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FROM THE MINISTER

Friends, another summer is here with us, and as we journey through this summer we need to appreciate the blessings that the Lord always bestows on his people.

God told Joshua, 'You will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the Land the Lord your God is giving you'. As far as God was concerned, the promised land already belonged to His people. But when He told them to 'take possession', that meant they would have to fight for it. There were thirty – one Kings living there - warlords, each with their own tribal armies. There were seven major cities to conquer, and giants to overcome. So here are the questions: 1) Do you believe God has given you the gifting, resources, and strength to fulfil your destiny?. 2) Are you willing to fight for it?. You won't win in your own strength, but the good news is, you don't have to. God said, 'Have I not commanded you?. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you'.

Friends, whatever God calls you to do, He will give you the ability to do, but you must work to develop that ability. Sometimes He will answer your prayer immediately and give you what you are asking for. Other times, the onus is on you to pursue what He promised – and that calls for passion, patience, and persistence. Has it occurred to you that you may be waiting for God to bring you something, and He's waiting for you to go and get it?.

Friends, He doesn't respond to our wishes, or even to our pleading: He responds to faith – in – action. It's yours, if you are willing to fight for it.

Wishing you a peaceful summer.

Rev. William Davis

ROUND THE FAMILY

Several of our congregation have had various hospital operations and procedures over the last couple of months. We pray that they will all continue with their recovery and return to better health.

On the weekend of 10th/11th May we celebrated our church's 160th Anniversary. On the Saturday evening we were blessed to host a concert by members of the Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir, led by our own Clarence Hunte, which was very enjoyable. On Sunday 11th May we were pleased to welcome back the Rev. Imran Malik to lead our Anniversary service. Imran is a former Minister of our church, and is now Superintendant Minister of 3 churches in the Paisley area in Scotland. Following the service we were able to catch up with all our news over an enjoyable Bring-and-Share lunch,

Marian

From the Editor

With this edition the magazine commences an unbelievable 57th year of production!

When my late 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

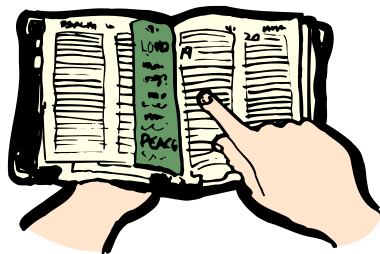
: 'Working together' weekly Bible Study on Zoom: Thursday mornings 10.00am to 11.00am

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?](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



Introducing Myself and the Work of All We Can

Hello. My name is Paul, and I'm excited to introduce myself to you. As a Methodist local preacher and passionate advocate for social justice, I am the new engagement officer for All We Can, the Methodist relief and development charity for London and the South East.

All We Can is rooted in the Methodist tradition of practical compassion and a commitment to social justice. Inspired by John Wesley's call to "Do all the good you can," the charity works alongside some of the world's most marginalised communities, empowering them to create lasting solutions to poverty and injustice.

A key part of my role is to connect with Methodist churches, sharing stories of transformation and inviting congregations to be part of this vital work through prayer and fundraising.

In particular I'm also looking to recruit new 'champions' in our churches- people who will be the point of contact for me to send information and resources to share with your church and circuit.

I would also love the opportunity to visit your church, whether to lead a service, deliver a talk, or simply have a conversation about how we, as Methodists, can continue living out our calling to be a justice-seeking people. If you would like to learn more, please do drop me a line.

With every blessing,
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INTROIT

The Introit for the next 4 months (starting on Sunday 1st June) will be as follows:-

There's a quiet understanding
when we're gathered in the Spirit,
it's a promise that he gives us,
when we gather in his name.
There's a love we feel in Jesus,
there's a manna that he feeds us,
it's a promise that he gives us,
when we gather in his name.

Tedd Smith
Singing the Faith no.36
CCLI 221943

EASTER OFFERING SERVICE

The Circuit Easter Offering Service took place at Lewisham Methodist Church on the afternoon of Sunday 4th May. The Service is prepared by Methodist Women in Britain on behalf of the World Mission Fund, and this year was entitled "Education for All, Hope for All". 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 Jonathan Dean, our Chair of District. Jonathan took up this post in September last year, and this was the first time that some of us will have heard him preach..

