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MINISTER'S LETTER

After His resurrection Jesus spent approximately 40 days on Earth. During this time he appeared to His disciples various times explain to them the Scripture accompanied with many convincing signs and their role in spreading the message. But before his ascension Jesus asked His disciples to stay in the city until they have been clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:48). Disciples did follow Jesus' instructions and stayed in the city and as promised on the day of Pentecost while they were praying and fasting, the power of Holy Spirit was given to them.

The word Pentecost means "fifty" days. Christian borrowed it from Greek-speaking Jews who used it to refer to a Jewish holiday known as Shavuot (the *Festival of the Weeks*). Shavuot accrues fifty days after Passover and Hellenistic Jews gave it the name "Pentecost". Pentecost for Jews is associated with a season of grain and the day on which Torah (including 10 Commandments) was revealed by God to the nation of Israel at Mount Sinai. In Jesus time during the festival of Pentecost many Jews would gather from far and wide into Jerusalem to celebrate their festival holidays.

The book of Acts tells us that on the day of Pentecost, there were about 120 believers including the disciples who were praying and fasting in the upper room in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit descended upon them and they began to speak in other languages. After this Apostle Peter spoke to a large crowd explaining the fulfilment of the prophecy by Joel (2:32-33) with the power of Holy Spirit and around the 3000 people committed themselves to follow Christ. We commemorate this event with the birth of the Church of Christ. For us Christians today this Pentecost in many ways is associated

with a time of personal and corporate renewals. Pentecost offers us the opportunity to observe how the power from high is working through us and how by receiving the Holy Spirit afresh can deepen our intimacy and fellowship with God and each other. It can also be associated with our personal reawakening in which the mysteries of God's grace fill our hearts with courage and confidence.

Both John and Charles Wesley experienced these moments in which their hearts were "strangely warmed". Charles Wesley experienced his Pentecost on 21 May 1738 and three days later on 24 May, 1738 John Wesley had a similar experience in Aldersgate Street. Charles Wesley wrote in his journal that the Spirit of God "chased away the darkness of my unbelief". One of the possible conversion hymn asks "And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood" and the last verse proclaims

*No condemnation now I dread,
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine:
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness Divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.*

After their Pentecost both brothers served God as they were filled with the power from high. Charles went on to write thousands of Hymns and John was used by God to reform England, preaching the Gospel of Christ with the power of the Holy Spirit to all those who would listen.

At this Pentecost we might ask ourselves;
What is the significance of Pentecost for us today?
What might God want to do in our lives and in our Church on Pentecost?

As you spent some time reflecting on these questions,

"May God the Father bless you.

May God the Son heal you.

May God the Holy Spirit enlighten you,

and give you
 eyes to see with,
 ears to hear with,
 hands to do the work of God with,
 feet to walk with,
 a mouth to preach the word of salvation with,
 and the angel of peace to watch over you and lead you at last, by
 our Lord's gift, to the Kingdom.
 Amen." (**A Dominican Blessing 13th Century**) .
Rev. Imran

ROUND THE FAMILY

We were sorry to hear of the death of Roy Webb, the former Youth Leader at our Church, on 19th April, just 3 months after the death of his wife Hazel. Please remember their family in your prayers, mourning the loss of two members of the family in such a short time. Please also remember Hilary Waterhouse whose mother has had another heart attack, Keith Jeffery, whose mother has died after a period of prolonged ill-health, Selina Williams, whose son has been severely injured in a hit-and-run road accident, the Hynes family as daughter-in-law Sara and sister-in-law Kim receive treatment for cancer, and Jenny Cocking, wife of our former Minister Graham, who is recovering from a major operation for cancer.

