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NEW MINISTER

Our Minister from 1st September will be the Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom, a probationer Minister who comes to us from the Chelmsford Circuit. Abe is a Ghanaian-born British citizen, with a teenage son, Matthew. She has a background in the voluntary and statutory sectors, working for organisations including Diabetes UK, the Citizens' Advice Bureau and as the Leysian Missioner (Layworker) at Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission, City Road, London. We look forward to welcoming Abe and Matthew.

LIVING HOPE

A Recital to raise funds for Living Hope was held on Saturday 24th. Due to personal circumstances, Imran and Sarah were not able to be present at the concert. However, Imran sent the following message:- **“Living Hope would like to thank you all for coming to this amazing event to support ‘Living Hope School’. Huge thanks to the musicians for contributing their time and talents. Living Hope is humbled by your care and support for this wonderful life changing project”**.

Imran had the opportunity to visit the school project in Baddomalhi in February and he is very pleased with the way in which the school has prospered and developed since the last fund raising concert was organised in October 2016.

Both boys and girls receive an education at the school. Young girls, particularly face many barriers to education, not least the risk of being assaulted in the streets on their way to and from school. There is very little expectation in provincial Pakistan that girls should be able to read and write. Some girls enter into arranged underage marriages. Imran's school emphasises equality of opportunity.

To build an overtly Christian school in a town where 94% of the population is Muslim was a very courageous act, and we cannot underestimate Imran's bravery in going to and from Pakistan and working in a potentially hostile environment. Imran is undaunted by the threats to his personal safety and is determined to establish an 'oasis' where young children can learn and develop skills in peace and safety.

As Imran says:-**“Living Hope School now provides life-changing education to 80 young pupils, boys and girls. When the school opened just a couple of years ago there were only 20 pupils!. Most of the young junior pupils who attend the school come from massively deprived homes from the town and surrounding villages. Christian families are victimised and have very few chances of social improvement”**. They often live in segregated communities on the edges of towns and villages. Christian adults form an underclass in the community. Some adults do menial jobs like sweeping the streets; removing sewage; working in the brickfields doing heavy manual work; or working as poor agricultural labourers for relatively low wages.

Baddomalhi is famous for the Basmati rice that it produces. Local soils are very fertile and canals and the river provide a useful water supply for irrigation. Rice grown locally is sent all over the world. The town is dominated by rice husking mills. Imran's home town is on a river which is prone to flooding during the monsoon season. The town has a railway station, with just a few trains a day.

There is almost no healthcare or social benefits for the children and their families. Imran reports that **“five of our students, from two families, lost their Dad, and four children from a single parent family lost their mother, just because they could not afford to send them to hospital in time”**. People die because of a lack of basic healthcare. Imran reports that **“Living Hope School is doing its very best to provide not only pastoral care to young students who face incredible personal challenges, but also**

with a safe learning environment to develop their skills and talents that will eventually help them to come out of poverty”.

Imran is ensuring that the young pupils in his school are receiving a ‘modern’ education and enabling them to look into a brighter and more prosperous future. Without Living Hope School these children would have to be spending their childhood from a young age working in the local fields, or in the brick factories enduring harsh conditions and being exploited as cheap labour.

Children as young as 5 or 6 are encouraged to help with stacking bricks in the brickfields. Imran’s pupils get up with their parents early in the morning and are often expected to do chores or manual work before going to school. It is amazing that even amongst the very poorest parents, education for their children is highly valued and despite the acute financial challenges faced by those parents, they do their very best to send their children to Imran’s school.

Imran’s school in Pakistan receives no grants or state funding. The school depends entirely on fund- raising and voluntary personal donations for its survival.

Churches, community groups, individuals and organisations such as the Rotary Club of Beckenham, have worked hard to raise funds to equip the new school. Computers and projectors are now used for teaching English to the pupils. It is good to know that even the poorest pupils now have access to information and learning resources on the world-wide web.

Imran and Sarah have developed and implemented a balanced school curriculum which “... **includes the study of English, Urdu, Science, Sociology, computing, learning activities and some fun time. Learning is designed to be an enjoyable experience. Friday mornings are set aside for a chapel time. During chapel time students come together to sing and learn new worship songs. They also enjoy Bible stories which encourage them to grow in their faith”.**

“From the 1st June, the school is closed for a summer holiday. Teaching resumes at the beginning of August. Many of the young children are expected to help out with the harvest.”

