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### **REFLECTION FROM THE MINISTER**

Friends, another autumn/harvest celebration is here with us. God may be saying to you what He said to His people Israel: 'Enlarge the place of your tent and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left'. (Isaiah 54:2 -3). Most people automatically stay within lines, even if those lines have been arbitrarily drawn or are terribly out of date. Remember, most limitations we face are not imposed on us by others; we place them on ourselves. Lack of creativity often falls into that category. If you want to become more creative, challenge your boundaries. One inventor said, 'All human development, no matter what form it takes, must be outside the rules; otherwise, we would never have anything new'.

Friends, when you want something you don't have, you must be willing to do something you haven't done yet. You say, 'But I don't have his education, or I don't have her talent'. You don't need someone else's talent or education. When God made you, He deposited within you everything required to fulfil your destiny; you just need to unlock it and put it to work. 'Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness'. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over every living thing that moves on earth' (Genesis 1:26 – 28). Note the word 'likeness'. There's a part of you that's like God. You have divine DNA. You are capable of being creative, so lift the limitations on yourself.

Have a blessed autumn/harvest celebration in CHRIST.

Rev. William Davis

## **ROUND THE FAMILY**

Please remember in your prayers Audrey Bobb-Sayers, who suffered a stroke in August. At the time of writing Audrey is still in hospital, but is making progress. Please also remember Ken Waterhouse, Hilary's husband, who has been very ill in hospital. He is now home and gradually recovering.

Our best wishes go with Joanna, Rose Agyei's granddaughter, who is off to Exeter University in October to study Sociology.

We have heard from Rev. Imran Malik, a former Minister of our Church, who says : "We are all doing well and Rohan is now taller than me—nearly 6ft. This summer I got married to a bonny girl from Glasgow called Jenny". Congratulations to Imran and Jenny!

Marian

## **THANK YOU**

Valerie and Andrew would like to thank everyone who supported the "Afternoon Teas" held in their garden during the Summer. Donations received for the work of Living Hope totalled £365 which has now been sent to Imran.



## **Andrew's Bus Journeys**

Having shared with you events which have happened when travelling by train, I thought I would follow this up with a few stories of memorable bus journeys.

Some of you may have had similar experiences, but I hope you will still find these accounts interesting and sometimes amusing.

### **1. A rural experience**

Many years ago, Valerie and I went on holiday to Ventnor on the Isle of Wight. I can't be sure of the year, but it was when there was a national sugar shortage. The lady running the guest house where we were staying asked if we could bring some sugar with us. I think we took three 2lb. bags in our luggage, a significant extra weight to carry given that we were not travelling by car.

One day we took the bus to Newport, the capital of the island. As we were passing along a country lane, bordered by fields and with views of rolling hills, the bus suddenly pulled over and stopped. Nobody had rung the bell and no one was waiting to get on. However, the driver got out of his cab and climbed over a nearby gate. My first thought was that he was responding to an urgent 'call of nature'. But no, in the field was a flock of sheep and he had spotted that one of them was on its back with their legs in the air. He went straight over, got hold of the sheep and rolled it over so that it could stand up properly. He then returned to the bus and our journey continued. Apparently when sheep get into this position they can really struggle to right themselves.

So next time you're on a 227 to Bromley and see a sheep similarly stranded you will now know exactly what to do!

## **FOSTERING WITH BROMLEY LONDON BOROUGH**

### **Have you ever thought about fostering?**

Our Bromley children urgently need more foster carers. If you are passionate about children, are aged 21 or above, and have a spare bedroom, we want to hear from you!

### **Why foster with Bromley?**

- We are Ofsted outstanding
- We provide excellent support and therapeutic support services.
- We offer comprehensive training.
- You will work directly with us, there is no middle person to deal with.

### **Can I foster if.....**

**I am over 55?** Yes! As long as you have plenty of energy to care for children and young people.

**I am under 25?** Yes! Bromley accept foster carers from 21 years and above.

**I don't own my own home?** Yes! Our foster carers live in owned homes and homes rented privately and through the local authority.

**I have a medical condition?** Yes! As long as you are physically and psychologically fit enough to care for a child's needs. You will complete a medical as part of your assessment.

**I am not a British citizen?** Yes! But you will need to have indefinite leave to remain.

**If English is not my first language?** Yes! Our foster carers and foster children speak a variety of languages; however, you will need to communicate with other professionals and support your child's education in English.

**I have previous financial issues?** Yes! You will need to show that you are financially secure enough to provide a stable home for children.

**I have pets?** Yes! Having pets does not prevent you from fostering, although your pets will form part of your assessment.

**I have a previous criminal conviction?** Yes! A criminal conviction for minor offences should not stop you from fostering.