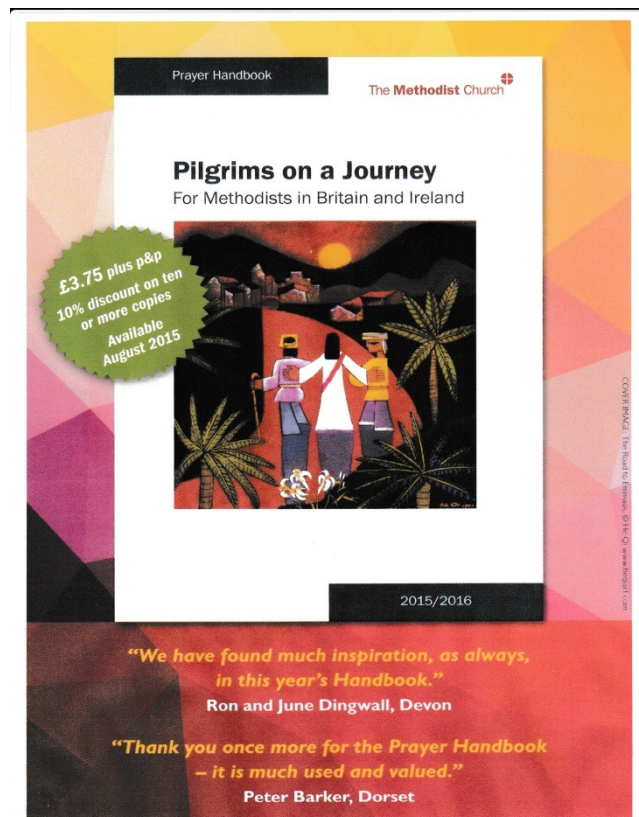
We were pleased to welcome back a former Minister, the Rev. Dr. George Lovell, to preach on 19th April, as part of the celebrations of our 150th anniversary year. It was good to see him again and to welcome to the service past members of the Church and visitors from other churches in the Circuit.

The celebrations of our 150th Anniversary Weekend are covered elsewhere in the magazine.

Marian

Pilgrims on a Journey: Methodist Prayer Handbook 2015-2016

The Handbook will be available in August and if anyone would like to receive a copy price £3.75 (£3.35 if I order 10 or more copies) please let me know. You can have it in A5 size (the same as this magazine) or A4 which is a large print edition.



From the Editor

With this edition the magazine commences its 47th year of production, for the last 23 of which I have been editor. However, the magazine is a team effort and I would like to thank Valerie and Andrew Tredinnick, who collate and staple the magazine, Dave Hynes, who maintains the mailing list, and all those who help to distribute the magazines.

I am also very appreciative of everyone who gives me articles, news and suggestions for things to include.

If anyone has any news or an idea for an article, or even feels moved to write the occasional article themselves, please have a word with me or contact me - my details are inside the front cover.

Please keep me informed of news to go in "Round the Family" or dates to go in "Dates for Your Diary." I try to keep my ear to the ground (which explains my strange posture at times!) but I sometimes miss things.

If you want to write an article yourself and have access to a computer, you can send it by e-mail as an attachment. The page size is A5 and preferred font size is 12; the font style used for the majority of the magazine is Arial but you can use whichever font you prefer. Otherwise I am happy to type up whatever you give me. I would rather have something handwritten than nothing at all!

Marian

ANERLEY METHODIST CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday 9th May 2015

Afro Caribbean Evening with Endurance Steel Band

What evening that was - The band leader Marlon introduced the band as a not for profit community group based in South East London. It gives people the opportunity to express and develop their musical talent.

Then the band began to play - I could see lots of people swaying and tapping their feet to the music. Before long lots of us were on the dance floor dancing to the steel band music. Adults and children all enjoying themselves. People came in their brightly coloured outfits and some in their traditional dress.

At the interval came all that lovely food organised by the 150th Anniversary Working Group. There was something to suit everybody's taste from: African jollof rice, Bajan macaroni pie, Bun and cheese, chicken spiced with different Afro-Caribbean flavours, Fried plantain, Guyanese rice and peas, Hard dough bread, Jamaican patties and more.....followed by a lovely tropical fruit salad and platter. The evening concluded with a well known socca tune "HOT! HOT! HOT!" Which had everyone on the dance floor with some people doing their special party piece. It was a family night to remember.

