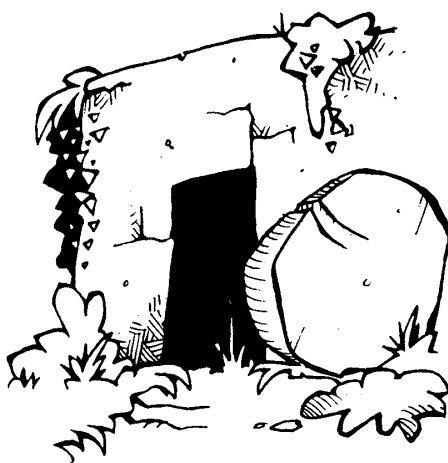


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AN EASTER HYMN

A new day dawns; a new word spoken
breaks the silence of the night.
The First-born Prince of Life has woken;
hear his voice: 'Let there be light!'

A new day dawns; a new creation
brighter than the first big bang:
Now heaven floods to every nation;
New life where the death-tolls rang.

A new day dawns; a different garden
sees the Firstborn breathe once more.
His grace has smashed the curse of Eden;
Love has opened up the door.

A new day dawns, and new potential
sweeps into our time and space:
No tomb can hold him, Love Essential;
Peace shines from his glorious face.

A new day dawns; his feet are treading
on this old world's worn-out ways.
And with each step fresh hope is spreading –
launching countless more new days.

A new day dawns; a new tomorrow
greet the children of the Light,
where neither tears, nor death, nor sorrow
dare to reach Love's wondrous height.
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This is a hymn that reflects our widening understanding of the dawn of creation. . At the same time, Andy Murphy's hymn also offers fresh imagery for speaking about Easter and resurrection. Two events, Christ's resurrection and the creation of the world (a divine act however one understands the science of it), are explicitly connected.

As Andy points out:

"... resurrection is a deeply uncomfortable theological journey, when time and again we have to step back and take a breath and say: 'Yes, it really must mean that, although can it be so?' I believe that the New Testament says that the resurrection really is that big a deal! (It's not just God's unexpected happy ending to an otherwise sad tale.) This is what I was trying to express in every verse of this hymn."

Equally, if not more, important is the way the hymn makes explicit connection with the creation story, referencing not only the Garden of Eden (v.3) but also the first day of creation itself and God's words: "Let there be light!" (esp. vv.1&2). This connection deliberately recalls the Orthodox Christian idea that the Sunday of the resurrection is the eighth day of creation (following the Sabbath, the seventh day). While there are existing hymns that speak of Jesus as "a second Adam" (e.g. Cardinal Newman's Praise to the Holiest, StF 334), the blending of the Easter resurrection event and God's creative Word here is striking.

Andrew Murphy is a Methodist minister, currently serving in Market Harborough in Leicestershire.

(Taken from the Singing the Faith website)

No. 5 Neighbour's ginger cat by Andrew T.

He was a short-haired young ginger tom who lived in the flat above the dry cleaners which backs onto our rear garden. If I was told his name this I have now forgotten. He loved attention and was very playful. He would readily chase a stick when I trailed it round on the grass or teased him by poking it through the wooden trellis.

One day I found him beside our greenhouse which by then was situated further down the garden from where Perkins (story no.3) had his nasty experience. He seemed pre-occupied and didn't come up to me to be stroked. For a moment I was puzzled but then noticed a small bird trapped in the greenhouse. The poor creature was clearly of great interest to the cat. Naturally I had to release the bird so I duly opened the greenhouse door and almost immediately the bird flew out.

Now I know cats don't have facial expressions, but the look he gave me conveyed feelings of disgust and annoyance. He didn't stay to play but stalked off – I didn't see him again for several days!

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Psychologist Sigmund Freud is reported to have said: *"Time spent with cats is never wasted"*.

What Makes a 'Community' Pre-School Special?

On their first day in Pre-School it is not unusual for a child to be distressed. For Hakeem aged four his first day may not seem exceptional. He is much older than the usual starter but as his mother leaves him both are clearly distressed. Hakeem spends most of the morning sobbing uncontrollably and covering his eyes. He seems to flinch at loud noises – of which there are many in a pre-school environment.

The staff do their best to comfort him and with some personal attention and hugs (does Safeguarding allow that you ask?) Hakeem begins to come out of his shell and slowly begins to mix with the other children and seemingly to gain confidence.

Day two is very different. Hakeem rushes in with a beaming smile and is soon engrossed in play with the other children. Today it is his Mother Kaalikaa who is sobbing – with joy – at the transformation she sees in her son.

Kaalikaa explains to the staff that before they fled from Afghanistan as refugees she worked for the British Embassy. She and her husband were evacuated with Hakeem, but had to leave her mother and brother behind. In Afghanistan Hakeem experienced a traumatic childhood, witnessing bombings, death and destruction. On one occasion so close to an explosion at the university that he was covered in white dust and debris from the blast and he cried for two years after. No surprise then that he flinches at loud noises and shouts a lot at home.

