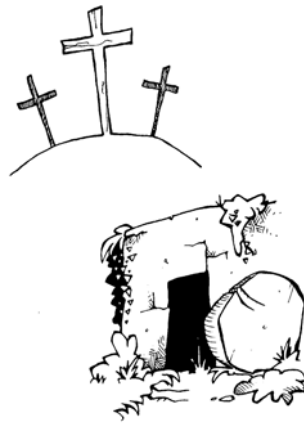


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FROM THE MINISTER

Grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have entered Lent and at the heart of the lectionary readings for the first Sunday in Lent is a great story of liberation: how God intervened to free his people from slavery. The people of Israel were immigrants in Egypt.

However, after they were freed from slavery the people of Israel had to face a new problem: the wilderness. Their new freedom meant new pain and some of them didn't think much of an escape that led them into a wilderness! Some preferred living under Pharaoh: they preferred the security that went with bondage to the pain that went with freedom. For the price of freedom was wilderness.

During their forty years in the desert the people were tested. They were hungry and wondered if God would pay attention. They were divided in their hearts about God: they wanted to trust him, but their empty stomachs made them doubt. The promised land seemed far away and their hunger was here and now. They were told there was a purpose in their hunger: "to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but... on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord" (Deuteronomy 8:3). The great commandment asked them to be *wholehearted* in their commitment to God.

It is against that background of Israel's testing in the desert that the story in Gospel is told. Jesus is the new Israel; he has spent forty days in the wilderness; he is hungry and is tested. And he is tested to see if he will keep the ancient law of his people: to serve God with his whole heart, with his whole soul, and with his whole might.

Jesus is tested to see if he is totally committed or not. Is he like Israel in the desert – half-hearted about God's plan? Can we be hungry and still trust God?

Jesus is also tested about his attitude to power and wealth. To get power, will he go to any lengths? Will he love God with his *whole might*, with everything he is and has? Or will he grasp for the kind of power and prestige that most people aspire to and most people admire?

Jesus' whole life says no to that kind of power and authority. And he will teach his own followers to avoid that kind of power: "You know that among the pagans the rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant" (Matthew 20:25-26). And Jesus teaches that with his whole life: he is the Servant of God.

Our testing. Jesus lived his life facing real temptations and that is a measure of his humanity. As we enter Lent we ask ourselves how we face those temptations too. When times get rough and we feel hungry and alone, do we still trust in God? When our life just seems a vast vacancy, do we still believe in the Father who loves us? Are we willing to risk our necks for the sake of the Gospel, or do we settle for guarding our own security? Do we make our authority felt so that people are degraded, or is it a real service to others?

These are not easy questions. They were not easy for Jesus. That is why we need forty days: to let these questions reach us again so that at Easter we can proclaim with an undivided heart that Jesus is the Lord of our lives.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church; that the Spirit which filled Jesus will enable all of us to lead lives worthy of our calling and confess with our lips, that Jesus Christ in Lord.

We pray to the Lord.

Revd Abe Konadu-Yiadom (Presbyter)

ROUND THE FAMILY

Our Church family is mourning the death of Kwame Acheampong on 5th February. Kwame had been unwell since returning from Ghana before Christmas, but his sudden death was a shock to many of us. Members of the Church were privileged to join with the Ghanaian community in a service of Thanksgiving for Kwame's life at Walworth Road Methodist Church, before the funeral in Ghana. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rose and all the family at this sad time.

Marian

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual General Church Meeting is to be held on Sunday 5th May as part of the morning service. The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) says that "The meeting shall be held for fellowship, for mutual counsel respecting the condition of the Local Church, including its financial affairs, for the election of church stewards and representatives and for any other purpose which the Conference may direct."

During the Meeting we have reports about the various parts of our church life e.g. Finance, Property, Junior Church, fellowship groups etc and we elect representatives of the church community to serve on the Church Council for the next year. The Church Stewards are also appointed at this meeting.