Until recently, the crops were harvested by hand using scythes. Poor families were allowed to glean the fields and keep the small amount of grain they could gather. This kept the poorest families going throughout the year. However, things are changing. The increased use of combine harvesters in and around Baddomalhi means that many families are now deprived of gleaning rights and have lost a source of food that was important for survival.

“During summer, school starts at 7.30 in the morning with a morning prayer, and finishes at 1.30 pm. The temperature can reach up to 42 degrees when the weather is particularly hot. Solar panels have been installed at Imran’s school, these provide a reliable electricity supply and the panels are used to power air conditioning – an absolute luxury unknown to the children at home”.

Imran reports that the school is going from strength-to-strength. Three dedicated and caring teachers have been employed to teach the children. The members of school staff are now taking responsibility for most aspects of the administration of the school, which means less headaches and worry for Imran!

Imran still wants to build more classrooms; establish a library, and build a community centre on the school site. The school is in need of more equipment and resources that can be used to teach the children and their parents. Our last concert raised sufficient money to buy a smart uniform for a class of children. One on-line information site reports that 24% of school attendees in Pakistan do not even own a pair of shoes! Also, many parents cannot afford the 80p a month that it costs to send a child to a Muslim state school.

Imran has launched a campaign to encourage people to sponsor a pupil in his school. Imran reports that:- **“At the moment eleven pupils are being sponsored. The cost of sponsoring a child is**

just £7.50 a month. There are lots more students waiting for sponsorship. “Living Hope” would be happy to provide details, if anybody is interested in sponsoring a pupil. The “Living Hope” website has full details of how individuals and groups can support the charity. Every penny raised is spent on the running of the school. There are no administration charges deducted from the charity’s income.

Imran ends by saying **“thank you for your support and prayers. May God bless you all”**.

The Recital was organised by Peter Boreham, and the details above are based on the report Peter gave at the Recital. Peter has since confirmed that the amount raised for Living Hope was £655. This money has now been passed on to Living Hope and will be spent on deepening the well that services the Living Hope School. This will give the school a much purer and more reliable water supply throughout the year. Imran has passed on his thanks to all who supported this fund-raising venture.

ROUND THE FAMILY

Adrian Cole is slowly improving following his heart attack at the beginning of June and he thanks everyone for their cards and good wishes.

Congratulations to Olivia Tchine, who went to New Zealand in July as a member of the National Under 19 Netball Team - well done, Olivia!

We think of all those in our Church family for which this time of year is a time of change - a time for moving to new classes, schools or colleges, or starting new jobs, and perhaps saying goodbye to old friends. Our thoughts and prayers go with you .

Marian

OXFAM

Rwandan Pineapples!

Ten years ago women in Kirehe District, Eastern Rwanda were completely reliant on their men folk. They were prevented from owning land or making important decisions, so it was virtually impossible for them to earn a living. Some women tried to grow pineapples but it was never enough to make ends meet.

Everything changed however, when Theresie and her friends joined an OXFAM pineapple growing co-operative. They started to pool resources and work together to earn a living. Before long they were not just growing more pineapples but selling them at four times the price – and going organic, too.

Today, with your support, Theresie's daring to dream for the first time in her life. Now her family's taken care of, she wants to buy herself a motorbike to ride to work on.

If you want to help people like Theresie please join our Pledged Giving scheme and contribute as much as you wish each month.

Thank you

Valerie



“The People’s Choice”

Over to you! Songs of Praise on Sunday evening 27th August, 6.30pm at the Church.

If there is a hymn or Christian song you would like us to sing, please tell Valerie by Sunday **13th August** – no later so that it can be included in the programme.

There will be a cup of tea/coffee at the end of the evening - about 7.45pm.

Valerie



CHURCH REVIEW

The next stage of the "Vision" Review that was held on Palm Sunday will be on Sunday 17th September 2017.

There will be a half hour service at 11am followed by coffee/tea and biscuits, and the Review will take place from 11.30am to 12.30pm in the Top Hall. We shall break into small groups to talk about practical ideas for seeking to find out "What God wants" and how we "Face the cost of change and growth".

Please try to attend this important event as we discuss how to move forward in the life of our church.

COOKERY CORNER

Russian Fish Pie

Serves 5-6. Cooking Time: 20-25 minutes.
Oven temperature 400°F/200°C/Mark 6 gas

Ingredients

½ packet puff pastry (defrosted)

675 gr. (1½lb) filleted white fish, i.e. cod, coley, hake etc.

