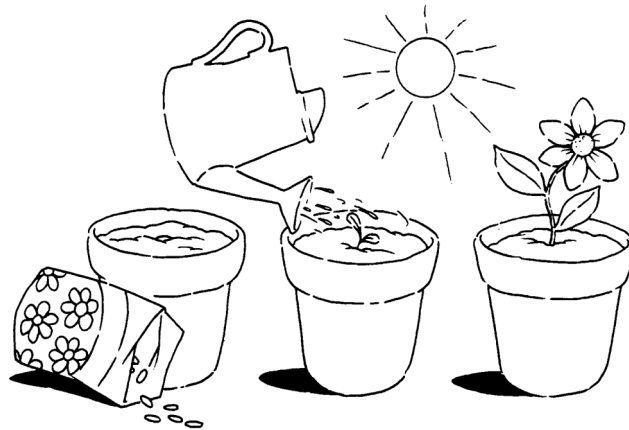


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FROM THE MINISTER

‘Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.’ Ephesians 1:3

Friends,

It was a real blessing to see so many of you at the recent online service celebrating the Church’s 156th anniversary during which the church looked at its past and future. An Imam once explained in a lecture at theological college, the Islamic belief of ‘looking back to steer into the future’. A little like using the rear-view mirror, for avoidance of obstacles in order to reach our onward desired destination.

Having recently celebrated Easter, Ascension and Pentecost, my reflections look at the work of the ‘Holy Spirit and discernment’, what this meant for the early Church and ours today, in Acts 6:1-6 and John 20:19-23. This requires a joint effort, however, with you reading the passages before continuing on!

One way that Luke makes a connection between the Holy Spirit and the fledgling Christian community in the early church, was by looking at the process of human decision-making. The mission of the early Church was inspired and guided by God through the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. And Luke carefully describes a number of these decisions – the election of Matthias, the decision to continue preaching despite persecution, the choosing of seven men, including Stephen, as deacons, and the acceptance of Paul as an apostle by the community of Christians in Jerusalem.

In the Gospel of John, as the group of dispirited followers of Jesus gathered and locked themselves in an upper room, there was fear and suspicion. John tells us that Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples and commissioned them to continue his ministry of peace and forgiveness.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit which fired the apostles, is the same Spirit which is to fire and enthuse us to look ahead. As the Church celebrated its 156th anniversary, looking back, and celebrating a building that holds memories and tells stories of its forebears, the Spirit at Pentecost is not only a celebration of the Church's birthday and its past, but a call for disciples to open their lives and the love of God to steer its future, as the Imam's teaching. At Pentecost, they are not to simply to celebrate their decorated sacred enclosures but are to pass over into the lives of other people, the gifts of the Gospel and to proclaim to all how they have been changed by the past and the power of the Holy Spirit.

For Luke-Acts, the Spirit is the power of God, the mighty burning wind that blows the church's future into **NEW** and unexpected places of ministry. I wonder where such a Spirit might blow in our church? And can we pray, that as disciples of Jesus, the windstorm of the Spirit, may blow our church, and us, along with it to new unexpected places, and unexpected grace. It may only be in retrospect and with inspiration, that we can look back and recognise where the Spirit's wind is driving us.

The central importance of the Pentecost message in our 'discernment', is the Spirit's transformation of the church into a **NEW** community. At Pentecost, the transforming Spirit was given to all of them, apparently not just the few, but a larger community of 120 described in Acts 1:15, even the lowest in the household will be claimed by God and will become God's servants and God's prophets. This is what it means to be Church; this is the identity given to all by the Spirit's claiming, calling, and empowering. **'I have chosen you out of the world, so that you might go out and bear fruit; fruit that will last.'**

The surprise of Pentecost is to fully comprehend what, by God's grace, is meant by "everyone". God calls us all, by name, however unsuitable or unworthy. As we reflect on the story of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the appointment of deacons, how might we discern the will of God, and what can be learned from our forebears in Acts and Anerley in its future mission? John's Gospel speaks of the group of dispirited followers of Jesus

who gathered and locked themselves in an upper room with fear and suspicion. In contrast, the powerful image of the Holy Spirit, is not halted by locked doors or locked hearts; nor exclude herself from the restrictive areas that people settle in. Instead, and in both accounts, the Spirit takes this group of dispirited followers and fires them with a **NEW** energy and a **NEW** enthusiasm and a **NEW** authority.

May the LORD recreate in us all his Spirit of unity to dwell in the Church, and that all peoples can, with one voice may Church learn the powerful language of the Spirit of God in preserving the past, that all will be given the opportunity to experience appreciation for their particular gifts in discerning its future. **AMEN**

Church life and anniversary

I want to express my personal thanks to all who contributed to the life and worship in all the diverse ways, in person and online during the lockdown, especially the contribution of Junior church in our recent Church Anniversary service. It is my prayer that as summer approaches with the easing of the lockdown and an intensive vaccine programme, we can begin to look forward, with cautious optimism, to enjoying some of the simple things that COVID-19 has robbed us off over the past year. This means the confidence to worship in person again, from September.

