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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I hope this Easter season was able to offer you time, space and opportunity to reflect on Christ's death, resurrection and ascension. I found this Easter season a unique experience because it was my first Easter as minister. This was an opportunity for me to rise to a different level of spiritual growth. During my preparation for talks and reflection I experienced profound and deep realities about God's way of doing of things. I found myself surrounded by many questions and challenges that the Easter season imposes on spiritual learners.

There were some revelation moments as well and many times I said to myself that 'this is a new understanding for me". I can say that I know a bit more about the mystery of Christ's death, resurrection and ascension than last year. These mysteries are among the most important aspects of Christian faith.

Reflecting on these characteristics of Christian faith through prayer and studying the scripture can help us all to understand God's mind. All God has done and still is doing makes more sense when we put some effort, time and energy to reflect on and appreciate God's work. We become more aware of God's plan for his people that through the death of Christ He reconciled us all back to himself and makes us righteous through the death of His precious Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus' resurrection helps us to reflect on hope. When Christ died on the cross, all appeared lost, but in reality that was the beginning of our hope. It was the pivotal, most important and crucial event in the history of mankind and in the fulfilment of God's purpose. Upon

this hinges the aspects of salvation and our hopes for everlasting life. We know it because Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to heaven and will come again to reward all the faithful with eternal life and happiness.

However, it is hard to deny the fact that sometimes, even for spiritually mature disciples, these elements of the Easter season do not make much sense. The way God seeks to establish his Kingdom is beyond human wisdom and understanding. It is because the realities in God's Kingdom are different from our aspirations, perceptions and viewpoints. Jesus knew that that we will struggle to understand this and before His death he promised to send the helper (Holy Spirit) who will help us to understand God's mind and reveal to us his plans. Before the coming of the Helper the disciples did not understand the meaning and the implication of what took place at the cross and during the following event. On Pentecost, when they were filled with Holy Spirit, they understood all that had happened and found the courage to share with others. They preached that the cross was God's intention. Now through his cross all the people can come to God and live in peace with each other.

My prayer for the church is that we may continue to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit for comfort, guidance and strength. Once we are filled with God's Spirit we will find it easier to share Him others. Romans 5:5 says that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us". Being filled with Holy Spirit, let us continue to share God's love with earth other and the people we meet at bus stops, shops and work places.

Every Blessing

Rev. Imran Malik

ROUND THE FAMILY

We were sorry to hear of the death on 15th April of Hetty Thatcher, mother of Valerie Tredinnick, in her 98th year. Hetty had been a member of our church for many years and we all have our special memories of her. Her funeral service on 2nd May was uplifting, with hymns that were Hetty's favourites, and tributes from friends and family. It is a measure of how much Hetty was loved that the church was full, with an overflow standing in the entrance hall. Hetty took a keen interest in everything that was happening in the church family and liked to have a chat with people each Sunday. Hetty's passing leaves a large gap in our church family and we shall all miss her very much. Please remember Valerie, Andrew, Barry, Rosemary and the family in your prayers.

Please also remember in your prayers Comfort Opong, still experiencing eye problems, and Rose and Kwame Acheampong as they go back to Ghana for a few months to visit family and friends.

Our Church Anniversary Service this year was led by the Rev. Derek Stanworth from West Wickham and was a very enjoyable occasion. Derek has visited our church previously and it was good to see him again and to share our 148th Anniversary Celebrations with him.

Marian

In Memory of Hetty

It was good to see so many people at her funeral and again afterwards for refreshment.

We would like to thank everyone for their care and support over these past few weeks, which has made it easier for us to cope with the loss of Mum.

We know from conversations had since the service that not only the family but many friends will also miss her cheery smile and ready comments.

Through the kind and generous donations we have received in memory of Mum, the marvellous sum of £1,209 has so far been raised for Action for Children.

Thank you all once again for being there for us. God bless you all.

Valerie

FAMILY FUN DAY

The church is hosting a free family fun day on Saturday 8th June from 12noon to 3pm, with a BBQ, music, children's activities, bouncy castle, tea, coffee and cakes. Please come and enjoy the day with us.

Volunteers are also needed to prepare with general decoration prior to the event, to organise and help with children's activities, to supervise the bouncy castle and to help with serving the food. If you can help at all, even for a short time, please contact Imran on (020) 8653 4902 or email on i_malik@mail.com.

