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FROM THE MINISTER

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year and managed to see some friends and family.

After Christmas we went to Cornwall to see Sarah's granny and aunt. It was nice to see them and they took us to see the Eden project. For us, especially for Rohan, it was one of the most exciting and educational venues we came across. There was something for all the family to enjoy, apart from the humidity. The tropical part of the Project was very tropical. The best thing I came across was a stall selling Baobab tree juice. If you remember I preached a sermon few months ago using an example of the Baobab tree. I got really excited that I could actually buy a drink made from the Baobab's fruit. It tasted really nice and we really needed it because it was very humid. After refreshing myself, I started telling Sarah's granny, who is a local preacher, about this amazing tree and how this could be a great illustration for a sermon. Unfortunately they did not have any of those trees, because they grow too big.

These striking trees can have a trunk diameter of between 7 and 11 metres and grow 5 to 30 metres in height. Some people call the Baobab the 'upside-down tree' as the branches of some Baobabs resemble roots. Legends describe the Baobab as among the first trees to appear on the land. When it saw the height of the palm tree, it cried out to the gods to be taller; when it saw the red flowers of the flame tree, it was envious for flower blossoms; when it saw the fig tree with its

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delicious fruit, it too prayed for fruit as well. The gods became angry with the tree, pulled it up by its roots, then re-planted it upside down to keep it quiet.

The Baobab looks like this for a reason. In the wet months water is stored in its thick, fire-resistant trunk – up to 120,000 litres – for the nine dry months ahead. Some trees are believed to be thousands of years old. Besides being traditionally tapped for its water; every other part is used. The bark is used for cloth, rope, dye, used to treat fever and protect against malaria. The leaves are used in soup and medicines. The fruit is nutritious to eat and high in vitamin C and calcium and eaten to protect against illness. Sometimes people even live inside the huge trunks. These trees have exceptional resilience, and even after the entire tree is cut down or blown over in storms, it simply re-sprouts from the root and continues to grow.

I think as we enter New Year we can learn a lot from this tree. Like any other year this year will bring its own spiritual and other challenges. When nothing seems to go your way I would like you to think about Baobab tree. While it's not the prettiest on the outside, it's magnificence comes from what it has on the inside. It is a life-giving tree, supporting people with the water it has stored, a source of nourishment and healing.

God has blessed us with another year to love each other and praise Him. I pray for all of us that like past year we continue to grow, heal, nurture, shelter and sustain each other despite many challenges this year may bring. Let us continue to walk with confidence that God will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Imran

ROUND THE FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers Sandra Hynes, recovering from a hip operation, and Ken Waterhouse making progress after treatment.

We send our congratulations to Tim and Abbey Young on the birth of Ruby Eleanor on 21st November– my first grandchild!

Congratulations also Ronnie Butler who has received a certificate for completing a course on IT Intermediate at Lambeth College, and has just finished courses on Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Design at South Thames College.

Our services over the Christmas period were very enjoyable and well attended. and our Carol Service, led by Valerie Tredinnick, led us through the history of carols and carol singing, with the help of some of the congregation!.

The Church received Christmas and New Year greetings from the Rev. Philip and Laurel Luscombe, Rose Bateman, John Beasley, Ronnie Butler, Abraham Doku, Kathleen and Margaret Seale, Glenys Thompson, Dawn and Sarah (Pre-School), Aaron, Namisha and Anaiah Yusuf, Forest Hill Methodist Church, and Wesley Hall Methodist Church.

Marian

CIRCUIT NEWS

Rev. Solomon Joseph will be stepping down (retiring) in July and Rev. William Howard Tardy (Rev. Bill Tardy) will be coming into the Circuit in September with special responsibility for Burnt Ash, Hither Green and Sunfields. Bill and his wife, Renate, will take up residence in the Manse in Winn Road some time in August.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 7th MARCH 2014

A Service prepared by Christian Women of
Egypt

"Streams in the desert"

This year the service in our area will take place at

our Church

at 7.30pm

The service is not only for women. Men are also welcome
to attend!



