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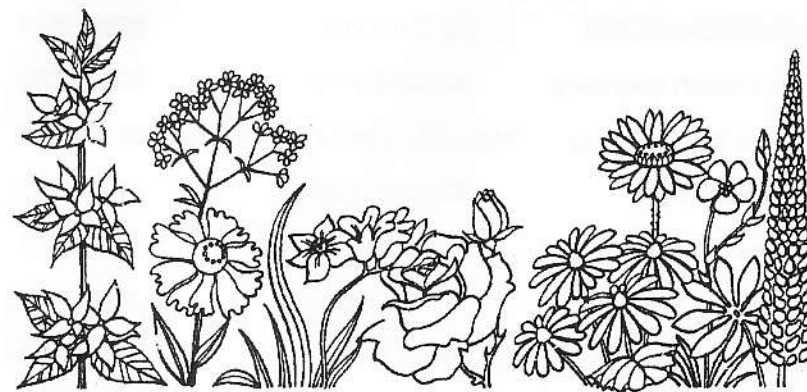
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MINISTER'S LETTER

We have nearly completed this Easter season and on the 8th of June we will mark the end by celebrating Pentecost Sunday, the visible revelation of the 3rd person of the Trinity. This will also change our lectionary menu for Sunday readings, as it is a very old tradition that our lectionary readings do not include the Old Testament readings apart from Psalms for the Easter season. The simple reason for doing this is to narrow our focus onto the Acts of the Apostles and observe how God extends his invitation to all the people of the earth from just one nation. Around 2000 years ago God through the mission of His Son Jesus Christ, brought people from every nation and tribe into his fold and the Pentecost bears testimony to this. In our time it is equally important for Christians to think about who is included or excluded not only from our religious point of view, but also from a political and economic viewpoint.

In a few days' time there will be elections and many people struggle with the place where faith and politics intersects and try to avoid it. But the question we can ask this Pentecost is; 'What kind of renewal are we seeking within our churches and communities? How does politics effect the change we want to see around us?' As disciples of Christ how we should get involved in politics and what should our attitude be towards politics? We need to think carefully how we make our vote count because it would not only affect us individually, but many living in our neighbourhood as well. We need to listen carefully to what the political leaders are saying and how they are conducting themselves and evaluate them in the light of Christian teaching of the Gospel.

The Spirit that descended on Pentecost was the same Spirit that anointed Jesus to proclaim the good news to the poor, proclaim

freedom for the prisoners, set the oppressed free and proclaim the year of the Lord's favour (Luke 4 v.16-19). Britain is among the richest countries and according to BBC London has more billionaires than any city of the world. Yet, 1 in 5 of the UK population lives below the official poverty line, struggling with their life and daily needs. Christians all over the country are helping the neediest through projects like Food Banks but this is not the solution. We need to strive to change the social system for better.

One of the ways to change the system is to get involved in politics. With our vote we can change the social policies of short-sighted politicians. We can help the political parties to change and evolve to meet the need of our communities.

At this Pentecost let us open ourselves to new possibilities and allow the movement of the Holy Spirit in our individual and communal life by devoting ourselves to prayer before celebration; reflecting also on Acts 2:1-4 with prayers so when our Pentecost is fully come, we will be filled by the rushing of the mighty wind, renewed and transformed.

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Imran

ROUND THE FAMILY

We were sorry to hear of the death of Dennis Pogose's nephew Martin on May 10th following a long illness. Please remember Martin's family in your prayers. Please also remember Margaret Boreham's sisters-in-law Pauline, recovering from a second operation for a brain tumour, and Vanessa, recovering from major abdominal surgery; also Hilary Waterhouse's mother following a fall and her mother-in-law who is also unwell.

Congratulations to Dinah Anaman, who is due to be recognised as a Worship Leader on 1st June. Dinah would appreciate your thoughts and prayers on this special day.

Our Church Anniversary Service this year was led by the Keith Halstead from Epsom and was a very enjoyable occasion. Keith was at one time a local preacher in our Circuit and it was good to see him again and to share our 149th Anniversary Celebrations with him.

Marian

CIRCUIT SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

The Missions Garden Party will take place on Saturday 21st June at Forest Hill Methodist Church, Normanton Street SE23 between 11.00am and 3.00pm. Please book the date now.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who has helped to decorate the Church, either by donating money or by arranging flowers for services.

Perhaps you have a special day during the year which you would like to have remembered. Why not do this by providing flowers for the nearest Sunday. You could arrange the flowers yourself or simply pay for the flowers.

There is a rota for flower arranging and new "designers" (single or joint efforts) are always welcome. Please speak to me if you are interested.

