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LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

So what's the story? The President of Methodist Conference, the Revd Dr Barbara Glasson writes...

"Miss Clark was about four foot high, I think she would have been taller except she was completely doubled over with arthritis. Miss Clark taught us the memory passage for the Scripture exams; she taught us that 'neither things present nor things to come could separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus'. When Miss Clark opened the door to us Sunday School kids she peered upwards through her spectacles because she couldn't straighten up. Every year at Harvest time we took Miss Clark the biggest marrow, the size of a barrage balloon, and every year Miss Clark peered upwards and smiled thankfully.

Fifty years later, I am in awe of that diminutive old lady and the grace with which she received that obese courgette. After all, a marrow is a serious commitment for a family of twelve with some imaginative ideas on soup: on its own it is almost nutrition- and flavour- free; and for an eighty year old spinster Our act of loving kindness might not have been as generous and kind as all that!

Our theme for this year is a question, **'So what's the story...?'**

Behind our question are a lot more questions: who is in the story, who have we left out, where is God in the story, what does the Bible have to say ...? These questions are of course the bread and butter of what it means to be Christian, how the story of God

and the stories about God, the stories of life and the stories about life, make sense of who we are as humans, created and loved in a world full of perplexity and delight.

And to the Church, she notes 'We will need to commit ourselves to not only making the church inclusive, but allowing those who we might think 'on the edge' to challenge and transform us. We are an organisation with a unique mandate for unconditional love and this means we are one of the few organisations in our society that doesn't work with 'clients' but with anyone, with people in all their magnificent complexity. We are simply offering grace and love - simple and costly. With proper attention to safeguarding, we can offer intergenerational conversation, a place for children to be heard and accepted, a place where the story of the elderly can be honoured and held. We can - when we stop being so anxious about our buildings, statistics and rotas - be places of peace and restoration. We are people of a multitude of wise, troubling, hilarious, faithful human stories - so let's tell them, and surprise ourselves once again with the way of Jesus. And let's find new confidence in the story of God, not as a mallet to knock in stakes of certainty, but with hearts strangely warmed with the assurance that the world can be changed through unconditional love.

..... I have half-remembered a story I heard in Ireland about a little church whose membership had got down to single figures. This church had an emergency meeting and began to talk about closure. They decided that they would have one last push at keeping going. They didn't feel that in the circumstances there was much point writing a huge mission plan, but they made a resolution that they would be '**welcoming and kind**'. The next Sunday, when they arrived for church they found a tent in the graveyard.

It was clear that a homeless person had decided to pitch up there and spend the night. Hmmp, thought the Church Steward, this had to be stopped: but before he asked the man to up sticks and move on, he remembered that he was supposed to be welcoming and kind so he invited him into the church for a cup of tea.

The very next Sunday was communion, and the small congregation was in the middle of the service, when a strange woman arrived accompanied by her dog. When bread and wine were shared, she came forward for the elements, and so did the dog. This was clearly rather odd and unconventional, but before they took offense they remembered they were supposed to be 'welcoming and kind'. Over the next few weeks the homeless man and the woman and the dog all attended worship, to be honest they were a bit of a nuisance and a bit smelly and disruptive. But in time, the church people got to know them and to find out about the hostel that was just across the way and last I heard, some of those church people were popping across the road and getting to know some of the other residents and things were beginning to change. I'm not sure whether that little church kept going, it's not really the point of the story. The point is that the world changes, lives change when we get back to the simple, costly mandate of faith to love our neighbours and our enemies with the open arms of unconditional love.

This little church and Miss Clark, live the Jesus story and so can we, we who are Methodist and Methodish, we who are marinated in faith big wigs and small fry, gay or straight or trans or undefined, broken, diffident or downright scared, all of us, each of us is called to this simple, costly way, living out our stories within the eternal, challenging, costly, glorious stories of God - because

nothing in all creation can separate us from it - not even marrows!”

‘So what’s the story...?’

The President’s story reminds that, “behind our question are a lot more questions: who is in the story, who have we left out, where is God in the story, what does the Bible have to say ...? These questions are of course the bread and butter of what it means to be Christian, how the story of God and the stories about God, the stories of life and the stories about life, make sense of who we are as humans, created and loved in a world full of perplexity and delight.

Of course, here at Anerley, we are grateful to Valerie for telling the church’s story, through her books, latest edition quite impressive! But what is your own story, of God’s love? I hope that we will be encouraged to share our Christian stories, too, with the President and Vice President in the exciting year ahead and beyond.

