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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

It's that time again! I've just mown the grass and as I now look and reflect on my labours it hits me. The lawn, or should I say field, is now free again. The clutter of the long grass is gone and the bottom growth, the new growth, is open to the fresh air and the sunshine and therefore able to meet its' own potential.

Suddenly, my reflections turn from the earth and the grass to our lives. How often do we de-clutter our lives? How often do we get rid of that which is growing tired and looking woebe-gone and allow the freshness of our being spring forth and create new growth, new vision, new life? Are we stifling our potential by not taking out the deadwood of our lives?

If you are tired what is the burden that you are carrying that is causing the tiredness?

If you are angry what is the grievance that is festering inside you and creating the anger?

Our lives can so easily become cluttered with situations, with difficulties, with anxiety that makes the present and the future seem so dull and drab.

So what can we do? It's easy to say yes to the above but how do we de-clutter our lives?

This summer look afresh at what God is saying to you and let the light of God's presence help show you the way he wants you to this summer, come into your lives as God's light.

Didn't Jesus say: 'Come to me all ye who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.'

Didn't Jesus promise to 'take our yoke upon himself'.

Have we so quickly forgotten the message of Good Friday?

Are you saying I can't, it's all too much? Well you don't have to do it on your own. There is a helper. Christ did not leave us to get on with it on our own, He gave us the Holy Spirit to accompany us along the way. You are not alone.

So take up those promises, glory in the message Christ gives you, grasp hold of that helper and he will guide you through the de-cluttering of your life so that new growth, new vision can herald new light and new life.

But oh, remember, the grass needs to be cut often or the tiredness of the lawn reappears. So in our lives let us not just call on the Holy Sprit once and then put him away in the shed. Let him continually refresh us. Let us make sure His home is in our hearts and minds and is not kept at the bottom of the garden.

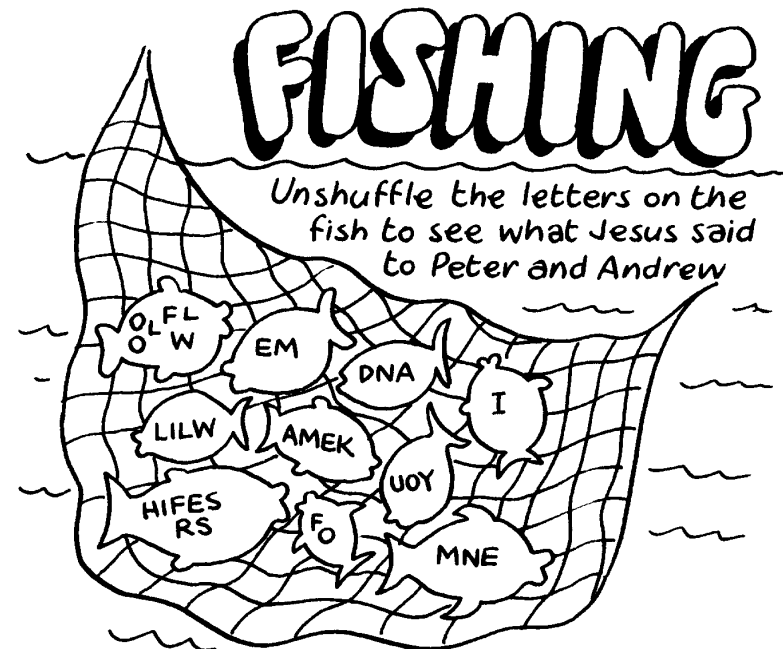
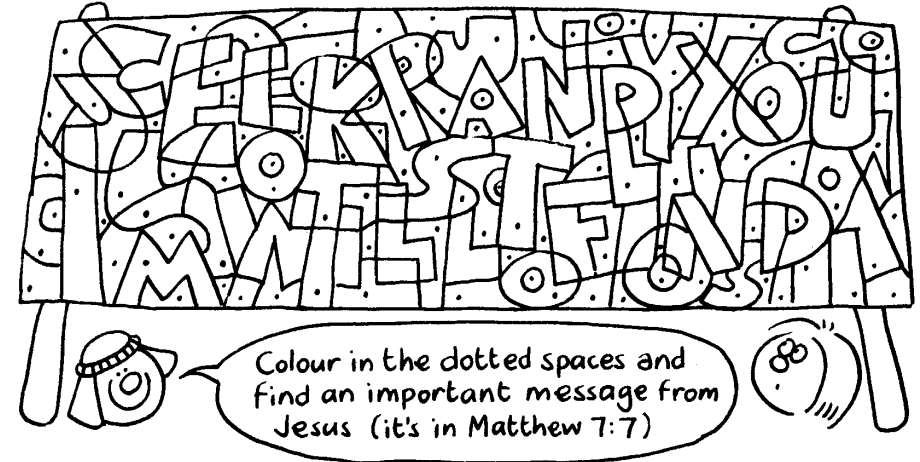
Have a most refreshing summer.