Andrew's bus journeys

5. Near silent journeys

I'm old enough to remember the London trams, which came through Croydon on their way from Purley to the Embankment. In fact my father took me on a tram the last day they operated in Croydon in 1951 when I was five years old.

Before the 2nd World War trams had worked over several routes in Penge and Anerley. When they were withdrawn from the West Croydon to Crystal Palace route in 1936 they were replaced by the 654 Trolleybus which remained in service until 1959.

As a boy I remember travelling on trolleybuses quite frequently. One regular journey was when I accompanied my mother on a visit to her sister-in-law. We would catch the trolleybus at Selby Road, which was destined for Sutton, but changed at West Croydon, roughly where the present bus station is located, onto the 630 trolleybus service, getting off in Mitcham Road, leaving a pleasant ten minute walk across Mitcham Common to our destination.

Trolleybuses were noticeably larger than the regular double deck buses. Unlike trams they were powered by dual overhead wires and, not being restricted by rails, were slightly more manoeuvrable in traffic. Occasionally the poles collecting the electric supply would separate from the wires, so each vehicle was equipped with a special long pole which the conductor could use to reconnect them to the overhead wires when this

happened. Being electrically powered and with rubber tyres they were very quiet as they sped along.

The route from West Croydon to the Crystal Palace was the much the same as the current 157 bus, though without the one-way system at Spurgeon's Bridge. At the top of Anerley Hill the trolleybus circled a roundabout and stopped facing downhill for their return journey. At Thicket Road, there was a short spur, enabling the trolleybus to curtail the journey if necessary.

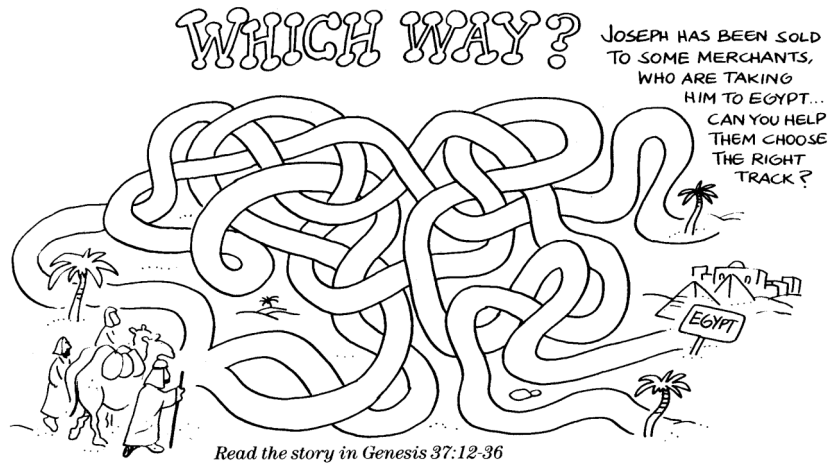
In their heyday there was an extensive system across London. From an environmental point of view there was a lot to commend them

A.T.

AID THE CONGO DRC

As some of you may be aware, the Rev. Charles ILunga, a Minister in our Circuit, was a Methodist Minister in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) before coming to the UK. Every year in the DRC thousands of men, women and children die from preventable diseases; but the people worst affected are those forgotten villagers in rural communities, isolated from any kind of health care and lacking hygiene education. Villagers risk their own lives walking long dangerous journeys just to find basic health care. Charles has set up a company to raise money with the vision of providing rural communities in Kabonga territory of the DRC with health facilities and health education, one village at a time, starting with the Mwanya village. For more details see www.aidthecongodrc.org.uk

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS



AFTERNOON TEA

Valerie and Andrew Tredinnick invite you to Afternoon Tea

On Saturday 28th June or Saturday 16th August

Between 2.30pm—5pm

At 32 Lloyds Way, Beckenham BR3 3QS

Donations in aid of Living Hope and charities supported by the
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Numbers are limited. Please let Valerie or Andrew know if you
would like to come

Be Careful What you Wish For.