Further details of the meeting, together with nomination forms for representatives to serve on the Church Council, and for Stewards, will be distributed shortly. If you would like to know more about what is involved in being a member of the Church Council, or serving as a steward, please speak to me or Abe.

Marian

Circuit concert at Forest Hill Methodist Church (Saturday June 1st 2019)

A Circuit concert will be taking place at Forest Hill Methodist Church at 4 pm on Saturday June 1st 2019. Funds raised from the concert will contribute to building an orphanage in Arusha, Kenya, that will house thirty-five street children. As part of this fundraising project, our Circuit local preacher Taiwo Dayo-Paine will be joining a charity expedition in July to climb 6,000 ft. Mount Kilimanjaro in Kenya.

If you are an instrumentalist, singer, or reader of poems/pros etc. and would be interested in performing in the concert, please let John Collis (organist at Forest Hill Methodist Church) know what you can offer **by May 4th**. John's Email address is johncollis377@btinternet.com or he can be contacted via the office at Forest Hill Methodist Church

We hope that Anerley folk will note the date of the concert in their diaries and support this event which will raise funds for an excellent cause, and encourage Taiwo to successfully participate in this physically challenging charity expedition. Concert tickets (price £5) will be available after Easter.

BLACKHEATH AND CRYSTAL PALACE CIRCUIT

EASTER OFFERING SERVICE

Sunday 12th May at 4.30pm

At Burnt Ash Methodist Church

Patio Makeover at the Church

Saturday 27th April



10am to 3.30pm



Bring Some Tools

Refreshments will be available

“Many hands make light work”

Worship Group



A Worship Group is being set up which will consider all aspects of worship in our services. Several people have already expressed an interest, and if you feel this is something you could be involved in, please come to the meeting at the church on Thursday, 4th April at 7.45pm, or speak with Valerie.

Minute Taker and Typist



In September Marian will be stepping down as our Church Council Secretary. We therefore urgently need to find someone to minute the meeting and type them up afterwards. If you feel this is something you could do please have a word with one of the Stewards as soon as possible. Thank you.

Dinah, Evelyn, Audrey, Sandra & Valerie (Church Stewards)



There has been a suggestion that we have a Church Family Fun Day on Saturday 29th June. As yet there is no-one to organise it. If you feel this is something you can do please have a word with one of the Church Stewards by Easter to see what is involved. If no-one has offered by then the event will not take place. We hope someone will wish to take this on.

Easter Love

On Easter we celebrate love,
 love coming down from heaven,
 love blanketing the earth
 in a transforming embrace;
 unique and infinite love,
 giving more than we can imagine
 for us, to cleanse our sin,
 a perfect sacrifice, Lamb of God,
 the walking, talking Word.
 He is teacher, role model, friend,
 this God in human form,
 dying, then rising from the dead,
 proving all who believe
 will also rise
 to have eternal life, with Him,
 Lord of all.
 Oh, Happy, Happy Easter!

By Joanna Fuchs www.poemsource.com

METHODIST TALENTS FESTIVAL 2019

The following were the marks obtained in the Talents Festival on 2nd March. Well done to all who took part!

ORIGINAL POEM (19 and over)

Peter Boreham	85%
Julie Taylor	84%

PRAYER WRITING

Julie Taylor	80%
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LIMERICK (19 years and over)

Peter Boreham	98% Winner
Julie Taylor	90%

HANDWRITING (19 -59 YEARS)

Audrey Bobb-Sayers	79% Winner
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HANDWRITING (60 years and over)

Marian Young	79%
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CROSS STITCH (any age)

Marian Young	85%
Evelyn Richards	69%

HAND KNITTING (19 years and over)

Valerie Tredinnick	98% Winner
Marian Young	85%

CARD MAKING (7 years and under)

Florence Oppong	75%
Hannah Oppong	79%
Madoc Sam	87%

CARD MAKING (8-11 years)

