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MINISTER'S LETTER

Friends, more than anything else in life, Hannah wanted a son. And as the years passed she wrestled with disappointment and despair. 'In bitterness of soul (Hannah) wept much and prayed to the Lord'(1 Samuel 1:10). However, she did **two things** that worked – and they will work for you, too.

Instead of turning away from God, she turned to Him. Instead of praying less, she prayed more. She knew that while her husband couldn't give her a child, God could. She may not have been happy with God's timing, but she never doubted His goodness. Unfortunately, one of the things we are tempted to do when things fall apart is to avoid God's presence. That's a mistake, because He's the one you need most. Yes, it's hard to pray when your heart is breaking. But unless you have prayed with a broken heart and a deep sense of your need, you have never really poured out your heart before God, or learned what the Bible truly means by prayer.

She didn't just think about what she wanted, she also thought about what God wanted'. 'She made a vow, saying, 'Lord, Almighty, if you will not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life'. And shortly after that Samuel was conceived. Friends, when you are willing to make a promise to God that He can hold you to (which is what a vow is), you are getting serious about prayer. And that's when God will get serious about your prayer as well. So, friends, 'pour out your heart before Him'. AMEN.

Rev. William Davis

ROUND THE FAMILY

Congratulations to Samson and Olamide (Temi) Temitayo on the birth of Ezra on 22nd May, a brother for Joshua. Ezra and Joshua were baptized at our morning service on Sunday 30th June, and we are pleased to welcome Ezra and Joshua into our family at Anerley.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Sue Charlesworth on 14th June. Sue was the deputy leader of the Pre-School that meets at our church. Sue was the longest– serving member of staff, having been with the Pre-School for 36 years. Please remember Sue's family and all the members of the Pre-School in your prayers.

Please remember in your prayers all those for whom this is a time of change—for little ones starting school for the first time, for those moving from Infants to Juniors, from Junior School to Senior school, from school to college, university or starting work. For some in the Methodist Church it is also a time of movement and change, as it is customary for Methodist Ministers who are moving to new positions to take up their posts on 1st September, at the beginning of the Methodist Church year.

Marian

CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christian Aid collection during May and June.. We raised the sum of £150.

LAST CHANCE TO PARTAKE!

Valerie and Andrew invite you to join them for

AFTERNOON TEA

at 32 Lloyds Way,Beckenham

Any time between 2.30pm—5pm

on

SATURDAY 17th AUGUST

Numbers are limited so please let them know if you
would like to come

A donation of £6 will be welcome for

“Living Hope”



BLACKHEATH AND CRYSTAL PALACE CIRCUIT

Thursday Morning zoom Bible Study

Finding 'The Way' together

'Working together' is a weekly Bible Study on Zoom: Thursday mornings 10.00am to 11.00am : facilitated by Margaret Boreham

The format is that the zoom will open at 9.45am with the study beginning at 10am. Conversations will be based on a Bible passage and there will be questions to make us think and rethink. There will be an opportunity and time to share our thoughts and questions. Closing remarks will be at 11am for those who want just an hour, but will stay open after 11am for anyone keen to chat or continue the conversations sparked by the Bible Study.

It would be helpful if you could please register your interest by emailing Margaret on mboreham5@gmail.com, 07483 86 86 12

Recurring zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/98461065032?pwd=NTJFUmJlWHVubjZwaWVCNzd0MlEvdz09>

Don't panic!: If you are not sure about Zoom, email or phone Margaret for a private session for you to learn how to download/operate it

Beyond the Flood

After the flood at the end of January (caused by a burst water main in Minden Road), I guess that we can now all breath a sigh of relief as the contractors leave us and life at Anerley gets back to normal.

We now have new floors and carpet throughout the premises and the foyer, Toilets, Kitchen and top Hall have been completely re-decorated.

A claim for just under £11,000 for damaged items, loss of income and additional energy costs has been met in full by Thames Water. A claim by Pre-School and the Salvation Ministry for their losses has also been met.

I think the Thames Water loss adjuster and the contractors who worked to dry out the premises 'FloodCall' and the repair team from 'Aspect' are to be congratulated for their efforts and for the first class job they have done in the restoration of the premises.

