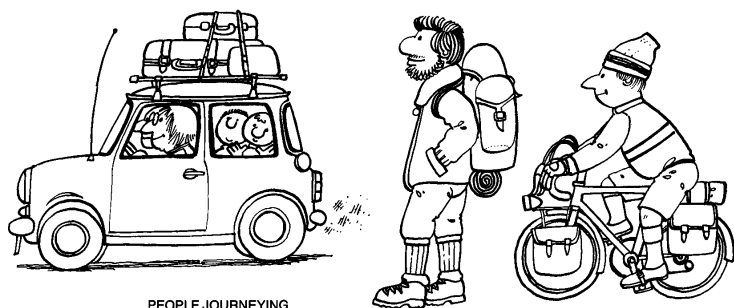


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THE MOON AND GOD.

Fifty years ago (July 20, 1969), two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon.

But, what happened before Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing, if only because so few people know about it. This is the fact that Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in Guideposts magazine.

The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life; and, knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt that he should mark the occasion somehow. He asked his minister to help him and so the minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and onto the surface of the moon. He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement:

"This is the LM (Lunar Module) pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever 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 ended radio communication, and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion.

Here is his account of what happened:

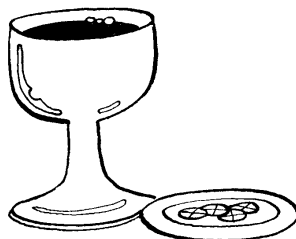
"In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the scripture: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit ... Apart from me you can do nothing.'

"I had intended to read my communion passage back to Earth, but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Made-lyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew's reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly."

"I ate the tiny host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility . It was interesting for me to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten there were the communion elements."

"And, of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon - and who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the "Love that moves the Sun and other stars."

Based on an article by Duane H. Elmer Ph.D



ROUND THE FAMILY

Congratulations to our Minister Abe, who was ordained on 29th June at the Methodist Conference. Those who were able to attend her ordination service said how inspiring it was. Our prayers are with Abe as she continues in her ministerial career.

Congratulations to Fiona Cole and George Lamini on the birth of Pia Rossalyn on 10th July, a grand daughter for Maureen and Adrian Cole.

We have received a letter from Peter Coates, a former Minister of our Church, and below is an extract :-

“So far as my health is concerned the cardiologists believe that they have stabilised my condition and that there is a good prognosis. The battery in my pacemaker has at least 8 years life and then they will replace it! Unfortunately the rest of body is not making such good progress. I cannot walk for more 2 or 3 minutes even in the house before the pain makes me sit again. It is the same with standing.Kathleen works hard to look after me but it is very tiring for her. She gets good healthy exercise by walking the dogs every morning but I cannot do things like some cooking and cleaning which I could when she was at work. We have to pay someone to make our repairs on the house. We have lived here so long now many things need painting or mending.”

Please remember Peter and Kathleen in your prayers.

Marian

OXFAM – PLEDGED GIVING

On your behalf I recently sent £247 to OXFAM for their work and had a most interesting letter in return thanking us for our contribution. I want to share part of their letter with you;

‘One of the things that your donation can help with is innovation in our provision of vital sanitation. Some examples of this are the eco toilet and the pee power toilet.

Our tiger work toilets and urine diversion toilets are easy to build, even on rocky or boggy ground. Tiger worms in toilet tanks reduces waste by digesting it, while diversion loos separate waste hygienically and with no smell and produce compost communities can farm with. Both cut the risk of diseases spreading when toilet pits can’t be dug, and they save cash because they need to be emptied less often and last longer than pits too.

Pee Power technology uses fuel cells containing live bacteria that turn urine into electricity. We’re already using Pee Power to light toilets, and we’re investigating whether it could charge mobile phones or light whole camps. Living in a refugee camp is always hugely stressful, and many people have told us they feel unsafe using unlit areas at night. As such, these innovative toilets could play a major part in helping people feel more secure.’ Very basic, but very important and vital.

If anyone else wishes to contribute on a regular basis to OXFAM perhaps you would have a word with me.

Thank you. Valerie

CHURCH FLOWERS

Hopefully you will all have noticed the flower arrangements in the Church each week.

We have a small band of enthusiastic amateur flower arrangers who take it in turns to decorate the Church, but we would welcome anyone who would like to join us. The rota is done on a quarterly basis. Some only do one Sunday a quarter, others more.

Also if you would like to arrange to decorate the Church to commemorate a special date or a special person you could just pay towards the cost. A couple of bunches make a good centrepiece. Even the donation of a nice indoor plant would cheer the Church up!!

Please see me if you are interested.

Janice



BLACKHEATH AND CRYSTAL PALACE CIRCUIT SUMMER FAIR

**Held on Saturday 22 June 2019 at
FOREST HILL METHODIST CHURCH**

The Circuit Summer Fair was held on a beautiful sunny day - the longest day of the year. This year in addition to the usual features of the various stalls there was a special event organised for the entertainment of everyone who attended.

