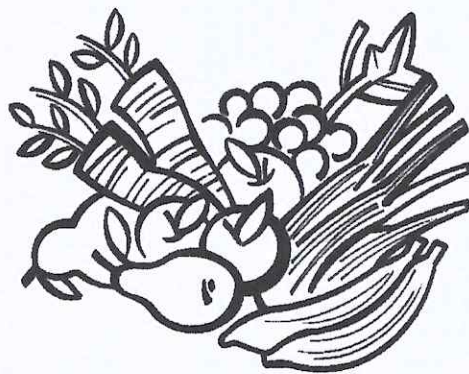


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**AUTUMN 2026**

**The Newsletter of  
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**October/November 2026**

**REFLECTION FROM THE MINISTER**

As a boy working in the temple, Samuel didn't recognise God's voice when He spoke to him. But later as a prophet, his ear was the portal through which God spoke to an entire nation. Learning to recognise God's voice isn't a skill that's acquired overnight because He speaks to us at different settings. Recognising God's voice:

Calls for spiritual maturity. Jesus said, 'The sheep follow him, for they know his voice' (John 10:4). Note, he said His sheep, not His lambs, know His voice. Baby sheep follow adult sheep until their senses are trained. That means there's grace for the immature. So, if your spiritual ears aren't developed yet, God will work with you till they are.

Means not being limited by your previous experiences. When God spoke to Moses, a mountain shook, whereas He spoke to Elijah in a still, small voice. Don't limit God, and don't try to figure Him out. He can speak to you through your Bible, through those qualified to teach His Word, through a song, through a painful situation, and through your thoughts and desires when you are submitted to Him. The key is to stay close to God and keep your receiver tuned.

Means being obedient. David said, 'I take joy in doing your will' (Psalm 40:8). When it comes to recognising God's voice, is your response, 'When I get around to it?' 'If I can fit you in'? I will think about it'? Read this: 'If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures'(Job36:11). **AMEN**

Wishing you a peaceful Autumn in the Lord.  
Rev. William Davis.

**ROUND THE FAMILY**

Our best wishes go with Joanna, Rose Agyei's granddaugh-

ter, who is off to Singapore for a year as part of her University course..

Congratulations to Felix Densu, who celebrated his 60th birthday at the end of August, to Hilary and Ken Waterhouse, who celebrated their Golden Wedding at the end of July, and to Andrew Tredinnick, who celebrated his 80th Birthday at the beginning of August. The Church gave Andrew a surprise Birthday cake after the morning service!



Marian

#### **ANN VICKERY**

We were sorry to hear of the death of Ann Vickery at the end of July. Older readers may remember Ann from her days in the Youth Club in the 1950's and 60's. Ann was a very good cook and in more recent years she provided a regular recipe page for this church magazine. Our thoughts are with her family at this time.

### **Andrew's Boat Experiences**

#### **4. Crossing the Thames**

Many of you will know that I have been a keen walker throughout my life and have completed many long distance trails in Britain. On these walks I can only recall a handful times when it has been necessary to use ferries – once at Cowes on the Isle of Wight coastal path, twice when completing a circuit of Lake Windermere and twice to cross the Thames.

The first occasion on the Thames was while walking the Capital Ring with Valerie - a 78 mile way-marked circuit of the green spaces in London's suburbs, via parks and woodland, along canal tow-paths and even through cemeteries. We accomplished this by a series of day walks, utilising our Freedom Passes, starting our clockwise circuit from outside Crystal Palace station.

We eventually reached North Woolwich and in order to cross to the south bank had the option of either using the foot tunnel or taking the free ferry. We had never used the ferry before so opted for the boat. The ferry effectively joins the North and South Circulars and is heavily used by commercial traffic.

