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CHRISTMAS 2022

**The Newsletter of
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FROM THE MINISTER

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christmas is a very important time of the year. It is a time of the year when the whole world is hearing the message of the birth of Jesus. It is a time when people are tender hearted and the perfect time to plant seeds of love in the lives of those you meet. Sometimes those seeds may just take the form of a kind word in the middle of a rush hour shopping. At times you may get the opportunity to pray and minister to someone. But whatever the situation, keep a sharp eye out for even the smallest chance to assist people.

It is amazing how many people are ready to hear what you have to say when you say it in love. They are starved for someone to really care. Be that someone this Christmas season. Spread the word about the peace that is available in Jesus. Tell about His goodwill towards all men. Who knows how many of those small seeds may one day take root and bring one more precious person into the glorious kingdom of God.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

Rev. William Davis



ROUND THE FAMILY

We were sorry to hear of the death of Maureen Cole at the beginning of November after a long illness.. Our thoughts and prayers are with Adrian, Jamie, Fiona and Laura and all the family at this sad time.

Please also remember in your prayer Janice Friend and family, following the sudden death of her brother in October.

It seems likely that Christmas not be so regulated this year as in the past couple of years, and we shall once again be able to celebrate with family and friends more freely. Wherever you are and whatever your circumstances, a Happy Christmas to you all!

Marian

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Gift Service Sunday 4th December 11am

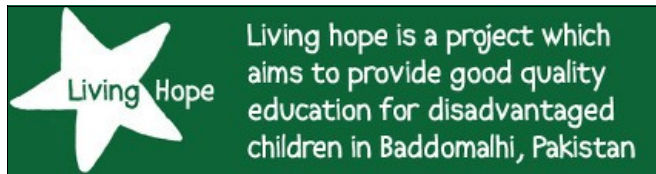
Carol Service Sunday 11th December 6.30pm

Christmas Eve Communion 9.15pm

Christmas Day All Age Worship 9.15am.

There will be the usual Sunday Service at 11am on New Year's Day





I hope you are keeping well. It is so good to give you updates on Living Hope School. The children have settled back in after their summer holiday. During the summer holiday, we redecorated the school and carried out necessary maintenance work.

As many of you have seen in the news, this year monsoon rain affected badly and one-third of the country was under water. Water is receding but it has affected millions of people. Most of the transport links and crops have been destroyed by the floods. Even though the flood waters have not affected the school directly, the devastation caused by the floods and the increase in inflation at record levels has affected all of our students and teachers. The school electricity cost has tripled in the last few and there is a severe shortage of food. Many of our student's families cannot even afford to buy an onion or a tomato.

We pray and hope that the roads and bridges are repaired soon so the goods can be transported to different regions. With your financial support, we are still able to carry on the good work of equipping our students with a life-changing education. Please continue to pray for our teachers, students and their families.

God bless,

Rev Imran Malik, 10 Portland Road, Hawkhead Road, Paisley ,PA2
7GH

Christmas Post Boxes

The two Post Boxes will be available in the Entrance Hall from Sunday 27th November. The **Country Box** will be removed following the evening **Carol Service** on Sunday **11th December**. Please make sure that the only cards put in this box are for the people listed.

Distribution of items in the **Local Box** will follow the morning service on **Sunday 18th December**. If you can help by delivering some cards to people who are absent please let me know.

Because several people share Christian names please ensure you write their surnames on the envelopes as well.

We do invite donations to St. Christopher's Hospice. These can be placed in the plate alongside or handed directly to me. Last year net receipts (i.e. after paying the postage on the Country Box items) totalled just £67 which was considerably down on previous years. Let's see if we can increase the figure to at least £90 this year.

Andrew T.



Andrew's Railway Journeys

3. Beginning, middle & end, or rather middle, end & front!

I was fortunate as a child to have regular summer holidays. Invariably we went west, to holiday resorts in Dorset, Devon and Cornwall, or occasionally to the Welsh coast. Our journeys sometimes started at Waterloo, but in the main we left from Paddington. As a young boy it was particularly exciting for me to be able to 'spot' some different trains, because in south London there was a dearth of steam locomotives to be seen.

Sometime in the mid 1950's our holiday was in St. Ives which is situated in the far west of Cornwall. We joined the train at Paddington on a busy summer Saturday. Our service was headed for Penzance, but whether it was the *Cornish Riviera Express* or a relief train I cannot remember. What I do recall is that our coach was situated somewhere near the middle of a train consisting of more than a dozen carriages.

