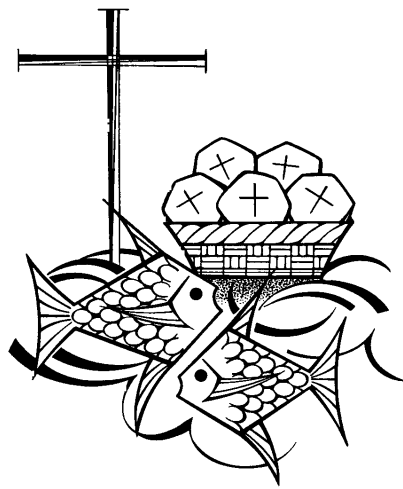


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FROM THE MINISTER

I don't know if any of you have made New Year resolutions, I wonder if they are going out of fashion. I have never made a New Years resolution but the beginning of this year has offered me a lot to think and do for God, for one another and for creation.

I would like to mention two things that I would see myself and churches under my care striving for.

1 Living in the Story of Christ

2 Stewardship of the earth

For me living in the story of Christ means to interpret my story, my experiences and my life and faith through the story that the church tells us about Christ. This would not mean that I will have some abstract rule or principles to guide me but it is a way of life, developing habits and practices through which I would strive to become gospel shaped. This would simply mean interpreting and reflecting on my life events and practices through Christ's incarnation, passion and resurrection. Placing my story in Christ's story would allow me and potentially my churches to reconstruct our story of faith, perseverance and hope in challenging and threatening environments that we and our communities face. A good example of this way of Christian living is Pope Francis. His humility and ambition to live in the story of Christ is changing the narrative of the Church and the way it is perceived.

Of course Pope Francis took the name of St Francis who created the first Nativity in the Italian City of Greccio. It was his way living in the story of Christ and enabling believers to take their own spiritual journey from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, from the manger to the

cross.

Now the second point; St Francis is also seen as the Patron of Ecology. St Francis had a great love for animals and the environment. However, it was the documentary called "*Trashed*" by Jeremy Irons that made me think about our disposable life style and the damage it is causing to our environment, threatening our very existence. This documentary highlighted how plastic packaging and waste have already been endangering marine life for decades and through poor disposal could increase toxins in our environment to shocking high levels causing illnesses, infertility and abnormalities. This documentary shows that all the existing sites around the world are already at tipping point and burning waste containing plastic is not a good alternative. I am only just realizing how much plastic waste just four of us produce. Almost everything we buy comes in plastic packaging. It will be a difficult task for us to reduce our waste, but Sarah and I are going to try to alter our habits to reduce it.

By this we will also be complying with the Methodist Church's waste policy which is

- to reduce the production of material waste including unnecessary packaging
- to encourage re-use, repair and recycling of materials including organic waste
- to dispose of waste in a safe and responsible way

If you would like to see the whole environmental policy of the Methodist Church please visit <http://www.methodist.org.uk/static/econetwork/enmcpolicy.htm>. Also I will be looking at ways to share this documentary around and will keep you updated how I am getting along.

Every blessing,
Rev. Imran Malik

ROUND THE FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers Sandra Hynes and Gill Cranstoun, both recovering from pneumonia, and the Rev. Graham Cocking and his family, following the death of Graham's brother at the beginning of December. Older readers will be sorry to hear that Hazel Webb, wife of Roy Webb, our former Youth Worker, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is in a Hospice in Chichester. Please remember Hazel and Roy in your prayers at this time.

Congratulations to Peter and Margaret Boreham, who were recognised as Worship Leaders at the Morning Service on 23rd November.

Congratulations also Ronnie Butler who has received a Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics from Lambeth College.

Our services over the Christmas period were very enjoyable and well attended. and our Carol Service, led by David Hynes was a traditional candlelight service of lessons and carols, involving a number of the congregation.

The Church received Christmas and New Year greetings from the Rev. Graham and Jenny Cocking, the Rev. Philip and Laurel Luscombe, Rev. Judy and Alan Turner-Smith, Rose Bateman, Ronnie Butler, Abraham Doku, Joan Loring, Aaron, Namisha and Anaiah Yusuf, Tim and Crystal Yusuf, Penge Churches Housing Association, Forest Hill Methodist Church, Upper Norwood Methodist Church and Wesley Hall Methodist Church. In addition, Selina Williams telephoned from Nigeria to send New Year's Greetings to everyone in the Church.

Marian

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FRIDAY 6th MARCH 2015

A Service prepared by Christian Women of
The Bahamas

“Do you know what I have done to you?”

