



The **Methodist** Church

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Superintendent Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

Our Summer newsletter gives me the opportunity to summarise some of changes within our Circuit at this time.

After five years of faithful service, Revd Solomon Joseph is moving on to a new Circuit in Norfolk. We shall be able to say our farewells at an informal afternoon event on Sunday July 27th at 5.00 p.m. at Hither Green, and I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend. We do wish Solomon and Dorry well in their new surroundings as we thank them for their friendship over these past years.

During the afternoon we shall also be marking Valerie Tredinnick and Muriel French's 25 years' service as Local Preachers, so please come along and support them as well.

Methodism is nothing if not methodical - and so as one friend leaves, another arrives to take his place! On the last day of August we will be welcoming Revd Bill Tardy at a Circuit Service at Sunfields at 3.00 p.m. Bill and his wife Renate join us from the Enfield Circuit and will be serving Sunfields, Burnt Ash and Hither Green churches in particular. Again, it would be good to have an excellent turn-out for that service at which Revd Jenny Impey, Chair of District will be preaching.

Opportunities for Coffee and Fellowship within the Circuit:

Burnt Ash:

Wednesday mornings 10am-12 noon

Eltham Park:

3rd Saturday of every month 10.30-12 noon

Forest Hill:

Tuesday Fellowship 2pm-3.30pm

Sunfields:

Saturday mornings 10am-12 noon



Circuit Forthcoming Events

Fri. 4 th – Sun. 6 th July	Circuit Weekend at High Leigh		
Sun. 27 th July	Farewell to Rev.S. Joseph	5pm	Hither Green
Wed 30 th July	LWP meeting	7.45pm	Lewisham
Sun. 31 st Aug.	Welcome Service for Bill Tardy	3pm	Sunfields
Thurs 18 th Sept	Circuit Meeting	7.45pm	Hither Green

Circuit Website: bhcpmethodist.org.uk

Deadline for information for next newsletter:

1st September 2014

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SUMMER GARDEN PARTY at FOREST HILL
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Over the past two years of our new Circuit we have been greatly helped by our team of six circuit stewards. They have included Jack Smith, who did so much to ease the merging of our two former circuits, and Delia Cantamakloe, who also served as a steward in the previous Blackheath and Lewisham Circuit. Jack and Delia are standing down this summer, and we thank them for all that they have done.

During the coming year, we shall be joined from time to time by Chris Sandy who is a student minister from Queen's Foundation in Birmingham. Chris is to be on placement in our circuit at various times from September to Easter, so please welcome him if he is at your church.

Finally, at Darlington Street Methodist Church in Wolverhampton on June 29th, a number of us were able to gather to support Revd Imran Malik at his ordination. The large church was packed as seven presbyters were ordained in a splendid service at which the Bishop of Coventry preached. It was a joy to be there, and as a Circuit we congratulate Imran on his ordination, and continue to pray for him and Sarah and the family.

The Summer months can seem a little quieter in Methodist life with fewer meetings, and it is good to have a bit of a break from them. But as you can see much is happening, and so I ask for your prayers for all those who are on the move, and those who continue to serve our Circuit here so faithfully.

God bless,

Stephen

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Saturday 21 June turned out to be a glorious Summer's day with brilliant sunshine which made everyone feel joyful – it was the ideal day for our Summer Garden Party.

A huge thank you is offered to friends from all our nine Churches and from the wider community who contributed in so many different ways to make the event so enjoyable –

- The planning committee - all aspects of organising this vast event
- Donations of refreshments, items for sale / raffle / tombola
- Financial contributions from the Churches.
- Teams serving refreshments for their patience & efficiency
- Everyone who managed the stalls, the bar-b-cue & contributed to the guessing games.
- Hire of tables – contribution to funds
- The Steel Band – Thank you for the music!
- Setting up on Friday evening & Saturday morning and packing up & clearing away at the end
- Attending the Garden Party & contributing to the funds in an enjoyable way!

Everyone's hard work which made the event so successful - is greatly appreciated! The final total collected after expenses is an excellent £1,052.60 (£1,089.88 on 22nd June 2013).

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