



## Blackheath and Crystal Palace Circuit Quarterly Newsletter

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### Superintendent Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

When a new hymn-book comes out it is interesting to look at the headings that are used for the different sections. Since earlier Methodism a move can be noted from sections concerned primarily with personal salvation towards ones which place responsibility upon the newly-established Methodist churches for mission, followed by a concern for justice in the world as a key theme in the last century. *Singing the Faith*, our most recent collection of hymns and songs, has a new section-heading "Our Journey with God" which contains items old and new.

In popular culture, to say that someone has been "on a journey" is much used and abused today. It frequently refers to a reality television programme in which the emotions of the participant have been stirred over the course of the programme's duration, and their experiences are likened to having been on a long journey. There are other occasions, of course, when the expression is rather more accurate. Many of our churches will be following the "Moving Stories" course for Lent prepared by the London District which refers to journeying figures from Scripture. In this edition of the newsletter we hear from Bill about his forthcoming sabbatical when he and Renate will be making lengthy journeys to catch-up with family in the US and Europe. Being on a journey will be literally true for them.

Lent is a season when we reflect upon our journeying with God, and if we were each to draw a map of our faith-travels, I suspect that many of us might find a pathway which is rather untidy! It may not start neatly in one place, progress to another, and then look forward to Heaven. Rather it might be a collection of wanderings and cul-de-sacs, U-turns and places where we are not sure where we are. The days of Lent, the teachings of Scripture, and the experiences of Jesus, serve to remind us that in our travelling, however that takes place, and wherever we are, God is there also. As we journey, we do so in God's presence. May we know that more clearly during this season as "being on a journey" finds its reality in our hearts.

God bless,  
*Stephen*

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### Maundy Thursday Services: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Anerley	7.30pm	led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom
Eltham Park	8pm	led by Rev. Stephen Maunder
Forest Hill	8pm	led by Rev. Dee Yeadon
Sunfields	8pm	led by Rev. Bill Tardy

### Good Friday Services: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Anerley	9.15am	led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom
Burnt Ash	9.30am	led by Dr Linda Ryan
Eltham Park	10.30am	led by Rev. Stephen Maunder
Forest Hill	10.30am	led by Rev. Dee Yeadon
Hither Green	10.30am	led by Local Preachers
Lewisham	9.00am	led by Rev. Stephen Maunder
Wesley Hall	11.00am	led by Local Arrangement

### Easter Day Services: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Anerley	9.15am	led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom
	11am	led by Mrs Valerie Tredinnick
Burnt Ash	8.30am	led by Rev. Bill Tardy
	11am	led by Mrs Juliette Alleyne
Eltham Park	9am	led by Rev. Stephen Maunder
	11am	led by Dr Garry Young
Forest Hill	11am	led by Rev. Dee Yeadon
Hither Green	10.30am	led by Rev. Bill Tardy
Lewisham	10.30am	led by Rev. Stephen Maunder
Sunfields	10.30am	led by Mr Milton Boothe
Upper Norwood	11am	led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom
Wesley Hall	9.30am	led by Rev. Dee Yeadon

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Deadline for information for next newsletter:

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

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**Rev. Bill Tardy will be on Sabbatical from  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April until Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Dear Friends,

As I sit here and type on the computer keyboard, Renate and I are just a little over two months away from our sabbatical. Yes! Renate applied and received approval for a sabbatical during the same period. A large proportion of our flights, rental vehicles (car & campervan) and Airbnb's are booked. A few last details are still to be taken care of but, on the whole, we are drawing closer to the finalization of our plans.

So, what is our main focus for this period of time? Since Renate and I both have family abroad, we are utilizing a large amount of the three months to visit them. First, we will head to the United States and visit with my mother. While I talk to her most days, it will be quite a treat to spend some time with her, my last remaining sister and relatives that reside in the state of Maine.

The second stage of our journey involves about a 1600-mile journey to visit my children. My oldest son and his wife have recently expanded their family by an additional little girl. So, we will have the opportunity to visit with them, the two grand-daughters and spend some much-desired grandparent time. Then, off to connect with my youngest son, his twin sister, her partner and their little boy: more grandparent time. Since they all live in different states, we have a lot of ground to cover.

The third stage of our travels will take us out to the Southwest of the United States. Many years ago, I had a trip all booked to go to the Grand Canyon. At the last minute, my father had a heart attack and I needed to head to Maine to help Mom during his recovery. This year we will be travelling for a few weeks around the Southwest in a campervan.

The fourth and final stage of our travels will take us back to Europe to visit family in Germany. We will spend some time with Renate's mother and also go back to the area where Renate and I first met: an opportunity to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. After travelling a bit around Germany and perhaps Spain, we will return to London and our mutual vocations.

While it does sound a bit daunting, it will be quite an adventure. Perhaps we all need to be encouraged by God's words to Joshua: "I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 NRSV

May the love of God guide our shared journey of faith, *Revd Bill Tardy*

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## Ongoing Lent Courses around the Circuit

All are welcome to attend any of these sessions;  
please contact individual churches for more details:

**Anerley** led by Rev Abe Konadu-Yiadom: Reflecting on 'Moving Stories'; weekly sessions Monday evenings 8–9.30pm  
**Burnt Ash** led by Rev. Bill Tardy in the Memorial Room; fortnightly sessions, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March, at 11am  
**Eltham Park** led by Rev Dr Stephen Maunder: "From there to here" - John Wesley, Methodism and us! Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m. in the cafe area, with refreshments from 7.45 p.m. Further dates to follow  
**Forest Hill** led by Rev. Dee Yeadon in the Green Room; weekly sessions, Wednesday at 8pm  
**Lewisham** led by Rev Dr Stephen Maunder "Moving Stories". Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> in the vestry at 8.00 p.m.  
**Sunfields** led by Rev Bill Tardy, Monday March 5, 12 and 26, 7.30–9pm using the York Courses material 'On the Third Day'

### Circuit Upcoming Events

Mon. 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Daffodil Day	2pm	Central Hall
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Presbyteral Synod		Lambeth Mission
Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Safeguarding Conference		Central Hall
Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Safeguarding training	10am–12.30pm	Anerley
Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Safeguarding Officers meeting	10am	Forest Hill
Tues. 17 <sup>th</sup> April	LWP Meeting	7.45pm	Forest Hill
Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Representative Synod	10am	Central Hall
Sun. 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Offering Service	4.30pm	Upper Norwood
Tues. 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Circuit Meeting	7.45pm	Forest Hill
Sat. 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Circuit Summer Fayre	10.30am–2.30pm	Forest Hill

### Church Upcoming Events

Thur 26/Fri 27 Apr & Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	College Park Players 'Farndale...' Murder mystery	7.45pm 3pm	Burnt Ash
	Details/tickets <a href="mailto:rynld@aol.com">rynld@aol.com</a>		
Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Fayre and Plant Sale		Burnt Ash
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Burnt Ash Singers Afternoon Tea Concert	3pm	Burnt Ash
	details <a href="mailto:rynld@aol.com">rynld@aol.com</a>		

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