Remain in Him.

Graham



FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS





St. Patrick's Gospel Choir
 Present
 an Evening of
Contemporary Gospel Music
Jazz
 and
Classical
 for
Action for Children
 Anerley Methodist Church
 Oakfield Road, Penge SE20
Saturday 3rd July 2010
7pm
Light Refreshments
 St. Patrick's Gospel Choir
 have performed at the 606 Jazz Club and Westminster Cathedral
 and on BBC London and Premier Christian Radio

ROUND THE FAMILY

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Margaret Boreham's mother at the end of March. Margaret thanks everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards and letters following the death of her mother and of her brother in February. Please continue to remember Margaret and her family in your prayers at this time.

As our Minister, Graham, was unable to take any services over Easter we were very grateful to Valerie Tredinnick for leading our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday meditations, and conducting our Easter Morning All Age Worship service. The Maundy Thursday meal and meditation was at Anerley this year and included the washing of hands or feet, which many people found moving and helpful. Our Easter Morning Communion was conducted by the Rev. Alan Ogier from Purley.

Our Church Anniversary Service this year was led by the Rev. Harvey Richardson, who is a past Chairman of the old South-East District of the Methodist Church. Harvey is retiring in August so it was good to share a service with him before he retires, to thank him for his help to Anerley during his time as Chairman of the District and to wish him and his wife well in their retirement.

Andrew Tredinnick has heard from his brother Nick in Chile following the earthquake there. Nick has written an account of his and Paz's experiences during the earthquake and, because of its length, it is included as a special supplement with this newsletter.

Marian

FROM THE EDITOR

With this edition the magazine commences its 42nd year of production, for the last 18 of which I have been editor. I cannot believe that it is so long since Mike started the magazine as a couple of duplicated foolscap sheets in June 1969! I am sure we never dreamed that the magazine would still be going strong over 40 years later, nor that it would be available to a much larger audience over the internet (something never dreamed of in the 1960s)!

Once again I would like to thank Valerie and Andrew Tredinnick, who collate and staple the magazine, Dave Hynes, who maintains the mailing list, and the Pastoral Visitors who help to distribute the magazines, without whose help I would find it much harder to produce the magazine.

Thanks also to all those people who give me articles, news and suggestions, all which help when I am lacking in inspiration or have a page to fill. I am always on the look out for more articles and ideas so if you have any news or an idea for an article, or even feel moved to write the occasional article yourself, please have a word with me.

If you want to write an article yourself and have access to a computer, you can send it by e-mail or save it to a disc (which I can supply). The page size is A5 and preferred font size is 12, in either Arial or Times New Roman font (though I can play around with whatever you send me, so that it fits my template). Otherwise I am happy to type up whatever you give me. I would rather have something handwritten than nothing at all!

Marian

BETTER TOGETHER

On Sunday 18th April Andrew Tredinnick, Anita Yusuf and I attended a meeting at Forest Hill Methodist Church of the Circuit and Church Stewards from the Blackheath and Lewisham Circuit, the Bromley Circuit and the Sydenham and Forest Hill Circuit.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue the consideration by the lay representatives in the Circuits of getting together, working together or finally amalgamating the Circuits. The meeting was addressed by two members of the Orpington and Chislehurst Circuit, which has recently been formed from the amalgamation of the Chislehurst and Sidcup and the Orpington Circuits, and they spoke to us about their experiences and of the benefits and drawbacks they had encountered. On the whole it would appear that that the amalgamation had been beneficial and any hitches, such as amalgamating the circuit accounts, had been dealt with satisfactorily without too many problems.

However, although it was not brought up at the meeting, it would seem that in some ways their situation differed from ours. Only two circuits were involved, covering a smaller area, and, on the whole, the demographics of the two original circuits were very similar. In the case of our possible amalgamation, the area covered is larger, stretching from Deptford to Keston. Furthermore, the churches involved vary from inner-city churches to suburban and semi-rural. In addition, the new Superintendent of the Bromley Circuit has expressed some doubts about the proposals in their current form. The Circuit Stewards will be meeting again in July to consider how we should proceed.

Marian

JARS OF GRACE

During Lent several of our congregation took part in the “Jars of Grace” appeal by UNICEF to raise money to help children in Mozambique, and we raised a total of £74.85. The following letter has been received from UNICEF.

“Dear Mrs. Young

“Thank you so much for the £74.85 you raised together with your church for UNICEF’s *Jar of Grace* appeal. UNICEF’s income comes entirely from voluntary donors, so we value fundraisers like you immensely.