1 packet parsley sauce mix

Method

1. Cook fish in a pan of water for 10-15 minutes.
2. Drain water and remove any bones
3. Mix parsley sauce as directed on the packet
4. Add fish and stir well
5. Roll out the pastry and make a square about 40cm square
6. Put fish and parsley sauce mixture into centre of the pastry
7. Damp the edges of the pastry with water & draw up the edges to resemble a 'kite' shape.
8. Press edges firmly together and bake an oven
9. Serve hot with fresh vegetables.

Ann Vickery

Jesus the First and Last

This is the title of the Methodist Prayer Handbook for 2017/18.

If you would like to order a copy please let Valerie have your order by Sunday **20th August**.

Prices are: £3.95 whether you have regular or large print.

Valerie

BENEVOLENT FUND OFFERINGS

The Retiring Collections made at Communion Services will be for the following charities during the months shown. The collections during the remaining months will be for the Benevolent Fund.

September 2017 - Shelter Box

November 2017 - Demelza Children's Hospice

February 2018 - Missionary Aviation Fellowship

September 2018 - Médecins sans Frontières

HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER AT 11AM

Preacher: Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom

Followed by a Bring-and-Share lunch

An Ode to Pantos Past!

From Valerie. Whilst researching the 1970's Church History book I came across this piece by Roger Ward – sadly no longer with us. As I felt it was too long and would have been more appropriate for the 1960's booklet, I thought maybe folk would like to read it here in the magazine. So here goes:

I started back in the sixties, when I was just a lad, back in the 'Good Old–Bad Old Days'. They've gone, and now I'm sad!

My first was 'Jack and the Beanstalk', back in Jan. of '64. I had a most enjoyable time, and thought, I'd try some more!

The next for me was a 'classic', the title was 'Buzz' as you know. The whole of the cast was tremendous, we had a hit of a show.

Then came 'Sinbad the Sailor' with the lead portrayed by Jos-ie. And husband Roger 'brilliant' as The Old Man of the Sea.

Following that came 'Jimmy', the one that was seen by the most. I shan't bother to tell you who wrote it, 'cause I'm not the kind to boast!

And then came along 'The Red Pirate' penned by the whole company – Now I thought this was a good one, then I would 'twas produced by me!

Then we had 'Buzz' returning. Produced by six of the cast. And we know now, as we didn't know then, it was to be our last.

But when I look back on those six years, and the times together we had.

Some of the things we got up to by Jove we must have been mad!

Like the time Pete Davies one night during 'Buzz' nearly strangled poor Valerie. Playing the rabbit nearly cost her her life, not funny I'm sure you'll agree.

Roles like Ben Loopy and Grimble, what characters, Oh such a treat.

Those names I'll remember, as long as I live, including Yellow Feet.

In 'Buzz' Pamf and I as Royal Guards, and Janet, as Robin a lad. Josie was playing Anne at the time, and Archie was playing her dad.

Rehearsals went on for all hours, we've got to get it just right. "I don't know why you worry", some said, "It'll be alright on the night".

Up in the Hut making scenery, in the Side Hall, singing like birds - "No this time we'll do it without the scripts. It's time you knew your words".

Our percussion in the hands of 'Feetsy', sounds double Dutch for a start, but I'd like of this splendid occasion, to thank him for taking a part.

With Fred tickling away on the ivories, our band was the best for a mile. "Don't forget to come in on the intro", says Fred, "and remember, everyone, SMILE".

In the wings we had Joan, our prompter, book and torch stuck close to her face. "I can't follow him!" she'd say with a shout, "he's ad-libbing all over the place".

Our costumes by Josie were second to none, every stitch sewn

with love and care. "You've torn it again" she'd say to me. "That's it beyond repair".

Our scenery painted by Janet, had a style from real fairyland. A castle scene, forest or beach, her paintbrush was magic in hand.

Pat Moore on make-up was charming. Dave Dent on the lights was the works. Now they are together and married with babe and living somewhere in Berks!

Mr Smith and John Bateman behind the scenes, Wow! They gave us a fright. With props in all the wrong places and the backcloth they never got right.

Our tea ladies, they were all angels. Our chorus was good when in tune. I think if we do another let's call it 'Son of Buzz meet Wombles on Moon'.

To those that I have not mentioned it isn't that you I forgot. I'm running out of paper, you see, and my pen is getting red hot.

Deep down I suppose we all miss them, but like the 'Hut' now they are gone. But the friendship and memories from them I'm sure will carry on.



