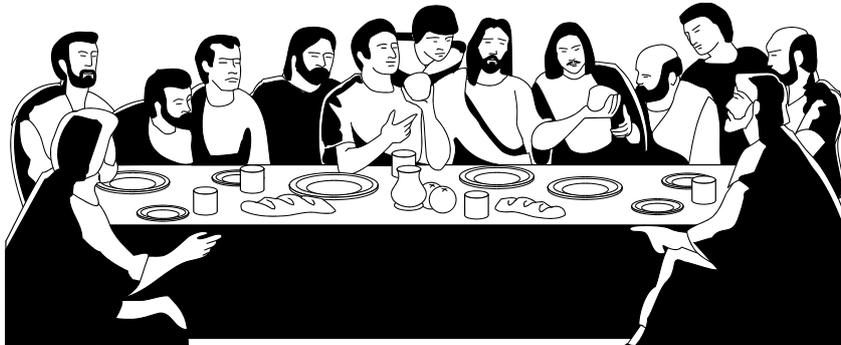


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## **THOUGHTS FOR LENT**

### **His hands have moulded dry land (Psalm 95)**

The popular perception of Lent is still one of a season in which we “give things up”, and the Jesus we meet in the wilderness has fasted for 40 days. Today, we might not simply explore the spiritual virtues of doing without, but recognise that our unhalted consumption is raising questions about the sustainability of our planet.

The desert landscape is a stark reminder of what can happen, even to fertile places when they are exploited and over-consumed. The discipline of fasting and sacrifice invites us to consider what we might manage to curtail on a more permanent basis. It invites us to remember that this earth is not ours, and we have no more claim on its resources than any other generation – past or future.

You call us to the desert  
And in its vast and barren landscape  
We recognise this earth’s true fragility  
When parched and hungry, we inhabit a land that cannot sustain us

Confronted by the emptiness of this scorched and ravaged place  
We learn to be thankful again for the bounty,  
That too lightly we dismiss as routine expectation,  
And recognise more deeply the sufficiency of knowing you.

Teach us to loosen our grasp  
On what the habits of privilege have taught us to call essential

Set us free from the tyranny of consumption  
That even in the wilderness, contentment might be found.

For at the dawn of time  
You did not simply breathe out the life of your Spirit  
But breathed it into the dust of the earth  
We are yours; yet belong in, and are sustained by your crea-  
tion.

And so we come to recognise  
How easily we have forgotten the privilege of being its guardi-  
ans;  
The desert places become a stark foretaste  
Of what can become, and is becoming, when we neglect this  
planet's care

You did not come to exploit and consume the resources of  
this world  
But to redeem and reclaim – to reconcile all things  
Pointing us to that full salvation, for which all creation groan.  
Help us walk in its direction, casting the light of hope across  
this ravaged earth.

*(Taken from Material for Lent provided by the Methodist  
Church Joint Public Issues Team)*

#### **FROM THE MINISTER**

Thank you all most sincerely for your kindness in cards and gifts as  
well as prayers and support over the year. On behalf of Matthew  
and myself, I want to wish you a very Happy New Year, filled with  
hope, love and charity, above all, Christ's peace.

Rev. Abe

## **ROUND THE FAMILY**

Please remember in your prayers Dinah Anaman, recovering from a knee operation and Dennis Pogose, as he continues his treatment.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Joyce Turner on 28th December. Older readers of the magazine may remember Joyce and her family, who were associated with the Youth Club and later the church in the 1950's and early 1960s. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Our services over the Christmas period were very enjoyable and well attended. . Our Gift Service was arranged by the Junior Church and they all participated in the Service. Our Carol Service followed the tradition of readings and carols, involving members of the congregation. The Christmas Eve Communion provided a period of reflection and the Christmas Day service was well-attended, with several visitors.

The Church received Christmas and New Year greetings from the Rev. Graham Cocking, Rev. Andrew and Helen Maguire, John Beasley, Ronnie Butler, Casa Ricci Social services, Abraham Doku, Joan Loring, Eula Morris, Ann Vickery, Dawn Watts, Dawn and Sar Sar from Pre-School, Aaron, Namisha, Anaiah and Neave Yusuf, Anita and Faizool Yusuf and family, and Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Marian

## **CHURCH VACANCIES**

The next meeting of the Church Council in February will be considering church appointments for the next year.

The main appointment to be filled is that of Church Council Secretary. The main duties are to take the Minutes at the two Church Council meetings a year, and the yearly General Church meeting, and to distribute relevant documents prior to the meetings. Please see Marian Young for further details.