Happily there was minimal disruption to the church and our user groups with the major repair work being carried out in Half term and the Ester Holiday

The Stewards and Church Council have agreed to replace the curtains in the Church and in the Top Hall which will add the finishing touches to our albeit enforced refurbishment. I hope you will all be pleased with the outcome from what was undoubtedly a traumatic event in the life of the church.

Happily we do seem to be like the phoenix that rises from fire and now flood!

Déjà vu here we go again!

In the first week of July the same water main burst in Minden Road once again sending water across our car park and

more worrying under the Hall. Luckily we found it before January was repeated and some ingenuity on the part of the Pre-School making sand bags with play sand and plastic bags diverted the stream of water to a surface drain outside the premises and reduced the flow of water under the hall. Despite the obvious risk to our premises it took Thames Water four days to fix the leak!

The Patio Garden

Thanks to the generosity of the late Joan Loring, part of her legacy to the church has been used to renovate the front patio. The work was quite costly and additionally over £400 has been spent on planting Roses and flowers around the perimeter. This area will require continual maintenance to keep it looking nice. Wednesday club have agreed to water and some volunteers are also watering on Sunday. This is necessary to enable the plants to become established – more so when summer eventually arrives!

It won't be long before the ivy begins to encroach again so some regular pruning and weeding would be appreciated – don't wait to be asked – Just do it! Please.

Dave

Property Officer

Pre-School

There has been a Playgroup / Pre-School on our premises for 56 years

The current Pre-School registered with OFSTED in 1993 – and has therefore been operating for 31 years. It is consistently rated as 'Good' in OFSTED inspections, and is some

areas of work as being 'outstanding'.

Pre-School is an independent Charity, Chloe is the leader, Sandra the Chair of Trustees and Dave is the Treasurer. The Pre-school values enormously the support they receive from the Church without which they would not be financially viable.

The children come from very diverse ethnic and social groups and for many of them English is not their first language. Pre-School also has a number of Special needs children that require one-to-one attention.

Sadly in 2018 the then Leader, Sarah Batchelor died suddenly on the premises and more recently in June this year the Deputy Leader Sue Charlesworth – the longest serving member of staff who had been with us for over 34 years, passed away having battled with cancer. The staff is a tight-knit family group and as you can imagine these tragic events have had a deep impact on the team.

Pre-School is highly regarded in the local area, especially by Social Services who are continually looking to place children with us. Whilst other groups come and go Penge Community Pre-School has a long and successful history of which they are very proud. We hope that the group will long be part an important part of the church community

Sandra & Dave

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest festival Service will be held on Sunday 29th September, and will be led by Valerie Tredinnick. It will be followed by a light Bring and Share lunch. All the Harvest goods that are donated will be going to Living Well, our local food bank.

BLACKHEATH & CRYSTAL PALACE CIRCUIT

Our Circuit, Our Future

on

Saturday 14th September

At

BURNT ASH METHODIST CHURCH

10am-1pm

Refreshments available

Bring and share lunch

ALL ARE WELCOME

Please come, if you are able, to hear about and discuss the possible future shape of our Circuit.

Meet the Mayor - Our First Citizen

In May, Bromley Council elected Cllr Dr David Jefferys – a long-standing member of St Mary's Shortlands congregation - as its Mayor. The role involves being the King's representative in the borough and fulfilling a ceremonial role at civic, London and national events. As well as chairing Council meetings, the Mayor speaks and presents certificates at Citizenship Ceremonies which take place almost weekly. There is rarely a day without an event, and some days there are four! David reflected on his early days as Mayor: 'It has been humbling to see the wide range of volunteer groups across the borough, with many new groups being set up and older groups reinventing themselves and taking on new roles. I have opened two nursery schools and a Post Office, reopened the Croydon Recreation Bandstand, awarded health, community care and music festival prizes, attended Founders' Day at Bromley and Sheppard's Colleges and the installation of the new vicar of Christ Church, led the commemoration for the 83rd anniversary of the sinking of HMS Hood and events for D-Day – and much more. The calling of the General Election has meant some events have to be cancelled or postponed. On Election Day I will be the Returning Officer, announcing the results for the constituencies in Bromley.' Each Mayor has a programme of events throughout the year to raise funds for their chosen charities: David has chosen Alzheimer's Research UK, BYMT (Bromley Youth Music Trust) and Welcare Bromley. He will run the London Marathon again to raise funds for these charities. His four themes for the year are: further promoting the sense of community and collaboration across our borough; encouraging more people to take ownership for health and wellbeing; promoting the environment and sustainability in the borough; and raising awareness of science and technology in all age groups. He will be supported in all of this by the Mayoress Ann-Marie and by the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress. For more information see www.bromley.gov.uk/mayor-bromley. (Thanks to David Hynes for providing this information)

