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MINISTER'S LETTER

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write with disbelief of how quickly time has passed since arriving with Matthew last year. Much has happened; it has been both an interesting and varied year! I'd like to begin by thanking everyone who has made it possible for my survival in the last year with prayers and counsel as well as pastoral support, not forgetting your generosity in the provision of cakes and food at Church and to the Manse! It has been a privilege and humbling experience thus far, to meet some of you, to listen and discern through our vision exercise, as well as share some of your personal stories during pastoral visits and after services.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome new members to our Church but having listened too, and observed a church surrounded by a large community, I believe that we must pray harder and seek more focussed and visible presence to our neighbours and surrounding communities.

But just as evangelism is a prerequisite to discipleship and ministry, so also must our call to practice fellowship. As members of God's family, we are continuously being given new brothers and sisters in Christ for eternity. As believers, we also share a bond of fellowship, in Christ, that is unique and distinguishes our relationships from any other group in

the world. The early church experienced fellowship and witnessed what could happen when the kingdom principle of fellowship is practiced well “***then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls***”. (Acts 2:41)

So where next...

In the new connexional year, we will be introducing ‘themed preaching’ to help deepen our faith, fellowship, evangelism and discipleship, starting with the Methodist course, Compass, intended as a guide on the journey of faith that will appeal to the beginner and the well-travelled. It offers a process for learning and discovery, helping people to explore the significant aspects of Christian faith and to reflect them in their experience of life. There will be a chance to discuss, reflect, question in weekly Bible Studies, on Mondays 8pm to 9.30pm from 1st October to 19th November (8 weeks). There will also be opportunity for reflection in worship for those who cannot attend the studies. However, please be encouraged to attend the sessions as it is also a good time of fellowship.

As we open ourselves to listen to one another in Scripture, I hope we will be further nourished in our discipleship.

To this end, I write knowing also, that some holidays have already begun or about to begin, so, I want to wish you all a ‘Happy Summer Holidays’, and travelling mercies for journey to come.

The Lord bless you, and bless you kindly,
Revd Abe

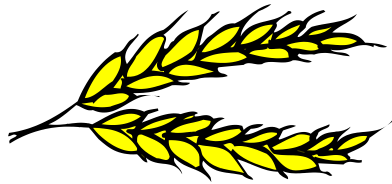
ROUND THE FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers Dennis Pogose as he continues his recovery.

Please also remember all those who are waiting for results of exams, and for those leaving school or college, and perhaps saying good bye to old friends, that they will be guided in their next steps. Our thoughts and prayers go with them.

Marian

Harvest



This year we are trying something new!

HARVEST FESTIVAL CAFÉ CHURCH

ON SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

AT 11am

Bring a picnic lunch with you.

It is anticipated that we shall finish about 1pm.

SEE YOU THERE!

Being Pentecost People

Earlier in May, we were privileged to be able to meet together informally as a church congregation to explore the story of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

We learned at our 'Catch the Spirit' event that, at Pentecost, the disciples who had been in hiding since the crucifixion were miraculously transformed by the power of God's Holy Spirit. They were empowered to preach boldly the message of salvation. The disciples moved forward, fully empowered and equipped by the Holy Spirit to engage in mission and evangelism. Above all, we learned that God's gift of the Holy Spirit is available to all believers **today** to help us boldly share the Gospel with others.

There has lately been much questioning across all the major denominations as to why the Church appears to be in a state of decline, and why the message of the Church seems to be falling on deaf ears. We are indeed the 'Pentecost People' but we don't always act like empowered and equipped 'Pentecost People'. Sometimes we are fearful and frightened of change or the unknown. In human terms, we are happiest when we are in our snug 'comfort zone'.

There are currently many dialogues going on within the wider Methodist Church about its future role and vision. Our own church at Anerley has recently embarked on an envisioning process. Rev. Loraine Mellor (President of Conference) gave a very challenging and honest appraisal of the state of the wider Methodist Church in her July 2017 Presidential address

to Conference. The President advocated the need for far-reaching and radical change within the Methodist Church. Here are some excerpts:-

Catherine Booth said "If we are to better the future we must disturb the present". So how are we disturbing the present in the Church today?

We should, as 'people of faith,' have the confidence as 'disciples' to enable the Church to grow. This means taking radical risks to change the shape of the church and its culture.

I know I am part, at present, of a declining Church, but I am not part of a declining gospel. The gospel of Jesus Christ is here to stay, but has the time not come for us to be radical? To take some risks in order that we can grow...? I think we need to change. What are we going to do about it? Because I believe we must do something.

We have to change the shape and the narrative of the story, and I contend we do that when the story is about our worship; about the hospitality that we offer; about the generosity of our sharing; by being disciples who are shaped by Jesus and his cross, and by making decisions that give us hope and a future.