Some comments received from various people were:

"The band was great" "We must do this again" "I enjoyed it, my mum enjoyed it, and so did my sisters" "It was nice to speak to the young people from the band" "Fantastic! Very good evening" "All that lovely food, I enjoyed that"

Sunday 10th May

Anniversary Service

Andrew Tredinnick did a brief introduction and welcomed the President - the Rev. Kenneth Howcroft. He said we already had a connection with him as he had ordained our own minister Imran last year.(2014) The anniversary service was funny, interactive and inclusive for everyone. The President gave us a special Presidential candle , which he lit, and this burned throughout the service. He commented that whilst he would not be here for the next 150 years at least he would be with us in spirit. He taught us a new song where he had written the chorus and we made up the verses as we went along. It was great fun thinking about the things that make up the church for the verses in his song - the people, prayers, the building, singing, Jesus/God and more...

Our Junior Church and Adult singing groups sang two songs they had specially prepared for the service - "Colours of day" and "All people that on earth do dwell" The President distributed communion and/or a blessing for everyone.

After the service the President signed our commemorative book and looked at our memorabilia exhibition. Then we had our bring and share lunch. It was a feast fit for a king, with a variety of foods from all around the world. The President went around and chatted informally to lots of people. Then the moment we had all been waiting for - the cutting of the 150th anniversary cake! Done in style with the President and our oldest and youngest members - Joan Loring and Emma Oppong. Marion his wife as presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers. All too soon it was all over and the President and his wife said their goodbyes. A Church Anniversary I think we will all treasure forever. I felt truly blessed to have been part of such a momentous occasion in the life of Anerley Methodist Church.

Audrey

OXFAM

Meet Stephen Seckor. Stephen lost his mother, father and two sisters to Ebola. Now he's taking care of thirteen children.

He and his fiancé both were very ill, so they took themselves off to the MOD treatment unit in Congo Town seeking treatment. Since he returned from the Ebola Treatment Unit he lost his job. But thanks to the support of OXFAM donators, work in communities affected by Ebola has enable survivors like Stephen to care for those left behind.

To read more of his story become a pledged giver and donate a small sum each month. Even a little goes a long way.

You can also watch a video at www.oxfam.org.uk/inside about OXFAM supporter Sue Greenwood who lost a leg in the 2005 London bombings.

Thank you.

Valerie

CIRCUIT SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

The Missions Garden Party will take place on Saturday 13th`t June at Forest Hill Methodist Church, Normanton Street SE23 between 11.00am and 3.00pm. Please book the date now.

Mayor of Bromley's Award

We are delighted to learn that our Editor, Marian Young, has received the Mayor's Award for outstanding voluntary work in the community (one of only six awarded annually).

In his citation, the Mayor referred particularly to her service at our church over the past 60 years, which includes serving as a Sunday School/Junior Church Teacher (40 years), Pianist (over 30 years), Pastoral Visitor (45 years) as well as lengthy periods as Church Steward and Secretary to the Church Council.

Beyond the church, Marian served at the Bromley Council for Voluntary Service's charity shop in Penge (nearly 20 years), as a member and later Chair of the Penge Churches Housing Association Friends' Committee (some 9 years), and since 2007 as a committee member of the Penge Festival/Penge Partners organisation.

For the past four years, she has also undertaken the role of Heritage Guide at Wesley's Chapel & House, and Museum of Methodism at City Road, London.

Well done Marian.

A.T

**CHURCH FAMILY FUN DAY ON 20TH JUNE
12NOON TO 3PM**

Bouncy Castle, Music & Dance, Children's Games

Free BBQ, plus tea, coffee, cake

Old Fashioned Afternoon Tea

This event held at Burnt Ash Church on Saturday 21st February was attended by a good number of friends from across the Circuit, including about a dozen of us from Anerley.

