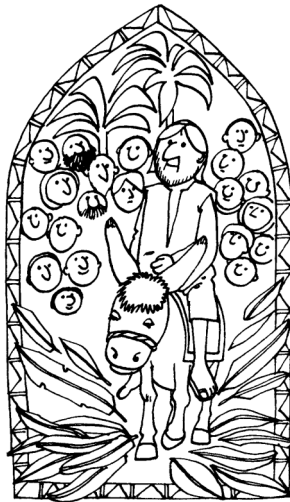


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**FROM THE MINISTER**

Friends, it's interesting that in the Bible Jesus doesn't ask us to remember His birth or His resurrection, although we know we should, but He tells us to remember His death. When He instituted the Lord's Supper, He said, 'This do in remembrance of me' (Luke 22:19). Paul said, 'God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ'. The cross, like the gallows and the electric chair, is an instrument of death.

Friends, why glory in it? Because of what took place there. When Jesus said, 'It is finished,' all your sins from the cradle to the grave were paid for. So the cross is God's first and last word when it comes to salvation. It's His first word because Jesus was 'the lamb slain from the foundation of the world' (Revelation 13:8). And the cross is God's last word about salvation, for in heaven they will sing, 'Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation' (Revelation 5:9).

Friends, there is no 'plan B' for salvation. The only road that goes to heaven goes through Calvary. You can't bypass the cross or go around it if you want to be saved. The Bible says, 'Without shedding of blood there is no remission for sins' (Hebrews 9:22). As you look at the cross today, you will see the curse of sin, the cost of sin, and the cure for sin. And as you look at the cross, remind yourself: 'He did it for me'.

**WISHING YOU A SUCCESSFUL LENT CELEBRATION.**

Rev. William Davis.

## ROUND THE FAMILY

Our services over the Christmas period were very enjoyable. Our Gift Service was led by the Junior Church staff and children, and was very happy occasion, and the church family were generous in giving gifts of craft materials for Demelza Children's Hospice . We have had the following message from Demelza—"Thank you for our lovely gifts. Happy new Year with love from the children and staff at Demelza Hospice."

The Junior Church also took part in the Carol Service held at our Church, when we were joined by our friends from Upper Norwood Methodist Church and from the Salvation and Deliverance Ministry.

The Church received Christmas and New Year greetings from the Rev. Graham Cocking, Rev. Judy and Alan Turner-Smith, Casa Ricci, Brenda Maskell, Ronnie Butler, the Dixon Family ( Matthew, Kimberley, Julius, Kim and Karah}, Tim, Crystal, Elaina and Alyssa Yusuf, Aaron, Nimasha, Anaiah and Neave Yusuf, Anita Yusuf, and Danielle, Beau, Ella and Teddy..

Everyone involved in producing the magazine sends you (very belated!) best wishes for the New Year!

Marian



## Andrew's bus journeys

### 3. Where's that?

A few years ago we were on holiday at Fowey, in Cornwall. Not too far away is the Eden Project, which although we had visited before was well worth a return visit. As the attraction offered a discount to visitors travelling by bus we choose to use our Freedom Passes.

We took a local service into St. Austell where we picked up the bus for the Eden Project. As before we enjoyed our visit very much and then late in the afternoon we went to catch the bus back to St. Austell.

The single decker bus arrived and filled up quite quickly. It was travelling to somewhere on the north coast via St. Austell. While we sat waiting for the bus to leave we could hear the driver speaking on his radio to a controller and we heard a conversation along the following lines:

Controller: *"You know the 4.30 service goes via 'somewhere' and 'somewhere else' (I can't now recall the names of the villages). Driver: "I don't know that route!"*

The controller then began to give instructions as to where the bus had to go as it detoured from its regular route: *"Turn right at the Red Lion, then left at the crossroads by the telephone box, and stop by the village store. Then take the 2<sup>nd</sup> left, and turn right etc....."* However, the driver was having a real difficulty following the details over the radio. Fortunately for us the variation came after St. Austell. Following several minutes of further conversation and with the driver still unsure where he should be going, we heard the controller say: *"Don't worry,*

*when you get to the Red Lion look out for Bert. He'll be waiting in his blue Fiesta – just follow him and he'll guide you!"*

So we left the Eden Project a good few minutes late but still had time to meet our connection for Fowey at St. Austell. As the bus continued on its way we did wonder what interesting journey the passengers would experience – hopefully everyone got to where they wanted to go.

## **INTROIT**

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

As we are gathered, Jesus is here,  
One with each other, Jesus is here,  
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,  
Part of the body, the church of God,  
As we are gathered, Jesus is here.  
One with each other, Jesus is here.