Apparently in his nursery in Kabul the children are given drugs to ensure they all sleep at the same time. Contrast that with the learning through play and the tender care that

Hakeem now found so welcoming at Penge Community Pre-School.

It is heartening to see the change in Hakeem and indeed in other children from disturbed backgrounds and broken marriages – some from the local Women's refuge, who are often referred to the love, care and individual attention that Pre-School is able to offer to those with special needs. Care that truly puts us at the heart of the Community we serve.

Thank you Anerley Methodist Church for supporting this Community outreach. We are grateful for your help that enables positive and some times transformative changes to the lives of children in our neighbourhood.

Sandra (Chair) & Staff

Penge Community Pre-School

(names have been changed to maintain confidentiality)

Inspiration in Everyday things.

A coin has two faces

One side is yours ,the other side mine. The edge around is God's love that ties friendship together.

Look around for the little things that speak to us in our times of stress or misunderstanding of each other. It may surprise you.

Anita Yusuf

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who took part in the World Day of Prayer service. Thank you to St Johns for hosting us and making such a wonderful display at the front of the Church. Thank you to the singing group for leading us, especially in the new song. Thank you to all who supplied biscuits and cakes from England, Wales and Northern Ireland and to those who served the refreshments. Thank you to those who organised the Zoom.

I have received good messages from those who attended the service in person and on Zoom. It was felt that the service was very meaningful and helpful. Those who attended on Zoom said that the sound and picture was excellent and they were thankful that they had the words of the hymns and the responses to join in with. Many people commented that it was better that there was not so much up and down and that readers had longer parts so there was not too much "too-ing and fro-ing"! Our offering amounted to £166.80 with £84 being gift aided. This has been sent to World Day of Prayer organisation.

Best wishes
Julie

ROUND THE FAMILY

Please remember Emmanuel Anaman and his family following the death of his sister in Ghana at the beginning of March, and Franklyn Kwarteng who is now recovering at home following a spell in hospital.

Please also remember Sandra Hynes following her hip operation. She is making good progress and will soon be running round the block!

Many Congratulations to Selina Williams on her 90th birthday in February.

Marian

NEWS FROM LIVING HOPE

Dear Friends,

I hope you are keeping well. I am writing this letter on a Sunny day in Paisley Scotland. It is so nice to have a few sunny days after a few wet and cold days.

It is so good to give you updates on Living Hope School. This year is very special for us because Living Hope School will be completing its 8th year by the end of this month. It is with great joy that I tell you that 15 of our students will be leaving us to start higher secondary school. The girls in the pictures (see overleaf) were amongst the very first students who started with us. Soon we will be saying goodbye to them. They will be missed but we are so proud that they continued their learning despite many of the challenges. Living Hope will continue to support them as they continue their further education.

The Covid situation has improved significantly in Baddomalhi. The learning at school is going well. Last week in February was an art week and all the classes did their art projects. They had a great week making the models.

Thank you again for your continued support over the years. Living Hope could not have managed it without your financial support. Covid and the war in Ukraine are affecting everyone's lives as even the cost of food has increased significantly. We hope that these students' parents would not have to choose between educating their children and feeding them.

God bless,
Rev Imran Malik
10 Portland Road
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Pictures from Living Hope



PENGE FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

GRAND FESTIVAL FETE

Saturday 11th June 11am-5pm Royston Playing Field. Attractions include: Penginista Drummers, Petting Zoo, Dance Displays, Live Band, Inflatables, Dog Show, Southey Brewing Co. and The Three Hounds Beer Company, BBQ, Magicians and so much more.

TOUR DE PENGE Sunday 12th June. After 2 years away due to Covid restrictions, Penge Cycle Club is delighted to announce the return of the Tour de Penge! This traditional bike ride takes families with children of all ages on a traffic-free route from Alexandra Junior School in Penge to Cutty Sark in Greenwich and back. There will be a range of refreshments, BBQ and ice creams at the finish and a real party atmosphere all day. Information on how to take part will flow on the PengeCC website and Facebook pages, on local posters and flyers, and through the Penge Festival.

WALKS AND TALKS

Heritage Walk 11th June, 10.00am. -

Dinosaur Walk and talk: 18th June, 10.30am and 2nd July, 10.30am - Crystal Palace Park

Martin Spence talk: 'Penge in 1972', 23rd June –venue to be confirmed.

Walter De La Mare Walk 25th June 10.00am

London Calling Walk: 26th June, time to be confirmed. Street Art Community Project in Penge and Anerley, 182 artworks to be seen around the area.