COOKERY CORNER

Baked Alaska

Ingredients

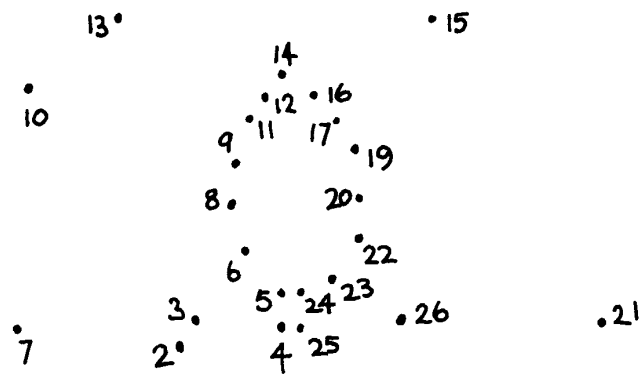
- 1 can soft fruit (e.g. raspberries)
- 1 ice cream block
- 1 sponge cake or pastry flan case
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 egg whites

Method

1. Put pastry flan case or sponge in a fireproof dish.
2. Pour the soft fruit over it and leave to soak for 30 minutes.
3. Whisk the egg whites and fold in the sugar.
4. Cover the pastry case or sponge with the ice cream to within 1 inch of the edge.
5. Pour the meringue mixture over the top, making sure that all the ice-cream is covered.
6. Bake in the oven 180°C/350°F/Gas mark 4 for 10 minutes until browned.
7. Serve immediately

Ann Vickery

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS



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(Isaiah 49:6)



Penge Community Pre-School

Leader: Chloe Edgington

Anerley Methodist Church

Deputy Leader: Liane Durka

Oakfield Road

SENCO: Dawn McConochie

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Hill Dance Academy by appointment	Tel: 07772 199 103
Penge Community Pre-School Monday to Friday 9.15am to 4pm	Tel. 020 8289 6771
Salvation & Deliverance Ministry Sunday 2pm to 5.30pm;	Tel. 020 8683 3094
Tai Chi - Thursday 8pm - 10pm	Tel. 01424 420 050

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

Wed 7 th	Wednesday Club 8pm British Isles Quiz
Wed 14 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Evelyn's Birthday Celebration
Mon 19 th	Christian Action Group 8pm at the Church (Side Hall) Speaker: Audrey Bobb-Sayers: Ghana memories
Wed 21 st	Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
Sun 25 th	All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Chris Watkins
Wed 28 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Games Evening

SEPTEMBER

Wed 4 th	Wednesday Club 8pm.
Sun 8 th	MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
Wed 11 th	Wednesday Club 8pm
Sat 14 th	Circuit Consultation "Our Circuit, Our Future" at Burnt Ash Methodist Church 10am– 1pm *. (See magazine for further details).
Mon 16 th	Christian Action Group 8pm at the Church. (side hall) Speaker: Rev. Andrew Goodhead
Wed 18 th	Wednesday Club 8pm
Wed 25 th	No Wednesday Club
Wed 25 th	Circuit Meeting 7.30pm at Anerley Methodist Church

Sun 29th 11am Harvest Festival/All Age Worship. Preacher: Valerie Tredinnick, followed by a light lunch,

Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 18th August and 8th September.

There are no evening services being held at the church at present

The Prayer Meeting is not meeting in person at the moment, but is meeting via email. For more details or to request prayer, please contact Margaret Boreham, mboreham5@gmail.com

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