THANK YOU

Linda Ryan, the Circuit Administrator, has received the following messages following the Circuit Service on 2nd July.

From the Rev. Imran Malik.

Thank you to everyone for your best wishes, card and very generous gift received following the recent Circuit Service. I am grateful for all the opportunities and challenges the circuit has offered me and I wish you every blessing in the future.

With my best wishes

Imran

From the Rev. Pam Clews

Would you please pass on our thanks to the churches in the circuit for the wonderful send off you gave us on the 2nd July. The fact that the service contained 3 celebrations of ministry, Eno's accreditation, Jean's celebration of 25 years as a local preacher and my retirement, made it very special indeed. We missed Imran who is also moving on and it was good to have the chance to thank him and wish him well. We would also like to thank everyone for the lovely cards and the very generous gifts which were a wonderful surprise, we were overwhelmed. May God bless you all richly in the coming years with new ministers in your midst.

With love

Pam and Tony

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If you are friendly and enthusiastic and can you commit at least two days per month we would love to hear from you! Please contact the Chapel on 020 7253 2262 or e-mail museum@wesleyschapel.org.uk.

Note from Marian

As many of you know, I am a Heritage Steward at Wesley's Chapel. You do not need to be an expert on John Wesley to be a Steward, as you will be given background information to read, and you will spend a little time shadowing other Stewards. The Chapel, Museum and House are open from 10am to 4pm and Stewards are asked to volunteer for at least two days a month, on days to suit

you. There are usually three volunteers on duty each day, and many of them come from Methodist Churches in the London area.

It is interesting showing visitors around the Chapel and House, meeting visitors from other parts of the British Isles and overseas. It is also interesting finding out more about the history of the Methodist Church and about John Wesley and the beginnings of Methodism.

You can find out more about the Chapel, House and Museum on www.wesleysheritage.org.uk. If you would like to know more about volunteering, please have a word with me.

Please think seriously about whether this is something you could do. The number of volunteers has dropped considerably over the last year and if there are no Stewards on duty, the Museum and House cannot open. Many people come from overseas with the intention of visiting Wesley's Chapel, the Museum and House as the centre of Methodism, and are greatly disappointed if they cannot look around the place where John Wesley lived and preached; this is sometimes the only chance they will get.





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

- Wed 2nd Wednesday Club 8pm Colouring Evening
- Wed 9th Wednesday Club 8pm Darts
- Mon 14th Christian Action Group 8pm at 163 Clock House Road
Speaker: Ruth Potter
- Wed 16th Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening
- Sun 20th Welcome Service for the new Joint Chair of the London District the Rev. Jonge Zihle at 4pm at Westminster Central Hall.
- Wed 23rd Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
- Sun 27th All Age Worship led by Worship Leaders Dinah Anaman and Julie Taylor
- Sun 27th Songs of Praise evening 6.30pm led by Valerie Tredinnick
- Wed 30th Wednesday Club 8pm "What was it like?"

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 2nd Welcome service for the Revs. Abe Konadu-Yiadom and Dee Yeadon at Forest Hill Methodist Church at 4pm, to be led by the new District Chair, the Rev. Jonge Zihle.
- Wed 6th Wednesday Club 8pm.
- Sun 10th MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
- Wed 13th Wednesday Club 8pm

- Sun 17th Vision Review 11am—12.30pm (See separate article for more details)
- Mon 18th Christian Action Group 8pm at 32 Lloyds Way. Speaker: Chris Watkins
- Wed 20th Wednesday Club 8pm
- Thur 21st Pastoral Committee Meeting 7.45pm at the Church
- Sun 24th 11am Harvest Festival Service, Preacher: Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom (All Age Worship), followed by a Bring and Share Lunch
- Tue 26th Stewards' Meeting 8pm at 4 Garden Road
- Wed 27th Wednesday Club 8pm
- Thur 28th Circuit Meeting 7.45pm at Burnt Ash Methodist Church

OCTOBER

- Thur 12th Church Council 8pm at the Church
- Sun 22nd JMA Service 11am. Preacher: Hilary Waterhouse

Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 20th August. September dates for Holy Communion are not yet available.

Evening Services will be held at 6.30 pm on 13th August (HC), 27th August,, 10th and 24th September. September dates for Holy Communion are not yet available.

A Prayer Meeting is held at the Church every Thursday between 10 am and 11.30 am. Drop in and out as you wish.