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FROM THE MINISTER

A Church dedicated to renewal

Friends,

As I put this article together, I am mindful of the events of this quarter, from Ash Wednesday to Easter, Ascension and Pentecost, when Methodists were encouraged to take part in the global nine-day prayer movement, 'Thy Kingdom come' and those in between such as General Church Meetings, Church Anniversary, Aldersgate Sunday or Wesley Day.

I also write amid anxieties over the future of our church, heightened both at our General Church Meeting and Church Council discussions and hope this article will bring renewed confidence.

It is said that in the second century AD, Christianity was under attack from Greek and Roman thinkers who argued that it was a godless religion which engaged in barbaric practices. These attacks gave rise to a group of people known as apologists, those who defended Christianity against these charges. One of the earliest of these defenders was a Greek philosopher, Aristides, who addressed his apology to the Roman emperor Hadrian. These are his words:

Christians love one another. They never fail to help widows; they save orphans from those who would hurt them. If a man has something, he gives freely to the man who has nothing. If they see a stranger, Christians take him home and are happy, as though he were a real brother... If they hear that one of them is in jail, or persecuted for professing the name of their redeemer, they all give him what he needs... This is really a new kind of person. There is something divine in them.

That is the defence of the Christians by a man who was not a Christian himself, but who argued that the good of the Christian community was evident for all to see. About seventy years before the philosopher wrote his defence of the Christian faith, St Paul wrote to the Christian community at Corinth, a thriving Christian community in a city that was renowned both for its culture and its uncleanness, encouraging them to see themselves as God's building (1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17); a temple of God where Jesus himself is the foundation.

The Greek word for church is *ekklesia*, which does not mean a building, but an assembly called together, a community of those who believe. As a community of believers, we are united in faith under the leadership of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our foundation. Like the community of believers at Corinth, we are invited to see ourselves as God's building – not a building of bricks and mortar, but a building of flesh and blood, a community of faith and charity where we have, and continue to dedicate ourselves in the service of the Gospel.

However, we cannot stay dedicated just by existing, as all too aware, our dedication can become old and tired; become disenchanted with the Church as numbers decline; there are times when all of us become tired of it all. That is why we need to renew our dedication! I hope the Easter season has equipped us for the journey ahead to growing the faith.

In remembrance of Aldersgate Sunday, celebrated on 24th May, Steve Harper, author of 'Five Marks of Methodists: The Fruit of Living Faith' writes that John Wesley found himself overseeing a growing number of Christians who wanted to live their lives according to the gospel in ways that held them accountable to each other, between 1733 and 1738. He says that by 1742, this collection of people had become an identifiable movement within the larger Christian Church; some occurring outside of London and beyond Wesley's ability to oversee everything taking

place. And so, in anticipation of what would become the Annual Conference, the yearly gathering of leaders who prayed to discern what they were supposed to believe, teach, and do, Wesley wrote the foundational document called '***The Character of a Methodist***', to provide the sustaining strength for what Methodism would become. In it Wesley gives five marks to confirm our identity as genuine and fruitful disciples and followers of Christ:

1. A Methodist Loves God
2. A Methodist Rejoices in God
3. A Methodist Gives Thanks
4. A Methodist Prays Constantly
5. A Methodist Loves Others

I hope that these five marks will grant a greater knowledge and appreciation for why you follow Jesus, while serving as solid foundation to bearing the fruit of a living faith.

Meanwhile, we send warm greetings to you, especially to those who don't feel 100%; may the Lord embrace you with His love as we begin another month. We also send our condolences to all who are mourning loved ones.

Finally, we hold before all our young people in this period of exams. We pray that the Lord will surround them with His love, alleviating all anxiety and stress during time brings.

May the Lord bless you all, and bless you kindly,

Revd. Abe Konadu-Yiadam

CIRCUIT SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

The Missions Garden Party will take place on Saturday 23rd June at Forest Hill Methodist Church, Normanton Street SE23 between 11.00am and 2.30pm. Please book the date now.

ROUND THE FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers Dennis Pogose, recovering from major surgery, Anita Yusuf, recovering from a knee operation, and David Hynes and family, following the death of his mother. Dennis, Anita and David all thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers

We were pleased to welcome the Rev. Cameron Kirkwood to lead our 153rd Church Anniversary on 13th May, when we had a good time of fellowship together.

At our Pentecost Service on 20th June we were pleased to receive into our church family Felix Densu, and Edith and Francis Sam and family by transfer of membership.

We think of all those who are taking exams and those who are leaving school or college this year and moving on to new experiences.

We have heard that a previous Minister of our Church, Rev. Philip Luscombe, is retiring in July and moving with his wife Laurel to live in a village 6 miles south of Salisbury, which they are both looking forward to.

