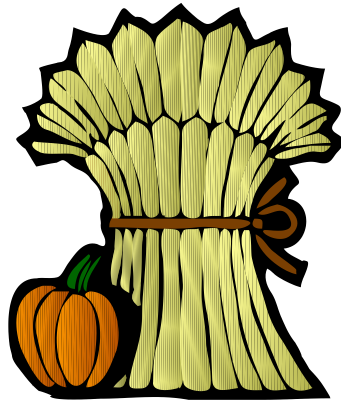


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The Newsletter of  
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## LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

### Season of Creation 2021 Logo: 'Abraham's Tent'

Welcome to the autumn edition of the Magazine, where we remind ourselves once again that from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family celebrates the good gift of creation. This year's **logo** for the Season of Creation is Abraham's tent, symbolising "A home for all", and the theme - **'A Home for All? Renewing the *oikos* of God'**.

In Genesis God set a dome over the Earth. The word "dome" is where we get words such as 'domicile' and 'domestic' — in other words, God puts us all, that is all people, all life under the same domed roof — we are all in the house, the *oikos* of God. God gave humans the ministry to take care and cultivate this *oikos* of God. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others have called the *oikos* of God "the Beloved Community," a community in which all of life are equally members, though each has a different role.

Abraham and Sarah opened their tent as a home for three strangers, who turned out to be God's angels (Genesis 18). By creating a home for all, their act of radical hospitality became a source of great blessing. Abraham's tent is a symbol of our ecumenical call to practice creation care as an act of radical hospitality, safeguarding a place for all creatures, human and more human, in our common home, the household (*oikos*) of God.

Abraham's tent would have likely been open on multiple sides, so anyone passing by would feel welcome. The tent is often an emblem of dialogue,

especially between monotheistic religions born from Abraham. Today, it is a sign of our interfaith and interdisciplinary call to create safe spaces for dialogue and discernment.

The tent represents a place of shelter or refuge. It links us with the homeless, refugees, and all who are on the move and displaced by the effects of climate change. Psalm 84 reminds us that in God's house (*oikos*), even the sparrow finds a home to build a nest and lay her eggs.

In the Gospel of John 1:14, we read that the "the Word became flesh and pitched his tent among us." The symbol of the tent can remind us of how Jesus came to dwell among us as a sign of God's love. Love is the root of our faith, which compels us to love our neighbours by tilling and keeping our common home.

The tent is also a sign of simplicity. The tent is a sign of the grateful pilgrim who knows that as we pass through this life, our footprint must be light upon the Earth. All "people" should find their home in the *oikos* of God.

After many turbulent months, it is my prayer that we may not have forgotten that we live in the household of God, the *oikos*, the Beloved Community. And as we return to full service, in a new 'Methodist Connexional Year', beginning in the Season of Creation, how can you, the church, in imaginative and creative ways, pitch a metaphorical "Abraham's tent", as a sign of its hospitality for all beings, particularly those who are excluded. Perhaps the tent, it is suggested, can be a symbol of Anerley's intention to create a home for all.

It is my hope and prayer that we can become again this beloved community of intentional discipleship; to move beyond the programmatic and didactic aspects of life to the prophetic and spiritual life, to the action and way of life, which is shaped by Jesus.

May we be the champions to renew life, the servant leaders of all life in the Beloved Community, the *oikos* of God.

**Abe Konadu-Yiadom (Presbyter)**

The theme for the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2021/22 also focuses on creating 'A Place for All' in our Churches and drawing us to reflect on Singing the Faith (550), by the Revd Norman Wallwork, Chair of the Prayer Handbook Committee.

A place for all there is to rest; where each may be an equal guest  
where all may find a healing place within the Trinity's embrace.

A place for all who waited long to find themselves in Mary's song  
with freedom now to magnify the God who lifts the humble high.

A place for all where last is first, when none need hunger, none need  
thirst;  
we're hearing found and site restored all kingdoms gifts of Christ the Lord.

A place for all with table spread, where Christ the Vine, the Living Bread  
prepares for all the gift divine - the feast of grace in bread and wine.

A place for all, where faith can see the king enthroned on Zion's tree;  
well love is heard in sacrifice, "Be sure this day of paradise".

