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MINISTER'S LETTER

We view life in many ways. Some see it as a journey, a story, a song, a roller-coaster ride, a mystery, beautiful or simply difficult. I think it really depends on one's experience or stage of life. It is only when our journey, story or song takes unthinkable, unimaginable or unexpected twists we feel surrounded by uncertainties and questions. I think only then we sincerely want to know and understand why things happen the way they happen. It is only then we ask some difficult questions.

Why should I ask myself difficult questions when my journey is without bumps, when my story appears to have a clear beginning, middle and end? I have not heard someone asking themselves; 'what is the purpose of my life' when they are happy and having the best time of their life such as one's wedding day or when your favourite football team is doing really well in the league.

At some point our lives get touched by something that challenges and shakes us to the core. Then we find ourselves seeking answers. Then we want to know the purposefulness and meanings of everything that happens to us. We want to know what is beyond us, if there is something. We want to know the truth.

But, can I figure it out myself or do I need help?

Our Gospel story is filled with many twists and turns accompanied by uncertainties and questions. On two certain occasions like these Jesus said to his disciples "You do not know what I am doing now but later you will understand" (John 13:7) and "I have many things to say that we cannot bear them now" (John 16:12). These words of Jesus don't seem to be very assuring in confusing circumstances but they do tell us to wait upon the Lord for understanding or wait for what God has in store for us. Like his disciples, in the midst of uncertainty and questions Je-

God asks us to wait upon the Spirit of truth and when the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all truth. But sometimes we find the Spirit less visible and most silent of the persons of Godhead. Its work is mysterious and sometimes invisible to our perceptions.

Perhaps there are things that will only become clearer to us when we could bear them, but what do we do in the meantime?

I think we should hang on God's promises. Before his departure Jesus said to his disciples that he will never leave them helpless (John 14:19). He promised to send us a helper, the Holy Spirit. This promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost.

This also means that the things that leave us searching for meanings and purposefulness will become clearer and the truth will be revealed in God's time. In the meantime we could learn to be comfortable with the questions that we have. As life should sometimes leave us pondering, it should keep us searching. Maybe sometimes it is the will of the Spirit for us to live with not-knowing than to try to come up with our own answers which might be wrong. Don't be frightened by uncertainty, because sometimes we don't have to know the answers until it is revealed to us.

Our seasons of uncertainty are the most powerful God-moment because it is in these times we allow ourselves to experience the power of God leading us to ultimate triumph. It is in these seasons we are more likely to experience what it means to have a God who acts for those who wait for him. Especially thinking of all those at this time who have been on our prayer lists and are waiting upon God faithfully. May God remain your answer to all of your uncertainties.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Imran

ROUND THE FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers our Minister Imran and his family, whose father was killed in a motorcycle accident just a couple of days after Imran had arrived in Pakistan after Easter. Please also remember Thomas Tchine, Alphonsine, Olivia and Grace, as Thomas starts 6 weeks of radiotherapy at the end of May, followed by an operation later on in the year. John Taylor has been in and out of hospital since the beginning of the year, and at the time of writing he is now home again, though still recovering. John also lost his father unexpectedly at the beginning of May, so please remember John and Julie in your prayers at this time. Please also remember Lorraine Wilson, whose daughter Anne-Marie is terminally ill .

We were pleased to welcome back a former Minister, the Rev. Andrew Maguire, with his wife Helen, to preach at our 151st Church Anniversary on 8th May. Andrew had been unable to return to preach during our 150th anniversary year, so it was good to welcome him and Helen back for this year's anniversary and to catch up on all the news.

I know that some of our young people are in the middle of the exam season, so we wish them cool heads and calm nerves!

Marian

From the Editor

With this edition the magazine commences its 48th year of production, for the last 24 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 up with what is happening 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

OXFAM

Did you know that it is just over a year since Nepal had their devastating earthquake when many people lost their lives and others their homes and all their belongings?

OXFAM'S recent newsletter tells us what they have been doing to help over the past twelve month.

Providing Shelter: Oxfam gave 800 vulnerable families a winter kit containing mattresses, quilts, a tarpaulin, cooking vessels and blankets.