More events can be found on pengefestival.org

COOKERY CORNER

Simnel Cake

Ingredients

175gr (6oz) butter or margarine	450gr (1 lb) currants
175gr (6oz) soft brown sugar	50gr (2oz) raisins
3 medium eggs	100gr (4oz) sultanas
250gr (9oz) self-raising flour	25gr (1oz) quartered glacé cherries
pinch of salt	100gr (4oz) chopped mixed peel
1 x 25ml spoon (½ teaspn) mixed spice	450gr (1 lb) almond paste
5 x 15ml spoon (3 tablespns) milk	apricot jam
2 x 5ml spoons (2 teaspns) golden syrup	beaten egg to glaze

Method

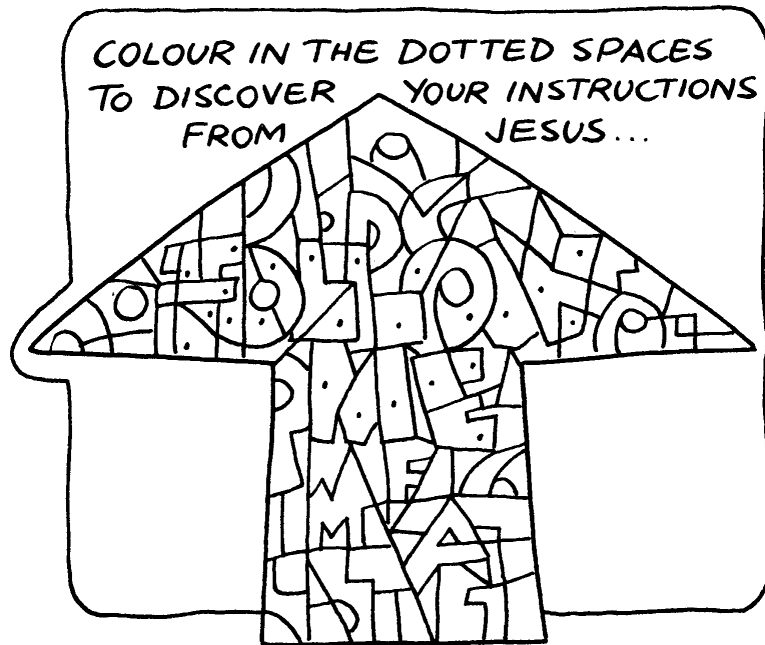
1. Heat oven 180°C/350°F/Gas mark 4.
2. grease and line a 20.5cm (8 inch) round cake tin.
3. Beat fat and sugar, add eggs one at a time, with a little flour.
4. Stir in salt and spice, add milk and syrup with a little more flour, and mix well.
5. Fold in the remaining flour and fruit, place half the mixture into the prepared tin, and smooth level.
6. Divide almond paste (marzipan) in two, roll out one portion into a 20.5cm (8 inch) round on sugared greaseproof paper, remove and place on top of the cake mixture.
7. Cover with the remaining cake mixture and bake for about an hour, then reduce the temperature to 140°C/275°F/Gas Mark 1 and bake for 2½ hours.
8. Allow the cake to cool and divide the remaining almond paste into two

9. Roll one half of the paste into a 20.5cm (8 inch) round, brush the cake with apricot jam and place the rolled almond paste on top of the cake.
10. Roll the remaining paste into eleven small balls.
11. Brush the top of the cake with beaten egg and place balls of paste round the edge, close together, then brush again with egg.
12. Place under a hot grill to brown marzipan.

Easter Blessings to everyone,

Ann Vickery

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

Wed 6th	Wednesday Club 8pm Making Greetings cards
Sun 10th	All Age Worship 11am led by Valerie Tredinnick
Wed.13th	Wednesday Club 8pm: Dominoes
Thur 14th	Maundy Thursday Service 7.45pm at Upper Norwood Methodist Church
Fri 15th	Good Friday service 9.15 am
Sun 17th	10.15am Easter All Age Worship led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom
Wed 20th	Wednesday Club 8pm: Andrew's Oddities
Mon 25th	Christian Action Group 8pm in the Side Hall, Speaker: Marian Young—the New Room, Bristol
Wed 27th	Wednesday Club 8pm: Pick Up Sticks
Thur 28th	Pastoral Meeting 7.45pm at the Church

MAY

Wed 4th	Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
Sun 8 th	Church Anniversary 11am Preacher: Rev. Paul Hulme
Wed 11 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Nature Trail Game
Sun 14 th	MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN
Wed 18th	Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening
Sun 22nd	All Age Worship led by Stuart Watkin
Sun 22nd	Circuit Easter Offering Service 4.00pm at Anerley
Mon 23rd	Christian Action Group 8pm in the Side Hall. Speaker: Andrew Tredinnick
Wed 25th	Wednesday Club 8pm UNO

JUNE

Sat 11th	Penge Festival Fete at Royston Field 11am – 5pm
Thur 16th	Circuit Meeting 7.45pm Venue TBA
Mon 20th	Christian Action Group 7.30pm—Visit to Hilary's allotment

Morning services are held every Sunday at 11am. 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—mboreham5@gmail.com