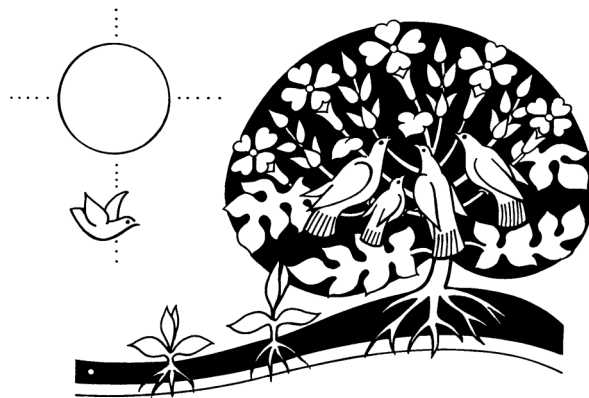


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MINISTER'S LETTER

Friends, each of us is fighting a battle of some kind, but not all of us are winning. Those who win come in many different varieties but they all have one thing in common: a faith that refuses to quit. Nobody had more struggles in life than David, and he understood the importance of maintaining the right perspective. He said, 'You armed me with strength for battle'. The grace you receive from God will always be equal to the challenges you face, always. Did you know that Lord Nelson, England's famous hero of the sea, suffered from seasickness all his life?. Yet this man who sank Napoleon's fleet refused to let his personal struggles rob him of his destiny. He not only learned to live with his weakness, but to conquer it every day.

Friends, all of us have our battlegrounds. And while nobody pins a medal on us for winning, nothing can diminish the satisfaction of knowing we didn't quit, or the joy of knowing we overcame by God's strength. Whose strength?. God's. 'You armed me with strength for battle. The story's told of a little boy who lost his right hand in an accident. When the doctor questioned him about his handicap, he replied, 'I don't have a handicap: I just don't have a right hand'. Later the doctor discovered the boy had gone on to become one of the leading scorers on his high school basketball team. His philosophy in life was: It's not what you have lost but what you have left that counts. That's the winning attitude, and with God's help you can develop it.

God bless you.

Rev. William Davis.

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Church Meeting will be held during the morning service on **Sunday 6th August 2023**.

This is an opportunity for anyone to ask questions about the life and mission of the Church. All Church Members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

In addition it is this meeting which appoints the Church Stewards and elects representatives to the Church Council for the next year. We are in need of more Church Stewards, as we have very few at the moment, which puts an undue strain on the present Stewards. We would also welcome more members of the Church Council, to ensure a wider representation of our membership. Information on Church Stewards and the Church Council is given below. Should you wish to stand, either as a Church Steward or as a representative to the Church Council, Nomination Forms will be available shortly which should be returned to Marian as soon as possible before the meeting.

FUNCTIONS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

The official description of the functions of the Church Council, as given in the "Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church" is as follows.

603 The Church Council. The Church Council has authority and oversight over the whole area of the ministry of the church, including the management of its property. Aims and methods, the determination and pursuit of policy and the deployment of available resources are its proper responsibility. In many cases it will appoint committees which will have authority, in their own areas of responsibility, to initiate action, co-ordinate the work done in the church, advise the Church Council and report to it, being subject to its authority and

oversight.

614 Responsibilities. The general oversight of the Local Church shall be undertaken by the Church Council, exercising leadership over the whole field of the church's concern.

In practice the Church Council meets twice a year to consider reports on the various areas of the work of the church (e.g. property, finance, youth work etc), to consider any matters relating to the life of the church and to consider any matters referred to it by the Circuit or District. If you have an interest in how our local church functions, then consider serving on the Church Council.

Please note that, to serve on the Church Council, you must be a Member of the Methodist Church .

WHAT DO CHURCH STEWARDS DO?

Church stewards have been around since the 18th century when John Wesley recognised that ministers, who because of the itinerant nature of their role, are often unable to oversee every matter in church life. And so, the role is tightly woven into the DNA of the Connexion.

While church stewards are responsible for practical things, such as looking after local preachers who are visiting their church, making sure the offering is taken and announcements are made that's not where it ends! There are also responsibilities which have more of an overarching reach. For example, church stewards focus on fostering unity within the church and 'talent spotting' those with potential, encouraging them to become involved in leadership roles.

They also make sure that any new policies which are made by Synod and the Church Council are communicated to their congregation, ensuring that decisions are upheld and acted upon.

Some of the responsibilities church stewards have are...

Contacting the visiting local preacher before the service to fill them in on the traditions and customs of their church. For example at what point in the service the offering is taken and if the children leave during the service to attend their own activities.

Welcoming the local preacher before the service.

The preacher might have travelled quite a distance or feel nervous, so a friendly face and prayer will probably be most appreciated.

Looking after the local preacher when the service is over.

Church stewards should always ensure that the local preaches has an invitation to a meal after the service and should offer to pay their travelling expenses.