Somewhere in Devon, possibly at Newton Abbot or maybe Plymouth several coaches were detached and, instead of being in the middle of the train, we crossed the Royal Albert Bridge and entered Cornwall in what had become the very last carriage.

Progress thereafter is the slowest part of the journey as calls are made at several rural stations. Nowadays on reaching St. Erth it is necessary to change to a local service to reach St. Ives. Back then, however, the last two or three carriages were detached leaving the leading coaches to continue through to Penzance. At the same time, a small tank engine was attached at the rear, and drew the remaining carriages back out of the station to head along the branch line to St. Ives. Suddenly we were now at the front right behind the locomotive!

AT.

Blackheath and Crystal Palace Circuit Advent Bible Study 2022

Following on from the well supported Circuit Advent Bible studies of the past two years, using the Zoom platform, the circuit staff team has decided to jointly deliver another study this year. We are using material that has come to us from a Celtic Christian site called 'Faith and worship'. Resources from this site are widely used in many different Christian traditions.

This year's study was written by the Preacher, poet and writer, John Birch. His study is based on the famous hymn 'Hark the Glad Sound', number 171 in Singing the Faith. The hymn was written by Philip Doddridge, the 18th century hymn writer who was a contemporary of the Wesley brothers and Isaac Watts.

'Hark the glad sound' is a four-week study. Each week's study is based on a verse of the hymn. It includes Old Testament, Gospel and Epistle readings for each week. Also questions for discussion and ideas for prayer and devotion.

We will be meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm by zoom. Below are the details of the study as we have organised it. It will be an interactive study in which we encourage all who are able participate to be involved in the discussions. We do hope that as many people as possible from across the circuit are able to join us and enjoy both the study and the cross-circuit fellowship of friends.

Please find below details of the zoom link you would need to access this study. Join Zoom Meeting [https://zoom.us/j/92471196997?](https://zoom.us/j/92471196997?pwd=OVpSV3ltMTNTMGlvMi93bVlzZUNPZz09)
 pwd=OVpSV3ltMTNTMGlvMi93bVlzZUNPZz09 Meeting ID:
 924 7119 6997 Passcode: 977822

Wed. 30th November: Study 1 'The Saviour promised long'
led by Revd Richard Grocott

Wed. 7th December: Study 2 'Prisoners to release' led by
Revd Craig Gaffney

Wed. 14th December: Study 3 'Broken hearts to bind' led by
Revd Charles ILunga

Wed. 21st December: Study 4 'Prince of peace' led by Revd
William Davis

Best wishes

Richard

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2022

5.00PM—5.45PM

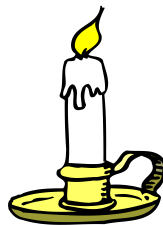
A Service of Blessing for Betts Park involving local
Churches and the Community

Everyone is welcome

Please bring a phone or torch for light

Wear warm clothes

Betts Park by the Outdoor Gym in Anerley Road.



ENVELOPE SCHEME

As a majority of people now make their freewill offering by means of regular bank transfers it is no longer economical to order sets of envelopes (minimum 50) for just a handful of people. However, Andrew has unused sets from past years which are available to anyone who prefers to contribute in this way, or who wants to be able to supplement their giving from time to time. If using such envelopes please do ensure that your personal 'envelope scheme number' is written on the envelope.

It is our custom to have a separate retiring collection at services which include the Lord's Supper. These monies go to the Benevolent Fund, either to meet local needs or to be forwarded to specific good causes as announced.

Envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church. When using them do be sure to add your personal 'envelope scheme number'.

If you don't already have an 'envelope scheme number' please speak with Anita. If you would like to 'Gift Aid' your offertory - and increase your donation by 20% without yourself paying any more! please see or speak to Dave.



FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

ANGELS
BETHLEHEM
INN
JESUS
JOSEPH
KINGS
MARY
SHEPHERDS
STABLE
STAR

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GOLD
FRANKINCENSE
MYRRH
WISE
MEN

FOLLOW
STAR
HEROD
DREAM
WORSHIP

COOKERY CORNER

West Country Pudding

Serves 5 - 6. Cooking time 1 hour.

Oven temperature 375°F/ 190°C/ Gas mark 5

Ingredients

Pastry

175gr (6 oz) self-raising flour 75gr (3oz) suet

Water to mix

Topping

40gr.(1½ oz.) margarine 75gr (3oz) soft brown sugar

Filling

675gr (1½ lb) cooking apples, peeled, cored and sliced.