Janice

Fundraising for Living Hope

Andrew wishes to thank everyone who sponsored Imran and him for their walk back in March. The total raised across the Circuit was a magnificent £1,028.50. (see also *Imran's Living Hope article on page 11.*)

Valerie and Andrew are hoping to arrange a quiz night on a Saturday evening in the autumn. You can either participate as part of a team or be a spectator. There will be food and some entertainment—so it should be a fun evening. The date is still to be arranged so look out for further details.

Andrew

From the Editor

With this edition the magazine commences its 46th year of production, for the last 22 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 the Pastoral Visitors 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.

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

EASTER OFFERING SERVICE

The Easter Offering Service was held at Sunfields Methodist Church this year on the afternoon of Sunday 11th May. The theme was "Risk the Path He Trod" and we were pleased to have as our speaker Olubunmi Olayisade from the Mission and World Church Department at Methodist Church House.

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 Methodist Church won the shield. Although Anerley did not 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.

The amount collected this year in Anerley's Easter Offering envelopes was £168.25 including Gift Aid.

ORDINANDS' TESTIMONY SERVICE

The London District Ordinands' Testimony Service was held at Wesley's Chapel on Sunday 18th May, during which the two probationer Ministers and two probationer Deacons, who will be ordained at the Methodist Conference in Birmingham this summer, gave their testimonies and explained their hopes for the future. A good number of people from Anerley and Upper Norwood churches, together with others from the Circuit, were present to support Imran at this service, which was uplifting and thought-provoking. Please remember Imran in your prayers as he goes forward for ordination on 29th June at the service to be held in Wolverhampton.

PENGE FESTIVAL

The Penge Festival continues until Saturday 7th June, with the following activities still to come:-

Sunday 25th May Walk Round Elmers End Cemetery
2.30pm

Sunday 25th May Bat Walk 9pm at Cator Park
(Aldersmead Rd. Entrance)

Wednesday 28th May Over 60's Cream Tea and Bingo 4pm
at Burmarsh Court, corner of Croydon Rd. and Garden Rd.

Friday 30th May at 7.30pm West End Musical Event 7pm
at the Bridge House, corner of Penge High Street and Anerley Park

Saturday 31st May at 10.30 am Heritage Walk around
Penge. Meet at the Alexandra Nurseries, Parish Lane.

Saturday 31st May at 1pm Penge Over Sixties' Network
Reminiscence Event. St. John's Church hall, Penge High
Street.

Thursday 5th June Walk around Penge Churches, Meet at
10.30am at Penge Congregational Church

Saturday 7th June Penge Festival Fete at Royston Field
11am—4pm

OXFAM

Well here we are already with my second article since taking on the Pledged Giving Scheme.

Two years ago the PGS Newsletter asked its female donors if they could – wait for it! – donate their old bras. Well I went into the local Oxfam shop. You've guessed – no female shop assistants. But I went straight for it and asked the gentlemen if they still wanted them for the ladies of Senegal which is where they were sending them.

Apparently they take them in the shops all the time but send a lot overseas.

British bras are popular with the women in Africa, particularly Senegal as there are few places with the complex technology needed to manufacture them. So by donating your bras you will be making a life changing difference for many women.

Look out then for the box in the church at the end of May in which, ladies, you can donate your unwanted bras. If you miss the box, hand them direct to me.

Thank you.

Valerie

(Oxfam Pledged Giving Representative)

PS. Don't forget, you can always make a small monetary contribution each month (that includes the men as well!). I'll look forward to hearing from you.

LIVING HOPE Annual Report

2013-14 has been a very significant year for Living Hope. With your generosity and support we have raised £12,156.34 through various sources. This enabled us to complete the first phase of the school building; building two class rooms and a computer room. One of the rooms has been equipped with the furniture and other necessary educational material.

We had a grand opening on 18th March and now we have 25 students receiving life changing education. At this stage we could only offer this opportunity to the children between 3½ and 4½ years old. However, one of the girls is slightly older, aged 6. Her father passed away, leaving her mother to look after her. They would be unable to educate her any other way so it was agreed that she would join the younger children, as there is no alternative for her. We could not ignore her appeal and now she is learning to read and write for the first time. Like the rest of the children her life will continue to change with your prayers and support.

To update you on our latest efforts to raise money for this amazing project, Andrew Tredinnick and I did a sponsored walk visiting all the churches in the Circuit. From that sponsorship walk we raised £1,028.50. This had enabled us to start working on the second floor.

I cannot thank you enough for your generosity. Without your help we could not have come this far. Please continue to pray for us.