Musical accompaniment, by a suitably attired pianist (yellow blazer and straw boater), gave the right atmosphere as we munched our way through a choice of sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes, supplemented by an endless supply of tea served in bone china cups and saucers. Conversation flowed, and altogether it was a very pleasant afternoon.

£350 was raised for Mission in Britain funds. Well done to Mary Sparkes and her friends at Burnt Ash. I certainly look forward to going again next year.

Andrew

INTROIT for the next four months

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
O open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Robert Cull

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Hobbies & Talents Exhibition – Saturday 28th March

If you wanted to know the interests and skills of some of our members you should have been at this event held as part of our 150th Church Anniversary celebrations.

A wide range of items were on show including: a miniature 'grand piano', a cardigan made by one of the men at the church, antique teapots, a set of tide-tables (!), some superb atmospheric photographs, details of 'well-connected' connections in a genealogy display, some delightful drawings and paintings, interesting gardening exhibits, and a range of excellent knitted, crocheted and needlework pieces. But I'm not giving names away – you will just have to wait and see if the event is repeated!

Our thanks to Marian for arranging the afternoon and to everyone who helped set up, clear away, and organise the refreshments.

Andrew

MEMORABILIA EXHIBITION ON 9TH AND 10TH MAY

During our Anniversary Weekend Valerie Tredinnick arranged a display of memorabilia. documents and photographs connected with the church at Anerley over its 150 years of history. It was a fascinating exhibition and people could be heard saying "Oh, I remember that!" "Do you remember that pantomime?" " Now, what was that person's name...?" Thank you to Valerie, who has worked hard for several months collecting exhibits and putting it all together, and to Andrew who helped her set up the exhibition on the day.

The Thursday morning Prayer meeting

Prayer is an important dimension of our Christian faith and should underpin our individual lives and the life of the church. As Christians we should believe strongly in the power and effectiveness of prayer. The Bible commands us to pray without ceasing and to pray with the expectation that God will listen to, and answer our prayers according to His will.

We have just commenced meeting together at the church on a Thursday morning to focus on prayers for our world, our church, our community, each other and ourselves. The Prayer Meeting has been well attended and has been a blessing to all who have 'dropped in'.

What do we do at the Prayer Meeting? This is a time for sharing, meditation, quiet time and prayer.

At the start of the meeting we spend time quietening our minds and focussing our thoughts and prayers on God. We then spend time identifying specific issues that we as individuals, or as a group, feel led to pray for. Our prayers are then focussed on these issues. Confidentiality is important. There will be occasions where information divulged during a prayer meeting is 'confidential'. Prayer meeting attendees respect this requirement and treat all information with sensitivity.

The thought of a Prayer Meeting might be daunting to some Christians (most if we are being absolutely honest!!), but our prayer meetings are gentle and Spirit-led. There is no pressure on anybody to pray out loud if they do not wish to. Silent prayer, or just saying a sincere 'Amen' at the end of somebody else's prayer is just as acceptable to God.

We don't anticipate instant answers to our prayers and we don't expect God to answer our prayers in the way that we might humanly expect. Sometimes God does answer prayers in a spec

tacular way. One Thursday morning we prayed that a new teacher might be found quickly for Imran's village school in Pakistan. Recruitment was seen to be a potential problem. Within a week of praying, God had found **two** new teachers for the school and provided an unsolicited donation that would pay a teacher's salary for a full year! Coincidence or Godincidence? We have the faith that God directly intervened in this situation as a result of our heartfelt prayers.

If you are free on any Thursday morning between 10 and 11.30, come along to the church. Our Prayer Meeting is in the chapel. You can come for the whole meeting or 'drop in' and 'drop out' according to the time that you have available. Come along and be blessed, inspired and supported.

Sharing our burdens and concerns, and praying for each other, is important. If you are not able to attend the Prayer Meeting in person but have a prayer concern, please let Margaret or Peter Boreham know and we will pray for your concern. All are welcome to the Prayer Meeting, including members of our other Circuit churches.