Norman Wallwork (Chair) Prayer Handbook Committee (StF550)

### **Pastoral News**

All thanks and praise to God for protection for all, especially for the blessings of our young people and new beginnings: new schools or new year groups, above, the opportunity of fellowship with friends; new and old.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Steven, Nethaji and Rajee's son, Steven, who celebrated his first birthday on 13th September. Steven was born during the lockdown and many of us have not met him yet give thanks to God for bringing light in the midst of darkness!

Finally, prayers in times of change

God of Endings, What we thought would not end  
has ended. And we find ourselves here  
wondering where we are and how we got here  
and where to go from here.

Be with us, here, at the end.  
Help us place our feet on this ground; help us lick our wounds,  
help us look up and around. Help us believe the story of today.  
Because you know all.

God of Yesterday, we knew you then: your promises;  
your words; you're walking among us.  
But yesterday is gone.

And so, today, we are in need of change.  
Change and change us. Help us to see life now  
not through yesterday's stories but through today's. **Amen**

**Abe**

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I am so worried about  
So many things.  
May I have the strength  
to do what needs to be done today and the peace not to  
worry about the rest.

Nicholas Sagovsky.

## ROUND THE FAMILY

Congratulations to Hilary Oppong and Dr.Oladipo Oludara Lafinham - Dipo - on their wedding on 7th August. The wedding was live-streamed for those who could not attend in person, and was a joyful time attended by friends and family from both Ghana and Nigeria. The wedding was all the more special because, owing to Covid-19 restrictions, it could not take place last year, as originally planned. We send Hilary and Dipo our best wishes for their future happiness.

Congratulations also to Ayo Joseph, who has graduated with a B.A.(Hons) in Fashion and Textile Design from Portsmouth University. Congratulations also to brother Deji who was 18 at the beginning of September.

For many people the autumn is the start of a new phase in their lives; small children starting school for the first time, older children moving on to Junior and Senior Schools, and young people moving on to further education. Others starting new jobs. We think of everyone or whom this is a time of change.

Late News - we are saddened to learn of the recent death of Deirdre Metcalfe a former member at Anerley Marian

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

Although members of the Church Council are elected once a year, there is provision for anyone to attend the Church Council meetings as an observer, without voting rights. If you are not a member of the Church Council, but are interested in seeing what happens at a meeting, the next Church Council Meeting is on Thursday 7th October at 7.45pm in the Church.

## **Some memorable moments with cats** by Andrew T.

### **No. 2 Ginger** by Andrew T.

When I was a boy living at home one of our neighbour's cats adopted us. Whether my parents discussed the matter with the neighbour I don't know but we ended up feeding him and taking him to the vet for any medical attention. Ginger was friendly, inquisitive, and his name matched the colour of his long auburn hair. Unlike his name-sake at a Yorkshire youth hostel I visited back in the 1960's which the warden summoned by rattling a tin plate and calling out "*Ginger, Ginger*", only for a jet black cat to respond!

Like most cats Ginger caught birds. Occasionally he would lay his trophies outside the kitchen door. One day I saw him catch a blue-tit. I rushed into the garden, got hold of him by the back legs, held him up-side down and shook him in an effort to release the bird. But without success. He shot off with his prize. I'm sure he knew he was in disgrace as we didn't see him again for 3 days.

Ginger would love chasing any stick I trailed in front of him. Sometimes I would poke a stick horizontally into our small rockery and if the end appeared poking out the other side he would readily pounce upon it. On one occasion I poked a stick in, rattled it around in the hole I'd made and drew it out. The cat watched with mild interest. I did this several times and then to my amazement and I'm sure the cat's, a mouse scuttled out! Ginger was so startled that he wasn't quick enough to catch the creature. He returned to guard the hole and remained there for an hour or more waiting for a repeat appearance. I think my 'street cred' on the feline scale rose several notches that day.



## **ADVENT BIBLE STUDIES**

### **Preparing for Advent**

#### **Book the dates!**

Monday 15th, 22nd and 29th November 2021 at 7.45pm at  
Anerley Methodist Church in the Side Hall.

Three sessions—Stars, Journeys and Gifts

Look out for the fliers next month. Numbers may be limited  
due to Covid restrictions.

If interested, contact Hilary Waterhouse by email:  
hilary.waterhouse@virginmedia.com or speak to Hilary  
Waterhouse or Valerie Tredinnick when you see us.

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## **INTROIT**

We shall start singing an Introit again on Sunday 3rd October and  
for the next four months we shall be singing “Jesus, we are here”.

