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The Newsletter of
ANERLEY METHODIST CHURCH

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FROM THE MINISTER

Due to personal circumstances, Imran is unavailable at the moment and is not taking services. I have therefore looked back in the archives and chosen a letter written for our Summer edition in 2003. It was provided by the Rev. Wally Stratford, a Minister from the Uniting Church of Australia, who spent a year in our Circuit with his wife Mary before returning to Australia.

“By the time you read this, summer will (hopefully) be well and truly present.

During the last few weeks, as I have sat in my study, I have watched the garden come to life. Blossom and leaves have emerged to clothe the trees in my yard in greens and reds of different shades. In my garden, flowers that I was not aware of have emerged with a variety of colours. A garden reminds me of Easter which, coming in spring, introduces us to new life and promises riches to come.

Spring leads into summer with its ripe fruits and warm days. The colour of summer is bright and full of variety. It is a time for enjoyment of life, for travel and discovery. Long days with sunshine bring us much delight to our senses.

From Easter comes recognition of God's ongoing presence bringing light and colouring to the earth with love and compassion. God's presence is the colour of the rainbow, and

reminds us of the wonderfully diverse world which is God's creation.

Gardens need to be nurtured however; otherwise they may wither and cease to give us pleasure. Our life also needs to be nurtured if it is not to wither. We may nurture our lives in two ways. Firstly by stepping back from activity from time to time and engaging in quietness with prayer and meditation; secondly through open and compassionate living as we journey in God's world. Together, our action and our stillness nurture our lives and empower us to walk carefully in Jesus' steps with justice and peace as our travelling companions.

Blessings and peace at this time,
Wally Stratford"



APPOINTMENT

A presbyter has visited our church with a view to becoming our Minister in September. We hope to have more details shortly.

ROUND THE FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers the following people:

- Dinah Anaman is recovering from knee surgery, and now is a little more mobile.
- Dave Hynes has now started chemotherapy, but will not be commenting further unless his situation changes.
- Sarah Hynes, Dave and Sandra's daughter-in-law, is continuing with chemotherapy but is struggling with its debilitating effects.

We were pleased to welcome back a former Minister, the Rev. Graham Cocking to preach at our 152nd Church Anniversary on 14th May. Andrew had been unable to return to preach during our 150th anniversary year, so it was good to welcome him back for this year's anniversary and to catch up on all the news.

At the end of March Comfort Oppong retired after 15 years as manager of Anchor Homes' Greenhive Care Home at Peckham. She had been appointed the first manager of the Home in 2002 when it opened, following 35 years with Southwark Social Care Service. It was under Comfort's Leadership that Greenhive became the first care home in London to be rated "outstanding" by the Care Quality Commission. She was awarded MBE in 2009 in recognition of her long service and commitment to adult social care in Southwark. Enjoy your retirement!

I know that some of our young people are in the middle of the exam season, so we wish them cool heads and calm nerves!

Marian

From the Editor

With this edition the magazine commences its 49th year of production, for the last 25 of which I have been editor. When Mike started the magazine in 1968 it consisted of two double-sided foolscap sheets duplicated on a temperamental Gestetner machine that lived in our bedroom! It is now prepared on a computer and, as well as printed copies, it is sent far and wide by internet - something never dreamed of in those far off times!

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 all those who help to distribute the magazines.

I am also very appreciative of everyone who gives me articles, news and suggestions for things to include.

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 - my details are inside the front cover.

Please keep me informed of news to go in "Round the Family" or dates to go in "Dates for Your Diary." I try to keep up with what is happening but I sometimes miss things.

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

OXFAM

20th June is World Refugee Day. As they say in their June Newsletter OXFAM has a longstanding commitment to supporting refugees.

The Newsletter shows pictures going back to the 1950's. In Syria 800,000 people were fleeing unrest and seeking shelter in tents and caves. Since 2015 a camp in Jordan is housing 79,000 refugees where OXFAM is providing water, toilets and hygiene activities. In Raqqa, Syria they are providing safe, clean water to vulnerable families in an unofficial settlement in Lebanon.

