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FROM THE MINISTER

Friends, the theme for our reflection is 'Keep your spiritual priorities in place'. Your highest priority should always be your relationship with God and fulfilling His will for your life. Don't let that priority 'slip'. There is a sobering illustration of this in the Old Testament. A soldier was given custody of an important prisoner. He was told, 'If by any means he is missing, your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver'(1 Kings 20:39). In spite of the warning, he allowed his prisoner to escape. How did it happen? Through carelessness and busyness. 'While your servant was busy here and there, he was gone'. Then the King of Israel said to him, 'So shall your judgment be; you yourself have decided it'.

Friends, keeping your spiritual priorities in place is your responsibility and no one else's. If you don't do it, you will pay a high price. 'But I pray each morning', you say. That's good, but do you take time to listen to God and get direction before you rush into your day?. Some of us have deleted from our Bibles and our thoughts those Scriptures that command us to 'wait on God'. There is a work going on in your life right now. You may not be fully aware of it, but without it you will never be qualified to handle what God has in mind for you. The Bible says, 'Jesus often withdrew and prayed' (Luke 5:16). Spending time with God is the price you pay for hearing from Him and doing His will. Spiritually speaking, there is no shortcut to any place that's worth going. **AMEN**

Rev. William Davis

ROUND THE FAMILY

Our thoughts are with Comfort Oppong and Dinah Anaman, who have travelled to Ghana for the funeral of their Aunt. Please also remember Felix Densu, who has recently been to Ghana following the deaths of his father and brother.

We were sorry to hear that Sue Charlesworth, a leader of the Penge Community Pre-School, is very unwell. Please remember Sue and her family in your prayers.

We were pleased to welcome Alice-Maude Richards into membership of the Methodist Church at the morning service on 7th April. Alice has been worshipping with us for some time, and it was good to formally welcome her into our fellowship.

We also send our congratulations to the Rev. Graham Cocking, a former Minister of our Church, on his wedding to Linda on 11th May, and send our best wishes for their future happiness.

On Sunday 12th May we held our 159th Church Anniversary. The service was led by the Rev. Richard Grocott, our Circuit Superintendant, and after an enjoyable service there was the opportunity to chat over a cup of tea afterwards.

Marian

LENT JARS OF GRACE

Thank you to everyone who filled jars over the Lent period for Water Aid's Jars of Grace appeal. We were able to send a total of £150 to Water Aid

From the Editor

With this edition the magazine commences its 56th year of production—amazing!

When my husband Mike started the magazine in 1968 it consisted of two double-sided foolscap sheets duplicated on a temperamental Gestetner machine that lived in our bedroom! It is now prepared on a computer and, as well as printed copies, it is sent far and wide by email - something never dreamed of in those far off times!

Mike started the magazine as a way of keeping everyone in the church family in touch with what was happening in the Church, and I am sure that he never envisaged it still going strong over 50 years later. I am very appreciative of everyone who gives me articles, news and suggestions for things to include. If anyone has any news or an idea for an article, or even feels moved to write the occasional article themselves, please have a word with me or contact me - my details are inside the front cover.

I have been the editor for over 30 years, but production of the magazine is a team effort. The magazine is now mainly distributed electronically, though there are still hard copies available for anyone who would prefer one. I would like to thank Dave Hynes, who maintains the mailing list and sends out the email version. Valerie and Andrew Tredinnick still collate and staple hard copies of the magazine, and the Pastoral Leaders help to distribute copies of the magazine if needed, so I would also like to thank them for their help.

If anyone would like to receive a hard copy instead of (or as well as) the electronic version, please let me know.

Marian

BLACKHEATH AND CRYSTAL PALACE CIRCUIT

Thursday Morning zoom Bible Study

Finding 'The Way' together

: 'Working together' weekly Bible Study on Zoom: Thursday mornings 10.00am to 11.00am

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 rethink. 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?pwd=NTJFUmJlWHVubjZwaWVCNzd0MlEvdz09>

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



Preliminary Notice

Blackheath & Crystal Palace Circuit

'Our Circuit, Our Future'

on Saturday 14th September 2024

at Burnt Ash Methodist Church

Refreshments available

Bring and Share Lunch

10am-1pm

All Are Welcome

Please make a note of this Circuit wide event ,which will look at the future shape of the Circuit.

