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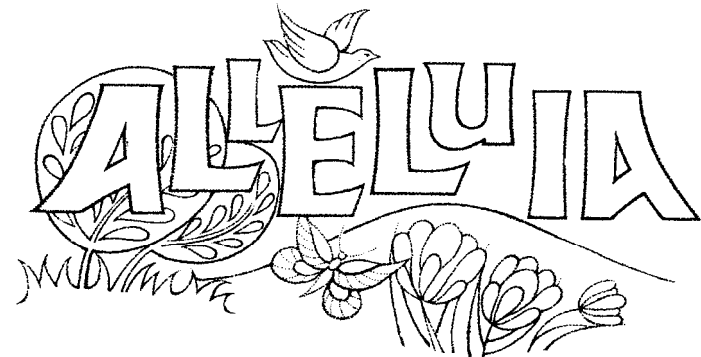
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## EASTER 2009

The Newsletter of  
**ANERLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

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## **Penge Community Pre-School**

Leader: Sarah Batchelor  
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## **FROM THE MINISTER**

Dear Friends,

Have you prepared then. Are you ready? Ready for the Easter period; ready in the garden; ready in your home; ready in your spiritual life?

In the garden, has all the deadwood been taken out? Trees flourish after pruning. The deadwood inhibits the growth. It clutters the tree or bush, it reduces the light and restricts the new growth and hence any fruit. It helps to keep the tree healthy, revitalised. Are you ready? Is all prepared? How is it all looking?

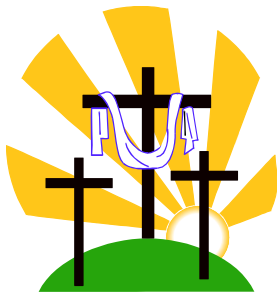
In your home, has the spring cleaning been done? If so has it been done properly? Has every nook and crevice been checked and cleaned? Are the windows clean? Is the light that is now coming in illuminating a comfortable environment, one fresh and ready for all that will take place in it. Is it fit for your visitors? Will you be happy for them to see it?

In your spiritual life, how are you feeling? Is it clogged up with deadwood? Have you done the cleaning this Lent? When the light is shining on you will you be comfortable with what you and others see? Is your life revitalised, fresh, ready for new experiences, responsibilities, moving forward?

If not let Good Friday and Easter Sunday remind you. If the deadwooding still needs more attention, if the cleaning could do with some help, remember Jesus. Remember he gave his life for you. Remember he gave his life so that our lives would be able to produce more fruit, better fruit, fruit that others will enjoy seeing and want to emulate.

The great news is to get rid of the deadwood, to revitalise your life, to bear more fruit you don't need to do it because Christ has already done it for you. He gave his life so that all that clutters up your life is taken on him. All you need to do is acknowledge he is there for you and ask for the cleaning to be done. The cross is your cleansing agent.

And after the cross comes the resurrection. That which was dead, cluttered, unclean, is now renewed, uncluttered, cleansed. You can see the light and as the light lights up your life that which is seen will be ready for others to see and follow.



That is what Christ offers. A new, revitalised, fresh life, ready to bear more fruit for Jesus. The choice is yours, have a great Easter and give life to those around you. Let your new life make them ask the question what is the difference?

**HAPPY EASTER**

*'Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!'*

Graham

## OXFAM

Joan Loring, our Pledged Giving collector, has received the following letter from Oxfam:

"Thank you very much for your Pledged Giving donation to Oxfam of £75.59. .. Like 2005, when global poverty was high on the agenda at the G8 summit in Gleneagles, 2009 is a year of unprecedented opportunity. It's our biggest chance of achieving a global answer to an urgent, global problem: climate change. Because climate change costs lives. It makes life for people in the poorest regions of the world unbearable. It takes their jobs, their homes and their food. It's a man-made disaster for which the most vulnerable people are least responsible. We are working directly with the people who are already suffering the effects but we are also concerned about the causes.

December 2009 is the key date, when governments meet in Copenhagen to finalise a massive UN climate deal as a successor to the Kyoto agreement which runs out in 2012. We need them to act decisively and do all they can to stop global warming and its devastating effect on some of the world's poorest people...

So this year is our big moment, and we know the biggest change will happen when we work together... So keep encouraging all the people you know to keep supporting Oxfam: by donating, buying stuff, volunteering in shops and putting pressure on our politicians. And we'll keep working with the people who are already fighting the effects of climate change. Together we can push for a fair deal in Copenhagen.

"With best wishes

"Ken Smith

"Supporter Relations"

## PENGE FESTIVAL

The Penge Festival will take place mainly during April and May and Programmes will be available soon. A preview of some of the events is given below. This is not a full list and some events are awaiting confirmation.

