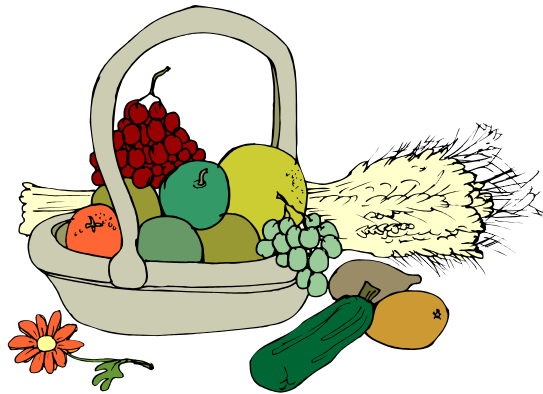


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## LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

Greetings from the Manse in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

*A Story ....*

*“Once upon a time, there was a little girl who had a terrible day. She left her lunch at home. She skinned her knee on the playground, and no one wanted to sit with her on the bus. As she sank into her mother’s arms at the end of the day, her mother said,*

*“Honey, what was the best part of today?” The little girl cried and said, “Nothing! The entire day was terrible. ”So the mother got down on one knee, wiped away her tears and said, “There is always some good. Sometimes we just really have to look for it.” The little girl looked up at her mom and said, “What is good about today?” And the mother said, “For starters, you’re here in my arms.”*

Without doubt, we are living in a period of transition and we long to know what awaits us at the end of the journey. It might well be that the Church in Britain will never be the same again but we don’t know what ‘not the same’ means. Having attended a couple of services over the last few weeks - masked, with no hand-shaking but multiple opportunities to sanitize, and conscious of the many who could not be there or who reluctantly chose not to be there - I’ve been left with a

sense of the impermanence of the current arrangements, writes the Secretary of Conference for the Methodist Church, the Revd. Dr. Jonathan Hustler. We do not want to live or to worship like this for long. Yet perhaps the peculiar nature of the current arrangements makes us more conscious of the guiding light – we in our inhibited way affirm that we are still God’s people and that God has not finished with us yet and anytime.

So, whether we gather together to worship God in our buildings or online, we are held in God’s arms. May we continue to recognize that gift, and in doing so, may we sow joy, love, patience, justice and peace.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Creator God,  
Scripture is flooded with dream-like images:  
the lion lying down with the lamb,  
justice rolling like a mighty river,  
swords being beaten into ploughshares,  
the prisoner being set free,  
good news to the oppressed, the whole world rejoicing.

To our human ears, there are times when these words can sound  
like nothing more than a far-off dream—  
downplaying prophecy to fantasy.

However, what we know is that to dream is to hope,  
and to hope is to imagine, and to imagine is to wonder,

and to wonder is to believe, and to believe is to live and breathe  
for your promised day.

So give us the strength to listen as we dream, O God.  
For deep down, we know your words are the very thing we need,  
in these times of partial exile. **Amen.**

### Pastoral News

#### **Congratulations and our very best wishes to:**

Rajee and Nethaji on the birth of their baby boy! Glory to God for all that He has done!

Anita and Dinah on the birth of grandchildren, and to all the new parents and siblings,

Sandra and David on their 'Golden Wedding Anniversary, on 19th September.

Mrs. Comfort Oppong, MBE, on her 70th Birthday in September

For ours, and all young people and their teachers, as they return to full time education since the Lock-down

Birthday wishes to our Madoc in August, Andreea and Ivana-Rose in September

We pray God's blessing on you all. Lord of all life, we thank you that you have been the eternal truth and light through this pandemic and lockdown. We thank you, generous God for all your gifts to us during this time:

For life and health; friends and family, for work and leisure  
For energy and peace, for this beautiful world in which we  
live.

May each day be a new beginning for us;

At this time, we pray for the wholeness of body, mind and  
spirit

for those who are ill, infirm, and/or recovering from any ill-  
ness.

May you continue to know the healing love and presence of  
God.