Martin Luther made the following observation:

No one can believe how powerful prayer is and what it can effect, except those who have learned it by experience. Whenever I have prayed earnestly, I have been heard and have obtained more than I prayed for. God sometimes delays, but He always answers.

He also said *Pray and let God worry*. If you are stressed and worried about any situation "Take it to the Lord in Prayer".

Margaret and Peter Boreham

Living Hope Lent Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported this appeal. We raised £266.58 (before Gift Aid is added).

Those who followed the day by day 'things to do' would have learned a lot more of how life is for many people in Pakistan, whilst raising the money suggested.

Should you wish to offer further ongoing support to Living Hope there is an opportunity to sponsor a child attending the Living Hope school, at £6.50 per month or £78 for a year. Please speak with Imran if you feel this is something you could do.

Once again, many thanks to those who helped with the Lent Project. If anyone still has money they've collected perhaps you could let me have it as soon as possible – it's not too late!

Valerie

EASTER OFFERING SERVICE

The Easter Offering Service was held at Burnt Ash Methodist Church this year on the afternoon of Sunday 26th April. The theme was "The leaves of the Tree.." and we were pleased to have as our speaker Deacon Jackie Fowler, the President of the London District of Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB).

The amount collected this year in Anerley's Easter Offering envelopes was £113.12 including Gift Aid.

Each year the Circuit JMA (Junior Mission for All) shield is presented at the Easter Offering Service to the Church in the Circuit which has increased its JMA collections over the last year by the largest percentage (**not** the church which has collected the most) and this year Anerley won the shield, which is on display in the Church. We congratulate our small band of regular collectors who can usually be found collecting their money after morning services. If you would like to give regularly to any of our collectors, please have a word with Dinah.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

Wed 3rd Wednesday Club 8pm: Surprise Evening

Mon 8th Bible Study 8-9.30pm

Tue 9th Christian Action Group 8pm at 32 Lloyds Way, Beckenham. Speaker: John Beasley

Wed 10th Wednesday Club 7.30pm: Petanque at 32 Lloyds Way

Sat 13th Circuit Missions Garden Party at Forest Hill 11am-3pm

Sat 13th Penge Festival Fete 11am-4pm at Royston Field, Penge

Mon 15th Bible Study 8-9.30pm

Wed 17th Wednesday Club 8pm:WOT

Thur 18th Special Church Council 8pm at the Church

Sat 20th Church Family Fun Day 12-3pm

Mon 15th Bible Study 8-9.30pm

Wed 24th Penge Festival Quiz 6.30pm for 7pm at Penge Conservative Club.

Sun 28th All Age Worship 11a.m. Preacher: Hilary Waterhouse

Mon 29th Bible Study 8-9.30pm

JULY

Wed 2nd Wednesday Club—Carmen at the Fairfield Halls

Thur 2nd Circuit Meeting 7.45pm at Anerley Methodist Church

Mon 6th Bible Study 8-9.30pm

Wed 8th Wednesday Club Ramble. Meet 7.30pm at 32 Lloyds Way

Sun 12th MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!

Mon 13th Christian Action Group. 8pm at 28 Chesham Road. Speaker: Rev. Bill Tardy

Wed 15th Wednesday Club 8pm Gill's Birthday Social Evening

Thur 16th Pastoral Meeting 8pm at the Church

Wed 22nd Wednesday Club 8pm Beetle Drive

Sun 26th All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Rev. Imran Malik

Wed 30th Wednesday Club: 8pm Card Making

AUGUST

Mon 3rd Christian Action Group 8pm at 5 Percy Road
Speaker: Paddy Boothe

Wed 5th Wednesday Club 8pm: Andrew's Birthday Social Evening

Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 14th June and 19th July.

Evening Services will be held at 6.30 pm on 14th June (HC), 28th June, 12th July (HC) and 26th July