“The money raised through *Jar of Grace* will help provide basic survival measures for children in Mozambique like vaccines and mosquito nets. These are highly efficient and cost-effective ways of helping children and contributing towards them will not only help children survive, but enable them to thrive.

“Over the past two decades, Mozambique has made significant progress, and more children under 5 are now likely to stay alive and healthy, but there is still much more to be done. Despite its progress, Mozambique still has one of the highest child mortality rates in the world. So your contribution to this work is greatly appreciated, and will make a big difference.

“We are thrilled with your fundraising effort.....On behalf of the world’s children and everyone at UNICEF, thank you again for carrying out such a valuable task.

“Kindest regards

“ISABELLE McKAY SMITH

“Fundraising Initiatives Officer”

EASTER OFFERING SERVICE

The Easter Offering Service was held at Forest Hill Methodist Church this year on the evening of Sunday 16th May. The theme was Companions in Faith, Hope and Love and we were pleased to have as our speaker the Rev. Jennifer Potter, Minister at Wesley’s Chapel, London.

Each year the Circuit JMA (Junior Mission for All) shield is presented at the Easter Offering Service to the Church in the Circuit which has increased its JMA collections over the last year by the largest percentage (**not** the church which has collected the most) and this year Anerley won the shield for the fourth year running! Dinah Anaman, our JMA Secretary, was unable to be at the service because she was in Ghana, so Sandra Hynes collected it on her behalf. It is again hanging on the wall towards the front of the Church if you would like to have another look at it. Once again we congratulate our small band of regular collectors who can usually be found collecting their money after morning services. If you would like to give regularly to any of our collectors, please have a word with Dinah.

CIRCUIT SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

The Network Garden Party will take place on Saturday 10th July at Forest Hill Methodist Church between 11am and 4pm. Proceeds from the event will go towards Network’s current project to combat gun and knife crime and will be opened by Graham Cole from “The Bill”.

Anerley church have been asked to help in the kitchen between 2pm-3pm. If you can help with this or have any items suitable for selling on the stalls (books, plants, bric-a-brac etc), please speak to Sandra Hynes.

LETTER FROM MACAU

Those of you who donate money to Joan Loring's "tin" each month will know that it goes to help the work of Father Ruiz of Casa Ricci Social Services, a Roman Catholic body based in Macau, with projects in many parts of China. Father Ruiz is a Portuguese priest who had worked in Macau and China for many years and is still going strong at the age of 98! Andrew has received the following letter dated 22nd March 2010 from Father Ruiz:

"Dear Andrew,

Happy Easter! Alleluia! Alleluia! First I want to thank you for your continuous help during all these years. Drop by drop is creating the little channel, which is running continually to China for all the lepers, the Sisters and the Aids victims. We need one million RMB (147,100USD) per month, and it comes—a real miracle.

It was a reality by going to see again my dear lepers well dressed, with new houses and nice meals prepared by the loving Sisters and they were very happy to see me so young at my 98 years of age, God's miracle.

It was a special consolation to see my adoptive daughter, who without hands and legs had to go for water, today is very happy with the love and care of the Sisters.

One of our employees who went to visit the lepers with Fr. Azpiroz last Christmas wrote this: "One patient in particular made a deep impression on me. His legs are covered with wounds and his hands have no fingers. His face and eyes are deformed. He had to be pushed in a wheelchair to the door to have a look outside. I saw the loving Sister come to dress his wounds. Later we asked him to sing a song "One Road". His singing was so beautiful that I felt sure God was pleased..."

Another work we do silently is the care for the Aids children, over 50 in different houses. Thank God who has given us Sisters to take care of them. Now the government starts to send the abandoned children to us.

I send you the activities of the mobile clinic*, which is restoring vision to the blind. We pay all the expenses for the work.

Daily Fr. Azpiroz and I keep you and your dear ones in our Masses and prayers, especially during the Holy Week.

May the risen Christ bless you with an increase in faith in Him and a renewal of love for our poor brothers and sisters.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Luiz Ruiz, S.J.

Fr. Fernando Azpiroz, S. J.

*Fr. Ruiz enclosed a document giving a summary of the Mobile Eye Unit three year project, which was carried out in co-operation with other organisations, including the China Leprosy Association (CLA). During the 3 years the Unit travelled 160,000 km to 14 provinces; the farthest north is Jinlin Province near to Russia and the southernmost area was Sanya in Hainan Island. In 3 years 530 people had cataract extractions and 794 had eye lid correction surgery to save their sight, 3,241 cases were examined, diagnosed and some were given training in self-care. Training of Sisters took place twice in Han Zhong. Work has been difficult with a shortage of nurses. Currently one technician does all the functions of two nurses.

During the next 3 year project it is hoped to expand the service to include Fujian, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Shandong and possibly Tibet, but this will only be possible if CLA makes the arrangements. It is also hoped that another nurse can be provided.