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FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

The President of the Conference 2022/2023, the Revd Graham Thompson, says our relationship with a loving God sustains and opens us to God's abiding Spirit.

I first became truly aware of the activity of the Holy Spirit when in my early 20s I attended a teaching weekend at Cliff College. Until then my understanding of the 'abiding presence of God' had been purely theoretical. That weekend, I discovered how the Holy Spirit can bless and inspire as I allowed God to be at work in a way that I had not allowed before. The experience has not been a 'one off' as, throughout my ministry, I have been fortunate to witness others experience the same openness and the same blessing.

I like to think that John Wesley's experience at Aldersgate Street was the same as mine at Cliff College! And, while there are some resonances, there are many differences. Wesley was an ordained Anglican with a theology and understanding that, at this stage, had not been granted to me. Even so, the journey from the theoretical to the personal – from the head to the heart – was similar. And I am convinced that each disciple of Jesus needs to understand as much as they can about God's activity (head) and to experience as much as they can (heart). We need both to be truly the people that God created us to be.

Love your God with all your heart

The presidential theme for 2022/2023 is 'The Greatest Commandment' (Matthew 22:37-39). Vice-President Anthony Boateng and I are concentrating on different aspects of the theme as we believe the Church should be filled with those who love God, others and themselves. We also need a fresh wind of the Holy Spirit to restore, revive and reignite us. In fact, we believe that each is necessary for the other. We should love God and our neighbours as much as we love ourselves and, it is as we love like this, that we become ready for the new or fresh things that God wants to do in us and for us.

To go a little deeper, our relationship with God should be continually evolving, maturing and deepening as we learn to live and minister together day by day. This happens when we love and trust each other. I am continually amazed that God is willing to trust me to be a servant of God and a presbyter in the Methodist Church. And I can only be the minister that I am called to be because my relationship with God sustains and enables me each day. A caveat, however, most relationships go through rocky patches and that has been my experience too!

Grounded in love

A relationship with God, made possible through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and made real by the abiding Spirit is on offer to us all. Such a relationship transforms lives and enables God's purposes to be fulfilled. The basis of such a relationship is love and when we struggle to get things right with God we need to go back to first principles and consider the love we have – or don't have – for God. We love God, says the writer of 1 John (4:19) because God first loved us.

God reaches out to us in Jesus and blesses us with the Holy Spirit as we invite God to share all our living with us. Such love is the kind that, to quote from the old marriage service, “grows and deepens with the years” (Methodist Service Book p.186). It isn’t a crush or a phase but results in the gift of oneself to the other; utterly and totally. We become open to God’s Spirit when we are grounded in such a relationship.

Throughout this year both Anthony and I want to encourage others to find hope and security in their relationship with God. In an ever-changing world (culturally, economically and post-pandemic) it is our relationships that sustain us. We may not always get things right; we will make mistakes but, together with God and one another, we can be the best versions of ourselves.

At the same time, we should be ready for the fresh wind of God to blow through our Church. As we make ourselves open to God, we can expect new and exciting things to happen as we love God and one another and invite God to be at work in and through us.

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SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE!

JUMOKE out of school Club entered for "Out of School Club of the Year" run by Club Central. We were one of three clubs short listed in the nominations.

I am pleased to say we received the "HIGHLY COMMENDED" award - You can see our certificate on the side hall notice board.

JUMOKE is also running the Holiday Activities Food Programme (HAF) funded by the local authority for Families in Need. This will be open from, 1st to 25th August. You can contact JUMOKE and speak to Audrey for more details:

Tel 07535 33 11146 / abobbsayers@yahoo.co.uk

Audrey



GOODBYE

As many of you know, Abe, our Minister for the last 5 years, is moving on to another Circuit at the end of July. Abe conducted her last service at Anerley as our Minister on 17th July. It was an inspiring service, with a good attendance, and was followed by a Bring-and-Share lunch. After the meal, Dinah Anaman, on behalf of the Church Stewards, thanked Abe for all her work, companionship and friendship over the years that she had been with us, and presented Abe with a cheque, flowers and card on behalf of the Church.

Others thanked Abe for her help and pastoral care during their times of sorrow and difficulty, and also for sharing with them in their times of celebration.

Desmond, on behalf of the Salvation and Deliverance Ministry (who use our premises on Sunday afternoons) thanked Abe for her ministry and wished her well for the future.

In reply Abe thanked everyone for their welcome and help when she came., and for the hospitality shown to her over the years. She said that at times there had been difficulties, but no one said that God's work would be easy. Abe said that we should be sure to nurture the children and young people in our church family: they are not only the future of the church, they are the church NOW.

