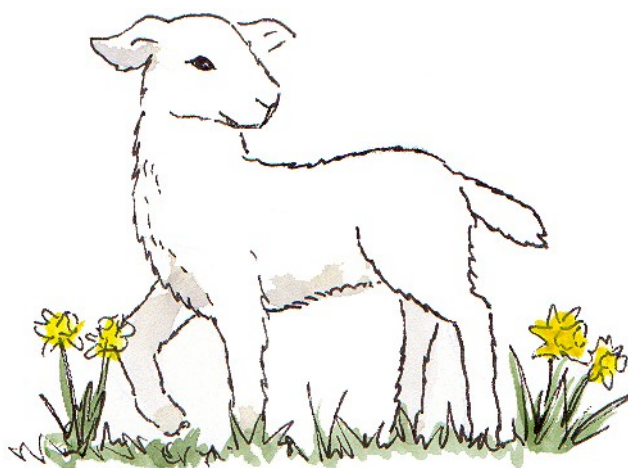


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## **LETTER FROM THE MINISTER**

Friends, Jesus Christ rose from the dead which is the key to the Christian faith. John Stott, in his book, *The Cross of Christ*, gives us three main things that the Cross of Christ achieved.

The first is that the Cross saved sinners. This is something that is already accomplished. And so, Charles Wesley could write: 'Bold I approach the eternal throne and claim the crown through Christ my own'. This is a message that runs through the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. At His birth, the name he was given is 'Jesus' and the meaning according to the Angel of Annunciation is, 'He will save his people from their sins'. So, St. Paul was not speaking amiss when he told the Corinthians, 'for I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified'. (1 Corinthians 2:2). The ministry of Jesus was about the salvation of sinners.

The second achievement of the Cross is that it revealed to us something of the nature of God. To understand any human being, one of the things to look out for is the choices that the person makes in life. The type of spouse, car, house, colours, school, friends, and vocation and lifestyles that people choose say more about them than whatever they say about themselves. The nature of the God we serve is revealed to us by the choice of the cross as the means of human salvation. The Cross makes the ultimate mission statement of Christianity, and that is, the Creator God was willing to choose shame and humiliation in order to bring redemption to the work of his

hands.

The third achievement of the Cross identified by John Stott is the conquest of evil. Evil is anything whether physical or spiritual, visible or invisible that is inimical to human life and salvation. So, Jesus defined evil when he referred to the devil as one who comes but 'to steal, kill and destroy'. When evil is conquered, what replaces it is life, the abundance of life that Jesus promised in John 10:10. The Cross of Christ conquered evil so that those who are in Christ will experience Eternal Life. In addition to sin, evil has manifested in our world in many ways including the blind pursuit of materialism to the detriment of making a difference to the lives of others.

The Cross transform everything, renews our relationship with God, provides new incentives for the church to pursue mission and for both the church and the individuals. The Cross of Christ gives us a new courage to face the perplexities of suffering. It is our sins that put Christ on the Cross and so we have to stand before it with bowed heads and broken spirits.

Wishing you a PEACEFUL EASTER CELEBRATION.

Rev. William Davis



## **ROUND THE FAMILY**

Please remember in your prayers Evelyn Richards and her family, following the death of their mother Eula Morris at the end of February, just before her 92nd birthday. Eula attended our church for some years before ill-health prevented her from coming, and many of us will remember her.

We were also sorry to hear of the death of the mother of the Rev. Andrew Goodhead, a former minister of our church, and of Bill Bryan, whose late parents had a long association with the Church at Anerley, and who had occasionally played the piano for some of our services in the 1980s. Please remember in your prayers Andrew and his family, and the family of Bill.

Congratulations to Hilary and Dipo Lafinhan on the birth of daughter Emilia on 15th March, and to Comfort and Joe Opong on the birth of another granddaughter.

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## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the World Day of Prayer service. Thank you to Avenue Baptist Church for hosting us and making us welcome, and for everyone who supplied and served the refreshments.

Although there were not as many people attending this year, the service was appreciated by those who attended. Our offering amounted to £145, with £60 being gift aided. This has been sent to World Day of Prayer organisation.

Best wishes  
Julie

## **Andrew's Railway Journeys**

### **5. Choose your route carefully**

From time to time we visit our nephew and his family at Reading and opt to travel by train. The quickest route is via Paddington, but this involves an Underground journey across London. The alternative is to travel from Waterloo. Although this takes slightly longer, it has the advantage that because our local trains stop at Waterloo East, only a short walk is required to reach the main-line station where a train to Reading can be caught, thereby avoiding the need to take the tube.