Having completed the Capital Ring I then persuaded Valerie to join me walking the Thames Path – a National Trail of 180 miles from the river's source near Kemble in Gloucestershire to the Thames Barrier at Woolwich. The river is navigable from Lechlade, and the walking route closely follows the river bank, utilising the paths once taken by horses hauling barges. Along the way, the towing path changes from one bank to the other and so there were a number of ferries to transfer the horses across the river. Bridges have now replaced most of the ferries, but one of the few remaining ones is at Sheperton where the National Trail switches to the Weybridge side. The ferry is summoned by ringing a bell. Payment of a modest fee takes you on the short crossing – a most pleasant

way to rest your legs and feet for a while.

### **INTROIT for the next four months**

The introit for the next four months (starting on Sunday 4th October) will be as follows:-

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid;  
lift up your voices, the Lord is near;  
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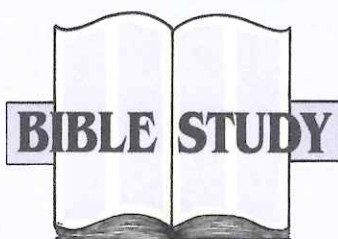
Sometime in October, octogenarian Andrew will be following a link of the Green Chain for 8 miles from Chislehurst to Crystal Palace station (via Elmstead Wood, Sundridge Park, Beckenham Place Park and Cator Park).

50% of the funds raised will be given to **Aid The Congo DRC**. The charity has been set up by Rev Charles Illunga, and when he spoke at the Christian Action Group (CAG) last year he told us of his efforts to raise money to provide basic medical facilities in his home area of the Kabongo Territory. The remaining monies raised will go to support a variety of good causes to which the CAG gives an annual donation e.g. Shelter and SightSavers.

We want to support Charles so can you show your support too by sponsoring Andrew on his walk.

Please sign his sponsor sheet – thank you.

The Christian Action Group



Valerie  
leading Advent  
the four Mondays  
The Studies will

Mondays 30th November, 7th, 14th and 21st December at  
8pm in the Side Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tredinnick will be  
Bible Studies on  
during Advent.  
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On

Thursday 12th and Saturday 14th November

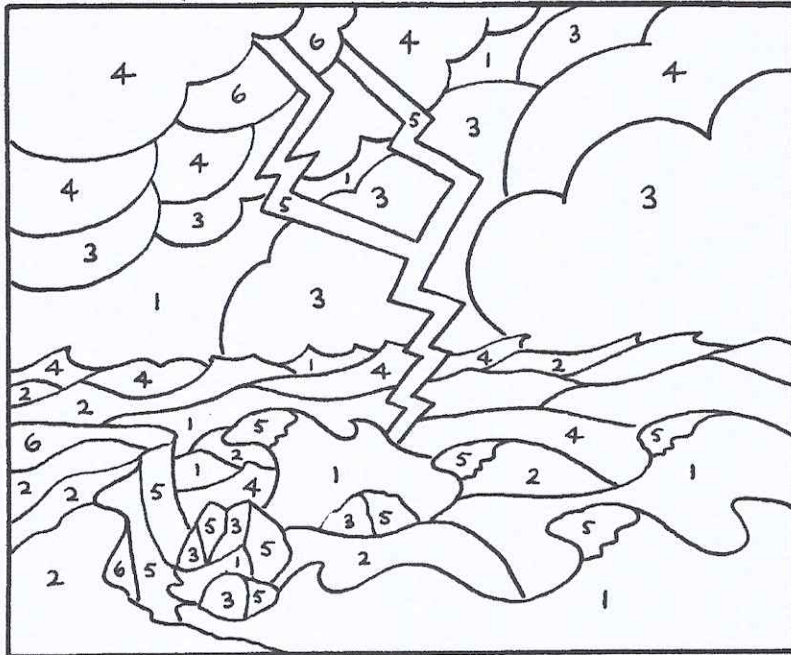
At 7.30pm

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**FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS**

# STORM PAINTING by NUMBERS



1 = BLUE

4 = PURPLE

2 = GREEN

5 = WHITE

3 = GREY

6 = BLACK

'Lightning flashes from the clouds, as they move  
at God's will.'