On 4th September, I joined ‘Wednesday Club’, where after losing so miserably in the games, I felt I was recompensed with a ‘courgette or marrow’! Thank you for your gift, Valerie, which although I wasn’t the only one to receive it, it nonetheless spurred me on share the President story and the little things which enables us to live the Jesus story of love, in all its simplicity! It is my prayer that we will all be inspired by the message and stories of the presidential year, to tell our own stories of old and new.

The Old, Old Story

[A\[rabella\] Katherine \(“Kate”\) Hankey](#)(1834-1911)

The Story Wanted

Tell me the old, old story of unseen things above,
 Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
 Tell me the story simply, as to a little child,
 For I am weak and weary and helpless and defiled.

The Story Told

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
 Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
 I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
 It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

*Tell me the old, old story; tell me the old, old story. Tell me the
 old, old story, of Jesus and His love. Amen*

(<https://finestofthewheat.org/the-old-old-story>)

Rev. Abe

ROUND THE FAMILY

Congratulations to Valerie and Andrew Tredinnick, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 30th August.

Congratulations also to Olivia Tchine, who is starting a degree in Sports Sciences at the University of Hertfordshire. Please also remember all children and young people who have started new schools and courses this year. Our best wishes go with you all.

Marian



SEASON OF CREATION

From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world are called to unite to pray and care for creation. The “Season of Creation,” is an opportunity to worship the Creator and protect the good gift of creation. All Christians are encouraged to pray and act for our common home, the ‘Earth’.

The story of the humming bird by Wangari Maathai

One day a terrible fire broke out in a forest - a huge woodland was suddenly engulfed by a raging wild fire. Frightened, all the animals fled their homes and ran out of the forest. As they came to the edge of a stream they stopped to watch the fire and they were feeling very discouraged and powerless. They were all bemoaning the destruction of their homes. Every one of them thought there was nothing they could do about the fire, except for one little hummingbird.

This particular hummingbird decided it would do something. It swooped into the stream and picked up a few drops of water and went into the forest and put them on the fire. Then it went back to the stream and did it again, and it kept going back, again and again and again. All the other animals watched in disbelief; some tried to discourage the hummingbird with comments like, “Don’t bother, it is too much, you are too little, your wings will burn, your beak is too tiny, it’s only a drop, you can’t put out this fire.”

And as the animals stood around disparaging the little bird’s efforts, the bird noticed how hopeless and forlorn they looked.

Then one of the animals shouted out and challenged the hummingbird in a mocking voice, “What do you think you are doing?” And the hummingbird, without wasting time or losing a beat, looked back and said, “I am doing what I can.”

Wangari Muta Maathai was a Kenyan environmental and political activist. In the 1970s, Maathai founded the Green Belt Movement, an environmental non-governmental organization focused on the planting of trees, environmental conservation, and women’s rights.

In 2004, she became the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for “her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace”. Maathai was an elected member of Parliament and served as assistant minister for Environment and Natural Resources in the government of President Mwai Kibaki between January 2003 and November 2005. She passed away in 2011.

“It is the little things citizens do that will make a difference. My little thing is planting a tree,” Wangari Maathai. The Green Belt movement has planted over 51 million trees in Kenya.

This Season of Creation manual is dedicated to her memory. May her inspiration live on in us. May God help us to follow the example of Wangari Maathai. Amen.

Some of these actions may be small - the season of creation, God may be calling you to dedicate time, passion and energy to become part of the environmental cause, and what is God calling us to do in this congregation??

Rev Dr Leah Schade. <http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/the-third-sunday-in-the-season-of-creation-in-year-c>

District Council Paper for Discussion: God in love unites us

The report of the marriage and relationships Task Group

The Methodist Conference in June voted overwhelmingly for a number of resolutions to be treated as provisional legislation *Under Standing Order 122* in reference to the report on Marriage and Relationships. Provisional legislation means that full consultations must take place in the Districts (circuits and local churches) before we move to adopting by a vote the final resolutions at next year's conference. District Councils must agree to the process of how those consultations take place within the District which then will lead to a vote being taken at the April 2020 Synod.