Abe is moving to Felixstowe, in Suffolk, where she will have oversight of four churches, and will act as Chaplain to the Port of Felixstowe on one day a week.

The blessing below was sung at the end of Abe's final service, and it is appropriate to use it now as our thoughts and

prayers go with her as she moves on to the next stage of her Ministerial journey.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you,

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6 vv.24-26

Marian

ROUND THE FAMILY

We were sorry to hear of the death of Anita Blenman at the beginning of June. Anita had a long association with Anerley Methodist Church and for many years was a foster mother, showing her love to all who passed through her doors. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her, and we ask for your prayers for her family and friends at this sad time.

Please also remember Maureen and Adrian Cole, as Maureen continues to undergo treatment.

Marian

CIRCUIT EVENING SERVICES/GATHERINGS ON ZOOM

Following the success of the Spring initiative, the Circuit are running further evening Services/Gatherings on Zoom:

When: The second Sunday of the month:

- 12th June 2022 • 10th July 2022 • 14th August 2022 • 11th September 2022 • 9th October 2022 • 13th November 2022

Details of the Zoom Gathering/Service:

- Zoom opens from 6.00pm to allow us to gather and chat and stays open after the Service is finished • Service starts at 6.30pm and lasts for 40 to 50 minutes • volunteers to read or take part in prayers or testimony or offer a reflection are always welcome - don't wait to be asked
- the Zoom link is the same as before. Zoom link (the same for each session): <https://zoom.us/j/91829724673?pwd=WGpsL0RPbW9LSHZoMzBRd25uM3kwQT09>

Please share the information with people who may not be at Church. One-to-one help with Zoom available. We look forward to meeting each other on Zoom.

Margaret Boreham
email:mboreham5@gmail.com,

BCPC Online Team

Andrew's Railway Journeys

Through a series of 12 short articles I want to share with you some of the varied events that have occurred while travelling by train. Some of you will have had similar experiences, but I hope you will find these accounts interesting and sometimes amusing. So let's start with a bang!

1. How's that for an entrance!

Valerie and I were on holiday at Llandudno in north Wales and one day travelled on the scenic Conway Valley Line to Blaenau Ffestiniog. While we were trundling along, somewhere near Betws-y-Coed, our train entered a long cutting. Partway round a bend there was the most almighty bang which reverberated off the solid rock walls either side. The train came to a shuddering halt. There was some consternation among those on board. What's happened? Have we hit something? Has the diesel engine blown up?

But no. After a pause, a door swung open and a head appeared. A figure then hauled himself on board and was followed by several others - all railway gangers carrying their tools. They had finished whatever they were doing to the track, and simply wanted a lift on the train. At that point the bend in the track and the narrowness of the rock cutting limited the driver's view meaning any visible signal was impractical, so instead they placed a detonator on the rail which exploded as the first set of wheels made contact. I do think they could have stopped the train a little further on beyond the cutting where the explosion would have been less deafening to everyone on board. I suspect they wanted to make an impressive entrance when they joined the train!

I remember being told that in the London 'pea-souper' fogs of the 1950's detonators were regularly used to warn train drivers to stop at red signals, but this was my first and only first-hand experience of being aboard a train halted in this way. AT

PENGE HERITAGE TRAIL

I wonder how many of you who live in or near Penge are familiar with the Penge Heritage Trail? Penge has a wealth of heritage, from many Grade II listed buildings (amongst them the Royal Watermen's Almshouses, Penge East Railway Station, The Royal Naval Asylum...) to famous personalities who lived in Penge (Walter de la Mare, Bill Wyman of the Rolling Stones, Peggy Spencer...). Guided heritage walks take place on special occasions during the year, but a map of the Trail can be picked up from the Penge Library or downloaded from the Heritage Trail website if you would like to do your own walk : www.pengeheritagetrail.org.uk.

Although most of the sites are around the area of Penge High Street, some are a little further away, and with 24 sites to visit, it might be advisable to do the Trail in several sections. Along the Trail there are 12 pavement plaques, funded by Bromley Council, giving details of some of the sites/famous people associated with area.

The website also has details of other people, incidents etc. associated with Penge. Look under the Heritage Stories heading to find the story of Lily, the Penge East Station cat. Lily's owners lived near the station and Lily spent most of her time in the booking hall or sitting on the Oyster card reader. She was a great favourite of the commuters who used the station, who used to bring her toys and treats, and after she died in 2020 a fund was set up to have a plaque and small statue in her memory place on the UP platform. Not all Penge personalities were human!