'The storm makes my heart beat wildly.'

(Job 37:1-20)

### Messing about on the River



I remember as a boy travelling through London and the wharves along the Thames being full of commercial docks and the area generally being run-down. In fact when I started in the police back in 1968 the area of Southwark along the Thames

was not an area you would want to visit. Full of vagrants and ladies of the night!

Wind forward some 30 years to my time as Divisional Commander at Southwark and times and the area had most definitely changed for the better. Foreign training ships often arrived in the Pool of London and moored alongside HMS Belfast – An Imperial War Museum relic of the Second World War that served to protect convoys in the North Sea. As the local Police Chief, Sandra and I were always invited to receptions on board the various training ships. We and other 'dignitaries' – Actually I think I was invited in the hope that we would go easy on any errant sailors rather than any status - were usually piped aboard to be served and entertained by the visiting ship's crew.

Usually the food and drink was excellent, as was the company. But I do remember attending a reception on a Japanese tall ship where the green or pink drinks served as liquid refreshment, was to say the least – foul. Sandra and I managed to edge towards the side of the ship and when we thought no-one was looking decanted our drink over board. Unfortunately hardly did we do so than a sailor would appear at our elbow to top up our glasses. I only hope that the mysterious coloured liquid did not poison any fish surviving in the

Thames.

I used to welcome a professor and his Criminal Justice students from the Georgia State University to give them an insight into 'law and order' as practiced in London. They also visited the Probation Service and several Prisons but were probably disappointed to find that the Tyburn Gallows had fallen into disuse! At the end of their UK visit, as a thank you to the professionals they had met, the students invited those who had hosted them to a reception on board a Thames Pleasure Boat. My mistake in accepting the invitation was to extend the invite to my Superintendent.

So it was that while chugging around the Thames Barrier I got a phone call to tell me I or the Superintendent was required back at the Station at Southwark to authorise the continued detention of a prisoner. Under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, after detention of 24 hours a prisoner had to be charged or released. If further enquiries needed to be made into whatever they had been arrested for, an officer of Superintendent rank or above could authorise continued detention – this had to be done in person and the prisoner given the right to offer reasons why they should not be further detained.

"How long do we have before we reach 24 hours" I asked. "40 minutes Guv" So there we were both Superintendents way down stream – what to do? Well, I called the Yard and a Thames Launch in the locality met the pleasure boat and the two of us transferred to a launch that sped up the Thames to the landing stage at Shad Thames outside a very posh French restaurant - Le Pont de la Tour. Reaching the top of the ramp – as the Thames Launch disappeared into the distance – two uniformed senior officers in full uniform were forced to climb over a 10ft barrier – much to the delight and amusement of the diners who probably thought we were part

of the cabaret act! And the embarrassment of two rather red faced cops. I feel sure that the Thames officers would have known the landing stage was closed and probably chuckled all the way back to their base at Wapping. The story also did the rounds of the Station so everyone had a good laugh at our expense – The prisoner did not get bail!

Dave

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### **O I DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE (AGAIN)....**

On Saturday 8th August, the second Circuit Outing took place, arranged by the Rev. Craig Gaffney. This year the destination was Margate and five intrepid travellers from Anerley joined the two coach loads of people from churches all over the Circuit to enjoy a day by the sea.

A lot of people spent most of the time on the beach, where there were games for the youngsters and some hardy souls went for a swim. However, our group first found a place for a fish and chip lunch (got to get our priorities right!) and then decided to walk along the front to the Turner Gallery, via the gift shops! The Turner Gallery was very impressive, with a striking stained glass window by David Hockney, on loan to the Gallery until the Autumn. We then had afternoon tea in a little café in the Old Town, followed by a wander back to the promenade for an ice cream.