We are also looking for the following—

a World Missions Secretary. Please see Sandra Hynes for more details.

A Methodist Homes Secretary. Please see Valerie Tredinnick for more details.

The General Church Meeting will be held in April and at that meeting the Stewards and representatives to the Church Council will be appointed. Please give some thought about whether you can fill either of these posts. For more details about the duties of a Steward, or of a representative to the Church Council, please see Marian Young.

We are always looking for more people to take part in the services by reading a Bible passage, or by taking up the Offering. Please see Anita Yusuf if you would like to help in this way.

If you would like to join the Door Stewards' rota, welcoming people to church and distributing hymn books etc., please see Marian Young.

If you would like to help with serving tea and coffee after All Age Worship, please sign the rota at the back of the Church.

**OXFAM**

The following is an extract from a letter I have just received from Oxfam in acknowledgement of the recent Pledged Givers' donation I sent.

“The conflict in Yemen has so far caused more than 16,400 civilian deaths and injuries. Over three million people have been forced to flee their homes due to the bombing and fighting, 22 million people – 75% of Yemen population – need emergency aid, the greatest number in any country in the world.

Now and estimated 18 million Yemenis, 60% of the population, are suffering from food insecurity and malnutrition, including 8.4 million on the brink of famine.

Besides, Yemen is facing the world's worst ever recorded cholera outbreak, which has spread to nearly every corner of the war-ravaged country. More than 1.1 million cases have been reported and at least 2,500 people have died since the start of the epidemic. Many more are now at risk, already weakened by hunger and the effects of the ongoing war.”

This is just one of the areas of the world in which Oxfam is seeking to bring relief to those most in need.

I want to ask if you would become a Pledged Giver to help the many people world wide who are in desperate need through no fault of their own and just wishing to live 'normal' lives.

If you could pledge to give anything from 50p a month I would be most grateful. Please have word with me.

Valerie Tredinnick

## **NEWS FROM RICCI SOCIAL SERVICES**

In the last two years typhoons Hato and Manghut brought a lot of destruction to Macau, Hong Kong and the whole South China. Many big trees that for many years had been able to withstand strong winds fell down when facing the strength of these two typhoons. The main reason was not because of the variety of trees, size of its branches or age. They fall mainly because their roots were not deep enough. Trees with deeper roots might have lost many of their branches, but they are now still standing and very much alive.

Our “roots” provide us with stability, nourish us, connect us to our sources and origins.

This year Ricci Social services celebrates its 31st year of existence. Our life has been a process of learning how to be faithful to our origins, and of learning how to be rooted in the realities of the people we serve in China. It is our close relationship to them which gives us roots, and our desire to serve them which gives us roots, and our desire to serve them more and more and better, which makes us grow and gives direction to our developments.

Fr. Matteo Ricci and Fr. Luis Ruiz started their journey to serve the people in China from Macau. Both of them learnt that it is this continuous effort to dialogue with them and the Chinese context which is continuously shaping our identity. Their experience has taught us that to “be rooted” in China means that everything should start with “being with” the people want to serve, understanding their hopes and fears, wishes and hopes, needs and struggles. This process should continue with “thinking with” them, in order to “do and act together with them”. And it should become deeper when we dare to “learn with” them.....

I wish you all a Merry Christmas time and a 2019 full of Peace and Hope!

Fr. Fernando Azpiroz SJ.  
Chairman, Ricci Social Services

Taken from Encounter, the RSS newsletter; the December edition is available to read on the noticeboard in the Church vestibule.

## **TOYBOX**

We recently held a retiring collection for Toybox and we have received the following letter from them:-

Dear Everyone at Anerley Methodist Church,

We were thrilled to receive your recent donation of £69.36. We are always so grateful when wonderful people like you want to support Toybox's work because it really does mean that we are able to change the world for street children. Children like Michelle.

When Toybox first met Michelle she worked with her mother in a boarding house in a central gang-controlled district of San Salvador, El Salvador's dangerous capital city. Her mother's partner was a violent man, often abusing Michelle and her mother and forcing them to give their income to him to support his alcohol addiction. Although Michelle was enrolled in school, she did not attend regularly because she was unable to wash herself or her clothes—this made it difficult to make friends and settle in. Each of these factors contributed to Michelle becoming incredibly withdrawn and shy.