Our Superintendant Minister, The Rev. Stephen Maunder, will also be moving on in July; he will be going to a Circuit in Oxfordshire. His Circuit farewell service will be held on Sunday 22nd July at 5pm at Eltham Park Methodist Church.

Marian

From the Editor

With this edition the magazine commences its 50th year of production, a cause for celebration! When Mike started the magazine in 1968 it consisted of two double-sided foolscap sheets duplicated on a temperamental Gestetner machine that lived in our bedroom! It is now prepared on a computer and, as well as printed copies, it is sent far and wide by internet - something never dreamed of in those far off times!

Mike started the magazine as a way of keeping everyone in the church family in touch with what was happening in the Church, and I am sure that he never envisaged it still going strong 50 years later. Over the years we have had record reviews by "Mr. Disc", motoring advice from "P.C.Plod", various recipes, series on the Crystal Palace, several series of articles by "Tred" (Andrew Tredinnick's father), more recently a series on Church music, and articles about Methodism. We have marked births, marriages and deaths, changes of Minister and a change of Circuit!

I have been the editor for the past 26 years, but production of 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.

Marian

OXFAM

Valerie Tredinnick, our Oxfam representative, has received the following letter:-

“Dear Mrs Tredinnick.

I'd like to start by saying a heartfelt thank-you for your continued support over the many years. We feel very lucky to have supporters like yourself stand by our side, especially at what has been a very difficult time for anyone who cares about Oxfam's cause. Thank you.

“Your commitment and kindness has delivered life saving assistance and changed the lives of those living in poverty all over the world. Right now, Oxfam is responding to an unprecedented number of emergencies. From the food crisis in east Africa, to the global refugee crisis, you're helping the world's most vulnerable people to have access to clean drinking water and better sanitation facilities when they need it the most. Your amazing support and dedication has given those in poverty a voice, a chance to build better lives and lifesaving aid when disasters strike. And your support will continue to help millions of people worldwide in their fight to beat poverty....Thank you for your ongoing support.

“With best wishes

Angus Hunter
Supporter Relations Team”

If you would like to become a Pledged Giver to Oxfam, and donate each month, please see Valerie for more details.

CASA RICCI SOCIAL SERVICES

This organisation is supported by those in our church who give to Andrew's Tin each month. We have received the following letter from the organisation following our donations collected during 2017.

"Many thanks for your donation of £473.50...which you sent to us through the Jesuit Mission Office in London to support our services in China. May the Lord bless your generosity!

"Last year we celebrated our 30th anniversary with activities both in Kunming and Macao. Many things to give thanks for these 30 years, which have truly been a journey to learn how to love and serve better and deeper. We are still learning!

From 1987 until today, love always pushes us to go beyond our comfort zones and securities. It has brought us to places or situations where everything is uncertain, or where we have to face all kinds of dangers and challenges. But like when Fr. Ruiz started 30 years ago, this love continuously pushes us to new and challenging frontiers to serve the needy more and better.

Our reward has been immense, because love transforms everybody and everything. Due to love, receivers become givers, and givers also become receivers. This has been our daily learning experience in Ricci Social Services throughout our learning journey in China....Your friendship and support for this mission is part of this mystery of love. May the Lord fill your heart with His peace and mercy.....

With Gratitude, in Christ, Fr. Fernando Azpiroz SJ

COOKERY CORNER

Welsh Cakes

Ingredients

225gr. (8oz) self raising flour	50gr (2oz) currants or sultanas
pinch of salt	1 egg
100gr (4oz) butter or margarine	2 tablespoons milk
50gr (2oz) caster sugar	

Method

1. Mix the flour and salt
2. Rub in fat until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs
3. Stir in the sugar and fruit.
4. Mix to a fairly stiff dough with the egg and milk.
5. Flour the work surface, knead the mixture lightly and roll out to 5mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch) thick.
6. Using a fluted cutter, cut into rounds, re-rolling the trimmings.
7. Cook on a moderately hot, lightly greased, griddle or heavy-bottomed frying pan for about 3 to 4 minutes each side until quite firm and golden.
8. Cool on a wire cooling tray
9. Delicious served warm with butter

Ann Vickery

MORNING SERVICE

At the General Church Meeting held on 22nd April the Meeting voted to keep the time of the morning service as it is at present, i.e. at 11am. There was a suggestion that refreshments after the morning service could be held more frequently, perhaps once a month, and this is still being considered.

PENGE FESTIVAL 2018

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

PENGE FESTIVAL FETE Saturday June 2nd from 11am to 5pm on Royston Playing Field. Attractions include a Bouncy Castle, Penge Samba, Irish Dancers, Taekwondo Display, Salvation Army, plus a variety of stalls.