From the Editor

With this edition the magazine commences its 45th year of production, for the last 21 of which I have been editor. However, the magazine is a team effort and 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.

I am also very grateful to everyone who gives me articles, news and suggestions for things to include. It certainly makes my life easier!

If anyone has any news or an idea for an article, or even feels moved to write the occasional article themselves, please have a word with me or contact me by email or post—details inside the front cover.

If you want to write an article yourself and have access to a computer, you can send it by e-mail as an attachment. The page size is A5 and preferred font size is 12; the font style used for the majority of the magazine is Arial but you can use whichever font you prefer. Otherwise I am happy to type up whatever you give me. I would rather have something handwritten than nothing at all!

Marian

EASTER OFFERING SERVICE

The Easter Offering Service was held at Forest Hill Methodist Church this year on the afternoon of Sunday 12th May. The theme was "Beyond the Harbour Wall", and we were pleased to have as our speaker the Rev. Imran Malik.

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 Wesley Hall Methodist Church won the shield. Although Anerley did not win the shield this year, 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.

The amount collected this year in Anerley's Easter Offering envelopes was £172.50.

CHURCH LENT APPEAL

This year our Church supported the Circuit Missions Lent Appeal to go towards the amount raised in the Easter Offering envelopes. Several members of our congregation put coins in jars over the Lent period and raised a total of £52.30.

Thank you to everyone who collected for the Appeal.

CIRCUIT SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

The Missions Garden Party will take place on Saturday 22nd June at Forest Hill Methodist Church, Normanton Street SE23 between 11.00am and 3.00pm. Please book the date now.

PENGE FESTIVAL

The Penge Festival continues until Friday 7th June, with the following activities still to come:-

Tuesday 28th May at 6.30pm. Quiz with Fish or Chicken and Chips Supper at the Crooked Billet, Penge High Street. Entrance fee £5 per person which includes supper. £50 winning prize donated by Designer Drapes.

Thursday 30th May at 11 am "The Alexandra Cottages - a Model of Victorian Vision". A short walk around the Alexandra estate, exploring the world of Victorian philanthropy, architecture and gardens. Meet at Alexandra Nurseries, Parish Lane.

Thursday 30th May at 2.30pm Mandolin Recital with Janet Ambrose and her friends, followed by a sandwich tea, at Burmarsh Court (corner of Croydon Rd. and Garden Rd.) Please ring (020) 3565 4125 to reserve your place

Friday 31st May at 7.30pm Join us for an evening of poetry by Walter de la Mare, with a talk by his grandson Giles de la Mare, at Holy Trinity Church, Lennard Road.

Saturday 1st June at 10 am "Walter de la Mare Walk". Join us outside the Moon and Stars, Penge High Street, for a walk taking in the houses where Walter de la Mare lived circa 1890 and 1925, ending in Thomsett Road, where he wrote "The Listeners". No dogs please.

Sunday 2nd June at 12 noon Treasure Hunt from the Moon and Stars to the Bridge House Tavern. Meet at Penge Library in Maple Road for the first clue. A family event with a prize for the winner or winning family.

Tuesday 4th June at 8.30pm Join us for the ever-popular Bat Walk in Cator Park

Wednesday 5th June from 10 am to 11.30 am "All join in at the Teddy Bears' Picnic", at Penge Library. Please bring your favourite teddy from home to join in the fun.

Wednesday 5th June at 2.15 pm "Costumes of India -Bharatiya Poshak." Ciji Varughese takes a look at the exotic styles and colours of Indian costumes, at Penge Library (tickets available from the Library)

Friday 7th June at 7pm Race Night at Penge Conservative Club, 55 Croydon Road, Penge. £5 per head, which includes entry fee and chicken or fish and chips supper

COOKERY CORNER

West Country Pudding

Serves 4-6; Oven temperature 375°F/190°C/ Mark 5

Ingredients

175g (6oz) self raising flour

75g (3oz) suet water to mix

675g (1½ lb) cooking apples, peeled, cored and sliced

50g (2oz) sugar

Topping 38g (1½ oz) margarine; 75g (3oz) soft brown sugar

Method

1. Mix together dry pastry ingredients with sufficient water to make a firm but pliable dough.
2. Cream together topping ingredients and spread on the bottom of a well-greased 1½ pint pie dish.
3. Roll out ⅔ of the pastry and use to line the dish.
4. Fill the dish with sliced apples, sprinkle with sugar, finishing with a layer of apples.
5. Roll out the remaining pastry to cover apples and seal edges firmly.
6. Bake in the centre of the oven, on a baking tray, for about an hour or until golden.
7. Turn out the pudding onto a large dish, the sauce will run out and cover the pudding.
8. Serve hot with custard or cream

Ann Vickery

150TH ANNIVERSARY 2015

We need a logo to use on all our promotional material for the 150th Anniversary and you are invited to design one.