Finally, I wish you and all your loved ones, a blessed summer as you meet and greet in person, hugs and kisses, once again, but still doing so with caution!

The LORD bless you, and bless you kindly, Abe



ROUND THE FAMILY

A message from Maureen Cole - "People have been very kind and I have had lots of messages from Church friends following my operation. I would like to say a thank you to everyone for all their prayers, kind messages and good wishes. I have appreciated them all and have found them very uplifting." We continue to think of Maureen as she continues her recovery.

Congratulations to Dennis Pogose, who celebrated his 80th birthday in April, and belated congratulations to Janice and Terry Friend, who celebrated their Golden Wedding in March, and Eula Morris, who celebrated her 90th Birthday in March.

On Sunday 16th May we held our 156th Church Anniversary by Zoom, which included contributions from a wide range of our congregation. It was good to see everyone and we look forward to the time when we shall all be able to meet again "in the flesh"! Thanks to our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders for putting the service together.

Marian



From the Editor

With this edition the magazine commences its 53rd year of production—I wonder how much longer we can keep going! I hope to keep it up for a while longer, but with a Significant Birthday at the beginning of June, I am not getting any younger!

When Mike started the magazine in 1968 it consisted of two double-sided foolscap sheets duplicated on a temperamental Gestetner machine that lived in our bedroom! It is now prepared on a computer and, as well as printed copies, it is sent far and wide by internet - something never dreamed of in those far off times!

Mike started the magazine as a way of keeping everyone in the church family in touch with what was happening in the Church, and I am sure that he never envisaged it still going strong over 50 years later. In recent years we have had a series on Church music, and articles about Methodism, as well as other “one-off” articles and I am very appreciative of everyone who gives me articles, news and suggestions for things to include. If anyone has any news or an idea for an article, or even feels moved to write the occasional article themselves, please have a word with me or contact me - my details are inside the front cover.

I have been the editor for the past 29 years, but production of the magazine is a team effort. At the moment the magazine is being distributed electronically though we are now gradually returning to producing some hard copies again; I would like to thank Dave Hynes, who maintains the mailing list and sends out the email version. In normal times Valerie and Andrew Tredinnick collate and staple the magazine, and the Pastoral Leaders help to distribute the magazines, so I would also like to thank them for their help.

Marian

Dear Friends,

I hope you are keeping well and making the most of the lift of some of the Covid restrictions.

After Christmas, the Living Hope Schools were closed for another 2 months but at the end of February, the school resumed again. It took students a few weeks to get back into their school learning. As we are aware, financially the lockdown has not been easy for many families and it has hugely impacted young people. Sadly 5 of our students have stopped coming to school as they had to help their parents with their earning.

All the measures are still in place to make the School COVID Secure. We have created a safe learning environment at the school. They have been provided with face masks, hand sanitizers, and seating arrangements that are socially distanced.

The New school year at Living Hope School starts at the end of March. All the students have worked hard to move to the next level. We are pleased with their progress despite their long absence from the school. Technology has become essential with social distance learning. With the generous financial support from Rev David Withworth and his Church called One Kingdom Mission (Georgia, USA), we have bought 4 tablets and a large TV Screen. This has been hugely beneficial to their learning and Living Hope School is very grateful for their generosity.

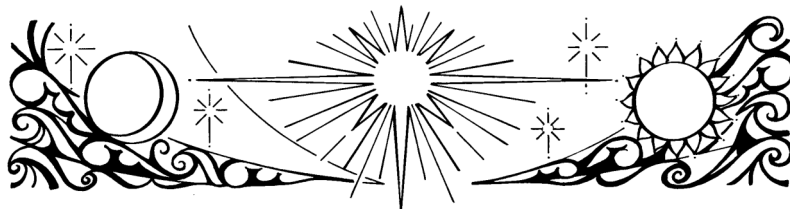
I would have been thanking them in person as I had planned to spend a part of my sabbatical in Georgia but due to travel restrictions and other practicalities, I am staying in the UK. When I am allowed, I hope to spend time with some religious communities in the UK. After my sabbatical, I will be moving to my next appointment in Paisley near Glasgow where I will be ministering to three churches there.

We are hoping to buy at least 10 more tablets soon. It is a huge expense but we are sure of God's provision. Living Hope is extremely grateful for your continued support and prayers. Please especially remember the five students who have left the school for personal and economical reasons. With your support, we will continue to help and support our students and the local community. We are instilling hope and confidence in young minds and the impact of this will be greater than our current circumstances.

Thank you!

God bless,

Rev Imran Malik



CIRCUIT ON-LINE SERVICES

We have received the following information from the Circuit.

“You may be wondering, as churches return to in person worship, what the future of our on-line services will be. I am please to be able to advise that:

1. AWE will continue with the weekly contributions throughout the summer edited by Margaret Boreham (Anerley).
2. The recording of church services by Stuart Watkin (Sunfields) will also continue throughout. On a few occasions, Stuart will ask others to make the recordings. Recordings will include both Rev. Rohama Asif’s farewell on July 25th at Sunfields and the LP recognition service on August 15th at Lewisham.
3. There will be two more recorded circuit services which Chris Watkins (Wesley Hall) will edit; these will be - May 30th (Hither Green) June 13th (Upper Norwood).