Jesus, we are here,  
Jesus, we are here,  
Jesus, we are here,  
we are here for you.

Spirit, we are here,  
Spirit, we are here,  
Spirit, we are here,  
we are here for you.

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## Autumn Fayre

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## **COOKERY CORNER**

### **LIME AND ORANGE MOUSSE**

#### Ingredients

1 packet lime jelly  
150 ml (¼ pint ) boiling water  
325 gr (11 oz) can of mandarin oranges  
176gr (6oz) can evaporated milk, chilled  
Small amount of grated chocolate, optional

#### Method

1. Chill the evaporated milk in the fridge for an hour or more.
2. Break up the jelly and put into a bowl, pour over the boiling water, stir to dissolve.
3. Drain the juice from the mandarin oranges and chop half of the fruit,
4. Add the juice and chopped fruit to the jelly.
5. Leave in a cool place until it is on the point of setting.
6. Whisk the evaporated milk until thick and then whisk it into the jelly.
7. When evenly blended, pour into a soufflé dish or mould.
8. Put in the fridge to set.
9. Decorate with the rest of the mandarin segments.
10. Add grated chocolate on top if wanted.

Ann Vickery

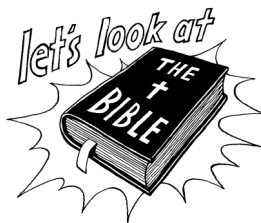
## INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING ASSOCIATION

Fresh from the Word: the Bible for a Change 2022 offers a fresh approach to Bible Reading and is written to support all readers of the Bible, from new Christians to those seeking to deepen their faith and relationship with God. Bringing together over 50 international writers to give you new insights every day, Fresh from the Word contains Bible verses, notes, prayers and action points.

It gives global perspectives on carefully selected passages from the Bible. Our writers include theologians and Biblical scholars, church leaders and activists for peace from across the world, all of whom share a passion to bring the Bible into conversation with day-to-day concerns. This helps you to grow in your knowledge and appreciation of the Bible and carries on the 139-year-old IBRA tradition of encouraging people around the world. In 2022, IBRA will be 140 years old!

I am now taking orders for *Fresh from the Word* for 2022. Please contact me by **Sunday 1st November** if you would like to order a copy. The cost will be about £9.90 (including discount).

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## **Penge Community Pre-School**

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<b>Penge Community Pre-School</b>	Monday to Friday 9.15am to 4pm	Tel. 020 8289 6771
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<b>Tai Chi</b>	- Thursday 8pm - 10pm	Tel. 01424 420 050

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**WENDY BLENMAN (Dip. Couns., MSc in therapeutic counselling)**



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **OCTOBER**

Wed 6th	Wednesday Club 8pm Confessions of a Bank Clerk with Andrew Tredinnick
Thur 7th	Church Council 7.45pm in the Church
Tues 12th	Circuit meeting 7.45pm at Lewisham Methodist Church
Wed 13th	Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Card making
Mon 18th	Christian Action Group 8pm Church Side Hall
Wed 20th	<b>No Wednesday Club</b>
Wed 27th	Wednesday Club 8pm Colouring Evening
Sat 30th	Autumn Fayre Burnt Ash Methodist Church 11am-2pm
Sun 31st	Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Orchestra 3pm Eltham Park Methodist Church

### **NOVEMBER**

Wed 3rd	<b>No Wednesday Club</b>
Fri 5th	Wednesday Club Fireworks Evening at 32 Lloyds Way at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.
Wed 10th	Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50 am. Preacher: Valerie Tredinnick
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
Mon 15th	Advent Bible Study—Stars .7.45pm at the Church
Wed 17th	Wednesday Club 8pm Church Christmas Decorations
Mon 22nd	Advent Bible Study—Journeys .7.45pm at the Church

Wed 24th	Wednesday Club 8pm Church Christmas Decorations
Sat 27th	Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Orchestra 8pm at Eltham Park Methodist Church
Mon 29th	Advent Bible Study—Gifts .7.45pm at the Church

## **DECEMBER**

Mon 6th	Christian Action Group 8pm. At the Church Advent Readings with Julie Taylor
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Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 17th October and 21st November.

There are no evening services at present.

The Prayer Meeting is not meeting in person at the moment, but is meeting via email. For more details contact Margaret Boreham [m.boreham5@gmail.com](mailto:m.boreham5@gmail.com)