Thanks to support from people like you, Toybox was able to spend some time with Michelle and offered her psychological support to deal with the abuse she had suffered. She has learned vital life skills such as the importance of personal hygiene and now understands that how finishing school will enable her to achieve her dreams. Now, she is attending one of Toybox's projects at her local church, is achieving in school and is looking forward to a happier future.

Reaching children like Michelle and spending the necessary time with them would be impossible without you and we are so grateful to you for joining us to change the world for street children. On behalf of Michelle and thousands like her, thank you and God bless.

Many thanks,

Abbey Stewart, Supporter Relations

### **Croydon's Floating Shelters 2018**

Following a mention of helping the homeless in Penge, I checked out what Croydon, my home borough was doing. I last helped with the Croydon Floating Shelters in January and February 2015 when the local Baptist Church hosted the shelter on a Tuesday night. They have a new building with small meeting rooms and space to store beds and bedding a large kitchen but no shower.

This year Ken and I helped at a local church during November and December for 5 sessions. We helped make up the mattresses into beds with sheets, duvets and pillows. Fourteen people regularly stayed at the shelter, sometimes all men or ten men and four women. This church had one hall, little storage space and a small kitchen.

Ken and I helped on three evenings from six pm till about ten pm and two mornings arriving between six and six thirty am to help with breakfast and clearing the church hall for the nine o'clock yoga group.

Helping was as much fun as it was useful. The number of volunteers varied and as we were not part of the organised set up were free to cover times when they were short of helpers, although we never had to stay overnight.

There was only one hall so sleeping and eating took place together. There was a shower and two toilets. Problems, well one cook burnt the sausages and bacon one morning, the boiler stopped working one night so washing water came from the tea urn. One evening a sink blocked and someone lost the second plug which was never located. The lights in the storage room broke and we spent a month recov-

ering bedding, food and crockery by torchlight. On the last evening it was discovered that a box of preschool toys rammed against a wall had caught the switch on the chest freezer and there was six inches of water in the bottom. The last morning I discovered the table placed across the children's toilets was to keep mice out of the hall not the adult clients out of the children's loos.

The clients were pleasant and cheerful, many working, having fallen foul of the change in benefits. We had one youth recently out of prison and several avid crossword players.

We will certainly get involved next year, possibly earlier as we can arrange which nights and mornings we want to work. If you can't help at one of these shelters I would recommend writing to the local papers, councillors and your MP about homelessness. Homelessness could happen to any of us and we need to be active in any way we can.

Hilary Waterhouse



## **COOKERY CORNER**

### **Brownies**

#### **Ingredients**

100gr. (4 oz) margarine  
50gr. (2 oz.) plain chocolate  
175 gr. (6 oz.) dark soft brown sugar  
2 medium eggs, beaten  
1 x 2.5 ml. teaspn. ( ½ teaspn.) vanilla essence  
100 gr. (4 oz.) self-raising flour  
pinch of salt  
50gr. (2 oz.) chopped walnuts (optional)

#### **Method**

1. Heat oven to 180°C/ 350°F/ Gas Mark 4
2. Grease a 20.5 cm (8 inch) square tin.
3. Melt the margarine and chocolate over hot water
4. Remove from heat and cool.
5. Stir in sugar and add eggs, mixed with vanilla essence.
6. Mix in flour, salt and nuts
7. Pour the mixture into the square tin and bake for about 25 to 30 minutes until the top is crispy and inside is soft.
8. Leave in the tin until cold before cutting into squares.

Ann Vickery

**INTROIT**

The introit for the next four months (starting on Sunday 3rd February) will be as follows:-

There's a quiet understanding  
when we're gathered in the Spirit,  
It's a promise that He gives us,  
when we gather in His name.  
There's a love we feel in Jesus,  
there's a manna that He feeds us,  
It's a promise that He gives us,  
When we gather in His name.

Tedd Smith  
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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**FRIDAY 1st MARCH 2019 at 7.30pm**

A Service prepared by Christian Women of  
Slovenia

**“Come—Everything is Ready!”**

This year the service is at our own Church, so please come  
and support us—everyone is welcome!

## **Come and enjoy a Day of Talents**

Plans for the Methodist Talents Festival, on **Saturday 2nd March at Shirley Methodist Church**, are well underway. Creative entries are being adjudicated now and will be on display at the Festival. The display of handicrafts, creative writing, photographs and artwork will be impressive—over 300 entries. Those performing—singing, playing a musical instrument, reading a Bible passage or reciting a poem or monologue—will appreciate an audience so please put the date in your diary!

