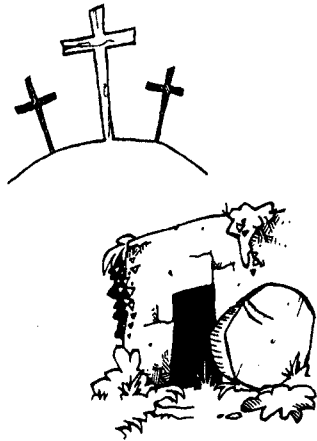


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FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

Through our Lent season we have spent time reflecting on our discipleship and seeking opportunities to grow, but now we have entered the Easter season. Once again we will ask the question "what does Easter mean to me at this time?" Traditionally we would associate Easter with images such as Easter Eggs, daffodils or fluffy chicks to symbolise new life and new beginnings.

One of the universal symbols of Easter is the cross of Christ. Our Easter celebrations are deeply rooted in the pain and sufferings of Christ and his disciples. Profoundly the Easter story is about the suffering, death and resurrection of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ which gives us sure and certain hope that death and destruction will be defeated. The images of the cross, the pain and suffering come to us in many forms and some of those images have reached us through news stories from the Middle East and the war in Syria. We have seen upsetting images of the cross in the oldest Christian churches being uprooted, images of death, bereaved people weeping, families separated, not knowing if they will meet again, wondering what the future holds for them. In all of this we ask, 'what is God saying in this situation'. How do we deal with one of the oldest problems: "Why do good people suffer",

Being a part of the world community, we are all affected by the things that happen in different parts of the world. What happens to people in other parts of the world hurts our feelings too. We may not be able to understand why good people go through difficult times, but as Christians we can say with confidence that "I know my redeemer lives and He will stand upon the earth at last". These are the words of from the book of Job 19:25. He says with great certainty that the solution to all the problems, the ultimate answer to all questions, whether they are centuries old or related to our own time, lies in knowing that the Lord, our

Redeemer lives. God in Christ is in control and will comfort His people.

One of the ways our lives are touched is through our relationships; within our family, at work, within our communities, at Church. Each of our lives is influenced by the relationships we have with one another. This is true, not only for our local communities, but similarly within our worldwide community.

One of the messages of the Easter story is that where people are sad and distressed there can be reconciliation and healing. We worship a God who is ready to associate with human suffering, to endure what we have endured to the extent of allowing humankind to kill him on a cross. But God has taken this symbol of disgrace and transformed it into a sign for reconciliation; a sign for peace between people and between people and God. As Paul says "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5: 17-18.)

One of the world's most pressing needs is for peace; peace in the home, peace within local communities and peace between different countries. This can only begin to come about when people are prepared to let their old selves die and let the love of Christ become the dominant force in their lives. We can send this love to all those who are suffering, through our prayers. Pray constantly for the peace of the world with the sure knowledge that Redeemer of this world lives.

Every blessing,
Rev. Imran



ROUND THE FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers Audrey Bobb-Sayers, and family, whose father has died in Guyana; also Comfort Opong and Dinah Anaman, whose aunt has died in Ghana. Please also remember John Taylor, who came home following a period in hospital recovering from a severe infection, but at time of writing has been re-admitted to hospital.

Ronnie Butler thanks everyone who attended his 50th Birthday party and for making his birthday so enjoyable.

Marian

VISIT TO A COPTIC CHURCH

Members of the Christian Action Group will be visiting St. John's Coptic Church at Elmer's End on the evening of Monday 9th May (time to be arranged). If anyone else would like to come along to see the church and to learn more about the Coptic tradition, please let Andrew Tredinnick know by the end of April, so that he can advise the church of the numbers to expect. The Orthodox Coptic Church can trace its beginnings back to around 43AD when it was established in Alexandria, Egypt, by St. Mark, and this is sure to be an interesting and informative evening.

LEWISHAM and CRYSTAL PALACE CIRCUIT

EASTER OFFERING SERVICE

Sunday 24th April At 4.30pm

At Lewisham Methodist Church

THE SERVANT QUEEN

(from the book "The servant Queen" Published by the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity)

She's always been part of my life - the head on the stamp, the crest on the post box, the pictures in the paper, the outfits at Ascot, the speech on Christmas day - but it took me until last year to recognise something that's as obvious as the tiara on a princess. Queen Elizabeth is an extraordinary example of a whole-life disciple of Christ.