OXFAM's work is ongoing as they continue to help people rebuild their lives for when the conflict ends.

With our help, however small, they can continue to work to this end.

If you can spare just 50p per month please do join our pledged givers. Every little helps!

Valerie

CIRCUIT SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

The Missions Garden Party will take place on Saturday 17th June at Forest Hill Methodist Church, Normanton Street SE23 between 11.00am and 2.30pm. Please book the date now.

COOKERY CORNER

Spring Chicken Pie

Cooking time 20—25 mins. Oven temp. 425°F/220°C/Gas mark 7

Ingredients

1 small pkt. sage & onion stuffing	300ml (½ pint) chicken stock
175gr (6oz) cooked diced chicken	25gr.(1oz) butter
100gr (4oz) sausages, cut into pieces	salt and pepper
15ml (1 level tablespn) plain flour	
1 X 225gr (8oz) packet of thawed puff pastry	

Method

1. Prepare stuffing as directed on packet, divide mixture into 8 and shape into balls.
2. Fry stuffing balls and sausages in melted butter until golden, remove and place into a fairly deep pie dish.
3. Stir flour into remaining butter and cook gently for 1 minute, gradually blend in the stock.
4. Bring to the boil gently, stirring well, season with salt and pepper.
5. Add chicken to sauce and pour over stuffing balls and sausages..
6. Roll out pastry and use to cover the pie, brush with beaten egg or milk and bake.
7. Serve hot with fresh vegetables

Ann Vickery

PENGE FESTIVAL 2017

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

PENGE FESTIVAL FETE Saturday June 3rd from 11am to 5pm on Royston Playing Field. Attractions include Botton's Fairground Rides; Jane Beedle, Gret British Bake Off finalist launches the Propertyworld Bake Off Competition; dance displays by Love2Dance; beer, wine and Pimm's; live music from Remenisce Reggae Band, the Penge Samba Band and Band Beggars with Msris O'Sullivan Irish Dancers. Propertyworld Kids' Zone.

TOUR DE PENGE Sunday 11th June - Departs 9.30am from Penge Recreation Ground. Riders of all ages and experience will make their way from Penge to the iconic Cutty Sark at Greenwich.

BRIDGE HOUSE THEATRE EVENTS A full programme of exciting events is scheduled for Penge Festival including drama, comedy, hypnotism, dance, poetry, West End cabaret, music and historic artefacts.

A SERIES OF WALKS including "Beating the Bounds" with Martin Spence (Part 1 on Sunday 4th June and Part 2 on Sunday 11th June, Bat Walk on Thursday 8th June, Heritage Walk on Saturday 10th June, Dinosaur Wal with Katie Boyle on Sunday 11th June and Cemetery Walk on Sunday 18th June.

TALKS Many interesting talks including "Penge by Design, Buildings, architects and the making of Penge", with martin Spence, plus wine and cheese buffet on Wednesday 21st June at penge East Community Centre.

FOR THE CHILDREN An activity Fun Afternoon at Penge Recreation Ground on Sunday 11th June, and Teddy bears' Picnic at St. John's Church on Wednesday 14th June.

QUIZ/SUPPER NIGHT at Melvin Hall Community Centre on Saturday 17th June

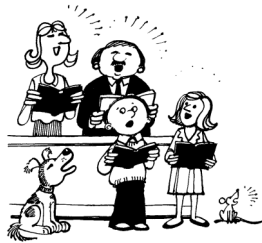
PLUS ...BBQ at Penge East Community Centre on Sunday 18th June, Churchfields Choir at the Goldsmith's Arms on 15th June and much more....

Full details available from pengepartners.co.uk

INTROIT for the next four months

Your love, O God, has called us here,
for all love finds its source in you,
the perfect love that casts out fear,
the love that Christ makes ever new.