Our thanks to all those who have worked hard to ensure the Circuit has offered, and will continue to offer a variety of on-line services, all of which continue to be well received.

Best wishes

Linda

CHURCH NEWS

We are hoping to resume physical Church Services on Sunday 6th June, and morning services will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month until the end of August, when the position will be reviewed. There will be no evening services at present.

Wednesday Club are hoping to re-start on Wednesday 30th June with a short ramble and then meet fortnightly (every 2nd and 4th Wednesday) until the end of August, when they will also review how to proceed.

These proposals are, as always, dependent on the Government's Covid-19 advice.

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING Some of you may have a note that this was to be held on Sunday 18th July. It has now been cancelled and the next GCM will now take place in Spring 2022.



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COOKERY CORNER

Apple Bread Pudding

(serves 4- 6)

Ingredients

1 tablespoon milk	50gr (2oz) sultanas
2 large eggs	½ level teasp'n ground cinnamon
100gr (4 oz) fresh breadcrumbs	25gr(1 oz) sugar
450gr (1 lb) cooking apples, peeled and grated	
25gr (1 oz) margarine or butter	15ml (1 tablespoon) oil

18cm (7 in) frying pan with lid.

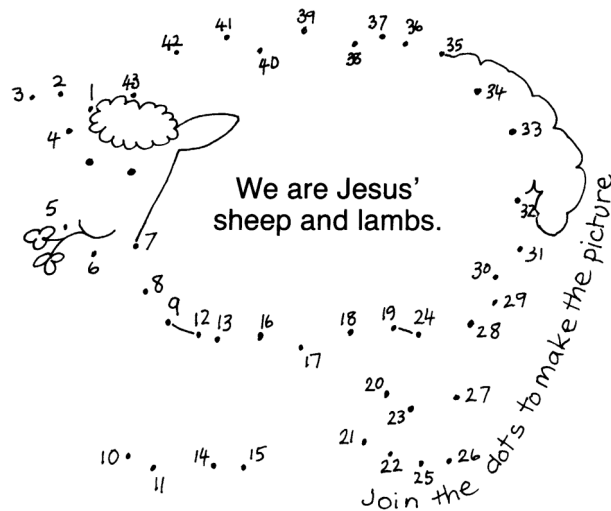
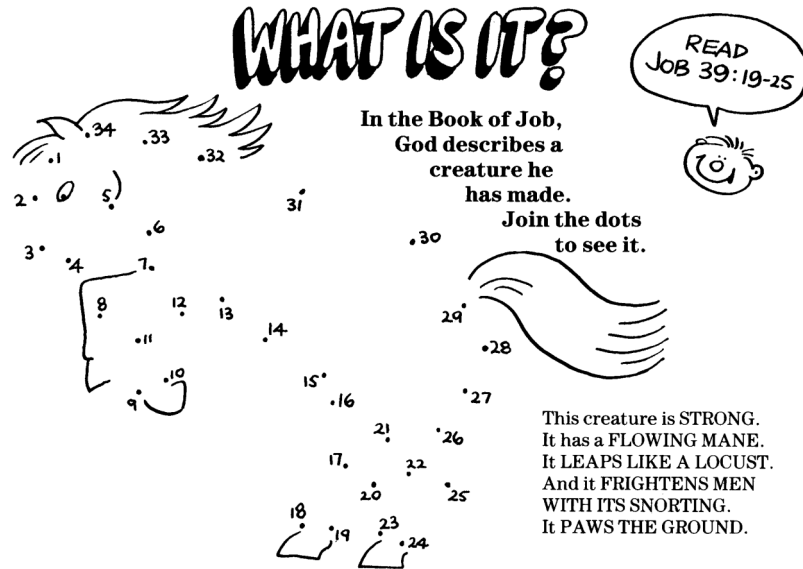
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1. Lightly beat together milk and eggs in a bowl.
2. Add the breadcrumbs, apples, sultanas, cinnamon and sugar.
3. Mix together well to form a dough
4. Heat margarine or butter and oil in the frying pan
5. Turn the apple mixture into the pan and press down evenly.
6. Place a lid or large plate over the top of the pan and fry gently for 10—15 minutes, checking that the underside does not over- brown.
7. When the first side is cooked, turn out onto an oiled plate then slide it back into the pan, uncooked side down.
8. Cook gently for a further 10—15 minutes
9. When cooked, sprinkle the Apple Bread Pudding with caster sugar and cut into wedges.

This pudding is delicious served hot or cold

Ann Vickery

.FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS





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Harlequins Theatre School Monday 4.00-6.30pm	Tel. 07773 066 645
Hill Dance Academy Tues. 4.30—8.30pm; Sat. 11am—3pm	Tel. 07772 199 103
Only Believe Christian Assembly Tues 7.30pm—10.30pm	Tel.020 8778 0863
Penge Community Pre-School Monday to Friday 9.15am to 4pm	Tel. 020 8289 6771
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