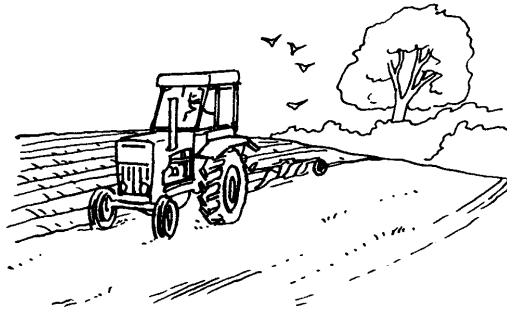


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REFLECTION FROM THE MINISTER

Friends, in Jesus' parable of the sower, the seed landed on four types of ground, producing four different results. The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away. The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced. And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted.

Friends, the seed of God's word cannot fail. 'It always produces fruit' (Isaiah 55:11). So, if God's promises aren't being fulfilled in your life, ask yourself, 'What kind of soil am I'? Friends, are you a surface person – thin – skinned and easily offended? A shallow person with no spiritual root system? Are you thorny ground? Are 'the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things' choking the spiritual life out of you? Or are you rich, fertile ground that produces results? Friends, CHECK THE SOIL OF YOUR HEART.

Have a blessed and successful autumn.

Rev. William Davis.

ROUND THE FAMILY

Our church was filled with friends and family at the christening of Amelia Ademide Josie Enitan Lafinhan the daughter of Hilary and Dipo, on 3rd September. It was good to see everyone at such a happy service, and Amelia took it all in her stride!

Congratulations to Olivia Tchine, who was a member of the Vitality Roses England Netball team, which qualified for the Netball World Cup Final and came away with a silver medal, the first time the England team had got this far!

Marian

Andrew's Sponsored Walk

On a day to be arranged in October I hope to walk 12 miles from Petts Wood station to Bridle Road, Shrublands, following the route of the London Loop (section 3 & part of section 4), to raise money for Christian Action Group funds. In addition to supporting their usual good causes, group members have responded to William's request to help purchase desktop computers for the school at Yendi, in Ghana by raising £500 by the end of this year.

Your support will be much appreciated. Please do sponsor me in this venture and help the Christian Action Group meet its commitments.



Many thanks

Andrew

Andrew's Railway Journeys

8. Too many coffees!

When I walked the Isle of Wight Coastal Path in 2011 I joined up with my companions at Brockenhurst station from where we caught the local train along to Lymington Pier for the ferry to Yarmouth, where our circuit of the island commenced. On arrival at the pier we found the ship already waiting. As our train tickets did not include the ferry crossing we joined a short queue at the booking office, but before we were served, to our dismay, we saw the ship leave for Yarmouth. It was a 45 minute wait till the next crossing so we adjourned to the nearby passenger lounge and bought ourselves a Costa coffee.

A week later we were in Yarmouth having completed our walk around the island. As we had purchased return ferry tickets there was no need to queue at the ticket office. We already had our rail tickets home so looked forward to a straight forward return journey.

The ship was on time as it pulled into the quay at Lymington. We could see the train waiting for us. The ramp went down to allow everyone to disembark and, as is usual practice, the foot passengers were called forward to leave first. One guy set off like a hare. He was down the ramp in a flash, sprinted to the adjoining railway platform and jumped through the first set of open doors, which promptly closed behind him. As we and the other 20 or so pedestrians made our way ashore the train departed! So once again we found ourselves in the passenger lounge drinking another cup of Costa coffee, whiling away the time until the next train. Surely the connection could be better timed – or do Costa's have the final say?

Andrew T

Pre-School

The Penge Community Pre-School is approaching its 55th year at the Church. It began as the Anerley Playgroup in 1968 before developing into the Playgroup in 1975. It further evolved developing its work from 'play' to 'Learning' to become a Pre-School in 1983. The Pre-School is the longest continuous non church group using our premises – even surviving the fire in 1979

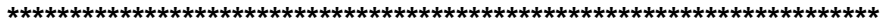
They have just had their OFSTED inspection and once again passed with flying colours being grades as 'Good' in all categories.

Pre-School works closely with Social Services and has a number of Special/Additional needs children that require one to one supervision. In fact they have a well respected reputation for providing special care and learning experiences to 'special children'. Pre-School also has a number of children for whom English is not their first language and some that have come from war torn areas around the world who bring with them the trauma of seeing things that children should not have to experience.

At the end of term in July, when the older children move on to Junior School the staff were delighted and humbled to receive a number of thank you cards – including the one below. Which seems to say it all.

Well done and congratulations to the staff and management of the Pre-School.

Sandra - Chairperson



'Your Church's Future Story'

at Forest Hill Methodist Church 10am-12noon

No need to register – just turn up.

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

INTROIT

The introit for the next two months, starting on Sunday October 1st, will be as follows:-

O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your Church with life and power;
O breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your Church to meet this hour.

Elizabeth Ann Head

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FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

A small team of dedicated flower arrangers make the Church come alive each week.

If you would like to arrange the flowers occasionally please have a word with Janice. No previous experience necessary!