May each day have something for which to thank you,  
and may we know that Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
is with in all that we do, each day, **Amen.**

#### Advent Conversations - 2nd November -14th December 2020

In a change to our usual Autumn Bible studies in October,  
this year, we will follow a 'seven-week ZOOM Advent Con-  
versations' to help us value the Biblical message of Christ-  
mas and prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of Jesus  
into our world. Further details will be sent nearer the time but  
I pray that you will to join us.

The Lord bless you, and bless you kindly,

With every blessing,  
Abe

**ROUND THE FAMILY**

Congratulations to Richard and Shardé Anaman on the birth of their son Hendrix at the end of August, the first grandchild for Dinah and Emmanuel Anaman.

Also congratulations to Rajee and Nethaji Patel on the birth of their son Steven Satvik Nethaji on 13th September.

Marian

**Note** that as all Church and Circuit activities are suspended at the moment, there is no Dates for your Diary accompanying this edition of the magazine. We gradually returned to worshipping together at the beginning of September but no other activities are taking place at present.

**HELP NEEDED!**

We are in urgent need of a Church Treasurer following Andrew Tredinnick's decision to step down from the position after many years in the post, due to ill-health. If you, or anyone you know, would be willing to take on this post, please speak to David Hynes, Rev. Abe or one of the Church Stewards (Dinah Anaman, Evelyn Richards, Sandra Hynes or Audrey Bobb-Sayers) in the first instance.

Is there anyone with a background in, or a familiarity with, accounts who could help us out? **Please!**

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

Please note that there will be NO CHURCH CHRISTMAS POST BOX this year.

### **God the secret**

God has always loved disguises, the mysterious,  
Not to hide and to let us guess,  
but perhaps so that we will discover him in us,  
as the mystery that we have pondered  
for a long time.

We cannot have him,  
we cannot grasp her.  
That is why he divulges himself in instalments.  
He, the spirit, she, the spirit unfolds  
so that we can bear them.  
He grows in us over a long time,  
like a fruit slowly ripening.  
We determine how much we can demand of our-  
selves  
and he is in in each demand  
and she is in each challenge.

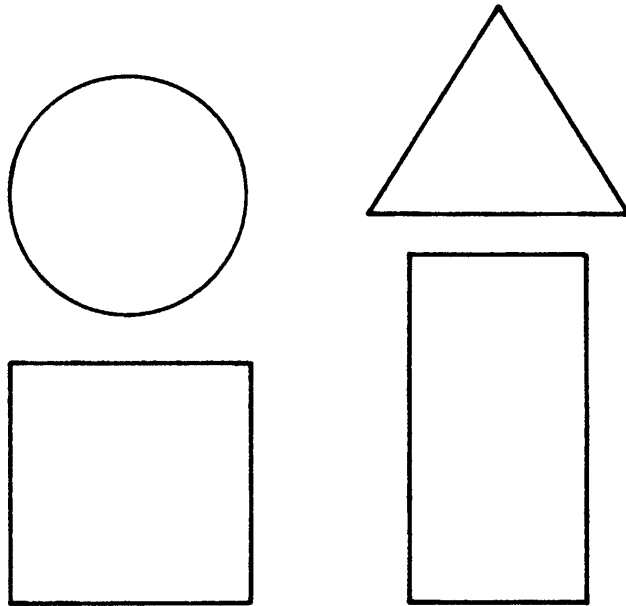
Perhaps it will have been the biggest mystery in the  
end,  
that God was not a secret,  
but that he was always as close to us  
as our own heart.

By Ulrich Schaffer

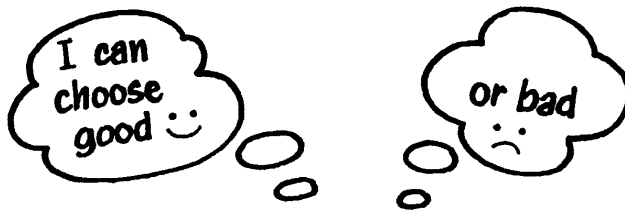


**FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS**

1. Choose a shape to colour red.
2. Choose a shape to colour blue.
3. Choose a shape to fill with dots.
4. Choose a shape to draw a happy face in.