The Festival will run from 10.30am to 5 pm. The final event, from 5—6 pm, will be the Concert which celebrates the Festival and will include performances from winners of some of the performing classes.

Reasonably priced refreshments will be available most of the day. You might like to come for morning coffee, light lunch or an afternoon tea, and during your visit support the work competitors from local churches (this year 19 churches are taking part!) have put into their entries.

The event will need voluntary help to ensure that it runs smoothly. The type of help needed includes:

1. Door stewards to welcome visitors to the premises.
2. A pair of stewards for each of the rooms where performances will be taking place.
3. Helpers to serve teas and coffees and cashiers to take money!

The more people who offer to help, the better. Please let me know if you will be available to help, what help you would like to give and the times of day that you will be available. I can also let you know what the duties entail. There is a list on the notice board in the entrance hall for you to sign up if you can help, thank you.

Marian Young



### **PRAYER SATURDAY**

Thank you once again to Margaret and Peter Boreham for arranging another successful Special Saturday on 19th January. There was a good attendance over the day, with many different Prayer Stations and times for peace and meditation, as well as sharing fellowship as we shared refreshments. It provided time to pause and reflect in our busy lives.

The next Special Saturday will be on 23rd March, so book the date now. More details later.

## **CIRCUIT EVENTS**

### Burnt Ash Goes to the Movies

Friday 8th February at 7.30pm at Burnt Ash Methodist Church. "The Happiest Days of Your Life" starring Alastair Sim, Margaret Rutherford and Joyce Grenfell  
Admission £5, children £2 .  
Further details: [valerie@raeburn7.plus.com](mailto:valerie@raeburn7.plus.com)

### Circuit Old Fashioned Tea

Saturday 23rd February at 3pm at Burnt Ash Methodist Church in aid of Methodist Mission in Britain. With accompaniment by Martin Cleave's Palm Court Style Trio. Donations are welcome in aid of the Methodist Mission in Britain Fund. Tickets not required



### Wesley Hall Film Night

Saturday 23rd February at 7.30pm at Wesley Hall Methodist Church. "The Greatest Showman". Further details from [sacolley@aol.com](mailto:sacolley@aol.com)



See answer below.

### YOUTHSPOT...



Answer: Sing, song, long, lone, love



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Monday to Friday 9.15am to 4pm
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FEBRUARY

- Mon 4th Christian Action Group 8pm at 28 Chesham Road, Penge, SE20 7RJ (Note change of venue) Speaker: Elaine Paul, LINGK
- Tue 5th Circuit Meeting 7.45pm at Wesley Hall Methodist Church
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Dominoes
- Fri 8th Burnt Ash Goes to the Movies 7.30pm at Burnt Ash Methodist Church (see magazine for details)
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Valentine's Evening
- Tue 19th Church Council 8pm at the Church Side Hall
- Wed 20th Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
- Sat 23rd Circuit Old-Fashioned Afternoon Tea at Burnt Ash Methodist Church at 3pm
- Sat 23rd Wesley Hall Film Night 7.30pm at Wesley Hall Methodist Church (see magazine for details)
- Sun 25th All Age Worship 11am led by the Worship Leaders
- Wed 27th Wednesday Club 8pm Logo game

### MARCH

- Fri 1st Women's World Day of Prayer 7.30pm at our Church
- Sat 2nd Talents Festival at Shirley Methodist Church 10.30am onwards.
- Mon 4th Christian Action Group 8pm at 15 Rosetta Court, 112 Church Road, SE19 2UD, Speaker: Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> No Wednesday Club—Ash Wednesday
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
- Mon 11th Lent Studies 8pm in the Side Hall

- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm
- Mon 18th Lent Studies 8pm in the Side Hall
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm
- Thur 21st Pastoral Committee Meeting 7.45pm at Church
- Sat 23rd Special Saturday 10am—3pm. More details later
- Mon 25th Lent Studies 8pm in the Side Hall
- Wed 27th Wednesday Club 8pm
- Sun 31st Mothering Sunday All Age Worship, 11am

### APRIL

- Mon 1st Lent Studies 8pm in the Side Hall
- Mon 8th Lent Studies 8pm in the Side Hall
- Sun 14th Palm Sunday
- Mon 15th Lent Studies 8pm in the Side Hall
- Thur 18th Maundy Thursday
- Fri 19th Good Friday service 9.15 am
- Sun 21st Easter Sunday

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, but in March will take place on 31st (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.

A Prayer Meeting is held at the Church every Thursday morning between 10am and 11.30am. Drop in and out as you wish.