She has faithfully lived out her Christian life under the most intense media scrutiny for nine decades. She has demonstrated a consistency of character, a commitment to service, a concern for others and a clear dependence on Christ that is all the more remarkable because it is at once ever-present but never domineering. She after all, known for many other things: for being the Head of State, confidante to 12 prime ministers, mother, grandmother, wife of the refreshingly direct Prince Philip, formidable rider, unexpectedly handy car mechanic, senior citizen who works 50 hours per week ... But trying to understand the Queen without understanding her Christian faith is like trying to make bread without yeast. Yeast is not the only ingredient in bread but it's the one that makes all the difference.

When it comes to the sincerity of her own faith, there is no doubt. Most commentators acknowledge it, though few explore it. But we can see it in her words, her priorities,

her posture towards others and her patterns of living.

She doesn't *have* to invite a different pastor every weekend of her six-week Balmoral holiday to spend time with her family, but she does. She doesn't *have* to raise the subject of the Sunday sermon at lunch, but she often does. She doesn't *have* to invite her personal chaplain regularly to the Palace for spiritual fellowship, but she does. She doesn't *have* to go to church almost every week, but she does. And she doesn't actually *have* to mention Jesus in her Christmas addresses, but she does. **Always.** And always as the climax of her address. A messenger of the gospel indeed. Brilliantly, in an age that is on the one hand increasingly secular and, on the other, fraught by religious conflicts, her approach is winsomely inclusive. She is the head of the church but in her speeches never tells anyone that they must attend. Rather she points to Jesus and how he expands her capacity to love people: *"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none."*

Indeed, her overall approach has been testimonial, not argumentative. She tells the world the inspiration that Jesus has been in her own life and leaves the world to decide if they are interested in being inspired themselves:

"I hope that, like me, you will be comforted by the example of Jesus of Nazareth who, often in circumstances of great adversity, managed to live on outgoing, unselfish and sacrificial life. Countless millions of people around the world continue to celebrate his birthday at Christmas, inspired by his teaching. He makes it clear that genuine human happiness and satisfaction lie more in giving than receiving; more in serving than in being served. We can surely be grateful that, two thousand years after the birth of Jesus, so many of us are able to draw inspiration from his life and message, and to find in him a source of strength and courage."

There's certainly no doubt about the identity of the King our Queen serves. Nor is there any doubt that the prayer that her people have so often prayed (perhaps without fully realising that it was a prayer) has been answered. God *has* saved our Queen. Our Queen *has* been "gracious" and "noble" and "victorious" in the things that really matter - hope and faith in Christ, love of God and of the people she's been graced to serve.

May our nation see her for the godly woman she is, see Christ in her and come to know the Christ she points to and honours in all she does.

Mark Greene, Executive Director of LICC

JOHN WESLEY—FOUNDER OF METHODISM

I wonder how many people were aware that 2nd March this year marked the 225th anniversary of the death of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church, who died in 1791 at the age of 88.

John was born on 28th June 1703 in Epworth, Lincolnshire, to Samuel Wesley, Rector of Epworth, and his wife Susanna. When John was 5, there was a fire at the rectory from which all the family but John managed to escape. He was finally rescued from the top floor where he was trapped, and in later years he spoke of himself as "a brand plucked from the burning" and said that God had saved him "for a purpose".

John became an Anglican priest, but became increasingly at odds with the Anglican hierarchy, who regarded his preaching as too "enthusiastic". On 24th May 1738 John had an experience which was to change his life for ever. He describes it in his Journal thus: *In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed, I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."*

He commenced his outdoor preaching the following year and at the time of his death it is calculated that he had travelled many thousands of miles around England on horseback and by carriage, had preached several times each day, and wrote or edited some 400 publications. He left behind a movement of some 70,000 members. He died in his house on City Road in London after a short illness; almost his last words were, "The best of all is, God is with us"

Marian

COOKERY CORNER

Simnel Cake

Ingredients

175gr (6oz) butter or margarine	450gr (1 lb) currants
175gr (6oz) soft brown sugar	50gr (2oz) raisins
3 medium eggs	100gr (4oz) sultanas
250gr (9oz) self-raising flour	25gr (1oz) quartered glacé cherries
pinch of salt	100gr (4oz) chopped mixed peel
1 x 25ml spoon (½ teaspn) mixed spice	450gr(1 lb) almond paste
5 x 15ml spoon (5 tablespns) milk	apricot jam
2 x 5ml spoons (2 teaspns) golden syrup	beaten egg to glaze

