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FROM THE MINISTER

Friends,

These are extraordinary times. The government and the Church continue to introduce measures, the like of which haven't been seen in peace time UK. Indeed, CoVid-19 (the illness produced by the coronavirus) is said to be the worst respiratory illness since the flu epidemic over one hundred years ago. Our daily lives have changed dramatically, and we are now having to follow extraordinary guidelines which continue to change daily

Scripture speaks of the tribe of Issachar as having leaders who "understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take" (1 Chron. 12:32, NIV). In his latest update, the Secretary of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler, is urging us to 'change the way we go to church', as the church and all businesses on its premises will remain closed until further notice. And so, it is, that we must adapt to the times and use all available means of witnessing to the gospel

Worshipping At Home: Even though we are not meeting for public worship, this does not mean that we cease to be church. We will continue to be a praying, worshiping community even though we are not meeting in a church building. *"All the Christians in a particular city, whether they assembled together in one place or in several places for religious worship, were an ecclesia (church). Thus all the disciples in Antioch, forming several congregations, were one church (Acts 13:1).* The whole body of professing Christians throughout the world (1 Corinthians 15:9 ; Galatians 1:13 ; Matthew 16:18) are the church of Christ. We may be scattered for now, but remain one in the body of Christ.

For ideas and resources for home worship, please visit: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

You can also join my colleagues daily at Wesley's Chapel for their live-stream services, albeit without a physical congregation, at 10am for Morning Prayers, Wednesdays & Thursdays 12.45pm, Sunday 9.45am and 11.00am. These can be found here www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA

Sunday worship and other resources from our Circuit can also be found on the Blackheath and Crystal Palace Circuit website: <https://bhcpmethodist.org.uk>

Each weekday:

Monday to Friday 9.45am to 10.00am - the Daily Service Radio 4
Long Wave only Pause for
Thought Radio 2 (5.45am, 8.20am and 12.45pm)
Radio 4 Thought for the Day about 7.45am

Choral Evensong - Sundays 3.00pm and Wednesdays 3.30pm
Radio 3

Pastoral Support for Each Other: I am aware that for many, the suspension of public and worship services, disruption to weekly routines, and isolation, will be keenly felt. If you, or anyone you know in our church or local community has a particular need, whatever that may be, please do not hesitate to contact me on 020 8653 4902, our Pastoral Visitors or Stewards.

May God bless each one of us, as we make our way through these uncertain times.

A Lenten prayer to conclude:

Revise our taking

You, you giver!

You have given light and life to the world;

*You have given freedom from Pharaoh to your people
Israel;*

You have given your only Son for the sake of the world;

You have given yourself to us;

*You have given and forgiven,
and you remember our sins no more.*

And we, in response, are takers:

We take eagerly what you give us;

we take from our neighbors near at hand as is acceptable;

we take from our unseen neighbours greedily and acquisitively;

we take from our weak neighbours thoughtlessly;

we take all that we can lay our hands on.

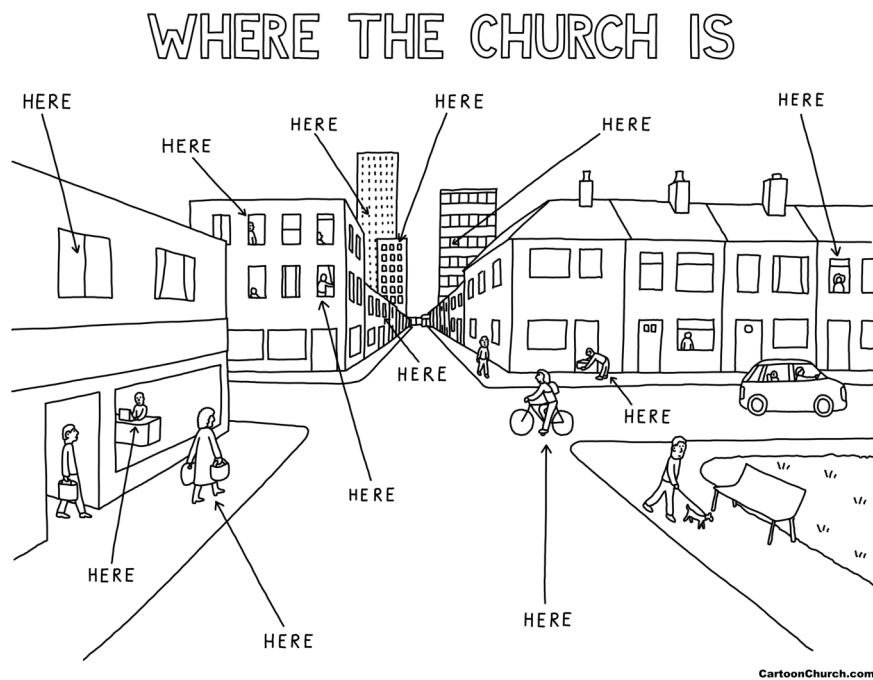
It dawns on us that our taking does not match your giving.