50gr (2 oz) sugar

Method

1. Mix together dry pastry ingredients with sufficient water to make a pliable dough.
2. Cream together topping ingredients and spread on the bottom of a well-greased 900ml (1½ pint) pie dish.
3. Roll out $\frac{2}{3}$ of the pastry and use to line the dish.
4. Fill the dish with sliced apples, sprinkle with sugar, finishing with a layer of apples.
5. Roll out the remaining pastry to cover the apples and seal the edges firmly.

6. Bake in the centre of the pre-heated oven, on a baking tray, for about an hour or until golden.
7. Turn out the pudding on a large dish, the sauce will run out and cover the dish.
8. Serve hot with custard or cream.

Ann Vickery

Season's Greetings to Everyone!

HELP WANTED

Power Point - We looking for more people to help prepare PowerPoint presentations for the church services and/or to operate the laptop during the Service. If you can help, please see Valerie for further details.

Reading the Bible in Church - If you would like to read one of the Bible passages in a church service, please see Valerie.

Door Stewards. We are looking for more Door Stewards to welcome people to church and give them hymn books or communion books if wanted. Please see Marian if you can help.

Digital hymn book -would anyone like to learn how to programme and operate the digital hymn book, for the times when Marian is away? Alternatively, if anyone can play the piano and would be willing to fill in occasionally, this would be appreciated! Don't worry if you are rusty, we have easy versions of most of the hymns! Please see Marian if you can help.



Penge Community Pre-School

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Anerley Methodist Church

Deputy Leader: Sue Charlesworth

Oakfield Road

SENCO: Dawn McConochie

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Hill Dance Academy Tel; 07772 199 103
Tues. 4.30 –8.30pm; Sat 11am-3pm

Penge Community Pre-School Tel. 020 8289 6771
Monday to Friday 9.15am to 4pm

Salvation & Deliverance Ministry Tel. 020 8683 3094
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WENDY BLENMAN (Dip. Couns., MSc in therapeutic counselling)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

- Sat 3rd “Light in the Darkness” service at Betts Park, Anerley Road, 5pm—5.45pm (See magazine for further details)
- Sun 4th Gift Service 11am led by Rev. William Davis
- Mon 5th Christian Action Group 8pm in the Side Hall. Speaker: Rev. William Davis
- Wed 7th Circuit Advent Bible Study by Zoom 7.30pm (see magazine for details)
- Wed 7th Wednesday Club 8pm: Beetle Drive
- Sun 11th Carol Service 6.30pm led by Rev. William Davis
- Wed 14th Circuit Advent Bible Study by Zoom 7.30pm
- Wed 14th Wednesday Club 8pm: Christmas Readings
- Wed 21st Circuit Advent Bible Study by Zoom 7.30pm
- Wed 21st Wednesday Club 8pm: Cat Bingo
- Sat 24th Christmas Eve Communion 9.15pm
- Sun 25th Christmas Day All Age Worship 9.15 am

JANUARY

- Wed 4th Wednesday Club 8pm: Dominoes
- Sun 8th Zoom Circuit Evening Service 6.30pm
- Sun 8th ALL MAGAZINE ARTICLES TO MARIAN **TODAY**
- Wed 11th Wednesday Club 8pm: Quiz of the Year

Sun 15th	Covenant Service 11am. Preacher : Rev. William Davis
Wed 18th	Wednesday Club 8pm: Name that Word
Sun 22nd	All Age Worship 11 am
Mon 23 rd	Christian Action Group 8pm in the Side Hall: Business Meeting
Wed 25th	Wednesday Club 8pm: Valerie's Birthday Celebration

FEBRUARY

Wed 1st	Wednesday Club 8pm British Sign Language and Deaf Awareness
Sun 12th	Zoom Circuit Evening Service 6.30pm
Wed 15th	Wednesday Club 8pm. Programme Planning and Valentine's celebration
Mon 20th	Christian Action Group 8pm. Speaker: Andrew Tredinnick

Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. . Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 18th December, and All Age Worship will take place on Sunday 4th (Gift Service). In addition, Christmas Day will be All Age Worship (9.15am). In January Holy Communion will be celebrated on 15th (Covenant Service).

There are no evening services at present, apart from on Sunday 11th December (Carol Service).

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.