This year the service in our area will take place at
Penge Congregational Church

at 7.30pm

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



THANKS

David Hynes has received the following note from Demelza Hospice:-

On behalf of the children and families of Demelza I would like to thank the congregation of Anerley Methodist Church for their lovely donations of toys which they have given to our children for Christmas. They are much appreciated and will be put to good use by all the children. Please pass on our thanks and good wishes to all your members for their generosity.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year,
Best wishes, Claire Rogers, Fundraising Admin.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS DURING FEBRUARY

Our retiring collections at Communion Services during February will be for Crisis. Crisis is the national charity for single homeless people. Crisis is dedicated to ending homelessness by delivering life-changing services and campaigning. Their aims are to do more for homeless people in more places across the UK and to help change their lives for good; and to change the way society thinks and acts towards homeless people. Please give generously to this worthwhile charity.

OXFAM

A very big THANK YOU to those of you who subscribe to OXFAM each month.

Last year we raised £424 and this year already looks to exceed this amount.

In February's Pledged Giving Newsletter we hear from Liz Crew whose farm was devastated when the Somerset Levels flooded last year. She says it made her realise just how vulnerable communities cope when they experience flooding.

You can read her story in the Newsletter, a copy of which is on the Church Library table, or better still become a "Pledged Giver". I look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you.

Valerie

COOKERY CORNER

Individual Steamed Chocolate Puddings (serves 4)

Ingredients

150 gr.(5 oz) unsalted butter, softened
175 gr (6oz) light muscovado sugar
½ teaspn. Nutmeg
25 gr. (1oz.) plain white flour, sifted
4 tablespns. sifted cocoa powder
5 medium eggs, separated
125 gr. (4 oz.) ground almonds
50gr. (2oz) white breadcrumbs

To serve Greek yoghurt, chocolate curls

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°F/ 350°C/ Gas mark 4, lightly grease and line the bases of 8 individual 175ml,(6 fl.oz) pudding basins with a small circle of non-stick baking parchment.
2. Cream the butter with 50gr.(2oz) of the sugar and the nutmeg until light and fluffy.
3. Sift flour and cocoa powder together and stir into creamed mixture.
4. Beat in the egg yolks and mix well, fold in ground almonds and breadcrumbs.
5. Whisk the egg whites in a clean grease-free bowl until stiff & standing in peaks, gradually whisk in remaining sugar.
6. Using a metal spoon fold egg whites into chocolate mixture and mix well.

7. Spoon mixture into prepared basins, filling two-thirds full to allow for expansion.
8. Cover each basin with a double layer of tinfoil and tie with string.
9. Stand pudding basins in a roasting tin and pour in sufficient water to come half way up the sides of the basins.
10. Bake in the centre of the pre-heated oven for 30 minutes.
11. Remove from the oven, remove tinfoil, loosen round the edges of the puddings and invert onto warmed plates.
12. Serve immediately with Greek yoghurt and chocolate curls.

Ann Vickery

LENT STUDIES

Lent Studies begin on Monday 23rd February and follow through each Monday until 23rd March. They will be held in the Side Hall from 8 to 9.30pm.

The Course is entitled "Praise Him – Songs of Praise in the New Testament".

The speakers on CD are David Suchet, Archbishop Justin Welby and Sister Wendy Beckett.

Do try and join us and I'm sure we will be in for some interesting discussion.

Look out for further details.

Valerie

NEWS FROM CASA RICCI SOCIAL SERVICES

Dear Friends

Joy is one of the most precious things we look for in our lives...Since the time of Father Luis Ruiz, it has always been at the heart of Casa Ricci's mission to bring joy to the poor and marginalised people in China. He believed that there were not many initial prerequisites for this Joy to occur.

The first and most important one is to start where the people we want to serve are actually standing (geographically, physically, psychologically, materially, spiritually etc) rather than where we would like them to be.

The second one is to have a willingness to open up ourselves to them, sharing with them what we have and what we are. Fr. Ruiz also believed that the first thing we have to share with the others is our very limited Joy, our limited capacity to make other people happier. He believed that Joy was contagious, so that we share our Joy with others, we open up the possibility for others to share their Joy with us as well.

The more we share Joy, the more we receive it. This virtuous cycle of sharing and receiving Joy is the main and continuous experience of our service in Casa Ricci's different communities. This mutual sharing of Joy does not eliminate pain, suffering or death from us, or from the thousands of people we serve in our leprosy villages, hospitals, children's homes, schools and kindergartens etc. But it transforms this suffering from something meaningless to something meaningful. The sharing of Joy brings communion, and communion brings more and deeper Joy.

singing or playing music together: each person adds his or her own unique voice to a choir in which all our voices become One. The more we share it, the more voices we add, the more beautiful the music becomes.