The brief is:

- A5 paper to be used
- it can be designed by hand or on a computer
- it can be submitted in colour (using no more than 3 colours) or black and white.
- the design needs to be clear enough to be resized to around 5 cm square to fit on mugs etc. or to be enlarged to go on display panels or banners. Keep it simple!

There will be an entry fee of 50p per entry for 18 and under and £1 per entry for 19 years and over.

Please give your logo entries, together with your entry form and entry fee, to Audrey Bobb by Sunday 28th July at the latest.

ENTRY FORM – 150TH Anniversary logo

Name.....

Entry fee.....

(You can photocopy this form if you do not wish to cut your magazine)



A Walk Through Our History

Get your family and friends together for this five mile self-guided walk through the streets of London

When: Saturday 6th July 2013
Start: 10.30am Westminster Central Hall
Finish: Wesley's Chapel

Each walker will receive an Action for Children goody bag and refreshments! We ask each participant to pay a £5 registration fee and raise a minimum of £50 sponsorship.

For more information please contact Rebecca on 07525 734101 or email rebecca.minnett@actionforchildren.org.uk

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CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who has helped to decorate the Church, either by donating money or by arranging flowers for services.

Perhaps you have a special day during the year which you would like to have remembered. Why not do this by providing flowers for the nearest Sunday. You could arrange the flowers yourself or simply pay for the flowers.

There is a rota for flower arranging and new "designers" (single or joint efforts) are always welcome. Please speak to me if you are interested.

Janice

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid are now collecting non-fiction paperbacks which will be sold on Amazon to raise money for Christian Aid's work. There is a box at the back of the church where you can put your paperbacks. Any non-fiction is suitable—religious, technical, science, languages etc. but **NO HARD-BACKS AND NO FICTION BOOKS** (i.e. no novels, classics or storybooks).

If you would like to know more about this scheme, please speak to Josie Oppong.



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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
JUNE**

- Sat 1st Charity Bake-off 3pm at the Church in aid of the Macular Society
- Wed 5th Wednesday Club 8pm: Talk on the CERN project
- Thur 6th Stewards' Meeting 8pm at 5 Percy Road, SE20
- Sat 8th Church Barbecue 12—3pm Food, music, bouncy castle, prayer space. More details to follow
- Tue 11th Christian Action Group 8pm at 32 Lloyds Way, Beckenham. Speaker: Rev. Stephen Maunder
- Wed 12th Wednesday Club 7.30pm: Petanque at 32 Lloyds way
- Thur 13th Circuit Meeting 7.45pm at Lewisham Methodist Church
- Wed 19th Wednesday Club 8pm: Talk on the 198th Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo
- Sat 22nd Circuit Missions Garden Party at Forest Hill 11am –3pm
- Sun 23rd All Age Worship 11a.m. Preacher: Jeanette Warren
- Wed 26th No Wednesday Club

JULY

- Wed 3rd No Wednesday Club
- Sun 14th MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
- Wed 10th Wednesday Club 7.30pm Ramble—meet at 32 Lloyds Way
- Wed 17th Wednesday Club 8pm Card Making
- Tue 23rd Christian Action Group. 8pm at 5 Percy Road. Speaker: Major Peter Smith, Salvation Army.
- Wed 24th Wednesday Club 8pm: Musical Evening
- Sun 28th All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Rev. Imran Malik
- Wed 31st Wednesday Club: 8pm Surprise Evening

AUGUST

- Wed 7th Wednesday Club 8pm: Bees to the Honey Pot
- Tue 13th Christian Action Group 8pm at Gerald's , Speaker: John Beasley
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- Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 30th June and 28th July.
- Evening Services will be held at 6.30 pm on 9th June (HC), 23rd June, 14th July (HC) and 28th July