It was the Dance performance by the students of J's Dance School who use the upstairs hall of the Forest Hill Church for practices on Saturday mornings. There were a variety of dances performed by different age groups ranging from toddlers to teenagers. Their performances staged on the tennis courts were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Our thanks and sincere appreciation to Jessica Elliott the owner of J's Dance School and the performers. Thank you for the music to Graham and Mary Sparkes.

An enormous THANK YOU to all the people who organised the event and to those who attended and contributed to the funds.

There was a great deal of very hard work, huge amounts of energy expended to organise such a wonderful event. An enormous amount of physical energy was spent in setting up the furniture in the Hall and outside and the Gazebos in the garden and at the end of the day packing them all up.

The contributions made by members from our different churches in managing a variety of stalls, providing food for refreshments and serving breakfast, lunch and a variety of

cakes and drinks as well as financial contributions and managing the entrance and cashiering are all greatly appreciated. The efficient organization and the hard work of the Planning Committee and many helpers contributed to the smooth running and the success of the event. All their efforts and work carried out with such joy are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Margaret Baker for managing the overall supervision of all the details of the event tirelessly. It was a Circuit event which is always an afternoon of fellowship.

The details of the final totals and the disbursement of the funds will follow shortly.

Ira Fernando

Circuit Missions and MWiB Secretary

Responding to the Gospel

This is the title of the Methodist Prayer Handbook for 2019/20.

If you would like to order a copy please let Valerie have your order by Sunday **18th August**.

Prices are: £3.95 whether you have regular or large print.

Valerie

COOKERY CORNER

Butterscotch Flan

Ingredients

Sweet Flan Pastry (Paté Sucrée)

225gr (8oz) plain flour	2 eggs
25gr.(1oz) sieved icing sugar	150 gr (5 oz) margarine
A little cold water if needed	

Filling

100 gr (4 oz) soft brown sugar	25gr (1 oz) margarine
50g (2 oz) cornflour	2 tablespns honey
$\frac{3}{4}$ pint milk	$\frac{1}{4}$ pint whipping cream
2 egg yolks	25gr. (1 oz) flaked almonds, browned

Method

1. Sieve flour into a bowl and rub in margarine.
2. Beat egg yolks, make a well in the flour, add eggs and mix well.
3. Gradually draw in flour from the sides and work it in with the tips of the fingers
4. Add icing sugar to make a firm yet soft dough, adding a teaspoon or two of cold water if necessary
5. Cover and leave to cool and relax.
6. Heat the oven to 400°F/Mark 6/ 200°C
7. Line a fluted 18 cm (7 inch) fluted flan case with the pastry and bake 'blind' (with dried beans).
8. Put sugar and cornflour (blended with a little milk) and the

rest of the milk into a pan.

9. Cook slowly until the mixture thickens, stirring all the time, then remove from the heat.
10. Beat the egg yolks and stir in, followed by the margarine and the honey, cook for a further few minutes and leave to cool.
11. When cold, pour into the cooked pastry case.
12. Decorate with firmly whipped cream on top of the filling.
13. Scatter toasted almond flakes over the cream.

Ann Vickery



**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

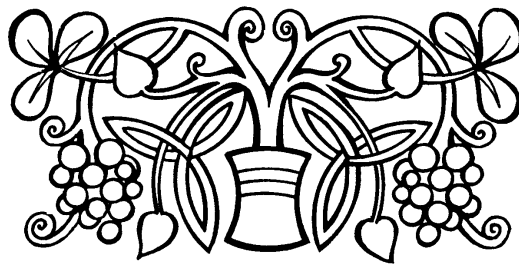
As many of you know, I am a Heritage Steward at Wesley's Chapel. You do not need to be an expert on John Wesley to be a Steward, as you will be given background information to read, and you will spend a little time shadowing other Stewards. The Chapel, Mu-

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 7 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Memorable Music
Wed 14 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Evelyn's Birthday Bonanza
Mon 19 th	Christian Action Group 8pm at 163 Clock House Road Speaker: Rev. Andrew Goodhead
Wed 21 st	Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
Sun 25 th	All Age Worship led by the Worship Leaders
Wed 29 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Creative Evening
Sat 31 st	Welcome service for the Rev. Rohama Asif at Hither Green Methodist Church at 4pm , led by the District Chair, the Rev. Nigel Cowgill.

SEPTEMBER

Wed 4 th	Wednesday Club 8pm.
Sun 8 th	MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
Wed 11 th	Wednesday Club 8pm
Mon 16 th	Christian Action Group 8pm at 103 Birchanger Road. Speaker: Janet Hebriem
Tue 17 th	Circuit Meeting 7.45pm at Anerley Methodist Church
Wed 18 th	Wednesday Club 8pm
Sat 21 st	Special Saturday—more details later
Wed 25 th	Wednesday Club 8pm

Sun 29th 11am Harvest Festival led by Mary Sparkes

OCTOBER

Thur 10 th	Church Council 8pm at the Church
Sun 13 th	JMA Awards service 11am led by Jean Pogose
Tue 15 th	Pastoral Committee Meeting 7.45pm at the Church

Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 18th August. September dates for Holy Communion are not yet available.

Evening Services will be held at 6.30 pm on 11th August (HC), and 25th 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.

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