COOKERY CORNER

Baked Alaska

6 Servings

Ingredients

Raspberries/strawberries/ small fruit

2 egg whites

225 gr. (8 oz) sponge cake or trifle pieces

1 block ice cream

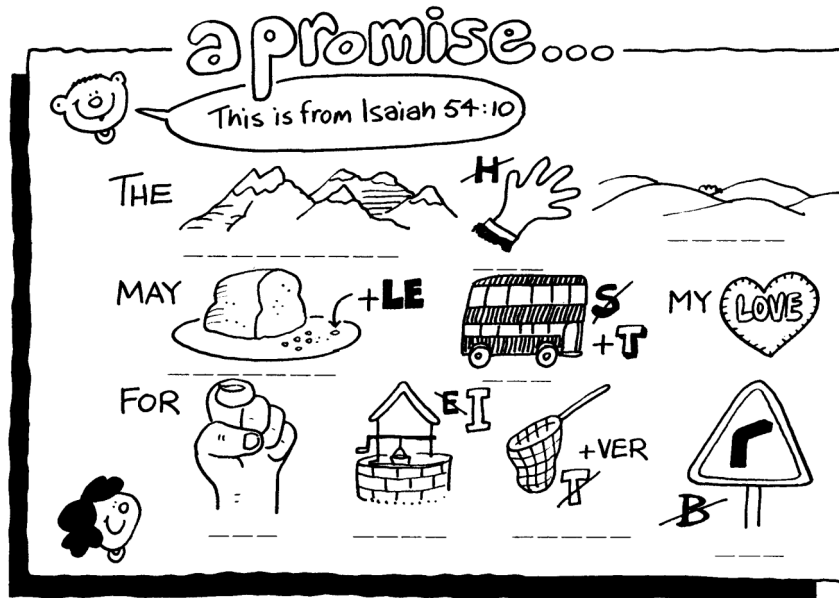
25 gr. sugar

Method

1. Arrange the sponge cake or trifle pieces in a fireproof dish.
2. Put the fresh fruit over it
3. Whisk the egg whites and fold in the sugar.
4. Cover the cake with the ice cream to within an inch of the edges.
5. Pour the meringue mixture over the top, making sure that all the ice cream is covered.
6. Bake in a hot oven 180° /350°/Gas Mark 4 for 10 minutes.

Ann Vickery

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS



Cloud Shapes

Elijah's servant saw a cloud that reminded him of a man's hand. Perhaps it looked like this ►



Do you see shapes in clouds? Look next time and find some. What do these clouds remind you of?



Try drawing a cloud shaped like a bear.

Read
1 Kings 18
vv 41-46



Penge Community Pre-School

Leader: Chloe Edgington

Anerley Methodist Church

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| Campbell School of Dance Friday 4—7pm | Tel. 020 8777 7529 |
| 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 |
| Penge Community Pre-School Monday to Friday 9.15am to 4pm | Tel. 020 8289 6771 |
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

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| Wed 3rd | Wednesday Club 8pm Workout Challenge |
| Wed 10 th | Wednesday Club 8pm Extravaganza |
| Sun 14 th | Zoom Circuit evening service 6.30pm (see magazine for further details) |
| Wed 17 th | Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning |
| Wed 24 th | Wednesday Club 8pm Bird Bingo |
| Mon 22 nd | Christian Action Group 8pm at the Church (Side Hall) Speaker: Valerie Tredinnick |

SEPTEMBER

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| Sat 3rd | Welcome service for the Rev. William Davis at Anerley Methodist Church at 4pm, led by the District Chair, the Rev. Nigel Cowgill. |
| Wed 7 th | Wednesday Club 8pm. |
| Sun 10 th | MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN! |
| Sun 10 th | Zoom Circuit evening service 6.30pm (see magazine for further details) |
| Wed 14 th | Wednesday Club 8pm |
| Mon 19 th | Christian Action Group 8pm at the Church. (side hall) Speaker: Julie Taylor |
| Wed 21 st | Circuit Meeting 7.30pm at Eltham Park Methodist Church |

Wed 21st NO Wednesday Club

Sun 25th 11am Harvest Festival

Wed 28th Wednesday Club 8pm

Thur 29th Pastoral Committee Meeting 7.45pm at the Church

OCTOBER

Thur 20th Church Council 7.45pm at the Church

Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 28th August. September dates for Holy Communion are not yet available.

There are no evening services being held at the church at present

The Prayer Meeting is not meeting in person at the moment, but is meeting via email. For more details or to request prayer, please contact Margaret Boreham, mboreham5@gmail.com

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