Before we came home, Craig had arranged a short Communion service on the beach, including two hymns which we sang with great vigour—a fitting end to a lovely day.

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## BLACKHEATH AND CRYSTAL PALACE CIRCUIT

Thursday Morning zoom Bible Study

Finding 'The Way' together

An exciting new opportunity: 'Working together' weekly Bible Study on Zoom: Thursday mornings 10.00am to 11.00am beginning on Thursday 18th May and weekly thereafter: facilitated by Margaret Boreham

The anticipated 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 re-think. 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



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### 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 2026 the following hymns were the most popular:

Sung 6 times: Great is thy faithfulness (StF 51) - also sung 6 times in 204/25

Sung 5 times: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine (StF 548) - sung once in 2024/25.

Brother, sister, let me serve you (StF 611) - not sung at all in 2024/25

Sung 4 times : Joy to the world (StF 330) - sung 3 times in 2024/25

Love divine, all loves excelling (StF 503) - sung 3 times in 2024/25

Be known to us in breaking bread (StF 573) - sung 5 times in 2024/25

Will your anchor hold (Stf 645) - not sung in 2024/25

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.

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## INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING ASSOCIATION

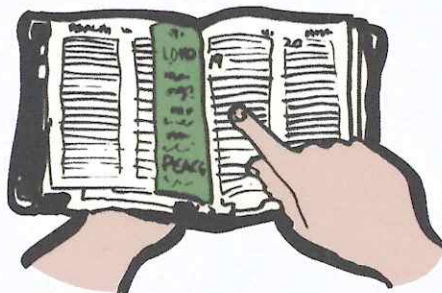
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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**OCTOBER**

|          |                                                                      |
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| Tue 6th  | Church Council 7.30pm in the Church                                  |
| Wed 7th  | Wednesday Club 8pm Cat Bingo                                         |
| Wed 14th | Wednesday Club 8pm Yahtzee                                           |
| Mon 19th | Christian Action Group 8pm Church Side Hall. Speaker: Elaine Joseph  |
| Wed 21st | Wednesday Club 8pm Card Games                                        |
| Sun 25th | All Age Worship 11am Led by Jeanette Warren                          |
| Sun 25th | Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Orchestra 3pm Eltham Park Methodist Church |
| Wed 28th | Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Card Making                             |

**NOVEMBER**

|                     |                                                                                |
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| Sun 1st             | JMA Service 11am. All Age Worship                                              |
| Wed 4th             | <b>No Wednesday Club</b>                                                       |
| Fri 6th             | Wednesday Club Fireworks Evening at 32 Lloyds Way at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. |
| Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> | Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50 am. Preacher: Valerie Tredinnick              |
| Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> | MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!                                          |
| Wed 11th            | Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning                                          |
| Mon 16th            | Christian Action Group 8pm in the Church Side Hall. Speaker: Hilary Waterhouse |
| Wed 18th            | Wednesday Club 8pm Church Christmas Decorations                                |

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| Sun 22nd | Circuit Morning Service at Eltham Park Methodist Church. <b>No morning service at Anerley.</b> |
| Wed 26th | Wednesday Club 8pm. Church Christmas Decorations                                               |
| Sun 29th | Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Orchestra 8pm at Eltham Park Methodist Church                        |
| Mon 30th | Advent Bible Study. 8pm In the Side Hall                                                       |

**DECEMBER**

|         |                                           |
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| Sat 5th | Church Advent Fun Day—more details later. |
| Mon 7th | Advent Bible Study 8pm in the Side Hall   |

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Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 18th October and 15th November.

All Age Worship will take place on Sunday 25th October and Sunday 1st November (JMA Service)

There are no evening services at present.

The Prayer Meeting is meeting via email. For more details contact Margaret Boreham [m.boreham5@gmail.com](mailto:m.boreham5@gmail.com)

Circuit Bible Study Thursday Mornings 10-11 am via Zoom. See magazine for further details.