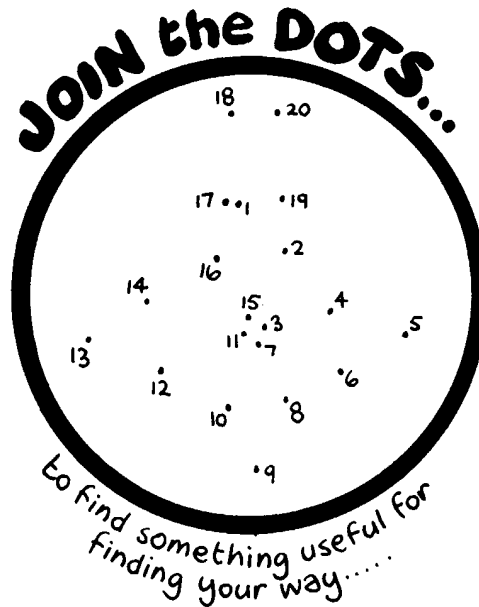
Marian



## MORE CONGRATULATIONS!

Many of you will know that Comfort Opong is the manager of the Greenhive Care Home in Peckham, and she and her team were very proud to be the first and only care home in London to achieve an “Outstanding” rating in the new Care Quality Commission inspection framework. The unannounced inspections are very rigorous and can take place at any time of day including evenings, weekends and national holidays, so to have been awarded “Outstanding” in these circumstances is a real achievement. Congratulations to Comfort and her team at Greenhive.

## FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS



## COOKERY CORNER

### Strawberry Flan

#### Ingredients

##### For the sweet pastry

175gr (6oz) plain flour	50gr (2oz) butter
50gr (2oz) Trex or similar	2 teaspoons Caster sugar
1 med egg yolk, beaten	

##### For the Filling

1 med egg, plus 1 extra egg yolk	50gr (2oz) Caster sugar
25gr (1oz) plain flour	300ml (½ pint) milk
few drops of vanilla essence	
450gr (1lb) strawberries, cleaned and hulled	
mint leaves to decorate	

#### Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/ Gas mark 6
2. Place the flour, butter and Trex in a bowl and mix until it resembles fine breadcrumbs.
3. Stir in the sugar, egg yolk and water to make a fairly stiff dough.
4. Knead lightly, cover and chill in a refrigerator for 30 mins
5. Roll out the pastry and use to line a 23cm (9 inch) loose-bottomed flan tin.
6. Bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes with greaseproof paper and beans or rice.

7. Leave to cool.
8. Make the filling by whisking the eggs and sugar until thick and pale.
9. Gradually stir in the flour, then the milk.
10. Pour into a small saucepan and simmer for 3-4 minutes, stirring throughout.
10. Add the vanilla essence, pour into a bowl and leave to cool.
11. Cover with greaseproof paper to prevent a skin from forming
12. When the filling is cold, whisk until smooth then pour into the cooked flan case
13. Slice the strawberries and arrange on top of the filling
14. Decorate with mint leaves and serve.

NB As this serves 4, it can be halved or even quartered as I have done as a treat for myself!

Ann Vickery



## **OUTREACH TO THE HOMELESS—A LOCAL FOCUS**

For over 25 years we have distributed food, clothing and toiletries to London's homeless.

On a much smaller scale, but on a more regular basis, we have also supported the local homeless and vulnerable, and we have been aware that the support we offer locally ought to increase because the need in our area has changed significantly, as we can see from the food banks operating from most of our churches.

Our committee is already involved with various other voluntary groups and many of us volunteer and support the excellent work that Living Well (based at Holy Trinity, Lennard Road) provides to local vulnerable people, many of whom are homeless or in temporary accommodation or hostels.

Since Saturday 14th March 2015 Outreach to the Homeless has been operating a weekly clothes bank alongside Living Well's food bank. We believed this was the right time to make this move from London as there are a number of new initiatives supporting London's homeless. The goods donated to us come from local people and churches, and we will now be supporting some of the most vulnerable people around us. We are particularly short of jeans, shoes, trainers and school uniforms.

We thank our regular sponsors for all their past efforts and hope you will continue to support this valuable work.

**Co-ordinator:** Katherine Bance MBE 07492 06259

**Treasurer:** Diana Scott 020 8650 4632

**Note from Marian** You can still give me any clothing etc. to pass on to Kathy. If you are interested in volunteering with the Outreach team, please contact Kathy as above.



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*Andy*





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- Living Vine Ministry** Tel. 020 8249 2352  
Friday 7pm -9pm; Sunday 8am –10.30am
- Love 2 Dance** Friday 6.45pm to 8.45pm Tel. 020 8244 0512
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- Salvation & Deliverance Ministry** Tel. 020 8683 3094  
Sunday 2pm to 4.30pm; Tuesday 7pm to 9pm
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### AUGUST

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Christian Action Group 8pm at 5 Percy Road  
Speaker: Paddy Boothe
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Andrew's Birthday Evening
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Music Evening
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Science Challenge
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> All Age Worship 11am
- Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Morning Service 11am. Preacher: Rev Dr. Andrew Goodhead, Minister from 2000—2005, followed by refreshments.

### SEPTEMBER

- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm.
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Christian Action Group 8pm at 163 Clock House Road, Beckenham. Members' Evening on a Harvest Theme
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm

Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Meeting 7.45 pm at Lewisham

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 11am Harvest Festival Service, Preacher: Rev. Imran Malik (All Age Worship), followed by a Faith Lunch

### OCTOBER

- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Concert by Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir 7.30pm in the top hall as part of our 150th Anniversary Celebrations. More details later
- Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Church Council 8pm at the Church
- Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastoral Committee Meeting

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Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 16th August.  
Evening Services will be held at 6.30 pm on 9th August (HC), 23rd August, 13th and 27th September.

September dates for Holy Communion are not yet available.

Please note that the Rev. Graham Cocking will not now be preaching on Sunday 6th September. He has postponed his visit until next year.