The President had 'grasped the nettle'. Fortunately, not everything in her address painted a picture of 'doom and gloom'. The contents of the Presidential address also inspired some strong hope for the future of the Methodist Church.

The tenor of this challenging address is that we, as the Methodist Church, cannot stumble on for much longer without adopting radical change to our structures, mission and worship.

Our President highlighted a number of key changes that she felt needed to be made in our focus, attitude and mission **if** our churches are going to survive, grow, and reach un-churched communities with the Gospel of Christ. The following **selected** themes and points were highlighted in the address:-

Take radical risks in order to change the church and its culture. Successful growing churches that share the gospel have a long history of things they have tried and failed at!

We need a renewed focus on God-centred worship in our Methodist churches.

We and our churches should exercise hospitality. Are our churches structured so that we can offer hospitality to all those we encounter?

We should not be afraid of failure in evangelism. We have to focus primarily on our worship where we encounter our living God. We have to be generous and hospitable, and we have to make some decisions to give us a hope and a future.

The church needs to build relationships.

We need to find out what God wants us to do as a church through prayer, silence, listening, through that still small voice, and the voices and stories of others, and through discerning and experience.

Christians need to shape their lives by the pattern of Jesus. We need to be 'Jesus-shaped'.

Our worship needs to be authentic, relevant, awe-inspiring and God centred.

Why are we perpetuating a system and a structure within Methodism that is 'creaking'? Why are we reinventing the wheel in every church? Why are we not better sharing our resources? Are some of us not being as generous and as hospitable as we could be?

In some places we hang on to structures in the local church which hinder our mission and do not meet people's needs where they are in society today.

Good stewards. Why are there millions of pounds locked away in Methodist church funds? Why are we not using our money to enable people to learn how to share Jesus? We are not using our money to enable people to learn how to share Jesus. Our money is not paying for an evangelist, not funding a youth worker, engaging with the 'one program', having an intern, not serving the poor, not feeding the hungry, not sharing the amazing wonderful life enriching love of God, but moreover, not appreciating that everyone we encounter has something to offer as well.

Do we have a growth plan in place which includes a series of opportunities for people to learn what it means to share faith?

What are we doing in our churches today to encourage people to talk of God?

These and many other challenging and thought-provoking points are made in the Presidential address. Our President ended her address by declaring:-

Therefore, my call today is, as the Conference, as the Connexion, as a local church, as circuit and districts, let us change the culture. Knowing that the word culture means how we do things around here. Let's take some risky decisions, just as those first disciples did thousands of years ago and change as they did. Let us commit to talk of God, to make new disciples.

As we seek a renewed vision for our own church at Anerley, we might profit from pondering some of the challenging points that our President of Conference has raised. Change begins with us. We are the little 'cogs' that make up the wider church. We must therefore strive to take-on board the realities of the Pentecost story; let the Holy Spirit guide us, and release us from our human fears and apprehensions as we seek to both boldly proclaim and live the Gospel - and be 'Church' together.

Peter Boreham

Taiwo's on the Road to Kilimanjaro - an update

For various reasons I've not yet raised enough to do the climb this year so I have made the decision to postpone the trip until July 2019 as this gives me more time to fundraise. In particular it gives me more time to try and get corporate sponsorship.

On Saturday 9th June our premises manager at Forest Hill Methodist Church, Wang, hosted the Authentic Chinese Meal where 20 people were taught how to make spring rolls and Chinese dumplings (fried and steamed). As well as raising funds for the Kilimanjaro project this event gave participants an opportunity to spend time getting to know each other. Attendees ranged from young adults to the older members of the congregation and each person got the opportunity to prepare both the spring rolls and the dumplings which made up the starters for the sumptuous lunch. These were followed by an egg and tomato dish and noodles with vegetables and prawns.

By all accounts a good time was had by everyone. The event raised £202 which brings the total personal donations to £775 so this is a great start. I'd like to say a big thank you to those who have made a contribution to this project so far whether financially, with offers of equipment, hiking trail ideas or with words of encouragement.

This has already been a massive learning experience for me particularly spiritually and I'm excited to continue on this journey and see how it impacts my life and my relationship with God and how that is expressed in my life and ministry, particularly the effects it has on the people I encounter each day through my work and in my ordinary life. I will continue to keep you informed of my progress in all areas.