- Sun 26/04    Thanksgiving Church Service 10.15 am at the  
                  Salvation Army Citadel, Maple Road
- Sun 10/05    “Tour de Penge” Cycle Ride, Penge to Green  
                  wich, meet 11am at Royston Field
- Wed 13/05    Penge Forum: Talk on “The History of Anerley”  
                  8.00pm Venue to be confirmed
- Fri 15/05    Walk around the Alexandra Cottages Conser-  
                  vation Area 11.00am—Meet at Estate House,  
                  corner of Hardings Lane
- Sat 16/05    Penge Festival Fete, Malcolm School Field
- Sun 17/05    “Music in the Rec.” 4pm Penge Recreation  
                  Ground
- Wed 20/05    Penge Traders’ Association Quiz Night Side  
                  Bar, Crooked Billet. Time to be confirmed.
- Thur 28/05    Street Party/BBQ with Penge Family Church  
                  3pm Venue to be confirmed
- Sat 30/05    Activity Fun Day 12.00 pm Royston Field

## ROUND THE FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers Ethel Hall, who has left hospital and is now in Burrows House Care Home, Nicky Jaffray, who is undergoing chemotherapy, and Dennis Pogose, recovering from surgery. Please also remember Anne Jackson, a former member of our Church, who is still in a care home and who is now suffering from shingles.

We have also heard that Deirdre Metcalfe has undergone surgery but is now home again; our prayers are with her and Chris at this time and we wish Deirdre a speedy recovery.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Roger Ward in the Royal Marsden Hospital on 7th March. Roger was a staunch member of the Anerley Methodist Youth Club in the 1960s and a major part of the annual youth club pantomimes during that period. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Eileen and his family at this time.

Comfort Oppong has now received her MBE from the Queen and brought her MBE to Church to show us, dressed in the outfit she wore to go to the Investiture. Her family and friends also threw a Surprise Party to celebrate the occasion, which was very enjoyable!

Belated congratulations to Sarah Aygei, who was 21 in February. Congratulations also to Audrey Bobb-Sayers, who reached her half-century in March and to David Hynes, who will be entitled to a Freedom Pass in April!

Marian

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*Forgive and forget. When you bury a mad dog, don't leave its tail above the ground.*

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

### **Christian Action Group**

The new "Summer" programme is now available and copies can be found on the table at the back of the church. We have a wide variety of speakers, many from other denominations, who share with us aspects of their faith. New members are always welcome. If you would like to come along please let me know. Don't be put off by a lack of transport, as lifts can be arranged.

We also raise funds for various charitable causes. One of these is the work of father Ruiz among the lepers and AIDS sufferers in China (which many in the church support with contributions through 'Joan's Tin'). We will be showing a DVD of his work at our April meeting. If you are not a member of the Christian Action Group, but would like to borrow the DVD (lasts about 30 minutes), please have a word with me.

Andrew Tredinnick

### THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY

Our sincere thanks to Graham and the congregation  
for your love  
and support in joining us at the Stanley Halls, South  
Norwood to  
celebrate Comfort's MBE award.  
We all had a lovely evening and I hope you did too.  
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Dinah, The Oppong and Anaman Families

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And now let the weak say 'I am strong.'

Let the poor say 'I am rich.'

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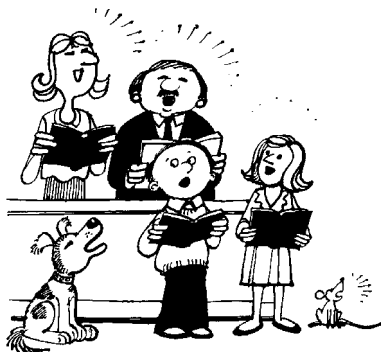
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## **Benevolent Fund Collection**

This is the retiring collection taken as you leave the chapel following services that include Holy Communion. These usually take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday evening and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday morning each month. Very occasionally the date has to be changed, so it is always worthwhile checking the Circuit Plan, where such services are marked 'HC'.

The collections received during February, June (not May\*), August and November are for specific good causes, which are announced in the printed Notice Sheet on Sunday. Our practice has been to support a local, a national, an international and a 'Methodist' charity each year.

The remaining collections go into our Benevolent Fund from which we are able to make modest disbursements to meet local personal needs.

Envelopes for the Benevolent Fund collections are available on the table at the back of the chapel. Individuals in the Envelope Scheme only need to add their number. However, instead of searching for an envelope at the end of the service and then hunting around for a biro (!) I can let you have your own supply to keep at home. If you would like a set please let me know.

\*In May there is normally a special collection for Christian Aid Week.

Andrew Tredinnick



## METHODIST TALENTS FESTIVAL 2009

The Talents Festival was held on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Shirley Methodist Church.

The results of the entrants from our Church are as follows.  
We had two winners – see results below. Thank you to everyone who entered.

	Mark
READING POETRY 60 years and over Marian Young	83%
SCRIPTURE READING 60 years and over Marian Young	86% WINNER
ORIGINAL POEM 19 years and over Jean Pogose	81%
LIMERICK 19 years and over Jean Pogose	73%
MINI SAGA Any age Jean Pogose	86%
HANDWRITING 14 – 18 years Vanessa Anaman Emma Oppong	82% 83%
HANDWRITING 19 – 59 years Rose Acheampong	83%
HANDWRITING 60 years and over Marian Young Jean Pogose Selina Williams	84% 85% WINNER 81%

CROSS STITCH 16 years and over Marian Young	84%
HAND KNITTING Any age Marian Young	84%
CANVAS WORK 19 years and over Marian Young	90%
PATCHWORK Any age Evelyn Richards	74%
KNITTED SOFT TOY 19 years and over Marian Young	75%
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DRAWING 6-7 years Christopher Agei-Guy	65%
PAINTING 6-7 years Reisha Bobb-Sayers	77%