Christmas Post Boxes

Thank you to everyone who used the Post boxes. Your donations raised £82.30 (2012 = £115.50), which has been sent to St. Christopher's Hospice.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS DURING FEBRUARY

Our retiring collections at Communion Services during February will be for MENCAP. MENCAP is a national charity which works in partnership with people with a learning disability. All their services are aimed at valuing and supporting people with a learning disability to live life as they choose, as well as supporting their families and carers. Please give generously to this worthwhile charity.

THANK YOU

Audrey and family would like to say THANK YOU to everyone for their prayers, thoughts and kind words following the death of her brother Colin in August

All your help and support too was much appreciated. It has helped us to get through what was a very difficult time and helped us to come to terms with what happened.

Thank you also for your prayers following the death of our favourite aunt and uncle - Auntie Betty and Uncle Kojo - who passed away recently within days of each other

My family asks for you to continue to remember them in your prayers

Best Regards

Audrey and Family

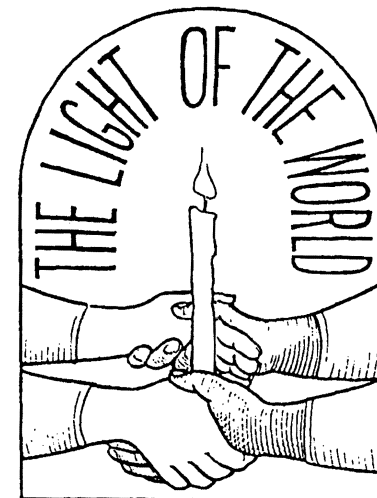
Christmas with a Difference!

Last Christmas December 2013, I decided I would like to do something a little different on Christmas Day. I had seen a poster advertising for volunteers to help on Christmas Day with providing lunch for people in the local community. This was being organised by The Churches Together in South Norwood. I gave them a quick telephone call offering my services - they took my details and told me to come along on Christmas Day. I went along not knowing what to do or what to expect - it felt almost like starting a new job. But I was pleasantly surprised - everyone helping out was very friendly and I met some interesting people. We greeted the dinner guests as they arrived - offered drinks round, ensure everyone had a seat in the lounge area of the hall. People of all ages and nationalities came for the meal - similarly people of all ages were volunteering, the youngest being a 14 year old boy named Jonathan. He had been volunteering for several years with his parents.

I got talking to one other volunteer (similar age and culture as myself); we were both there for the first time. I recalled the story about dear Hetty not wanting to go to a lunch club as it was "for old people" not realising she herself was old - we laughed about it. One of the dinner guests - William, a man about 70+ years - told me that he went to the Catholic Church; he asked did I go to church. I explained I was a Methodist and went to church in Anerley - where I had been since I was a little girl. I asked if he

attended church locally. He said he went to church in Streatham as he preferred to hear the Mass in Latin!

Around 1.00pm all the guest filed into the main hall for lunch. Two volunteers delivered an up tempo beat of carols played on the piano and the flute. I helped to serve up their 3 course Christmas dinner of soup, turkey and trimmings and afters - which finished just in time for everyone to listen to the Queen's speech at 3.00pm. Father Christmas came along afterwards with presents for everyone. All too soon it was over and everyone started to go home. We said our good byes and these were my thoughts as I went home to celebrate with my family - wwjd (what would Jesus do?) and "Come and join the Celebration, It's a very special day, Come and join the Jubilation there's a new king Born Today!"



COOKERY CORNER

Coconut and Lime Loaf

Ingredients

100gr.(4oz) self-raising flour 2 medium eggs
 100gr.(4 oz) soft tub margarine 1 x 15ml spoon (1 tablespn) milk
 100gr.(4 oz) caster sugar
 25 gr. (1 oz) desiccated coconut 1 lime, grated rind only

Topping

2 x 15 ml. spoon (1 tablespn) caster sugar
 1 lime, juice only ; coconut for sprinkling

Method

1. Heat oven to 180°C. 350°F, Gas Mark 4
2. Grease and line the base of a 1 lb loaf tin
3. Place all the cake ingredients in a bowl and beat well until light and fluffy
4. Spoon into the tin, smooth level and bake for about 45 minutes until risen golden brown and firm to the touch.
5. Cool in the tin for 5 minutes
6. Mix together the sugar and lime juice
7. Turn the cake out and stand on a plate.
8. Slowly spoon the lime mixture over the cake, allowing to soak in
9. Sprinkle the cake with coconut.