Working with others.

Collaborating and cooperating with those who are also involved in the Sunday service, for example worship leaders, organists, crèche and Sunday School leaders to ensure that the service runs smoothly.

Greeting all churchgoers.

Whether they are new faces or old friends it is vital that people feel welcomed in our churches. A genuine smile can make all the difference! Often Welcome Teams are set up.

Attending official church meetings.

These include the Circuit Meeting, the Church Council, the General Church Meeting and the Pastoral Committee.

Keeping up to date with safeguarding matters.

The Methodist Church has produced a specialist guide on safeguarding, *Encircled in Care*, (copies of which are available in the Vestry)

Organising an alternative service if the appointed preacher does not turn up! If there is a minister or another local preacher in the congregation ask if they would be happy to help out. In the event that there is not spare local preacher to hand the church steward will need to step into the breach. Copies of services which would be appropriate to use in these tight spots, called Readers' Services, are available on the Methodist Website.

Church stewards and the Sunday experience

The practical duties church stewards carry out are crucial to creating a positive experience both for the visiting local preacher or minister and the congregation on a Sunday morning.

For many people the Sunday service, rather than housegroups or interest groups, is where they find their main point of connection with the church. More churches are also finding that a growing percentage of their congregations feel a strong sense of belonging but are unable to attend every week. For churchgoers, and for the regulars, there is an even greater need for continuity and quality in the church service. *(Taken from the Methodist Church Website)*

At Anerley, Stewards prepare the Chapel for services and pray with the preacher in the vestry before the service, on a rota basis.

Please note that to be a Church Steward you must be a recognised Member of the Methodist Church. Church Stewards are appointed annually and usually serve for a total of six years

ROUND THE FAMILY

I know that some youngsters in our church family will be moving to new schools in the autumn , and this is a time of change for many people. For some, who are moving to secondary school or college, it will be a time of sadness mixed with excitement or apprehension; a time of parting from old friends and making new ones, of leaving familiar buildings where you knew where everything was, to moving to something new and unfamiliar.

Please remember in your prayers all those for whom this is a time of change—for little ones starting school for the first time, for those moving from Infants to Juniors, from Junior School to Senior school, from school to college, university or starting work. For some in the Methodist Church it is also a time of movement and change, as it is customary for Methodist Ministers who are moving to new positions to take up their posts on 1st September, at the beginning of the Methodist Church year.

We think of them all and wish everyone a Happy (Methodist) New Year!

Marian

CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christian Aid collection during May and June.. We raised the sum of £151-23.

BLACKHEATH AND CRYSTAL PALACE CIRCUIT

Thursday Morning zoom Bible Study

Finding 'The Way' together

An exciting new opportunity: 'Working together' weekly Bible Study on Zoom: Thursday mornings 10.00am to 11.00am beginning on Thursday 18th May and weekly thereafter: facilitated by Margaret Boreham

The anticipated format is that the zoom will open at 9.45am with the study beginning at 10am. Conversations will be based on a Bible passage and there will be questions to make us think and re-think. There will be an opportunity and time to share our thoughts and questions. Closing remarks will be at 11am for those who want just an hour, but will stay open after 11am for anyone keen to chat or continue the conversations sparked by the Bible Study.

It would be helpful if you could please register your interest by emailing Margaret on mboreham5@gmail.com, 07483 86 86 12

Recurring zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/98461065032?](https://zoom.us/j/98461065032?pwd=NTJFUmJlWHVubjZwaWVCNzd0MlEvdz09)
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Don't panic!: If you are not sure about Zoom, email or phone Margaret for a private session for you to learn how to download/operate it

Andrew's Railway Journeys

7. Hailing a train

Many years ago we were on holiday in the west of Scotland staying in a caravan near to Arisaig, which had a railway station served by trains on the Fort William to Mallaig line.

One day Valerie and I decided to go for an afternoon walk. Being Scotland, access to the countryside is more open than in England and not restricted to public rights of way. The OS map revealed that we could wander across country for about 5 miles to reach another station, Beasedale, an unmanned halt, in the 'middle of nowhere'. The nearest community was 1½ miles away.

There were only four services a day, so it was important we covered the ground in time to catch a train to return us to Arisaig by late afternoon. A note in the timetable showed Beasedale as a request stop which meant a hand signal had to be given to the driver. We arrived with a few minutes to spare, walking the last couple of hundred yards along the sleepers, and waited on a short platform just bearing a board displaying the station name. There were no facilities and unlike many stations today no electronic indicator board showing departures/destinations.

