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FROM THE MINISTER

Friends, another Lent is with us and as we reflect on the essence of this season, we need also to reflect on the need to obey God in our lives. Love and obedience go together. New believers must learn that true obedience is the natural result of an attitude of love for Christ. True obedience does not come from fear of punishment. Obedience is the way to remain in fellowship with Christ and to have a continued awareness of His love. We love Jesus because he willingly laid down His life for us. Jesus, because of His loving obedience to His father, was obedient even to death on the cross for us. We should have that same kind of loving obedience, it makes us friends of Christ and it produces joy. [John 15:14].

HOW TO BE OBEDIENT

1. Know God's commandments. [Psalm 119:11,105,130]. It is difficult to be obedient if one does not know what he is supposed to obey. Encourage new believers to read the Bible.
2. Seek the help of the Holy Spirit. By ourselves we will fail. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can be obedient
3. Develop right attitudes;
 - A] Delight to do God's will. [Psalm 40:8]
 - B] Do God's will carefully. [Deuteronomy 26:16]
 - C] Be sincere in your obedience. [Luke 8:15]
 - D] Keep clean [Acts 24:16]
 - E] Love God. [John 14:15]
4. Do not keep sin in your heart.[Psalm 66:18].

I wish you all a happy Lent celebration.

Rev. William Davis

.ROUND THE FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers Comfort Oppong and Dinah Anaman, whose older brother has died in Ghana. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and the family as they travel to Ghana for the funeral.

Our services over the Christmas period were very enjoyable and fairly well attended, Our Gift Service was led by our Minister, William Davis,. and our gifts were given to Demelza Hospice . Our Carol Service was also led by William and followed the tradition of 9 readings and carols. There was the usual Christmas Eve Communion this year and the Christmas Day service was well-attended, and several Christmas presents were shown to the congregation!

The Church received Christmas and New Year greetings from Ronnie Butler, the Rev. Graham Cocking, Abraham Doku, and Danielle and Chloë (Pre-School).

Everyone involved in producing the magazine sends you (very belated!) best wishes for the New Year!

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WESUW (Women Emulating Susanna Wesley)

Women of Faith: Sisters in Christ. For women of all nationalities in our churches aged 18 years and over. We invite you to join us in promoting unity, friendship, love through fellowship whilst supporting our churches and organisations.

Meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of each month from 11am – 1,00pm at Upper Norwood Methodist Church. Next Meetings 25th February, 25th March

Andrew's Railway Journeys

4. Getting a meal on board

Many years ago in connection with my work I had to go to Newcastle for the day. I'd caught a local train to London before 6 o'clock in the morning, then made my way to King's Cross for the journey north. Arriving mid-morning I was picked up by a colleague, taken to her office where I read through an extensive file. After a sandwich lunch she took me to a local address where I had a lengthy interview with a couple, before making my way back to my colleague's office for a further conversation with her.

She delivered me back to Newcastle Central station for a return train to London late afternoon. I planned to treat myself to a meal on the train which I would off-set against an evening meal allowance to which I was entitled for being away from home all day. The first call for dinner came just as we left Newcastle. Feeling that I'd rather eat a little later I decided to wait for the second sitting to be called.

This proved a bad decision. As the train approached York it was announced that the kitchen staff were going off-duty and the dining car was now closed! So I ended up having a 'scratch meal' at home sometime after 9pm. One or two proverbs spring to mind!

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Back in 1981 Valerie and I shared a Scottish holiday with Joan and Audrey. In those days an overnight MotorRail service was available and we were returning from Inverness at 7.30pm. The vehicles were driven on to a rake of closed wag-

ons waiting at a goods platform, while the passengers made their way to the sleeping cars assembled at another platform. Being the last day of our holiday we looked forward to a celebratory meal in the dining car.