Within the proposed changes to Standing Orders on our Understanding of Marriage, there is provision for those who for location and theological reasons feel that they are unable to offer same sex marriage. Provisions include that no Probationer, Minister or other authorised person will be required to carry out same sex marriages. Any building that requests to be registered will need the agreement of the local managing trustees, the local superintendent minister and these arrangements need to be reviewed at least every five years. The District Chair will need to be informed if a local church is requesting to be registered and if a probationer, minister or authorised person is seeking to officiate in a same sex marriage ceremony. If said authorised probationer/ minister/persons, for theological reasons, is unwilling to agree to carry out a same-sex marriage he/she are required to make reference to another colleague preferably in the same circuit. If for reasons of conscience he or she is unable to make this reference, they shall inform the District Chair, who will make such reference in the stead of the local person.

In the main this will enable a mixed economy with an '**opt in**' clause rather than an '**opt out**'. The exact wording of what we will be required to vote on will be sent to the District Chairs before our September Synod. The following are the resolutions that we are required to consult on

The principles or qualities of good relating - (resolution 10/2)
 An understanding of cohabitation - (resolution 10/3)
 Guidelines on the Understanding of Marriage to be included in the guidance in CPD (resolution 10/7)
 To enable buildings to be registered if agreed by trustees to allow same-sex couples to marry in Methodist Churches (resolution 10/8)
 Changes to SO on 'The Understanding of Marriage' within the Methodist Church (resolutions 10/9)

There were a number of resolutions also passed which do not fall under Provisional Legislation which were asking the Faith and Order Committee to resource churches with liturgies on same sex blessings, and liturgy for the ending of relationships.

There were a number of notice motions to amend the task group's recommendations. The final version of the resolutions passed can be found in the *Wednesday 3rd July Daily Record (7)* of the representative session of the conference on the Methodist Churches website.

As a District, we are aware that there will be many diverse views on the subject of Marriage and Relationships and the particular resolutions that were passed at conference. The District Chairs would like to offer a way of ensuring all voices are heard. Therefore, we would like to propose to the council a process to ensure the consultations take place:

September Synod we will outline where we are and how we intend to facilitate conversations across the District and have a conversation led by one of the task group members based around the title ‘ **An invitation to journey in love, faith and joy**’ and that we conclude Synod with the celebration of Holy Communion

That all Circuits engage in the consultations with the material that is being prepared by the connexional team which will be published in time for September Synods and that a vote is taken at all the Spring Circuit Meetings

We strongly urge all churches to engage in the consultation so they are able to feed into the Circuit meeting (Church Councils will not be required to take a formal vote)

Three consultations are set to take place across the District in Oct/Nov 2019 for those people who wish to take advantage of engaging in the conversations within the wider context of the District. Each of these will offer the same format and will be facilitated by Geoffrey Farrar (14th Oct. Fulham Broadway) Gerry Davis (14th Nov. MCH. Westminster) and Rachel Lampard (30th Nov. Barking)

A ballot vote will be taken at the April 2020 Synod.

District Chairs (09 July 2019)



INTROIT for the next 4 months :-

We gather to praise You and worship Your name,
 Help us to focus on You,
 We stand here before You, in wonder and awe,
 Bless us and fill us again.

We hand You those things that cause worry and stress,
 Grant us the peace that we seek,
 Bring comfort, assurance, and Your healing power,
 Bless us and grant us Your rest.

Words: Peter Boreham 2009

Music: Ralph Carmichael (the Saviour is Waiting).
 Spiritquest, USA 1958

BIBLE STUDIES

The **Autumn Bible Studies** will begin on Monday 7th October, and every Monday after that, until 28th October, from 8 - 9.30pm. We will be joining '**Bible Month - 30 Days with Colossians**'.

Bible Month is a Methodist resource and is an opportunity for churches and small groups to spend 30 days focused on a single book of the Bible. In 2019, Bible Month is focusing on the book of Colossians. Over a course of four weeks, we will study four short videos by Professor Clive Marsh (Vice President of the Methodist Church) which introduce Colossians in the context of popular culture. All are welcome. Please join us if you can for this wonderful time of study and fellowship. **Revd Abe**

Living Hope Newsletter

Dear Friends,

I hope you are doing well and had a good summer.

Living Hope is grateful for your continued support and prayers.

The students are back after their summer holiday and have settled back into their school routine. All the students are progressing well in their studies. The students have been involved with art projects during the beginning of this term; helping to expand and nurture their creativity. The students have really enjoyed developing their artistic skills.

With your support, we will continue to help many families to educate their children. With our school, we are instilling hope and confidence in young minds that will make a huge impact for many years to come.

Please continue to pray for the work of Living Hope and its community. Thank you, God Bless,

Rev. Imran

<p>Andrew & Valerie would like to thank everyone for their cards, emails, greetings & good wishes on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary</p>

HYMN SURVEY

As many of you know, I keep a record of the hymns sung at our Sunday services, together with those sung at other services such as Good Friday and Christmas Day.