Imogen Oppong	88% Winner
Amanda Sam	81%
Stacy Sam	79%

CARD MAKING (12-15 years)

Joanna Agyei-Guy	85% Winner
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CARD MAKING (19 years and over)

Marian Young	77%
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COLLAGE (19 YEARS AND OVER)

Peter Boreham	80%
Audrey Bobb-Sayers	79%

PHOTOGRAPHY (19 years and over)

Peter Boreham	62%
Julie Taylor	71%

PHOTOGRAPHY PORTFOLIO (Any age)

Julie Taylor	73%
Peter Boreham	86%
Joanna Agyei-Guy	78%

DRAWING (19 – 59 years)

Evelyn Richards	88%
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COLOURED PICTURE (60 years and over)

Peter Boreham	71%
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COOKERY (12 – 15 years years)

Joanna Agyei-Guy	81% Winner
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COOKERY (19 years and over)

Rose Agyei	89%
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POETRY READING (70 years and over)

Marian Young	85%
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BIBLE READING (70 years and over)

Marian Young	84%
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Revd. Hilary Cheng of the West London Mission, offers a prayer for communities affected by rising levels of knife crime.

Protecting Lord,

You watch over your people with care and compassion.

We are living in turbulent times when knife crime is on the increase. Within our own Circuit, many areas are affected by knife hostility.

We ask that you will help us to play our part, as the Body of Christ, in the communities we serve and to stand up for what is right.

May our churches be a safe haven to those who are afraid or in distress.

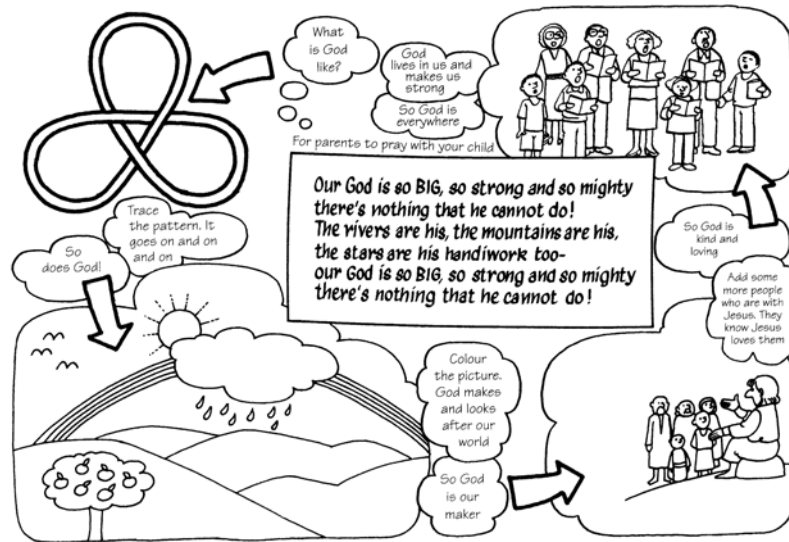
May we show understanding towards those who provoke trouble those who are victims, their families and friends, and work with them to bring calm and stability.

Protect all your children, and show us how to be people of change, who represent the love you came to bring, so that our societies may become safer environments for everyone.

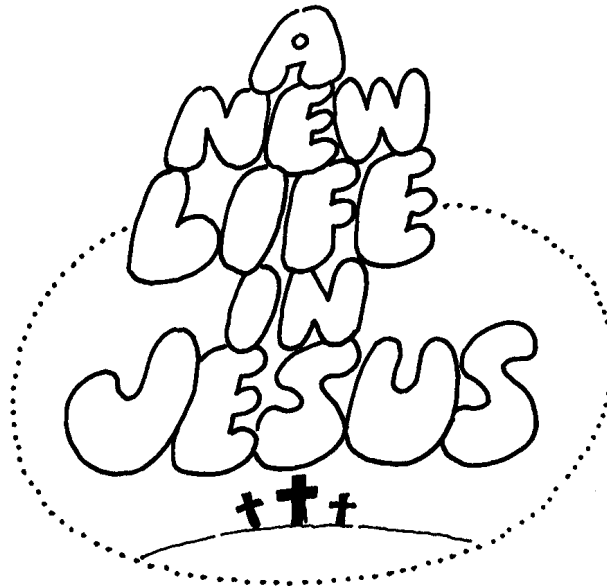
In the name of Jesus, we pray.