God has made us able to choose.



### **Online book of remembrance opened at St Paul's**

St Paul's Cathedral has launched Remember Me, an online book of remembrance for all those who have been living in the UK who have died as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. People of all faiths, beliefs or none are invited to contribute to Remember Me.

HRH The Prince of Wales, who recorded a video message, said: "This virtual book of remembrance is here not just to recall our loss and sorrow, but also to be thankful for everything good that those we have loved brought into our lives."

Family, friends and carers of those who have died can submit, free of charge, the name, photograph and a short message in honour of a deceased person via the Remember Me website. The deceased person must have been living in the UK. Remember Me will be open for entries for as long as needed. It is intended that the Remember Me site will become a physical memorial at the Cathedral.



**John Wesley and his routine of daily prayer.**

In 1779, John Wesley had a house built as his London residence in the courtyard of his Chapel in City Road, London. His bedroom was on the first floor, and leading off his bedroom is a small prayer room, containing a small table which held his Bible and a candlestick, and a kneeler in front of it.

John prayed here both morning and evening. In the morning he would get up at 4 a.m. and spend an hour in praying and reading the Bible, before crossing the courtyard to the Chapel for the Chapel service at 5.30 a.m. The service was held this early because most of the congregation were working people who would go to their day jobs after leaving the service.

This little prayer room is often called “the Power House of Methodism” because this is where John Wesley received the strength from God to carry out his work for the Church.

Even today the Prayer Room has a special feel to it, and it is not unusual for visitors to ask if they can kneel at John Wesley’s table to say a prayer.

Here is a prayer written by John Wesley.

“Looking to Jesus, let us run the race that is set before us.  
Rooted in the faith of the saints, let us keep an even pace.  
Grounded in catholic love, let us rejoice in God’s grace.  
AMEN”

Marian

## **COOKERY CORNER**

### Baked Alaska

Cooking time 3 mins. Oven temp. 450°F/Mark 8/ 200°C fan

#### Ingredients

18cm (7 inch) Sponge flan (can be bought)  
Soft fruit (mandarins, oranges, raspberries etc.)  
3-4 egg whites  
Large block of ice-cream  
100grams (4 tablespoons) caster sugar  
Cherries, angelica to decorate

#### Method

1. Put fruit into flan, stand sponge on a heatproof plate or dish.
2. Whisk the egg whites until stiff, gradually beat in the sugar.
3. Place the block of ice-cream on the sponge flan and completely enclose with the meringue. No part of the ice-cream should be visible, or the ice-cream will melt.
4. Place in the hot oven for 3 minutes in order to crisp and brown the meringue.
5. Decorate with cherries and angelica and serve immediately.

God bless you all,

Ann Vickery

## INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING ASSOCIATION

### Fresh from the Word: the Bible for a Change 2021

At turns poetic, priestly and theological, prophetic and inspiring, *Fresh From The Word 2021* invites you to the discipline of daily Bible reading with readers around the world. Discipleship is the focus of Lent this year in *Fresh From The Word 2021: discipleship as a way of following Jesus Christ 'into the unknown', growing, and facing challenges*. Other themes include reading the Bible through the seasons, surprising women in the Bible, family tensions in Genesis, and riddles in the Bible, and more. The book also features continuous readings from the Gospel of Mark, the shorter epistles of the New Testament, Job, Galatians, Revelation, and the Minor Prophets. *Fresh From The Word: The Bible for a Change 2021* will inspire your Bible reading in a time of change. Bringing together theologians, scholars, creative writers, church leaders, and activists from around the world, it offers notes, prayers, and further thought suggestions for every day of the year.

I am now taking orders for *Fresh from the Word* for 2021. Please contact me by **Sunday 1st November** if you would like to order a copy. The cost will be about £9 (including discount).

Marian





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