Schooling: A temporary school has been built and fresh water and sanitation has been provided, with separate toilets and wash areas for the girls.

Rebuilding Communities: Oxfam is helping people to rebuild their communities by introducing cash-for-work schemes and assisting households in restoring water supplies which will benefit the community as a whole.

These are just three examples in Nepal where OXFAM has been able to help thanks to your continuing contributions.

Valerie

CIRCUIT SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

The Missions Garden Party will take place on Saturday 25th June at Forest Hill Methodist Church, Normanton Street SE23 between 11.00am and 2.30pm. Please book the date now.

COOKERY CORNER

Apple Bread Pudding

(serves 4- 6)

Ingredients

1 tablespoon milk	50gr (2oz) sultanas
2 large eggs	½ level teasp'n ground cinnamon
100gr (4 oz) fresh breadcrumbs	25gr(1 oz) sugar
450gr (1 lb) cooking apples, peeled and grated	
25gr (1 oz) margarine or butter	15ml (1 tablespoon) oil

18cm (7 in) frying pan with lid.

Method

1. Lightly beat together milk and eggs in a bowl.
2. Add the breadcrumbs, apples, sultanas, cinnamon and sugar.
3. Mix together well to form a dough
4. Heat margarine or butter and oil in the frying pan
5. Turn the apple mixture into the pan and press down evenly.
6. Place a lid or large plate over the top of the pan and fry gently for 10—15 minutes, checking that the underside does not over- brown.
7. When the first side is cooked, turn out onto an oiled plate then slide it back into the pan, uncooked side down.
8. Cook gently for a further 10—15 minutes
9. When cooked, sprinkle the Apple Bread Pudding with caster sugar and cut into wedges.

This pudding is delicious served hot or cold

Ann Vickery

THANK YOU

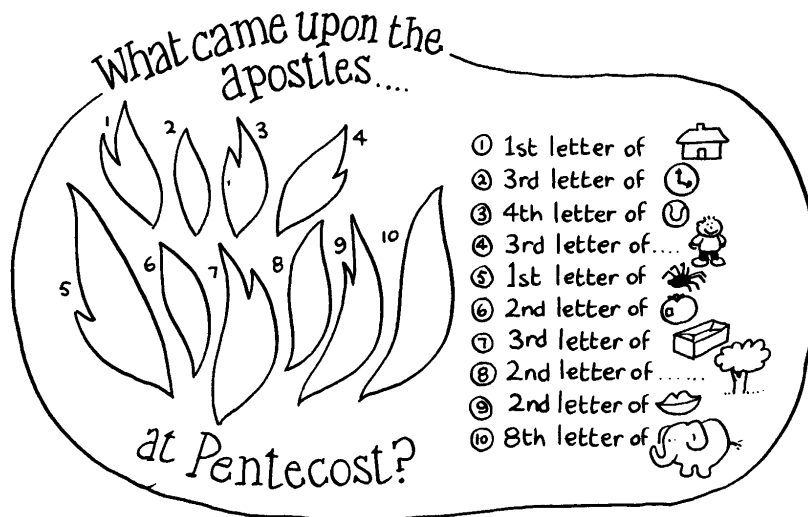
As part of its charitable giving our Church donated £100 to the Welfare Fund at the Penge Churches Housing Association, and we have received the following reply:

"...Please thank the congregation at Anerley Methodist Church, on behalf of the tenants of Penge Churches Housing Association for the generous donation. Our welfare fund continues to support those tenants suffering hardship. For example, just in the last few days we have been able to give a donation to a family who had a fire in their home, and have had to be rehoused temporarily. The money will buy some essentials to help them manage for the next couple of months whilst we repair their home.

Kind regards

Louise Barnden
Chief Executive, Penge Churches Housing Association

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

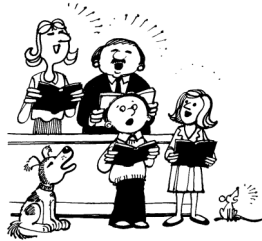


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INTROIT for the next four months

Come, Lord, to our souls come down,
through the gospel speaking:
let your words, your cross and crown,
lighten all our seeking

Howard Charles Adie Gaunt
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PRAYER SATURDAY 2

Our second Prayer Saturday was held on Saturday 14th May and was very inspiring, with many activities focussing on different aspects of prayer, beautiful projected photographs for meditation and worshipful background music. Thank you to Peter and Margaret for arranging this worthwhile day, and to others who helped, particularly Jean, for arranging the Prayer Walk, and Valerie and Andrew who helped lead some of the prayers. It was a shame that more people were not able to come, even for a short while, to experience a time of quiet and reflection, but those who did come found it fulfilling.