Amen

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS



Colour in these words below



‘Jumping for Jesus’ and ‘Jumping for Joy’ – Welsh Methodists and the origins of ‘jumping’ in worship

Methodists are not especially known for their outpouring of emotions during worship or their ecstatic physical expressions of joyfulness during services (And are we yet alive? to quote one of our Methodist hymns). Such manifestations are perhaps more common in other less ‘mainstream’ churches. This was not the case in the 18th and early 19th centuries when the unusual practice of ‘jumping’ during worship became a phenomenon in some Methodist chapels.

After the 1762 Llangetho Revival in Wales, members of the Calvinist Methodist Church became known colloquially as ‘jumpers’ on account of their habit of jumping for joy during their chapel services. Being nicknamed ‘jumpers’ juxtaposed them with other religious groups e.g. Quakers (who ‘quaked’) and Shakers (who ‘shook’). Some contemporary secular commentators simply attributed this strange phenomenon to crowd hysteria:-

“...nothing but tumult and noise, play acting and imitation.”

Others of a more profound theological bent attributed the manifestation of such behaviour as the presence and work of the Holy Spirit at a time of unprecedented revival.

Revival services in the 1760’s could last for many hours. One service at Dinas in Caernarfonshire continued for three days and nights. ‘Jumping’ quickly formed an essential part of the Calvinist Methodist worship. Well bred young Englishmen taking the fashionable tour of Wales in the late 18th and early 19th centuries visited Welsh Methodist chapels to observe the

strange behaviour of the congregation.

‘Jumping’ was not unknown in mainstream Methodist chapels. John Wesley himself encountered similar phenomena among his own followers in Derbyshire in the 1760s. Wesley wrote:-

‘The Methodists, after having kept quiet for several years, have of late been very active. Their number increases, and their wild pranks are beyond description. The worship of the day being over, they have kept together in the place whole nights, singing, capering, bawling, fainting, thumping and a variety of other exercises. The whole country for many miles round have crowded to see such strange sights...’

John Wesley, who generally liked things done decently and in order, unsurprisingly reacted negatively to these overt expressions of spiritual joy and enthusiasm declaring:-

‘...they leap up and down, in all manner of postures, frequently for hours together... They are honest, upright men who really feel the love of God in their hearts, but they have little experience, either of the ways of God, or the devices of Satan. So, he serves himself of their simplicity in order to wear them out, and to bring a discredit on the work of God.’

The practice of ‘jumping’ spread to other denominations as they too became imbued with the ‘spirit of Methodism’. In 1815, at a gathering of evangelical Christians, it was reported that there was:-

‘...such excitement, such jumping and exulting I never

saw such either before or since! Old men and old women clasping each other's hands and leaping like roe deer. Many of them wore clogs. They jumped wonderfully in their clogs. I can offer no explanation for this except that the new nature in them must have been drawing them upwards in a most powerful manner. I have seen praise before this and after this, but jumping and leaping this time only. Oh! What a relief it was for thousands to give vent to the spiritual energy that was in their breasts. Some weeping, some singing, others exulting and very many doing this while leaping and praising God.'

Most leading Methodists of the day refused to condemn these extraordinary expressions of emotion which had their origins in the 1762 Welsh revival. Unlike John Wesley, many did not regard this behaviour as excess or fanaticism. Such manifestations were commonplace during some of the most important religious revivals of the 20th century. Joyous dancing, flag waving, and 'jumping' up and down during worship is now a much more common form of congregational participation and expression in some lively British church services, and at large inter-generational Christian festivals. "Jumping for Jesus" - either you'll love this Methodist 'tradition' or absolutely hate it, but it might already be happening in a church near you!