If you would still like to make a contribution, you can do so by:

Handing it to your senior steward who will forward it to me at
Forest Hill

Paying online via my fundraising page at [https://
www.gofundme.com/taiwoskilimanjaro](https://www.gofundme.com/taiwoskilimanjaro)

Thank you for your continued help, support and prayers. May God
continue to guide this project God Bless

Taiwo Dayo-Payne (local preacher at Forest Hill Methodist Church)

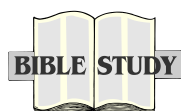
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This is the title of the Methodist Prayer Handbook for
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Valerie



Monday evenings 1st October to 19th November

8—9.30 pm

Using the Methodist course "Compass",

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TALENTS FESTIVAL

The date for the next Festival, at Shirley Methodist Church, is Saturday 2nd March 2019. However, it is not too early to start thinking about which classes you will enter!

The full syllabus is now available, and I also have separate sections of the syllabus, covering creative classes for children (11 years and under), young people (12-18 years) and adults, plus performing classes for all ages, if you don't want to wade through the whole syllabus!. The Committee thought it would be useful to provide the syllabus in sections to make it easier to see what is available for the separate age groups, but copies of the whole syllabus are available for those who want one.

I will shortly be putting a copy of the syllabus on the Church notice board and I will also put copies of the separate sections at the back of the church.

I will be collecting names and classes for entries in the Festival later in the Autumn. Please speak to me if you would like further details.

Marian



COOKERY CORNER

Apple Cake

Ingredients

150gr (5oz) self-raising flour 150gr.(5oz) unsalted butter pinch of
 salt 150gr.(5oz) light brown soft sugar ½ teaspn.
 baking powder 3 medium eggs, beaten 1 teaspn.
 cinnamon demerarara sugar to decorate 1 cooking
 apple, peeled & quartered - chop $\frac{3}{4}$ into small pieces, slice the
 remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ thinly for decoration on the top.

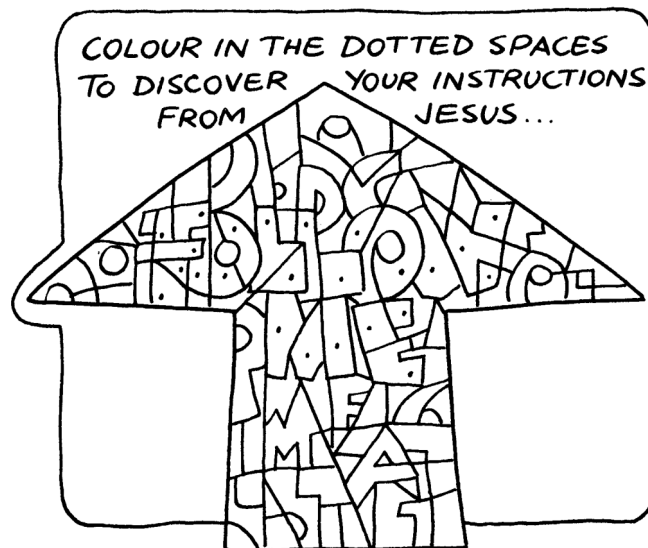
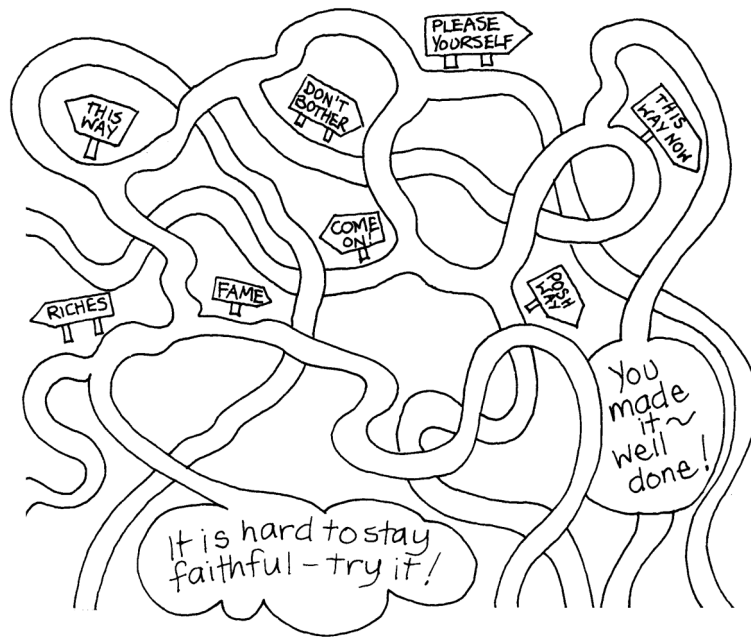
Method

1. Preheat oven to Fan 160°C/ conventional 180°C/350°F/Gas mark 4.
2. Grease and line the base of a deep 18cm (7 in.) round tin with greaseproof paper.
3. Sift flour, salt, baking powder and cinnamon into a large bowl, and add melted butter (reserve a little for topping), sugar and eggs, and whisk well until combined.
4. Stir in apple pieces.
5. Pour the mixture into the tin and level surface, arrange apple slices on the top and sprinkle demerara sugar and drizzle with melted butter.
6. Bake for approx. 45-50 minutes until golden and a knife comes out clean.
7. Remove from oven, and allow to cool for 10 minutes before placing on a wire tray.