Action for Children

Overall, during 2015/16 we have sent £612.22 to Action for Children. Not one of our better efforts as £98.92 of this was from the Circuit Christingle service which was held at our church.

The Good Friday Collection in 2015 was £68.50 and Christmas Day raised a commendable sum of £132.23. Sadly the Home Collecting Boxes was the lowest for a number of years at £312.57.

I hesitate to ask existing box holders to increase their giving as they are already very generous, but I would ask those who don't currently have a home collecting box to consider taking on today.

Thank you for your ongoing support. It is very much appreciated. Should anyone want any further information about the work of Action for Children please do have a word with me.

Valerie

CHURCH FAMILY FUN DAY ON 2nd JULY

12 NOON TO 3PM

Bouncy Castle, Music & Dance, Children's Games

Free BBQ, plus tea, coffee, cake

(Answer to Puzzle: HOLY SPIRIT)

Water Aid Lent Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported this appeal. We raised £244.72 in our jars.

EASTER OFFERING SERVICE

The Easter Offering Service was held at Lewisham Methodist Church this year on the afternoon of Sunday 24th April. The theme was "Child, get up", and we were pleased to have as our speaker Evelyn de Graft..

The amount collected this year in Anerley's Easter Offering envelopes was £132.50 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 Eltham Park won the shield. Even though we didn't win the shield this year, 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.

SONG SATURDAY 2

Another Song Saturday will be held on Saturday 23rd July from 10am to 2pm. Many of you enjoyed the last Song Saturday, with its mix of old and new hymns and songs, so please make a note of the date of the next one which Margaret and Peter have arranged. More details later!





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

Wed 1st Wednesday Club 8pm. Dominoes

Thur 2nd Pastoral Meeting 7.45pm at the Church

Wed 8th Wednesday Club 7.30pm: Attending the Penge Festival Quiz at the Bridge House Tavern

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

Sun 12th Morning Service 11am. Preacher: the Rev. Gordon Lemmon, Minister of the Church from 1966—1973.

Mon 13th Christian Action Group 8pm at 103 Birchanger Road, SE25 Speaker: Rev. Dr. Andrew Goodhead

Wed 15th Wednesday Club 8pm:Petanque 7.45pm at Lloyds Way

Fr.17th—Sun 19th Circuit Weekend at High Leigh

Wed 22nd Wednesday Club 8pm Nature Trail Game

Sat 25th Circuit Missions Garden Party at Forest Hill Methodist Church 11am– 3pm

Sun 26th All Age Worship 11a.m. Preacher: Mary Sparkes

Wed 29th Wednesday Club 8pm UNO

JULY

Sat 2nd Church Family Fun Day 12-3pm

Wed 6th Wednesday Club 8pm L'Attaque Board Game

Sun 10th MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!

Mon 11th Christian Action Group. 8pm at 5 Percy Road. Speaker: Jeanette Warren

Wed 13th Wednesday Club 8pm Gill's Birthday Social Evening

Thur 14th Circuit Meeting 7.45pm at Forest Hill Methodist Church

Wed 20th Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening

Sat 23rd Song Saturday 2 10am-2pm

Sun 24th All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Valerie Tredinnick

Wed 27th Wednesday Club: 8pm Card Making

AUGUST

Mon 8th Christian Action Group 8pm Venue to be confirmed
DVDs about John Wesley and Wesley's Chapel

Wed 3rd Wednesday Club 8pm: Andrew's Birthday Social Evening

Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 19th June and 17th July

From Sunday 31st July to Sunday 28th August inclusive, the morning services are designated as "Child Friendly" (There will be no Junior Church on these Sundays).

Evening Services will be held at 6.30 pm on 12th June (HC), 26th June, 10th July (HC) and 24th July