A SERIES OF WALKS including A Dinosaur Walk on Sunday 10th June. A Bat walk on Monday 11th June, and a Heritage Walk on Saturday 16th June,

FOR THE CHILDREN An activity Fun Afternoon at Penge Recreation Ground on Sunday 17th June, and Teddy Bears' Picnic at St. John's Church on Wednesday 6th June.

QUIZ/SUPPER NIGHT at Melvin Hall Community Centre on Saturday 9th June

THANKSGIVING SERVICE at St. Anthony's Church at 9.30am on Sunday 10th June

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Taiwo's on the Road to Kilimanjaro

Not all of you will know that I am a Lifestyle Coach and I work with people approaching or at midlife. In July of this year I will be hiking up Mount Kilimanjaro. It's a 7-day hike (5 days up and 2 days down). Although it isn't something I've ever wanted to do, I've decided to do this because I believe it will serve as an example to anyone who thinks they are too old to try something extraordinary or who thinks it's too late to step out of their comfort zone. This trip with K2 Adventures is seeking to create a world record as the largest number of people to reach the summit in one group.

When we first arrive in Tanzania, we will spend 2 days volunteering at the Mwereni School for the Blind, an orphanage for sight impaired children and children with the Albino condition, before starting the hike up the mountain.

I have started a fundraising campaign for the cost of the trip (which is also part of the challenge). The cost of the climb is about £8000 (including airfare). Any extra money raised will go towards building a second orphanage that will house 35 street children. So, I'm hoping to raise about £10,000 in order to make a substantial contribution to the orphanage.

As well as family and friends I am applying for company sponsorship for things like clothing and equipment. The fundraising and sponsorship are part of the challenge because I've never done something like this before.

If you would like to make a contribution, then I have created a fundraising page for this and so you can pay directly to that. This is the link to the page

<https://www.gofundme.com/taiwoskilimanjaro>

Alternatively you can give your contribution to the Forest Hill church office who will forward it to me at Forest Hill. But most of all I would really appreciate your prayers both as I make my way along this journey to Kilimanjaro and again as I ascend.

This is a really huge undertaking for me that I think will be a massive learning experience on every possible level particularly spiritually and I'm excited to see how this impact my relationship with God and how that is expressed in my life and ministry.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

God Bless

Taiwo Dayo-Payne (local preacher at Forest Hill Methodist Church)

EASTER OFFERING SERVICE

The Easter Offering Service was held at Upper Norwood Methodist Church this year on the afternoon of Sunday 29th April. The theme was "Seek peace and pursue it", and we were pleased to have as our speaker the Rev. Dee Yeadon.

The amount collected this year in Anerley's Easter Offering envelopes was £117.15 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! 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

- Sat 2nd Penge Festival Fete 11am-5pm at Royston Field, Penge

- Mon 4th Christian Action Group at 8pm at 32 Lloyds Way. Speaker: Clarence Hunte. (postponed from 21st May)

- Wed 6th Wednesday Club 8pm Board Games

- Tue 12th Circuit Meeting 7.45pm at Forest Hill Methodist Church

- Wed 13th Wednesday Club 7.30pm "Oh What a Lovely War" at the Bridge House Theatre

- Mon 18th Christian Action Group 8pm at 28 Chesham Road Speaker: Rev. Stephen Maunder

- Wed 20th Wednesday Club 8pm Beetle Drive

- Sat 23rd Circuit Missions Garden party at Forest Hill Methodist Church

- Sun 24th All Age Worship 11a.m. Preacher: Valerie Tredinnick

- Wed 27th Wednesday Club Short Ramble; meet at 32 Lloyds Way at 7.15pm

- Thur 28th Pastoral Meeting 7.45pm at the Church

JULY

- Wed 4th Wednesday Club 7.15pm Petanque at 32 Lloyds Way

- Sun 8th MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!

- Wed 11th Wednesday Club 8pm Cat Bingo

- Wed 18th Wednesday Club 8pm Gill's Birthday Surprise

- Sat 14th Special Saturday 10am-3pm More details later

- Sun 22nd All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom

- Sun 22nd Farewell Service for the Rev. Stephen Maunder, 5pm at Eltham Park Methodist Church

- Mon 23rd Christian Action Group. 8pm at 15 Rosetta Court, 112 Church Road, SE19. Speaker: Paddy Boothe

- Wed 25th Wednesday Club: Surprise Evening

AUGUST

- Wed 1st Wednesday Club 8pm: Quiz

 - Mon 20th Christian Action Group 32 Lloyds Way. Speaker: Hilary Waterhouse
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- 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. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 17th June and 15th July
- 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. In June the evening services will be held on 10th (HC) and 24th; in July the evening service will be held on 8th (HC). No evening service at Anerley on 22nd
- A Prayer Meeting is held at the Church every Thursday between 10am—11.30am. Drop in and out as you wish