When I was serving at Carter Street there was a tale told that back in the fifties the Chief Superintendent of the day had issued an instruction that he wanted East Street

Market 'cleaned up'. The story goes that on arriving in his office he was somewhat taken aback to find that his officers had taken him at his word and managed to remove a street trader's donkey and install it in his office. This would have involved persuading the beast to climb several staircases. Whether this prank could be interpreted as the officers viewing their boss as an Ass or a stubborn Mule is open to interpretation.

When I was serving at Fulham I recall Scotland Yard sending out a message that the Force was short of parking cones. This was back in the day when the police actually provided a public service and we were often asked to put out parking cones to facilitate house removals or funerals etc. The request would be carefully logged in the station ledger and the cones duly placed out during the night by the Station Van driver. In theory, there was also a column in the ledger indicating when the cones were to be retrieved but unfortunately this often got overlooked. Hence the London wide parking cone shortage.



I duly issued a memorandum - no emails or modern forms of IT being available in those days to communicate to the front line - requesting that any cones left out in the street be

returned to the Station. Arriving for work the day after my memo I found it a little difficult get into the Chief Inspector's Office. When I did get in, I found the room filled from top to bottom with parking cones. My officers must have scoured not only our own but also most adjacent Divisions to collect their haul of cones. Well as I say – be careful what you wish for!

My subsequent memorandum cancelling the request for cone retrieval expressed my CONEgratulations to my CONEscientious CONEstables for their CONEsiderable efforts to alleviate the Met's CONE shortage but also alluded to my personal in-CONEvenience at not being able to access my typewriter to CONFirm the cancellation of my instruction. Best to meet a practical joke with good humour! But I wonder how the Chief Superintendent at Carter Street responded to the Ass in his office!

Dave

CHANGES IN THE CIRCUIT

Following the departure in July of the Rev. Richard Grocott, our current Superintendent Minister, the following changes in the Circuit will take place from September.

The Rev. Craig Gaffney will become Circuit Superintendent, with responsibility for Burnt Ash, Forest Hill and Hither Green Methodist Churches.

The Rev. Charles ILunga will be responsible for Eltham Park, Lewisham and Sunfields Methodist Churches.

The Rev. William Davis will be responsible for Anerley, Upper Norwood and Wesley Hall Methodist Churches



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

Wed 4 th	Wednesday Club 8pm. Marian's and Julie's birthday celebration
Sat 7th	Penge Festival Fete 11am-5pm at Royston Field, Penge
Wed 11th	Wednesday Club 8pm: Dominoes
Wed 18th	Wednesday Club 8pm: Club Dinner 7.30pm at the Toby Carvery, Eden Park
Sun 22nd	All Age Worship 11 am Preacher: Valerie Tredinnick
Mon 23rd	Christian Action Group 8pm in the Side Hall. Speaker: Paddy Boothe
Wed 25th	Wednesday Club 8pm. Dog Bingo
Sat 28th	Tea Party from 2.30pm at 32 Lloyds Way in aid of Living Hope and charities supported by the Christian Action Group

JULY

Wed 2nd	Wednesday Club 8pm Beetle Drive
Thur 3rd	Circuit Meeting 7.30pm at Burnt Ash Methodist Church
Wed 9 th	Wednesday Club 8pm: UNO
Sun 13th	MAGAZINE ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO MARIAN!
Wed 16th	Wednesday Club 8pm: Nature Trail Game
Wed 23 rd	Wednesday Club 8pm: Gill's Birthday celebration

Sun 20th Farewell service for the Rev. Richard Grocott, 4pm at Eltham Park Methodist Church

Sun 27th All Age Worship 11am. Preacher: Mary Sparkes

Mon 28th Christian Action Group. 8pm in the Side Hall. Speaker: Ewan McShane—Council of World Mission visit to South Africa

Wed 30th Wednesday Club 8pm. Darts

AUGUST

Sat 16th Tea Party from 2.30pm at 32 Lloyds Way in aid of Living Hope and charities supported by the Christian Action Group

Mon 18th Christian Action Group 8pm in the Side Hall. Speaker: Valerie Tredinnick—Looking at St John's Gospel

Morning Services are held every Sunday at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 22nd June and 20th 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

A Circuit Bible Study takes place every Thursday morning at 10am by Zoom. See the magazine for further details