Sunday flowers can be arranged for you, perhaps to remember a special person or event. A small donation towards the cost of the flowers would be appreciated.

A special thank you to our arrangers who do a great job!

Janice





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BLACKHEATH & CRYSTAL PALACE CIRCUIT

Intergenerational Worship Training

Saturday 11th November 2023, 10am-12noon

FOREST HILL METHODIST CHURCH
Normanton Street, Forest Hill, London, SE23 2DS

led by Stuart Watkin

Following on from the successful training event in May 2023,
the Circuit are running another workshop.

As previously, this is intended for anyone who is interested in
learning more about worship, whether you currently help lead
worship or Local Arrangements, or you would be willing to, so
that we can provide the quality of worship our congregation's
deserve every single week.

Make a note in you diary!

Further details to follow nearer the time

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Harvest Festival service on 24th September such an enjoyable time.
Thank you to everyone who spent Saturday morning decorating the church, and to everyone who brought Harvest gifts which will be going to Living Well, our local food bank. The Bring and Share lunch afterwards was a time of fellowship, with a varied range of delicious food on offer. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves!

COOKERY CORNER

Jam Crumbles

Ingredients

100gr (4oz) margarine 50gr (2oz) sugar
225gr (8oz) plain flour 225gr (8oz) strawberry jam
7 inch square shallow tin.

Method

1. Set the oven to fairly hot, Gas mark 6, 400°F or 200°C.
2. Cut the margarine into the flour, rub it in until it resembles breadcrumbs.
3. Divide the mixture in half and add enough water to one half to make a soft dough.
4. Knead lightly on a floured surface, roll out the dough to line the sides and base of the tin. Mark the sides of the pastry to make a decorative edge.
5. Spread the strawberry jam evenly over the pastry base
6. Add the sugar to the remaining crumble mixture, and spread over the jam.
7. Bake above the centre of the oven for about 40-45 minutes until golden in colour.
8. When cold, cut into fingers.
NB This recipe can also be used with mincemeat.

Ann Vickery

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING ASSOCIATION

Fresh from the Word: Read, Reflect, Grow offers a fresh approach to Bible Reading and is written to support all readers of the Bible, from new Christians to those seeking to deepen their faith and relationship with God. Bringing together over 50 international writers to give you new insights every day, Fresh from the Word contains Bible verses, notes, prayers and action points.

It gives global perspectives on carefully selected passages from the Bible. The writers include theologians and Biblical scholars, church leaders and activists for peace from across the world, all of whom share a passion to bring the Bible into conversation with day-to-day concerns. This helps you to grow in your knowledge and appreciation of the Bible and carries on the 140-year-old IBRA tradition of encouraging people around the world .

I am now taking orders for *Fresh from the Word* for 2024. Please contact me by **Sunday 5th November** if you would like to order a copy. The cost will be about £11.70 (including discount).

Marian





Penge Community Pre-School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Mon 2nd	Christian Action Group 8pm Church Side Hall. Speaker: Ed Smithson
Wed 4th	Wednesday Club 8pm Dog Bingo
Tue 10th	Church Council 7.00pm in the Church Please note start time. To be followed by a short session of Unconscious Bias training,
Wed 11th	Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise Evening
Sat 14th	"Your Church's Future Story" at Forest Hill Methodist Church 10am—12 noon
Wed 18th	Wednesday Club 8pm Science Evening
Sun 22nd	All Age Worship and JMA Service 11am Led by the Worship Leaders
Sun 22nd	CAGs visit to Gospel Evensong with Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir 5pm at St. Martin's in the Field (see Andrew Tredinnick for travel details)
Wed 25th	Wednesday Club 8pm WOT
Sun 29th	Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Orchestra 3pm Eltham Park Methodist Church

NOVEMBER

Wed 1st	No Wednesday Club
Fri 3rd	Wednesday Club Fireworks Evening at 32 Lloyds Way at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.
Wed 8th	Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Card Making
Sat 11th	Circuit Intergenerational Worship Training at Forest Hill Methodist Church 10am—12 noon

Sun 12 th	Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50 am. Preacher: Hilary Waterhouse
Sun 12 th	MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
Mon 13th	Christian Action Group 8pm in the Church Side Hall. Speaker: Rev. Craig Gaffney
Wed 15th	Wednesday Club 8pm Slides of the Outer Hebrides
Wed 22nd	Wednesday Club 8pm Church Christmas Decorations
Sun 26th	All Age Worship led by Mary Sparkes
Sun 26th	Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Orchestra 8pm at Eltham Park Methodist Church
Wed 29th	Wednesday Club 8pm. Christmas Decorations

DECEMBER

Mon 4th	Christian Action Group 8pm. in the Church Side Hall. Speaker: Rev. William Davis
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Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 15th October and 19th November.

All Age Worship will take place on Sunday 22nd October (JMA) and Sunday 26th November

There are no evening services at present.

The Prayer Meeting is meeting via email. For more details contact Margaret Boreham m.boreham5@gmail.com

Circuit Bible Study Thursday Mornings 10-11 am via Zoom. See magazine for further details.