It is no wonder that one of the first things Fr. Ruiz did in Macau to bring Joy to the thousands of people who were then escaping war and hunger in the 50s, was to form a choir made up of these refugees. This group eventually would become the now very famous Macau “Perosi” a capella choir. In most of the CRSS communities and centres, to sing or to play music together is the way we celebrate life, and the way we greet or bless our guests...

This is what we share at Christmas—the coming of the One who has taught us how to share God’s Joy to the World.

May His joy fill your hearts during the year 2015!

Fr. Fernandez Azpiroz, S.J.
18th November 2014

(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”.)

OLD-FASHIONED AFTERNOON TEA

In aid of Mission in Britain Funds

Saturday 21st February 2015 3-5pm

At Burnt Ash Methodist Church
Tickets £4 from Andrew Tredinnick

150TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

The Story of Anerley Methodist Church

The history of the Church is being published in 10 instalments throughout our 150th birthday year. The first booklet, entitled "The Early Years 1865-1929", should be available early in February. A limited number are being ordered, so if you want to be sure of obtaining a set (i.e. ten booklets @ £2 each) please speak with me as soon as possible.

Valerie

Hobbies and Talents afternoon

As part of our Anniversary year we shall be holding a Hobbies and Talents afternoon on the afternoon of Saturday 28th March, when we hope to showcase the hidden talents of our Church family. Do you collect stamps, knit, cook, make models of St. Paul's Cathedral out of matchsticks.....?

Whatever your hobby or talent, there is a place for you to display it at our Hobbies and Talents afternoon. You can bring along an example of your work, or something symbolising your hobby (e.g. if you are keen on bird watching, it might be inconvenient to bring in a flock of sparrows, but you could bring in magazines, bird feeders, pictures of birds that visit your garden etc). If you are interested in taking part, application forms will be available soon where you can give details of your hobby and what you will be bringing with you (so that we know how much space we shall need).

Even if you don't have a hobby, please come along and see what other people get up to in their spare time. There will also be tea and cakes, and craft activities for the children, so please support us.

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| Dog Training Monday 7pm - 9pm | Tel. 07939 023 135 |
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

- Wed 4th Wednesday Club 8pm Slides of Austria
- Thur 5th Church Council 8pm
- Tue 10th Christian Action Group 8pm at 5 Percy Road.
Speaker: Rev. Imran Malik
- Wed 11th Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening
- Thur 12th Circuit Meeting 7.45pm at Burnt Ash Methodist Church
- Tue 17th Stewards' Meeting 8pm at 19 Felmingham Road
- Wed 18th Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
- Thur 19th Pastoral Sub-committee 8pm at Church
- Sat 21st Old Fashioned Afternoon Tea 3 - 5pm at Burnt Ash Methodist Church in aid of Mission in Britain. Tickets £4 from Andrew Tredinnick
- Sun 22nd All Age Worship 11am Preacher: Chris Watkins
- Mon 23rd Lent Studies 8pm in Side Hall
- Wed 25th Wednesday Club 8pm Trivial Pursuits
- ### MARCH
- Mon 2nd Lent Studies 8pm in Side Hall
- Wed 4th Wednesday Club 8pm
- Fri 6th Women's World Day of Prayer 7.30pm at Penge Congregational Church
- Sat 7th Methodist Talents Festival 10.30 onwards at Shirley Methodist Church
- Sun 8th MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
- Mon 9th Lent Studies 8pm in Side Hall

- Tue 10th Christian Action Group 8pm at 105 Birchanger Road, SE25 Speaker: Rev. Stephen Maunder
- Wed 11th Wednesday Club 8pm
- Sun 15th Mothering Sunday Service 11am
- Mon 16th Lent Studies 8pm in the Side Hall
- Wed 18th Wednesday Club 8pm
- Mon 23rd Lent Studies 8pm in the Side Hall
- Wed 25th Wednesday Club 8pm
- Sat 28th Hobbies and Talents Exhibition at the Church 2pm -5pm
- Sun 29th Palm Sunday Service 11am
- ### APRIL
- Thur 2nd Maundy Thursday
- Fri 3rd Good Friday
- Sun 5th Easter Sunday
- Sun 12th Church Annual General Meeting 12.30pm

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 15th (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.