On one of our journeys via Waterloo we noticed that some passengers joining our train at London Bridge were 'elegantly dressed', and when we got to the main-line station we realised why. The concourse was thronged with ladies in smart hats and men in suits all going to the race meeting at Ascot, which of course was on our route!

We did manage to get seats, but the train quickly filled up and by departure time it was 'standing room' only. As we pulled into Clapham Junction the platform was crammed with more race-goers. Somehow they all managed to squeeze on board. Although it was only mid-morning, many of the Ascot race passengers had already consumed some alcohol, and our carriage certainly had the feel of a party atmosphere. At Ascot the train emptied and we enjoyed a quiet conclusion to our journey.

Coming home we decided to leave after 6.30pm giving time, we thought, for the race crowd to disperse. How wrong we were. At Ascot the train again filled up to capacity, but this time the race-goers were even more 'merry'. Shouted conver-

sations were taking place both across and up and down the carriage. Included in the throng near us was an 'Ascot steward' dressed in his smart green livery. A silly conversation developed involving 3 or 4 of the passengers nearest to us as to whether another traveller was an Australian, or a 'Kiwi' as he claimed. They suspected the former which for some reason made them feel he should not be on the train. They began urging the 'Ascot steward' to remove him. Fortunately, one of the group realised that the tenor of the conversation was probably not appreciated by us as non-race-goers, and he encouraged the others to 'respect' our presence. Good humour prevailed. The antipodean was allowed to stay and our inebriated fellow travellers behaved themselves for the rest of the journey.

Lesson learnt: don't travel that way when there is a race meeting at Ascot. As the train also called at Twickenham, it would probably be wise to avoid international rugby fixtures as well.

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We had a not dissimilar experience on the Heart of Wales line when we found we had chosen to travel to Knighton the same day as the Royal Welsh Show was taking place at Builth Wells. Our train filled up with local farmers looking forward to a day out. One guy I remember in particular, he wore a heavy greatcoat which nearly reached his ankles. When he opened the coat up, it was lined with many pockets on each side, everyone containing a small bottle of spirits!

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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:

- 9th April 2023 (Easter Day)  
14th May 2023  
11th June 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.

Margaret Boreham

email:mboreham5@gmail.com,

BCPC Online Team



## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A HERITAGE GUIDE?**

Wesley's Chapel & The Museum of Methodism are looking for friendly and enthusiastic helpers from the London area and the South East to show visitors around the chapel. Museum and John Wesley's House.

**No knowledge about John Wesley  
or museums is necessary, full training provided.**

Travel expense contributions and refreshments  
available throughout the day.

If you are interested, please contact Wesley's Chapel  
Admin Office on 020 7253 2262.  
or email [museum@wesleyschapel.org.uk](mailto:museum@wesleyschapel.org.uk).

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Please see Marian Young (who is a Heritage Guide) if you would like to know more about volunteering at Wesley's Chapel. You would be required to attend on two days a month, from 10.30am to 4pm. Volunteers are urgently needed, so do please think whether you could help in this way.

## **THE WAY OF THE CROSS**

**A Living Easter Procession through the  
Stations of the Cross**

**SATURDAY 8TH APRIL**

**3.30PM-5.30PM**

**At**

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A local Church Initiative for Easter Saturday. Join the churches of Anerley and Penge in walking through the Stations of the Cross to remember the meaning of Easter, and help carry the cross if you wish.

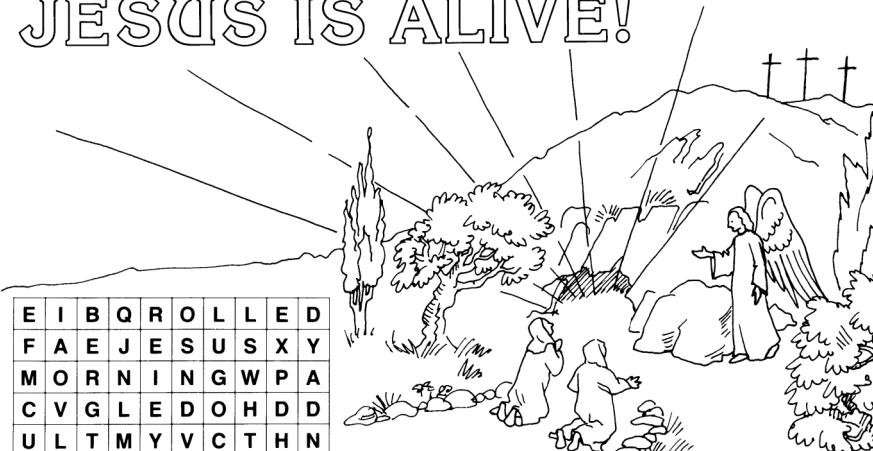
All faiths and denominations are welcome.