Peter Boreham



COOKERY CORNER

Date and Honey Pudding

Cooking time: 1 hour ; Oven temp.325°F/Mark 3/170°

Ingredients

175gr. (6 oz) chopped dates	<u>Honey Sauce</u>
100gr.(4 oz) self-raising flour	½ teacup honey
50gr (2 oz) breadcrumbs	½ teacup water
75gr (3 oz) suet	lemon juice
2 tablespoons honey	
milk to mix	

Method

1. Finely chop the dates and place in a bowl with the flour, breadcrumbs and suet.
2. Work in the honey (warmed if it is very stiff) and gradually work in enough milk to make a soft constituency.
3. Place the mixture in a greased pie dish and bake in the centre of a moderate oven, for an hour.
4. When cooked, turn out and serve with honey sauce.
5. To make the sauce, place the honey, water and lemon juice in a saucepan and stir over a gentle heat until boiling and slightly thickened.

Ann Vickery

WANTED

Someone to manage and change the “Wayside Pulpits” in the external notice boards. If you can help, please see Dave Hynes.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

Mon 1st	Lent Studies 8pm in the Side Hall
Wed 3 rd	Wednesday Club 8pm Making Easter and Birthday cards
Mon 8th	Lent Studies 8pm in the Side Hall
Tue 9th	Christian Action Group 8pm at 5 Percy Road, Speaker: Rev. Bill Tardy
Wed 10 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Andrew's Holiday Slides
Mon 15th	Lent Studies 8pm in the Side Hall
Wed 17th	Wednesday Club 8pm: Bees Round the Honey Pot
Thur 18th	Maundy Thursday Service 8pm at Upper Norwood
Fri 19th	Good Friday service 9.15 am
Sun 21st	Easter Sunday Early Communion 9.15am (followed by breakfast), led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom 11am Easter All Age Worship led by Claudine Brown
Wed 24th	Wednesday Club 8pm: Surprise Evening
Sat 27th	Patio makeover Working Party 10am-3pm

MAY

Wed 1 st	Wednesday Club 8pm Pick up Sticks Game
Sun 5th	General Church Meeting during Morning Service
Wed 8th	Wednesday Club 8pm Cat Bingo
Sun 12 th	Church Anniversary 11am Preacher: Rev. Bill Tardy
Sun 12th	Circuit Easter Offering Service 4.30pm at Burnt Ash Methodist Church.
Sun 12 th	MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN

Mon 13th	Christian Action Group 8pm at 28 Chesham Road. Speaker: Siobhan McShane
Wed 15 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
Sat 18th	Special Saturday (more details later)
Wed 22nd	Wednesday Club 7.15pm Meal at Coombe Lodge
Thur 23rd	Stewards' Meeting 8pm. Venue t.b.a.
Wed 29th	Wednesday Club 8pm Games Evening

JUNE

Sat 1st	Penge Festival Fete at Royston Field 11am – 5pm
Sat 1st	Circuit Concert at Forest Hill Methodist Church 4pm
Thur 13th	Circuit Meeting 7.45pm at Burnt Ash Methodist Church
Mon 17th	Christian Action Group 8pm at 15 Rosetta Court, 112 Church Road SE19 Speaker: Rev. Pam Clews
Sat 22nd	Circuit Missions Garden Party at Forest Hill Methodist Church 11am—2pm

Morning services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion is usually celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of the Month and All Age Worship usually takes place on the 4th Sunday. However, in April Holy Communion will be celebrated on Easter Sunday (21st) at 9.15am and All Age Worship will be on the same day at 11am.,

Evening Services are usually held at the church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 6.30pm, and Holy Communion is usually celebrated on the 2nd Sunday. In April, the evening services will be held on Sunday 14th (HC) and Sunday 28th. In May the evening service will be held on 26th May.(No evening service on 12th May)

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