Eventually we heard the mighty roar of a class 37 diesel locomotive in the distance. Slowly it came round a curve and we watched as it toiled up the gradient towards the station with five carriages in tow. I duly thrust out my arm in a commanding fashion, and felt a measure of satisfaction and relief when I successfully halted the 'beast'. No one got off and we were the only passengers joining the train. After a pause and then

a blast on the whistle from the guard, the locomotive roared into action again and we were underway. We completed the journey back to Arisaig in a matter of minutes. As far as I can recall the guard did not come to collect our fares and when we left the train there were no staff at the station to issue tickets. So we had a free ride!

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METHODIST HOMES

Methodist Homes envelopes will be available from Sunday 30th July, for your donations. Please place your envelope in the Offertory Box at the back of the church during August.

METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK

If you would like a copy of the 2023/24 Methodist Prayer Handbook, entitled *Hidden Treasures*, please let Valerie know by Sunday 13th August. The price is £4.50. When ordering, please tell Valerie if you would like a large print version.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest festival Service will be held on Sunday 24th September, and will be led by Valerie Tredinnick. It will be followed by a light Bring and Share lunch. All the Harvest goods that are donated will be going to Living Well, our local food bank.

COOKERY CORNER

Apple Amber

Cooking time 30 mins. Oven temp. 400°F/Mark 6/ 200°C

Ingredients

100 gr (4 oz) shortcrust pastry made with 100gr (4 oz) flour, 25gr (1 oz) lard, 25gr (1 oz) margarine.

Meringue topping: 2 egg whites, 50gr (2 oz) sugar.

Filling:

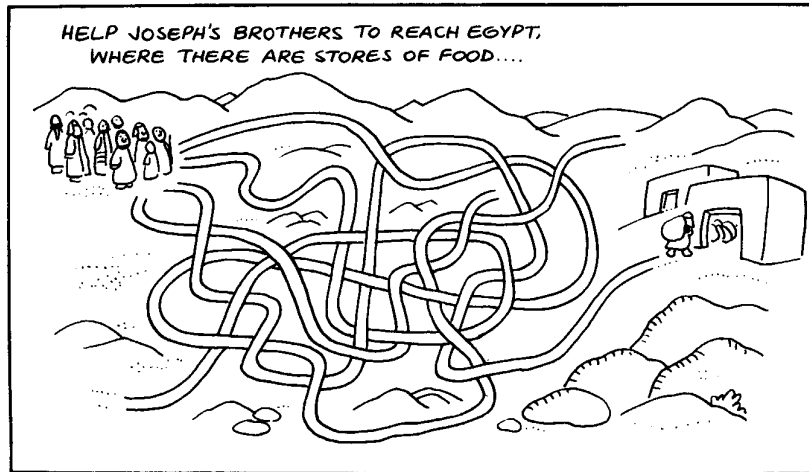
450gr (1 lb) apples	2 egg yolks
50gr (2 oz) margarine	grated rind & juice of 1 lemon
50gr (2 oz) sugar	

Method

1. Peel, core and slice apples..
2. Cook until a purée with the sugar, margarine and lemon juice
3. Line a dish with the pastry, add the egg yolks to the apple mixture and pour into the dish.
4. Bake for ½ hour in the centre of the oven.
5. Whisk the egg whites until stiff, adding sugar gradually. Pile on top of the apple amber and bake for a further ¼ hour at 325°F/Mark 3/170°C to brown the peaks.

Ann Vickery

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS



Here is the lollipop lady keeping us safe.

Draw yourself crossing the road.

God keeps us safe right through our life.



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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
Salvation & Deliverance Ministry	Sunday 2pm to 5.30pm;	Tel. 020 8683 3094
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

Wed 2nd	Wednesday Club 7.30pm. Historical Walk round Betts Park. Meet by the Anerley Road entrance
Sun 6th	Morning Worship and General Church Meeting 11am
Wed 9 th	Wednesday Club 8pm Surprising Revelations
Wed 16th	Wednesday Club 8pm Dominoes
Mon 21st	Christian Action Group 8pm at the Church (Side Hall) Speaker: Martin Cleave
Wed 23rd	Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning
Sun 27th	All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Annie Mokgohloa
Wed 30th	Wednesday Club 8pm UNO

SEPTEMBER

Wed 6 th	Wednesday Club 8pm.
Sun 9 th	MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
Wed 13 th	Wednesday Club 8pm
Wed 20th	Wednesday Club 8pm
Sun 24th	11am Harvest Festival/All Age Worship Preacher: Valerie Tredinnick, followed by a light lunch,
Mon 25 th	Christian Action Group 8pm at the Church. (side hall) Speaker: Ed Smithson
Wed 27th	Wednesday Club 8pm

Thur 28th Circuit Meeting 7.30pm at Forest Hill Methodist Church

Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 20th August and 17th September.

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

A Zoom Circuit Bible Study is held each Thursday morning at 10am, led by Margaret Boreham. Recurring zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/98461065032?pwd=NTJFUmJlWHVubjZwaWVCNzd0MlEvdz09>
See the magazine for further details.

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