Contact Jeff Hawthorne 07984 193783 for more details.

## FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

Find all the words in CAPITAL letters in the Wordsearch

# JESUS IS ALIVE!



Luke 24:33-34

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EARLY on SUNDAY MORNING the WOMEN went to the TOMB. They found the STONE had been ROLLED AWAY. An ANGEL told them that JESUS was ALIVE again, just as he had PROMISED! Mark 16:1-8

A Spring picture for you to colour



## 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

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### **SHOE BOXES URGENTLY NEEDED.**

Do you have any shoe boxes lurking in your cupboards? If so, Valerie would be pleased to take them off your hands.

Several members of the Wednesday Club knit and crochet squares which Valerie sends to Chile to be made into blankets, and shoe boxes are the most convenient way of sending them. She has now exhausted her supply of shoe boxes, and has more squares waiting to be sent, so please help out if you can.

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### **WATCH IT**

C. H. Spurgeon, the great Baptist preacher, whilst preaching one Sunday said: "I don't mind people looking at their watches, but I do dislike them holding them to their ears to see if they are still going".

Christian Crackers, compiled by Phil Mason



## **Penge Community Pre-School**

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**Hill Dance Academy** Tel. 07772 199 103  
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**Penge Community Pre-School** Tel. 020 8289 6771  
Monday to Friday 9.15am to 4pm

**Salvation & Deliverance Ministry** Tel. 020 8683 3094  
Sunday 2pm to 5.30pm;

**Tai Chi** - Thursday 8pm - 10pm Tel. 01424 420 050

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **APRIL**

Wed 5th	Wednesday Club 8pm Audio Book—the Magician's Nephew
Thur 6th	Maundy Thursday Service 7.00pm at Upper Norwood Methodist Church
Fri 7th	Good Friday service 9.15 am
Sat 8th	The Way of the Cross Easter Procession 3.30pm-5.30pm at Betts Park, Anerley. See magazine for more details
Sun 9th	Easter Communion Service 9.15am Easter All Age Worship 11 am led by Valerie Tredinnick
Sun 9th	Circuit Evening Service via Zoom 6.30pm
Wed.12th	Wednesday Club 8pm: Nature Trail
Wed 19th	Wednesday Club 8pm: Music Evening
Mon 24th	Christian Action Group 8pm in the Side Hall, Speaker: Clarence Hunte—Soul Sanctuary Choir
Wed 26th	Wednesday Club 8pm: UNO
Sun 30th	Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, Eltham Park Methodist Church at 3pm

### **MAY**

Wed 3rd	Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Club 8pm Twenty Questions
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Church Anniversary 11am Preacher: Rev. Andrew Goodhead
Sun 14th	Rev. Craig Gaffney's Testimonial Service, 6.30pm at Wesley's Chapel, City Road
Sun 14th	Circuit Evening Service via Zoom 6.30pm

Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN
Wed 17th	Wednesday Club Meal 7.30pm at Coombe Lodge
Sun 21st	Circuit Easter Offering Service 4.00pm at Lewisham Methodist Church
Mon 22nd	Christian Action Group 8pm in the Side Hall. Speaker: Dr. Linda Ryan—Early Methodism
Wed 24th	Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
Sun 28th	All Age Worship led by Rev. Charles ILunga
Sun 28th	Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, Eltham Park Methodist Church at 3pm
Wed 31st	Wednesday Club 8pm Bird Bingo

## **JUNE**

Sat 3rd	Penge Festival Fete at Royston Field 11am – 5pm
Sun 11th	Circuit Evening Service via Zoom 6.30pm
Tue 20th	Circuit Meeting 7.30pm at Hither Green Methodist Church
Mon 19th	Christian Action Group 8pm. Speakers: Audrey Bobb-Sayers and Wendy Brown—Loss and bereavement

Morning services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on Easter Morning at 9.15pm and 21st May .

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 contact Margaret Boreham—[mboreham5@gmail.com](mailto:mboreham5@gmail.com)