Imran Malik

COOKERY CORNER

Crunchy Rhubarb Crumble Serves 6;

Ingredients

125g (4oz) plain flour	450g (1lb) fresh rhubarb
50g.(2oz) Softened butter	50g (2oz) caster sugar
50g.(2oz) rolled oats	
50g.(2oz) demerera sugar	Custard or cream to serve
½ teaspn ground cinnamon	

Method

1. Pre-heat oven to 180° C/ 350° F/ Gas Mark 4
2. Place the flour in a large bowl, cut butter into cubes and rub in until mixture looks like fine breadcrumbs.
3. Stir in the rolled oats, demerera sugar and cinnamon, mix well and reserve.
4. Prepare the rhubarb by removing the thick ends of the stalks and cut diagonally into 2.5cm (1 inch) chunks.
5. wash thoroughly, pat dry with a teatowel and place in a 1 litre (2pint) dish.
6. Sprinkle the caster sugar over the rhubarb and top with the reserved crumble.
7. Level the top of the crumble so that all the fruit is well-covered, and press down firmly.
8. Place on a baking sheet and bake in a pre-heated oven for 40-50 minutes, or until fruit is cooked and topping is golden brown.
9. Sprinkle pudding with more caster sugar and serve hot with custard or cream.

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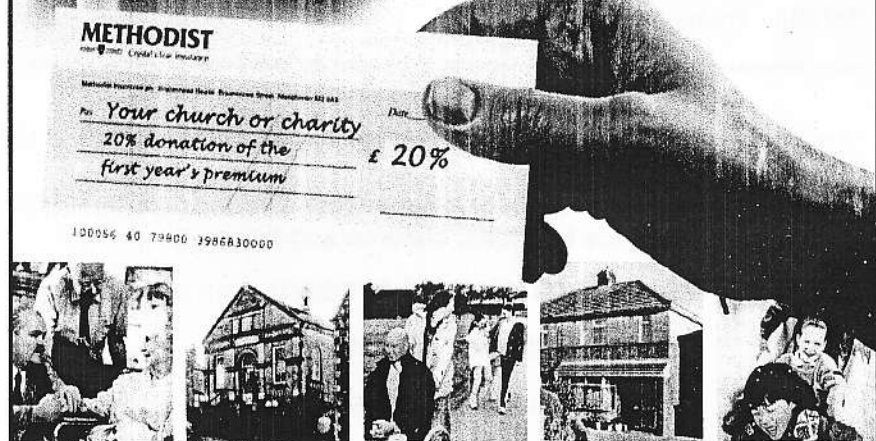
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JUNE

- Wed 4th Wednesday Club 8pm: Marian's Birthday Social Evening
- Sat 7th Penge Festival Fete 11am-4pm at Royston Field, Penge
- Mon 9th Christian Action Group 8pm at 163 Clock House Road, Beckenham. Speaker: Jeanette Warren
- Wed 11th Wednesday Club 7.30pm: Petanque at 32 Lloyds way
- Thur 12th Circuit Meeting 7.45pm at Lewisham Methodist Church
- Wed 18th Wednesday Club 8pm: Card Making
- Sat 21st Circuit Missions Garden Party at Forest Hill
- Sun 22nd All Age Worship 11a.m. Preacher: Rev. Imran Malik
- Wed 25th No Wednesday Club
- Sun 29th Rev. Imran Malik's Ordination Service at Wolverhampton

JULY

- Wed 2nd No Wednesday Club
- Wed 9th Wednesday Club 8pm Beetle Drive
- Sun 14th MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!

- Wed 16th Wednesday Club 8pm Musical Evening
- Sat 29th Church Family Fun Day—more details to follow
- Tue 22nd Christian Action Group. 8pm at 32 Lloyds Way. Speaker: Rev. Val Ogden
- Wed 23rd Wednesday Club 7.30pm: Ramble—Meet at 32 Lloyds Way
- Sun 27th All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Paddy Boothe
- Sun 27th Farewell Service for Rev. Solomon Joseph; 5pm at Hither Green Methodist Church
- Wed 30th Wednesday Club: 8pm Card Making

AUGUST

- Wed 6th Wednesday Club 8pm: Andrew's Birthday Social Evening
- Tue 12th Christian Action Group 8pm at 5 Percy Road Speaker: Nigel Poole
- Thur 26th Stewards' Meeting 8pm at 19 Felmingham Road, SE20
- Sun 31st Welcome Service for Rev. Bill Tardy 3pm at Sunfields Methodist Church

Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 1st June and 13th July.

Evening Services will be held at 6.30 pm on 8th June (HC), 22nd June and 13th July (HC)