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### **A Policeman's Lot Can be a Happy One**



Oh how times have changed! Once upon a time – when police officers came on duty they were ‘paraded’ by the Sergeant and had to show that they had their ‘appointments.’ This was a notebook, whistle and truncheon. The Sergeant would then post the officers to beats or cars and read out a list of premises to be checked, suspects wanted and locally stolen cars. We would then dutifully write this information in our notebooks – with a pencil.

Back in the early 70’s radios had only just begun to be issued and I remember standing at Camberwell Green watching the world go by when my radio crackled and details of a car recently stolen from Peckham were transmitted. I was just writing the number in my notebook when to my surprise and almost disbelief I saw the stolen car coming toward me. I double checked the number before stepping into the path of the car and imperiously raising my hand in the regulation police ‘stop’ sign. Much to my surprise – the car actually stopped for me!

The criminals turned out to be a young man and his girlfriend who had travelled to London – where as everyone knows – the streets are paved with gold – but they had failed to make ends meet and in an act of genuine desperation they stole the car with the intention of travelling back to their home town of Glasgow.

Before the Magistrate at Camberwell Green Court the following morning, the pair pleaded guilty and as was then the cus-

tom, I as the arresting officer was present to give the facts of the case – I don't think officers attend court much these days – Having outlined the case, the Magistrate – in the time honoured fashion – asked “is there anything known officer?” Well neither of the couple had been in trouble before and I went on to tell the court that being penniless I believed they had acted out of sheer desperation.

An appropriately lenient sentence was passed – probation I think – and quite how it happened I cannot remember – but the couple were given a rail warrant by the Probation Office to get them back to Glasgow. I recall that there was a problem in that they had no money to actually get to Kings Cross so I drove them to the Station. That was the last I saw or heard from them, but I often wonder what became of the couple.

The following week I was back in court before the same Magistrate to give evidence against a ‘fly tipper’. An offence that would normally attract a fine. The Magistrate asked “Anything known Officer?” “Nothing known your Worship” I replied and sat down. The Magistrate looked over his glasses and said to me “Weren't you before me last week Officer?” “Yes your worship” “And is there nothing else you wish to say to me Officer?” “No your worship”. After a short pause a sentence of 7 days custody was handed down!

In those days, when officers regularly attended Court the Magistrates got to know you and I guess on this occasion he would have assumed there was nothing favourable to say such as I had been prepared to offer on behalf of the pair from Glasgow – hence the sentence.

Dave Hynes



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The World Day of Prayer 2025 service will be on Friday 7th March at Penge Congregational Church at 7.30pm.

The service has been prepared by the Christian women from the Cook Islands and is entitled "I made you wonderful".

As we take part in this service, we are part of a wonderful wave of prayer which encircles the globe, praying with, and for, the Cook Islands and its people. Based on the words of Psalm 139, and woven within the stories of three Christian women, this worship services invites us to recognise that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care. We are unique and special, and should cherish all aspects of who we are and of those around us. God created us, God knows us, God is with us. What a wonderful message to share.

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**Weekly Thursday Morning zoom Bible Study Finding 'The Way' together**

Thursday mornings 10.00am to 11.00am facilitated by Margaret Boreham The zoom opens at 9.45am with the study beginning at 10am. Conversations are based on a Bible passage and there will be questions to make us think and re-think. There is an opportunity and time to share thoughts and questions. Closing remarks are at 11am for those who want just an hour, but stay open after 11am for anyone keen to chat or continue the conversations sparked by the Bible Study.

Margaret on mboreham5@gmail.com, 07483 86 86 12 Re-curring zoom link:<https://zoom.us/j/98461065032?>

**Blackheath & Crystal Palace Circuit**

**'Mad Hatter's Tea Party'**

in aid of *Methodist Mission in Britain*

at *Burnt Ash Methodist Church*

on **Saturday, 22nd February 3-5 pm**

featuring a *Palm Court Trio* led by *Martin Cleave*;

Tickets are not required but donations, gift-aided if possible, will be welcome. Please come along and enjoy the event.

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**ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

Valerie Tredinnick has been the Action for Children (formerly National Children's Home) secretary at our Church for many years, and is now looking to retire from this role.

Several people in the Church have collecting boxes for Action for Children, and Valerie's main responsibility is to keep a note of all box holders, collecting the boxes in annually to count the contents and forward the money to Action for Children.

If you feel that this is something that you could do, please have a word with Valerie, who will let you have more details .