We are hoping for a strong attendance from across the Circuit as significant decisions regarding future planning will be reviewed and discussed.

Please come and join in the discussion.

INTROIT

The Introit for the next 4 months (starting on Sunday 2nd June) will be as follows:-

Today his people meet,
Today his word is sown,
Lord Jesus, show us how to use
The day we call your own.

Hymns and Psalms no. 576, verse 6

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EASTER OFFERING SERVICE

The Circuit Easter Offering Service took place at Forest Hill Methodist Church on the afternoon of Sunday 5th May. The Service is prepared by Methodist Women in Britain on behalf of the World Mission Fund, and this year was entitled "Let Justice Roll". The service was thought-provoking, and was well-attended by members of Churches from across the Circuit.

This was a special occasion as the speaker was the Rev Nigel Cowgill, our Chair of District. Nigel is leaving the London District in July to take up a post in the Methodist Connexion, so this was the last time most of us will hear him preach in his capacity of Chair of District.

Andrew's Railway Journeys

12. Train driver of the year!

Valerie and I visited my cousin in Bedford on a Capital Connect service which we had joined at London Bridge. We caught the train back at about 6pm intending to return home the same way. As we approached north London the driver announced that because of a line-side fire near London Bridge the train, which was going to Brighton, was to be diverted through Herne Hill and Crystal Palace and re-join its scheduled route at East Croydon. We were not particularly concerned as we could pick up a bus or tram from there to get us home.

While waiting at Blackfriars station announcements could be heard saying the train was travelling via London Bridge! The driver, however, cut in saying the train was definitely being diverted and to ignore what the platform staff were saying. After a short delay we got underway again. The train now was quite full with a good number of passengers standing.

However, our progress came to an abrupt halt just short of Herne Hill station when the brakes slammed on for an emergency stop, causing several people to nearly fall over. *"Apologies for that,"* said the driver, *"but some idiot has just run across the track in front of me – I don't think I hit him! I've now got to alert Control so we may be held here for some time. I'll let you know what's going on"*. After a while he said, *"The power supply is being cut off while a search is made for him – we will then be on reserve power only"*. A few minutes later most of the lights went off and we resigned ourselves to a long wait. We then heard, *"If there's railway employee on the train can they come forward and make themselves known to me"*. There was another pause before he said, *"I can see the search party coming along the track looking for the culprit"*. Through the window we could see several torch lights bobbing up and down as the track was searched.

The driver made another announcement. *“I’ve got a colleague now positioned in the rear half of the train. If anyone is travelling to Gatwick Airport to catch a flight or has a medical condition that we should be made aware of come forward to me, if you are in the front portion of the train, otherwise speak with my colleague who is making his way through the rear portion”*. We continued to sit in the gloom and wondered how much longer before we moved.

“They’ve got him said the driver jubilantly – we shan’t be long now”, and we could see somebody being frogmarched beside the track back towards the lights of the station just a couple of hundred yards further on. A few minutes later full lighting came back on as the power was restored. The mood of the passengers brightened.

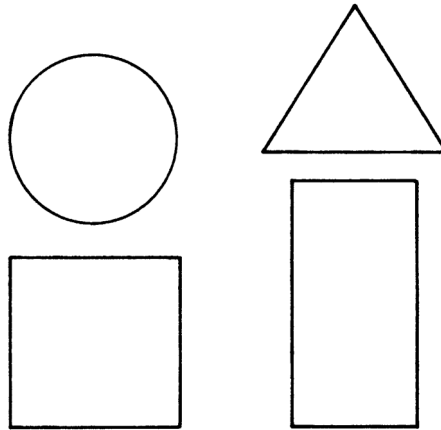
However, we remained stationary. *“I’m sorry”*, said the driver, *“but we can’t go yet – the police are having to deal with a fight that has just broken out on the station platform which is nothing to do with the trespasser!”* There was another significant delay before eventually we got underway. But the driver wasn’t finished. *“You’re all entitled to claim compensation for the delay. Make sure you get the forms at your local station.”* He then announced the ‘train number’ for passengers to quote on the claim forms.