Very nice served warm with a little cream!

Ann Vickery

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS



**WESLEY'S CHAPEL, THE MUSEUM OF METHODIST AND JOHN
WESLEY'S HOUSE**

**Become a Wesley's Chapel & Museum of Methodism Heritage
Steward**

Would you like to show visitors around one of the most important Methodist sites in the world? Or perhaps you would rather help behind the scenes and assist with the collections in store? Wesley's Chapel and The Museum of Methodism are always looking for committed and enthusiastic volunteers to support day-to-day operations. This is an excellent opportunity to meet interesting visitors from all over the world, work with staff and our many volunteers and to learn more about the historic Chapel and Methodism.

No previous knowledge of the history of Methodism or experience is necessary, full training will be provided. We pay travelling expenses and also offer a generous volunteer discount in the museum shop.

If you are friendly and enthusiastic and can you commit at least two days per month we would love to hear from you! Please contact the Chapel on 020 7253 2262 or e-mail museum@wesleyschapel.org.uk.

Note from Marian

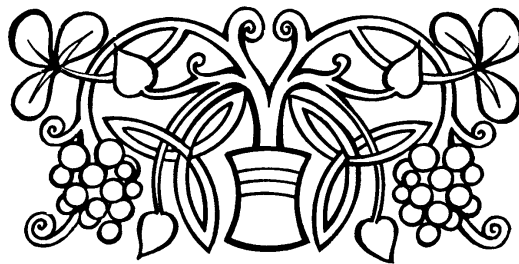
As many of you know, I am a Heritage Steward at Wesley's Chapel. You do not need to be an expert on John Wesley to be a Steward, as you will be given background information to read, and you will spend a little time shadowing other Stewards. The Chapel, Mu-

seum and House are open from 10am to 4pm and Stewards are asked to volunteer for at least two days a month, on days to suit you. There are usually three volunteers on duty each day, and many of them come from Methodist Churches in the London area.

It is interesting showing visitors around the Chapel and House, meeting visitors from other parts of the British Isles and overseas. It is also interesting finding out more about the history of the Methodist Church and about John Wesley and the beginnings of Methodism.

You can find out more about the Chapel, House and Museum on www.wesleysheritage.org.uk. If you would like to know more about volunteering, please have a word with me.

Please think seriously about whether this is something you could do. The number of volunteers has dropped considerably over the last year and if there are no Stewards on duty, the Museum and House cannot open. Many people come from overseas with the intention of visiting Wesley's Chapel, the Museum and House as the centre of Methodism, and are greatly disappointed if they cannot look around the place where John Wesley lived and preached; this is sometimes the only chance they will get.





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

Wed 1 st	Wednesday Club 8pm Quiz
Wed 8 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Creative Evening
Wed 15 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Evelyn's Birthday Bonanza
Mon 20 th	Christian Action Group 8pm at 32 Lloyds Way Speaker: Hilary Waterhouse
Wed 22 nd	Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
Sun 26 th	All Age Worship led by the Worship Leaders
Wed 30 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Family Jaunts

SEPTEMBER

Sun 2 nd	Welcome service for the Rev. Richard Grocott, our new Superintendant Minister, at Lewisham Methodist Church, time to be notified, led by the District Chair, the Rev. Jonge Zihle.
Wed 5 th	Wednesday Club 8pm.
Sun 9 th	MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
Wed 12 th	Wednesday Club 8pm
Sat 15 th	Special Saturday—more details later
Mon 17 th	Christian Action Group 8pm at 163 Clock House Road. Speaker: Rev. Dee Yeadon
Tue 18 th	Circuit Meeting 7.45pm at Lewisham Methodist Church
Wed 19 th	Wednesday Club 8pm

Sun 23rd 11am Harvest Festival Café Church, led by the Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadam. Bring a picnic lunch

Wed 26th Wednesday Club 8pm

OCTOBER

Mon 1 st	Bible Study 8pm (see separate article for details)
Thur 11 th	Pastoral Committee Meeting 8pm at the Church
Thur 16 th	Church Council 8pm at the Church

Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 19th August. September dates for Holy Communion are not yet available.

Evening Services will be held at 6.30 pm on 12th August (HC), and 26th August, September dates for evening services and Holy Communion are not yet available.

A Prayer Meeting is held at the Church every Thursday between 10 am and 11.30 am. Drop in and out as you wish.