Ann Vickery

INTROIT FOR THE NEXT 4 MONTHS

Jesus calls us here to meet him
 as, through word and song and prayer,
 we affirm God's promised presence
 Where his people live and care.
 Praise the God who keeps his promise;
 praise the Son who calls us friends;
 praise the Spirit who, among us,
 to our hopes and fears attends.

John Bell and Graham Maule
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FUNDRAISING

For their special project this year the Christian Action Group (CAGs) have decided to raise money for Living Hope, the project started by our Minister Imran to provide good good-quality education for disadvantaged children in Baddomhi, Pakistan. There will be more details of fund-raising activities soon, so please try to support these special events during the year.

News from Casa Ricci Social Services

Dear Friends

Every year since the beginning of Casa Ricci's mission in China, Father Ruiz wanted to send a Christmas calendar to each of our benefactors. This was his way to express not only how important you are for us, but to remind you that we are companions who share the same mission. In the last 2 years we have entrusted the making of these calendars to the patients of the Loving Care HIV/AIDS centre. Each year, these patients carve on each calendar one Chinese character to share with you different aspects of Casa Ricci's spirit and mission. Last year they used the character "Love" to remember Father Ruiz. This year they carved the character "Faith". For 2014 our calendar... is about "Hope". Indeed, "Love", "Faith" and "Hope" are the main forces that push us forward to be who we are, and the inspiration to do what we are doing.

There are many ways to express the mission of CRSS, but the easiest one is to say that our mission is to bring hope to persons and groups which are immersed in situations of deep hopelessness in their personal, community and social lives, mainly due to the effects of strong social discrimination.....When Father Ruiz started to build communities among people affected by leprosy and HIV/AIDS...he saw the possibility of lively "communities" where the reality seemed to show situations of great despair, poverty, hunger, pain, indifference and sheer death. He "saw" the possibility of working hand in hand with the local government to gradually change situations that seemed to be completely hopeless.

But Father Ruiz was very clear that "hope" is something to be discovered together through sharing and communication. Father Ruiz knew that you can bring hope to someone only if

You are willing to be part of this person's life and stand by him/her. That is the reason he wanted the people in the CRSS to live together with the adults or the children affected by leprosy or HIV/AIDS. If "love" and service have been the most effective way we use to tell them that we want to be part of their present situation, "hope" has been the most effective way we use to tell them that we want to be part of their future as well. This experience of the "power of hope" has been repeated hundreds of times along the short history of Casa Ricci. We share hope with the dying patients and their families. We share hope with the children, who are just starting their lives. We share hope with the young and the adults, giving them the confidence and opportunity to develop their capacities to become active contributors of today's Chinese society...

May His Hope fill your hearts throughout 2014!

Father Fernando Azpiroz, S.J.
Macau, 14th November 2013.

(Taken from "Encounter", the newsletter of the Casa Ricci Social Services. If you would like to contribute to the work of CRSS in Macau, either on a regular basis or as a "one-off", please see Andrew Tredinnick, who has taken over from Joan Loring for collecting donations via "the Tin".)





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

- Wed 5th Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening
Thur 6th Church Council 8pm
Wed 12th Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
Tue 11th Christian Action Group 8pm at 5 Percy Road.
Speaker: Rev. Andrew Goodhead
Wed 19th Wednesday Club 8pm Musical Evening
Thur 20th Pastoral Sub-committee 8pm at Church
Sun 23rd All Age Worship 11am Preacher: Gary Young
Wed 26th Wednesday Club 8pm Indoor Bowls

MARCH

- Mon 3rd Daffodil Day Service at Methodist Central Hall
Westminster at 2pm
Fri 7th Women's World Day of Prayer 7.30pm at our
Church (more details later)
Wed 5th Wednesday Club 8pm
Sun 11th MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
Wed 12th Wednesday Club 8pm
Tue 18th Christian Action Group 8pm at 163 Clock House
Road Speaker: Rev. Imran Malik
Wed 19th Wednesday Club 8pm
Wed 26th Wednesday Club 8pm
Sun 30th Mothering Sunday Service 11am

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 March All Age Worship will take place on the 30th (Mothering Sunday)

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.