I only record hymns used in our services from Singing the Faith. If other hymn books are used during this time (e.g Songs of Fellowship), I only record the hymns which can also be found in Singing the Faith.

During the past (Methodist) year, ended on 31st August 2019 the following hymns were the most popular:

Sung 8 times: In Christ alone (StF 351) - sung twice in 2017/18

Sung 7 times: To God be the glory (StF 94) - sung 3 times in 2017/18

Sung 6 times : What a Friend we have in Jesus (StF 531) - sung twice in 2017/18

Sung 5 times:: Be still and know that I am God (StF 18) – sung 5 times in 2017/18

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds (StF 322) - sung 3 times in 2017/18

The most popular hymns in 2017/18, both sung 6 times, were Immortal, Invisible, God only wise (StF 55) - sung once in 2018/19 - and Longing for Light (StF 706) - sung twice in 2018/19. This may suggest that certain hymns are chosen more often by preachers at certain times because they fit in with the Lectionary themes.

If you would like to know more, or to find out how many times your favourite hymn was sung, please get in touch with me.

Marian

COOKERY CORNER

Apple Amber

Cooking time 30 mins. Oven temp. 400°F/Mark 6/ 200°C

Ingredients

100 gr (4 oz) shortcrust pastry made with 100gr (4 oz) flour, 25gr (1 oz) lard, 25gr (1 oz) margarine.

Meringue topping: 2 egg whites, 50gr (2 oz) sugar.

Filling:

450gr (1 lb) apples	2 egg yolks
50gr (2 oz) margarine	grated rind & juice of 1 lemon
50gr (2 oz) sugar	

Method

1. Peel, core and slice apples..
2. Cook until a purée with the sugar, margarine and lemon juice
3. Line a dish with the pastry, add the egg yolks to the apple mixture and pour into the dish.
4. Bake for ½ hour in the centre of the oven.
5. Whisk the egg whites until stiff, adding sugar gradually. Pile on top of the apple amber and bake for a further ¼ hour at 325°F/Mark 3/170°C to brown the peaks.

Ann Vickery

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Additional themes in the book this year include coping with disappointment, 'on the road', the Bible at the Olympics - to coincide with the Tokyo games in July, approaching 'the holy' in Advent, and even an exploration of cosmic themes in the run up to NASA's Mars Rover mission, scheduled for July this year. We also feature continuous readings of the Gospel of Matthew, the Song of Solomon, Romans 9-16, Jeremiah, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, and 1 and 2 Peter.

I am now taking orders for *Fresh from the Word* for 2019. Please see me by **Sunday 3rd November** if you would like to order a copy. The cost will be about £9 (including discount).

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Penge Community Pre-School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Wed 2nd	Wednesday Club 8pm Yahtzee
Mon 7th	Bible Study 8pm– See Magazine for details
Wed 9th	Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening
Thur 10th	Church Council 8pm in the Church
Sun 13th	JMA Awards service 11am. Preacher: Jean Pogose
Mon 14th	Bible Study 8pm
Tues 15th	Pastoral Committee 7.45pm at the Church
Wed 16 th	Wednesday Club 8pm A Walk Round Anglesey
Mon 21st	Bible Study 8pm
Wed 23rd	Wednesday Club 8pm Beetle Drive
Sun 27th	All Age Worship 11am led by Margaret and Peter Boreham
Sun 28th	Bible Study 8pm
Wed 30th	Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Card Making

NOVEMBER

Wed 6 th	No Wednesday Club
Fri 8th	Wednesday Club Fireworks Evening at 32 Lloyds Way at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.
Sun 10 th	Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50 am. Preacher: Paddy Boothe
Sun 10 th	MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!

Mon 11th	Christian Action Group 8pm Venue TBA. Speaker: Lilian Barth
Wed 13 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
Wed 20th	Wednesday Club 8pm Church Christmas Decorations
Wed 27th	Wednesday Club 8pm Church Christmas Decorations
Sat 30th	“Tidings of Comfort and Joy” with Peter and Margaret Boreham

DECEMBER

Sun 1st	Christmas Gift Service 11am
Mon 15th	Christian Action Group 8pm. Venue TBA Advent Readings

Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 20th October and 17th November.

Evening Services will be held at 6.30pm on Sundays October 13th (HC), October 27th, November 11th (HC) and November 24th.

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