Russell Schultz-Widmar
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Action for Children

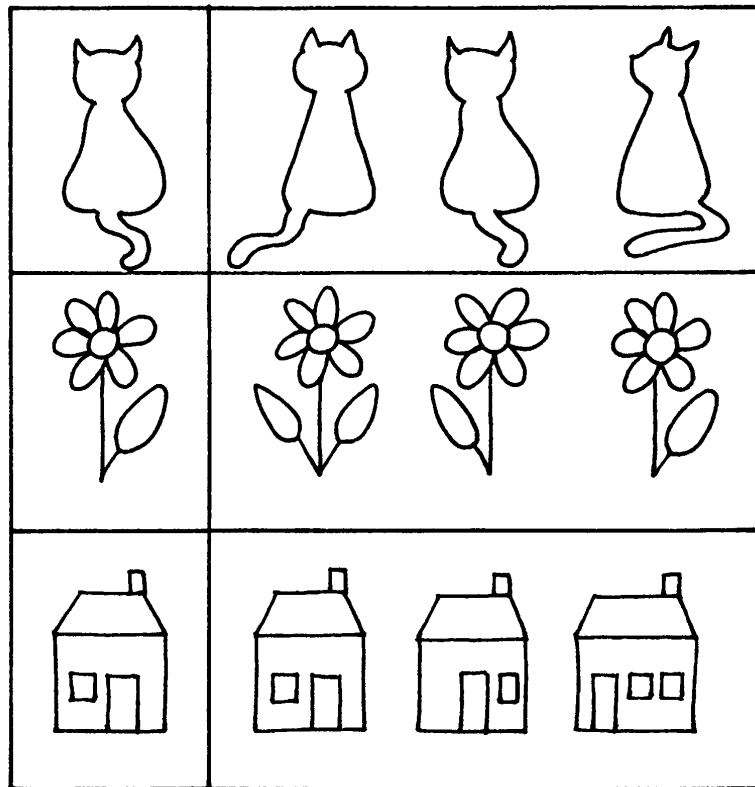
Again, I was unable to organise a special event during the last financial year (ended on 31st August 2016) so our contribution to Action for Children came from the 2016 services on Good Friday and Christmas Day, together with the Home Collecting Boxes.

The Good Friday collection was £91.22, Christmas Day was £150 and the amount collected in the Boxes was £348.46. At the moment we have 25 box holders, two of whom joined during the past year. If anyone else would like to help Action for Children by contributing regularly please do have a word with me.

Valerie

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

Find another the same . . .



and colour both in.

We are all different and God
loves each one of us!

LIVING HOPE RECITAL

with

Maria Gale-Rogers, Carol-Ann Grainger and John Collis (2SP)

Guest performer: Pete Boreham

On

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 2017

2.45PM

At Anerley Methodist Church

Tickets £5, available in advance from

Peter Boreham, 2 Sackville Avenue, Hayes BR2 7JT 020
8462 2228

Payment in advance with ticket order, cheques to be
made payable to Living Hope

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We are delighted that “2SP (Two Sopranos and a Piano) have agreed to perform at this special fundraising recital. Maria Gale-Rogers and Carol-Ann Grainger are both highly experienced singers well-known in the realm of opera, secular and sacred music. They will be accompanied on the piano by John Collis, and Peter Boreham will be a guest performer on the violin and viola. **There are only 90 tickets available for the recital on a “first-come first served” basis.**

## **EASTER OFFERING SERVICE**

The Easter Offering Service was held at Hither Green Methodist Church this year on the afternoon of Sunday 7th May. The theme was "Shine like stars", and we were pleased to have as our speaker the Rev. Pam Clews..

The amount collected this year in Anerley's Easter Offering envelopes was £263.24 including Gift Aid.

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 Eltham Park won the shield again. Even though we didn't 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.

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PRAYER SATURDAY

The next Prayer Saturday will be on

SATURDAY 22nd JULY

From 10am to 3pm

Everybody welcome

BOOK THE DATE NOW!