Method

1. Heat oven 180°C/350°F/Gas mark 4, grease and line a 20.5cm (8 inch) round cake tin.
 2. Beat fat and sugar until light and fluffy, add eggs one at a time, with a little flour, beating well after each addition.
 3. Stir in salt and spice, add milk and syrup with a little more flour, and mix well.
 4. Fold in the remaining flour and fruit, place half the mixture into the prepared tin, and smooth level.
 5. Divide almond paste in two, roll out one portion into a 20.5cm (8 inch) round, and place on top of the mixture.
 6. Cover with the remaining cake mixture and bake for about an hour, then reduce the temperature to 140°C/275°F/Gas Mark 1 and bake for 2½ hours.
 7. Allow the cake to cool and divide the remaining almond paste into two
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8. Roll one half of the paste into a 20.5cm (8 inch) round, brush the cake with apricot jam and place the rolled almond paste on to the cake, crimping the edges.
9. Roll the remaining paste into eleven small balls.
10. Brush the top of the cake with beaten egg and place balls of paste round the edge, close together, then brush again with egg.
11. Place under a hot grill to brown marzipan.

Happy Easter everyone, Ann Vickery

METHODIST TALENTS FESTIVAL 2017

Although it is a year away, the Talents Festival Committee has been planning for next year's Festival, which will be held at Shirley Methodist Church, Croydon, on Saturday 4th March 2017. Copies of the syllabus will be available later this year.

In the meantime the titles of the photographic classes have been decided and are available from me, together with hints and tips on taking your photographs. If you are interested in entering the photographic classes next year, and would like to take photos this year without the last minute rush, please ask me for a copy of the guidelines.

Marian

SONG SATURDAY

On Saturday 30th January Anerley Methodist church burst into song, voices in praise and thanks giving,

There was a variety of songs, old ones, new ones, favourite ones - all sung to the best of our abilities, there was a smile on every face.

All this was done in two sessions with a choice of attending both or just one.

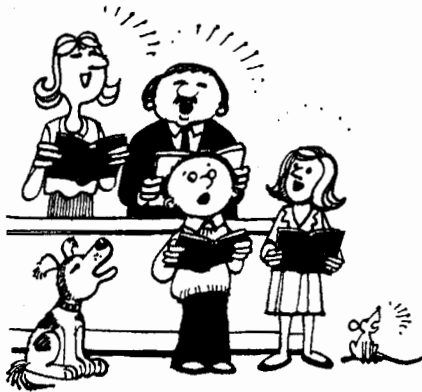
The snack break gave every one a chance to share memories awakened by the choice of hymns.

Thank you Margret and Peter for the hard work in producing a enjoyable and memorable Day.

Thank you to those who chose some of the hymns

I look forward to the next one.

Evelyn





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APRIL

- Wed 6th Wednesday Club 8pm Slides by Andrew Tredinnick
- Mon 11th Christian Action Group 8pm at 32 Lloyds Way, Members' Evening on the theme of Easter/Resurrection
- Wed 13th Wednesday Club 8pm Quiz
- Wed 20th Wednesday Club 8pm Darts
- Sun 24th All Age Worship 11am.
- Sun 24th Circuit Easter Offering Service 4.30 pm at Lewisham Methodist Church.
- Wed 27th Wednesday Club 8pm Play Reading

MAY

- Sun 1st General Church Meeting after morning worship.
- Wed 4th Wednesday Club 7.15pm Meal at Coombe Lodge
- Sun 8th 151st Church Anniversary 11am Preacher: Rev. Andrew Maguire
- Sun 8th MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN
- Mon 9th Christian Action Group Visit to St. John's Coptic Church, Elmers End (details to be confirmed)
- Wed 11th Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
- Thur 12th Christian Action Group 8pm at 28 Chesham Road. Speaker: Renate Tardy on the Anthony Nolan Trust
- Wed 18th Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening

Sun 22nd All Age Worship 11am Led by the Worship Leaders

Wed 25th Wednesday Club Ramble Meet 7.15pm at 32 Lloyds Way

JUNE

- Thur 2nd Pastoral Committee meeting 7.45pm at the Church
- Sat 11th Penge Festival Fete at Royston Field 11am – 4pm
- Mon 13th Christian Action Group 8pm at 103 Birchanger Road Speaker: Rev. Andrew Goodhead
- Fri 17th—Sun 19th Circuit Weekend at High Leigh
- Sat 25th Circuit Missions Garden Party at Forest Hill Methodist Church

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. However, in April Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 2nd Sunday (10th)

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. However, during April Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday (17th) and there will be no evening service on the 2nd Sunday (10th).