### **CASA RICCI SOCIAL SERVICES**

Members of the Christian Action Group (and others) have been supporting the work of the Casa Ricci Social Services, a Roman Catholic foundation, for many years, in their work with people with leprosy and HIV in Macau, and now in other regions of China. The following accounts from workers with Ricci Social Services (RSS) are taken from their latest "Encounter" newsletter.

*"Growth... is to put ourselves in the shoes of others". By Srs. Meng, Qiubei Leprosy Centre, Yunnan*

Ever since we came to serve in the Yunnan Centre, we have formed an inseparable bond with the RSS. With more than 10 years of serving people affected by leprosy (PALS) I clearly feel that RSS has not only helped us grow in various aspects, but has also brought significant changes to the nearby villagers, making them become unique persons. To improve their living environment, we separate human living areas from their poultry, brought electricity, constructed road and built washrooms. By providing education they change their way of thinking, by forming living values in them, the youth and elderly understood the value of their lives. We helped their children attend school and some of them even complete college, and encouraged people to go outside to find jobs or to stay at the village to produce local products. Along the way, there was a transformation from social isolation to social concern, and gradual integration into the society.

*"Service in Leprosy Centre is a mark of love", by Srs. Xie, Dechang Leprosy Center, Sichuan.*

Initially I accepted the team's arrangements to come to the leprosy centre to serve. At that time, I thought, "I'll leave in a few days. I really don't like to be here, facing a group of PALS (persons affected by leprosy) with deformed faces and mutilated limbs all day long, and even stinking and bloody ulcers." At first, I was afraid to go out of my room.

One day I woke up. "I came here to serve." Then I began to interact with the PALS, and greatly enjoyed this work based on love, seeing the deeper value of my dedication to serve. From being "afraid" I ended up being "sure and confident", my work and service has been transformed into a responsibility full of affection.

## **LIVING WELL**

Living Well Bromley is our local food bank, based at Holy Trinity Church, Lennard Road. They are always looking for donations of food, and their most needed items are tins of meat, fish, vegetables, tomatoes, soup and pulses, also rice, pasta, biscuits, cereal, UHT milk, shower gel and shampoo, and toilet roll. We now have a box in the entrance hall where you can place any donations you have for them. Perhaps you can add one extra item to your weekly shop, to add to our donations box - it soon mounts up!

Living Well provide several free services. Their food bank is open on Tuesdays 3-4pm, Fridays 1-2.30 pm and Saturdays 10.30 – 12.00 noon. Everyone is welcome and no referral or voucher is needed. There are also free hot drinks and snacks for food bank guests, open during food bank sessions.

In addition there is a free hot lunch for anyone who would like one, on Fridays from 1-2.30pm

Benefits, housing and other advice is available by phoning 07933 934631 or email [advice@livingwell.life](mailto:advice@livingwell.life).


If you want to know more about Living Well, to find out about volunteering with them or for making a monetary donation, please visit their website: [www.livingwell.life](http://www.livingwell.life).

You can also support them by visiting their charity shop on Penge High Street (almost opposite McDonald's).




.FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

## FOOT WASHING

After the Last Supper, Jesus  
took a  as an apron,

and a  full of 

He washed the  of  
His disciples.



That was a job for servants.

Peter said:

JOHN 13:8

Jesus  
answered:

JOHN 13:8

So Peter  
wanted Jesus to wash his   
and his  as well!

JESUS WANTS US TO:

S E R V E N E Z A R H E R



## **Penge Community Pre-School**

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**Anerley Methodist Church**

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

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FEBRUARY

- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Darts
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Christian Action Group 8pm in the Side Hall,  
Speaker: Peter Boreham: History of the Bromley  
Salvation Army Corps
- Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Church Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Church
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Craft Evening
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club. 8pm Programme Planning
- Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Mad Hatter's Tea Party Mission in Britain fundraiser  
3-5pm at Burnt Ash Methodist Church
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> All Age Worship 11am led by Valerie Tredinnick
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm Easter/Birthday card making
- Thur 27<sup>th</sup> Circuit Meeting 7.30pm at Burnt Ash Methodist  
Church

### MARCH

- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Church General Meeting after morning service.
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Christian Action Group 8pm in the Side Hall.  
Speaker: Rev. Richard Grocott
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer 7.30pm at Penge Congega-  
tional Church
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club 8pm
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday All Age Worship 11am

### APRIL

- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday
- Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Good Friday
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday

Morning services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion is usually celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of the month. In February this will be on the 16th.

There are no evening services at present.

The Prayer Meeting is not meeting in person at present, but is meeting via email. For more details contact Margaret Boreham - mboreham5@gmail.com

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