Communion on the moon

Man first walked on the moon in 1969. I remember as a schoolboy watching this historic event on a hopelessly grainy black and white television.

Before astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin stepped out of the lunar module onto the surface of the moon on July 20, 1969, Buzz Aldrin unpacked a small plastic container of wine and some bread. He had brought these communion elements to the moon from Webster Presbyterian church near Houston, where he was an elder. Aldrin had received permission from the Presbyterian church's general assembly to administer it to himself.

Aldrin radioed to NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) from the moon:

"I would like to request a few moments of silence ... and to invite each person listening in, wherever and whomever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours, and to give thanks in his or her own way."

He then ate and drank the elements. He later wrote:

"I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the first food eaten there, were communion elements."

Budd Aldrin also read a section of the gospel of John:

'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in

me, and I in Him, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me.'

The story of the secret communion service only emerged after the mission was successfully completed. Aldrin had originally planned to share the event with the world over the radio. However, at the time NASA was still reeling from a lawsuit filed by a firebrand female atheist, resulting in the ceremony never being broadcast.

After the Apollo 8 expedition crew had read out the Genesis creation account in orbit, this influential and prominent atheist demanded a ban on NASA astronauts practising religion on earth, in space or "around and about the moon" while on duty. She believed it violated the constitutional separation between church and state.

The atheist's legal case against NASA eventually fizzled out. However, at Webster Presbyterian church – the spiritual home of many astronauts – Aldrin's communion service is still celebrated every July, known as Lunar Communion Sunday. During this service the church replay the tape of Aldrin on the moon and recite Psalm 8, which he had quoted on his return trip to Earth ("... what is man that thou art mindful of him"). The church still holds the chalice that Aldrin brought back with him. The atheist who had vehemently opposed Aldrin's actions died a tragic death, she, her son and granddaughter were murdered by an employee in 1995.

Astronaut Buzz Aldrin stuck to his personal Christian faith, absolutely determined – in spite of opposition - that man's very first visit to the moon should include a celebration of the Lord's Supper. What a wonderful Christian witness!

Peter Boreham

Ricci Social Services

Several members of our congregation support this Roman Catholic charity working in Macau by donating to “the Refugee Tin” which Andrew looks after. If you would like to become a donor, please see Andrew and he will tell you more about it. In January we were able to send £453 which had been collected in 2016, and we have received the following letter of acknowledgement.

“Many thanks for your generous donation of £453 sent to us through the Jesuit Mission Office in London, to support our mission to serve the poor and marginalised people in China. May God bless you abundantly and repay you in his special way.

“This year will be a special year for us, as we prepare ourselves to celebrate our 30th anniversary in October. While China is becoming a world superpower, their economic and material development is not necessarily integrated with a sound social and spiritual development. There is still a rather individualistic and materialistic understanding of what it means to be human, which impoverishes all values. There is a big need of witnesses of solidarity, so we still have an important contribution to make. We do this with continued dialogue and collaboration with the government and other NGOs, an effort that requires wisdom, understanding, steadfastness and a lot of patience.

“More than 60 religious Sisters are serving every day in 22 centres. They serve daily more than 600 persons affected by leprosy living in leprosy centres, by taking care of their daily needs. They serve daily in two big hospitals, taking care of HIV patients. And they serve daily in our three children’s homes, taking care of children with HIV/AIDS. Our work extends also to another 40 leprosy centres, improving

the living standards of the additional 1,500 patients who live there. We provide them with a monthly stipend, which allows them to have better food at least once a week.

“Even as we go about our daily work, new and urgent social care needs call us to new fields of service. Air, soil and water pollution are big problems in China which cause poverty and death to people today and to future generations. There is a pressing need for environmental education to empower Chinese people to learn new ways of living, consuming and producing that treat Earth as our common home, and not as an object of exploitation. During this year, we plan to start a project to introduce eco-farming and environmental education in Lufeng, a rural county located in Yunnan Province, the southern-most province of China (3,000 km from Beijing).