In this Lenten season revise our taking,

*that it may be grateful and disciplined,
even as you give in ways generous and overwhelming.
Amen.*

Awed To Heaven, Rooted In Earth: Prayers Of Walter Brueggemann Augsburg
Fortress; (2003)

Revd. Abe (Minister)



Dear Church Family,

As I mentioned in church earlier this month, I am running the London Marathon this year, which has now been postponed until October. The training is really hard work but it's going well - I'm up to 15 miles now - and I'm enjoying the journey.

Not only has the marathon been a personal goal for a very long time, I also want to do it to raise as much money as I can for the incredible work of Christian Aid. My older sister Josie works for this charity (mostly based in London) but she has also been posted abroad so I have seen firsthand the incredible, humbling things they do to change the lives of some of the world's poorest people. Because of my sister's work, I also know that they are a charity that live out their values. You can read a lot more about this and my running journey on my fundraising page.

If you would like to donate something to support me and this cause, here is the link:

<https://justgiving.com/fundraising/hilary-oppong>

If you would prefer to donate in cash, please speak to my Mum (Comfort Oppong) who has a paper copy of sponsorship form.

Thank you in advance for your support - it means so much.

With very best wishes from
Hilary Oppong



ROUND THE FAMILY

Valerie Tredinnick is recovering well from her hip operation and thanks everyone for their cards, thoughts and prayers.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Joan Loring on Saturday March 21st, the day after her 96th birthday. Joan joined Anerley Methodist Church in the 1950's and in her time was a Junior Church teacher, a Church Steward, a Pastoral Visitor and an active member of the Youth Club and the old Youth Fellowship; she was also a member and later leader of the former Tuesday Fellowship, and a longtime member of the Wednesday Club. Joan moved into Hall Grange Methodist Home just over two years ago and in recent months had become very frail. Joan was a good friend to many and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

We have also heard of the death of David Dent, following a long illness. Older readers may remember Dave, who was a member of our church and youth club during the 1950's and 60's. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Pat and family.

Please remember all those affected by the corona virus out break, especially as many of our church congregation are in the vulnerable groups who are most adversely affected by the virus. Some of them live on their own without family close by so please keep in touch with them by emails or phone calls, so that they still feel part of the church family.

Marian

Please note that as all Church and Circuit activities are suspended at present, there is no Dates for Your Diary accompanying this edition of the magazine.

Dear Friends,

I hope you all are doing well despite the weather (the weather has not been great in the UK in the last few weeks. We have had a few storms and lots of rain).

Living Hope is extremely grateful for your continued support and prayers.

It's almost 6 years since Living Hope School was opened. During this last year, we have gone from strength to strength changing so many young lives.

The students have finished their academic year and have started their new classes. At the start of their new school year, the students received new books and uniforms. They are excited about starting a new year of adventures of learning, growing and discovering their potentials.

We are grateful that the Morley Central Methodist Church chose Living Hope as their charity for the year.