When we got off at East Croydon there was a gaggle of passengers crowding round the driver’s cab-side window. People were shaking his hand, and calling out, *“Thank you”* and *“Well done”* etc. I’ve no doubt his response to the situation and willingness to tell us what was happening prevented people’s tempers from boiling over. It’s easy to criticise railway staff when things go wrong and perhaps too rarely do we express appreciation when they do their best in difficult circumstances. Afterwards I wrote to the railway company expressing my appreciation for the way the driver had handled the situation and asking them to convey my thanks to him. They assured me they would do so.

A.T.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

1. Choose a shape to colour red.
2. Choose a shape to colour blue.
3. Choose a shape to fill with dots.
4. Choose a shape to draw a happy face in.



God has made us able to choose.



TALK AT FOREST HILL 10.30am on WED 19TH JUNE 2024

David Hardman, who lives in Jerusalem, will be at Forest Hill on 19th June to share with us what he knows about the ongoing situation between Palestine and Israel. David is The Methodist Liaison Officer who lives with, talks to and sees the people in the Middle East. Further information available from Charles ILunga charles.ilunga@methodist.org.uk

Valerie & Andrew invite you to join them for

Afternoon Tea

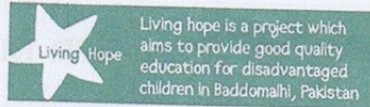
at 32 Lloyds Way, Beckenham
any time between 2.30pm - 5pm
on one of the following Saturdays

1st June, 20th July, 17th August

Numbers are limited so please let them know
if you would like to come



A donation of £6 will be welcome for
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Living Hope maintains a school and community centre for children and their families at Baddomalhi in Pakistan.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

Sat 1st Penge Festival Fete 11am-5pm at Royston Field, Penge

Wed 5th Wednesday Club 8pm. Marian's Birthday Bash

Thur 6th Zoom Circuit Bible Study 10am

Wed 12th Wednesday Club 8pm: Work Out No. 5 with Andrew

Thur 13th Zoom Circuit Bible Study 10am

Mon 10th Christian Action Group 8pm in the Side Hall. Speaker: Mary Sparkes. "You don't have to be on your knees to pray".

Wed 19th Talk about the Middle east by David Hardman, Methodist Liaison Officer in Jerusalem, at Forest Hill Methodist Church at 10.30am.

Wed 19th Wednesday Club 8pm: Mind the Gap game

Thur 20th Zoom Circuit Bible Study 10am

Sun 23rd All Age Worship 11 am Preacher: Paddy Boothe

Wed 26th Wednesday Club 8pm. Nature Trail Game

Thur 27th Zoom Circuit Bible Study 10am

JULY

Wed 3rd Wednesday Club 8pm Surprise evening

Thur 4th Zoom Circuit Bible Study 10am

Wed 10th Wednesday Club 8pm: Petanque 7.30pm at 32 Lloyds Way

Thur 11th Circuit Meeting 7.30pm at Sunfields Methodist Church

Thur 11th Zoom Circuit Bible Study 10am

Sun 14th MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!

Wed 17th Wednesday Club 8pm: Gill's Birthday Bash

Thur 18th Zoom Circuit Bible Study 10am

Mon 15th Christian Action Group. 8pm in the Side Hall. Speaker: Audrey Bobb-Sayers. Ghana memories

Wed 24th Wednesday Club 8pm: Dog Bingo

Thur 25th Zoom Circuit Bible Study 10am

Sun 28th All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Annie Mokgohloa

Wed 31st Wednesday Club 8pm. WOT

AUGUST

Thur 1st Zoom Circuit Bible Study 10am

Mon 19th Christian Action Group 8pm in the Side Hall. Speaker: Marian Young. John Wesley's Chapel and House

 Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 16th June and 21st July .

There are no evening services 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