“...I pray for you and your family and your community, and ask you to pray for us, so that we may carry forward all these works, which our Lord has entrusted to us, with wisdom and courage.

“With my warmest regards,
In Christ.

FR. FERNANDO AZPIROZ, SJ”

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The **ANNUAL GENERAL CHURCH MEETING** will take place on Sunday 18th June during the morning service. This is your chance to hear reports of what has been happening in the life of our church over the past year, and to elect Church Stewards and members of the Church Council for the next year. Please try to attend this important meeting in the life of the church.



## **Penge Community Pre-School**

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| <b>Community of Faith (Brazilian Church)</b><br>Wed. 7.30-9.30pm; Sat. 6-10pm;                                     | Tel. 07429 263 407 |
| <b>Dog Training</b> Monday 7pm - 9pm                                                                               | Tel. 07939 023 135 |
| <b>Harlequins Theatre School</b> Monday 4.00-6.30pm                                                                | Tel. 07773 066 645 |
| <b>JAKAB Fitness &amp; Self Defence.</b> Weds. 8-10pm                                                              | Tel. 020 8301 5219 |
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| <b>Living Vine Ministry</b> Fri. 7-9pm. Sun. 8-10.30am                                                             | Tel. 020 8249 2352 |
| <b>Only Believe Assembly</b> Tues 7.30—10.30pm                                                                     | Tel. 020 8778 0863 |
| <b>Penge Community Pre-School</b><br>Monday to Friday 9.15am to 4pm                                                | Tel. 020 8289 6771 |
| <b>Salvation &amp; Deliverance Ministry</b><br>Sunday 2pm to 4.30pm ; Tuesday 7-9pm                                | Tel. 020 8683 3094 |
| <b>Tai Chi</b> - Thursday 8pm - 10pm                                                                               | Tel. 01424 420 050 |

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JUNE

|                      |                                                                                             |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thur 1st             | Pastoral Meeting 7.45pm at the Church                                                       |
| Sat 3rd              | Penge Festival Fete 11am-5pm at Royston Field, Penge                                        |
| Wed 7th              | Wednesday Club attending Penge Festival organ Recital 7pm Penge Congregational Church       |
| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> | Christian Action Group 8pm at 103 Birchanger Road, SE25 Speaker: Rev. Pam Clews             |
| Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> | Wednesday Club 8pm: Dominoes                                                                |
| Sat 17th             | Circuit Missions Garden party at Forest Hill Methodist Church                               |
| Sun 18th             | Annual General Church Meeting during morning service 11 am, led by the Rev. Stephen Maunder |
| Tue 20th             | Circuit Meeting 7.45pm at Wesley Hall Methodist Church                                      |
| Wed 21st             | Wednesday Club 8pm WOT                                                                      |
| Sat 24th             | Living Hope Recital 2.45pm See magazine for more details                                    |
| Sun 25th             | All Age Worship 11a.m. Preacher: Rev. Stephen Poole                                         |
| Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> | Wednesday Club Short Ramble; meet at 32 Loyds Way at 7.15pm                                 |

### JULY

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|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Tue 4th             | Stewards' Meeting 7.45pm at 4 Garden Road  |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> | Wednesday Club 7.15pm Meal at Coombe Lodge |

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Card Making

Wed 19th Wednesday Club 8pm Beetle Drive

Sat 22rd Prayer Saturday 10am-3pm

Sun 23rd All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Jean Pogose

Mon 24th Christian Action Group. 8pm at 5 Percy Road. Speaker: David Lemmon

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club: Petanque at 32 Lloyds Way at 7.30pm

### AUGUST

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm: Colouring for Grown Ups

Mon 14th Christian Action Group 163 Clock House Road Speaker: Ruth Potter

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Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 18th June and 16th July

Evening Services will be held at 6.30 pm on 11th June (HC), 25th June, 9th July (HC) and 23rd July