They Organized film evenings to raise money for our school. They show a variety of films attended by over 50 people regularly. Through their fundraising efforts, they raised a phenomenal amount totalling £1700. This money will go towards general up keeping of the school. We also received £500 from Churwell Methodist Church. A big thanks to Anerley Methodist Church and Batley Central Methodist who regularly raise money for the school along with many individuals who support this wonderful project through their regular giving.

This year's aim is to upgrade the school furniture to meet students developing needs and buy some gardening equipment. In 6 years' time, the students have grown up a lot. Most of the tables and chairs are too small for them.

With your support, we will continue to help many families to educate their children. With our school, we are instilling hope and confidence in young minds that will make a huge impact for many years to come!

Please continue to pray for the work of Living Hope and its community!
Thank you!

God bless,
Rev Imran

Meditation for Good Friday

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

My God, why have you abandoned me?

He cried again, It is completed!

I put my arm around her shoulder and we stepped away

We watched from the rock

It was the first time in three days that any respect was shown

The gentleness, love was palpable

The soldiers fell silent

The cross was lowered to the ground, the rope that held him cut

The nails removed

The body washed of blood and filth

They gave him first to her

The Mother of God held her dead son

I knelt beside them

The rock became their throne

The others knelt

The gentleness, love was palpable

The strength was given and we carried him to the cave.

I was there when they crucified my Lord!

Peter Coates

COOKERY CORNER

Devonshire Flan

Serves 4 to 6

Ingredients

175 gr. (6 oz) shortcrust pastry, made using 175 gr.(6 oz) flour,
50gr. (2 oz) margarine, 50 gr. (2 oz) Trex or lard and about 75gr. (3
tablespoons) cold water.

25gr.(1 oz) Butter	100gr. (4 oz) grated cheese
25gr. (1 oz) plain flour	3 hard-boiled eggs
150 ml. (½ pint) milk	50 gr. (2 oz) shelled prawns
1 teaspn chopped parsley	parsley to garnish

Method

1. Heat the oven to 400°F/ gas mark 6/ 200°C/ fan 180°.
2. Mix dry ingredients for pastry to fine breadcrumbs consistency, add water, roll out to thickness of ¼ inch, and line a 20 or 23 cm (8 or 9 inch) flan ring and bake blind for 20 minutes.
3. Make the parsley sauce, melt butter in a pan, add the flour and stir well over a low heat.
4. Add the milk, a little at a time, mixing all the time.
5. Return to a low heat and bring slowly to the boil, and cook for a minute or two.
6. Add cheese, chopped eggs, prawns, add 1 teaspoon chopped parsley and bring back to nearly boiling point.
7. Pour into the hot pastry case, garnish with parsley, and serve at once with new potatoes and fresh vegetables.

Happy Easter to everyone, Ann Vickery

Where do pets come from?

A newly discovered chapter in the Book of Genesis has provided the answer.

Adam and Eve said, "Lord, when we were in the garden, you walked with us every day. Now we do not see you any more. We are lonely here and it is difficult for us to remember how much you love us."

And God said, "No problem! I will create a companion for you that will be with you and who will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourselves."

And God created a new animal to be a companion to Adam and Eve.

And it was a good animal.

And God was pleased.

And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and Eve and he wagged his tail.

And Adam said, "Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal." And God said, "No problem! Because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name and you will call him DOG."

And Dog lived with Adam and Eve and was a companion to them and loved them.

And they were comforted

And God was pleased.
And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

And it came to pass that an angel came to the Lord and said,
“Lord, Adam and Eve have become filled with pride. They strut and preen like peacocks and believe they are worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught them that they are loved, but perhaps too well.”

And God said, “No problem! I will create for them a companion who will be with them and who will see them as they are. This companion will remind them of their limitations, so that they will know that they are not always worthy of adoration.”

And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam and Eve.

And Cat would not obey them. And when Adam and Eve gazed into Cat’s eyes, they were reminded that they were not supreme beings.

And Adam and Eve learned humility.
And they were greatly improved.

And God was pleased.
And Dog was happy.

And Cat didn’t care one way or the other.





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