**I am single?** Yes! You can foster whether single or in a partnership.

**If I am part of the LGBTQI+ COMMUNITY?** Yes! Your sexual orientation is not important to being a foster carer. What is important is that you can provide a young person with a safe, loving and stable home.

**I receive benefits or allowances?** Yes! You will not be taxed on the maintenance fee that you are paid for your foster child, but your professional fee could affect your benefits. If you are getting help with your housing costs through Universal Credit, you can get payment for one extra bedroom if you are a foster carer.

**I smoke?** Yes! Although the health needs of any fostered child need to come first. Smoking or vaping will mean that you cannot foster children 5 and under.

**I work?** Yes! We understand that foster carers may also need to work. However, we must ensure that you are still able to attend meetings and contact, flexibly. Any work experience with children would also benefit your application.

**I don't have my own children?** Yes! You don't have to have your own children to foster.

For more information visit [www.bromley.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/fostering) or call our team on 020 8461 7701

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### **INTROIT for the next four months**

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
O open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Robert Cull

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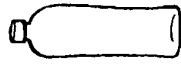




## FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

How to make a plumb line and a spirit level. You will need

a clean plastic bottle



water

sticky  
tape



string

a weight

(such as a plastic bag of sand)



### *The plumb line*

'Plumb' means lead, which is heavy. Fix your heavy weight, or 'plumb', on to a piece of string, about 0.5m long.

with white spirit, but water works fine. Fill the bottle with water so there is a small bubble of air left at the top. Close it tightly. Use tape to mark where the bubble is on a level surface.

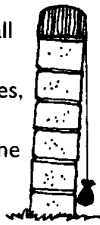
### *The spirit level*

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## How you use them

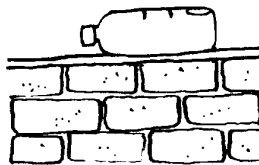
### *The plumb line*

To check if a wall has been built straight, hang your plumb line against it. If the wall is straight, the plumb line is the same distance from the wall all the way down. If the wall slopes, you will notice as the plumb line always hangs straight.



### *The spirit level*

To check if the top of a wall is level, lay the bottle on it and see where the bubble lies. If the wall slopes the bubble will be off-centre.



## **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)  
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



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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



## INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING ASSOCIATION

Fresh from the Word: A Beacon of Hope 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.

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I am now taking orders for *Fresh from the Word* for 2025. Please contact me by **Sunday 3rd November** if you would like to order a copy. The cost will be £12.59 (which includes a discount because we order several copies—the full price is £13.99).

If you prefer to have an electronic copy, e-versions of Fresh From the Word are available through online retailers such as Kindle, Kobo and Eden.

Marian





## **Penge Community Pre-School**

**Leader: Chloe Edgington**

**Anerley Methodist Church**

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**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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**WENDY BLENMAN (Dip. Couns., MSc in therapeutic counselling)**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### OCTOBER

- Wed 2nd Wednesday Club 8pm Cat Bingo
- Wed 9th Wednesday Club 8pm Beetle Drive
- Mon 14th Christian Action Group 8pm Church Side Hall. Speaker: the Rev. Pam Owen
- Wed 16th Wednesday Club 8pm Dominoes
- Thur 17th Church Council 7.30pm in the Church
- Wed 23rd Wednesday Club 8pm Work Out No. 6
- Sun 27th All Age Worship and JMA Service 11am Led by the Worship Leaders
- Sun 27th Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Orchestra 3pm Eltham Park Methodist Church
- Wed 30th Wednesday Club 8pm Christmas Card Making

### NOVEMBER

- Wed 6th **No Wednesday Club**
- Fri 8th Wednesday Club Fireworks Evening at 32 Lloyds Way at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50 am. Preacher: Valerie Tredinnick
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
- Mon 11th Christian Action Group 8pm in the Church Side Hall. Members' Evening on the theme of remembrance
- Wed 13th Wednesday Club 8pm Programme Planning

- Wed 20th Wednesday Club 8pm Church Christmas Decorations
- Sun 24th All Age Worship led by Taiwo Dayo-Payne and Sherry-Ann Turton
- Sun 24th Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Orchestra 8pm at Eltham Park Methodist Church
- Wed 27th Wednesday Club 8pm. Church Christmas Decorations

### DECEMBER

- Mon 2nd Christian Action Group 8pm. in the Church Side Hall. Speaker The Rev. William Davis
- Sun 8th Christmas Gift Service 11am
- Sun 15th Carol Service 6pm

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Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 6th October and 17th November.

All Age Worship will take place on Sunday 27th October (JMA) and Sunday 24th 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](mailto:m.boreham5@gmail.com)

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