As the whistle blew for the train to leave so we heard the announcement for passengers wanting evening dinner to make their way to the dining car. It was a long train and to our dismay when we eventually got there the steward informed us that all seats had been taken! What were we going to do? We hadn't eaten much all day in anticipation of this meal. There were several other passengers in the same predicament. The steward said we could eat with the staff but this would not be until 9.30pm. So that's what we and half a dozen other passengers did. The portions were enormous because the remaining food was being finished up. All very well, but we didn't leave the table till after 11pm and weren't then ready to turn in straight away.

While the dining steward had been explaining that we would have to eat later, the train had come to a halt outside the station. It then began to slowly reverse to couple up with the wagons carrying the cars. There was a significant lurch as the two portions came together. The guard, who was standing nearby, remarked, *"It happens every time – we couple-up just as the soup is being served!"*

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Circuit Evening Services/Gatherings on Zoom

The Circuit are running further evening Services/Gatherings on Zoom as follows:

When: The second Sunday of the month:

- 12th February 2023
- 12th March 2023

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](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.

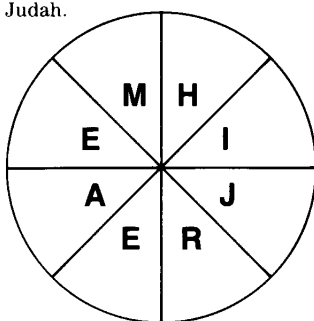
We look forward to meeting each other on Zoom.

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FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

WORD CIRCLE

How many words of three letters or more can you make from the letters in the circle? No plurals, no proper names. When you have found as many as you can, all the letters will spell out the name of a great prophet in Judah.



Answer at the bottom of page 13

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INTROIT

The introit for the next 4 months (starting on Sunday 5th February) will be as follows:-

INTROIT FOR THE NEXT 4 MONTHS

Holy. holy, holy.
 With joy my heart adores you!
 My heart cries out to worship you:
 Holy are you, Lord!

*Argentinian liturgical text,
 translated by Maggie Hamilton*

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LETTER FROM RICCI SOCIAL SERVICES, MACAU

Several people in our church have been supporting Ricci Social Services for many years, via donations to Andrew Tredinnick via “The Tin”. This is an extract from their latest letter.

The Joy to learn how to walk closer in order to serve better

To learn is to look for answers to questions. To serve is also to accompany others to learn how to find answers to their own questions: questions about their past, questions about their present situation, or questions about their future. Most of the persons we serve in Casa Ricci are facing very challenging situations: Pain and suffering due to their physical condition, family and social discrimination, poverty and insufficient education, deep feelings of loneliness, guilt, shame and inferiority, uncertainty regarding their future, fear of dying, etc. It will be useless for them to hear our own answers to these complex situations, no matter how “professional” they may sound. For this reason, in Ricci Social Services to be professional have always meant: 1) to learn how to walk closer to the persons we serve, 2) to learn how to understand their questions, and 3) to learn how to help them find their personal answers to these questions.

Only by walking closer to the persons we want to serve, we can understand their own questions. And only by understanding their questions, we can help them find their personal answers to these questions. This kind of learning is quite challenging and full of uncertainties.

The Chinese character to learn (學) shows a child sitting quietly in front of a desk. The earliest inscriptions of the character shows a person making an offering in a temple. Only with this kind of humble and respectful attitude expressed in this character we can learn how to serve in Ricci Social Ser-

vices. This requires from us to approach each person 願's reality with great respect and humility, knowing that our desire to be closer to them will never be strong enough, our efforts to understand their questions will be quite insufficient, and our knowledge or capacity to help him or her find their answers or solutions will always be limited.

n this issue of Encounter we would like to share with you some stories about how we learn in Casa Ricci. Each story is quite unique. But all of them have something in common: Our desire to serve better motivates us to learn more, and by learning more we make our service more joyful! All of them are stories inspired in the story of Emmanuel, that little baby born in Bethlehem. The one who learnt how to become man, "not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mt 20:28)

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a 2023 full of Hope!

Fr. Fernando Azpiroz

Macau, 08 December 2022.

(The complete issue of Encounter, containing the stories referred to above, can be seen on the Notice Board in the entrance hall)

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A prayer of Saint Columba

Be, Lord Jesus, a bright flame before me,
a guiding star above me,
a smooth path below me,
a kindly shepherd behind me,
today, tonight and for ever. Amen

COOKERY CORNER

Gypsy Tart

Ingredients

Prepared pastry flan case

225 gr. (8 oz) light soft brown sugar

Small tin of evaporated milk (chilled)

Method

1. Prepare and bake blind a pastry case or flan case
2. Place milk in a bowl and mix in sugar slowly until fairly stiff.
3. Place the mixture in the warm pastry case and place in a hot oven 180°F/160°C/Gas mark 4 and cook until mixture sets (10-15 minutes) Do NOT allow the mixture to bubble or it will spoil.
4. Allow to cool before serving

Ann Vickery

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LAPTOPS FOR GHANA

Rev. William Davis is hoping to buy 5 laptops for schools in Ghana, and the Christian Action Group are hoping to raise money towards the cost of this. Listen out for details of sales of plants, home made jams and other goodies, and a possible bring-and-buy sale.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday 3 March 2023 at 7.30pm at Avenue Baptist Church, Avenue Road, Beckenham BR3 4RX. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Taiwan and the theme is "I have heard about your faith".

Our sisters in Taiwan are sending us blessings with the service they have prepared for the World Day of Prayer 2023. Taiwan is an island rich in natural resources and culturally diverse. The women of Taiwan share the issues faced geographically, politically and socially and also their hopes for the future. Let us join with them as we give thanks for the beautiful island and people of Taiwan and encourage one another in our faith just as Apostle Paul did in his letters.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world, their hopes, concerns and prayers. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world - through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in America Samoa some 38 hours later.

Please come along and join in this service of praise and prayer. All are welcome.

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Answer to Word Circle (p.9) JEREMIAH



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

Wed 1st	Wednesday Club 8pm Deaf Awareness and British Sign Language
Wed 8 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Musical Evening
Sun 12th	Zoom Circuit Evening Service 6.30pm
Wed 15th	Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning and Valentine's celebration
Thur 16th	Church Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Church
Mon 20th	Christian Action Group 8pm in the Side Hall, Speaker: Andrew Tredinnick
Wed 22nd	Wednesday Club. 8pm WOT
Thur 23rd	Pastoral Committee 7.45pm in the Chapel
Sat 25th	Mission in Britain Fundraiser 10am-12 noon at Burnt Ash Methodist Church
Sat 25th	WESUW (Women Emulating Susanna Wesley) Meeting 11am at Upper Norwood Methodist Church
Sun 26th	All Age Worship 11am led by Jeanette Warren

MARCH

Wed 1st	Circuit Meeting 7.30pm at Wesley Hall Methodist Church
Wed 1st	NO Wednesday Club
Fri 3rd	World Day of Prayer 7.30pm at Avenue Baptist Church, Avenue Road, Beckenham BR3 4RX
Wed 8 th	Wednesday Club 8pm
Sun 12 th	MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
Sun 12th	Zoom Circuit Evening Service 6.30pm
Wed 15 th	Wednesday Club 8pm

Sun 19th	Mothering Sunday All Age Worship, 11am
Wed 22nd	Wednesday Club 8pm
Wed 29th	Wednesday Club 8pm
Sat 25th	WESUW (Women Emulating Susanna Wesley) Meeting 11am at Upper Norwood Methodist Church

APRIL

Sun 2nd	Palm Sunday
Thur 6th	Maundy Thursday
Fri 7th	Good Friday
Sun 9th	Easter Sunday

Morning services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion is usually celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of the month. In February this will be on the 19th.

There are no evening services at present.

The Prayer Meeting is not meeting in person at present, but is meeting via email. For more details contact Margaret Boreham - mboreham5@gmail.com