



The Methodist Church
Blackheath and Crystal Palace Circuit
Quarterly Newsletter

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Superintendent Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

Lent, the 6-week season that runs up to Holy Week and Easter, comes quite late this year, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. Lent is a season which deserves to be taken season seriously. This is the period of the year when we are encouraged to stand back and look at our lives, to take stock of ourselves and ask ourselves whether there are ways in which we can improve on the people we are. Are there parts of our lives that are hindering our relationship with God and damaging our relationships with other people? Are there new opportunities and ideas to embrace as we continue our Christian Pilgrimage of faith?

Every time I read the story of the prodigal son in Luke's Gospel, chapter 15, I discover something new about this parable. When I read it again recently, it suddenly struck me that here was a story of life that was particularly relevant to Lent. This is the story of a young man who wastes his inheritance, leaving home with his share of his father's estate which he squanders on a reckless existence. When he has spent all his money, and he is deserted by all his so-called friends, he reaches rock bottom and is forced to work as a farm hand and eat the pods that the pigs were eating. In his desperation, he decides to eat his pride and go back to his father.

'I will go at once to my Father, and say to him, 'Father I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired workers'. But on his return, the young man is unable to even get these words out before his Father runs out to greet him, 'He ran to meet him, flung his arms around him and kissed him... this son of mine was dead and has come back to life'

All of us have made mistakes and made poor choices in our lives. Sometimes, this has led to painful consequences. Lent is a time for us all, like the prodigal Son, to face up to our shortcomings, swallow our pride, and return to warm embrace of God the Father. He, like the Father in the story, will always welcome us back home, his love and his mercy are without limits or conditions. Lent is a time for us all to come back to the God who is always tender, compassionate, gracious, and slow to grow angry.

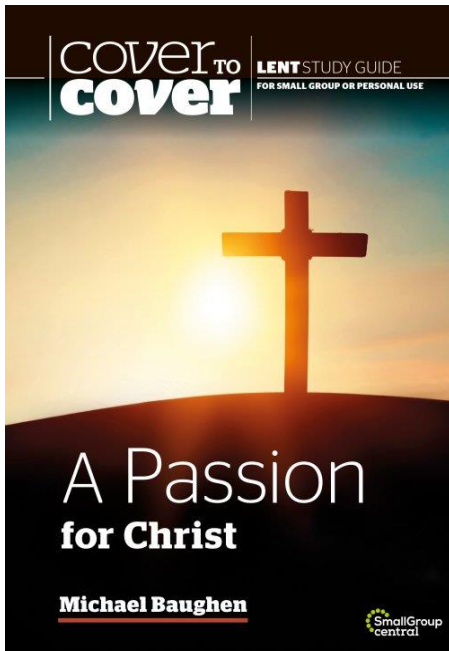
May you all know the rich blessings of God's grace this Lent.

Yours sincerely,

Richard

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Circuit LENT Study Course via Zoom



In today's world, personal comfort is king and queen. We like to have our coffee just the way we want it, we want our online shopping to be delivered the next day and we definitely don't want to have to wait in line for anything. So how do we feel about the idea of suffering for the gospel of Christ?

Paul was passionate about Jesus, the Church and spreading the good news, even if this meant facing hardship and persecution. This was a man with the cross on his heart, who was able to see joy in suffering for his Lord.

Over these six Bible study sessions, Michael Baughen encourages us to live with renewed passion, to share the gospel and to be prepared, if necessary, to suffer for Christ's sake and for His glory in the hope of the resurrection.

- Tue 8th March 7.30pm 'Sharing in the sufferings of Christ'
led by Revd Richard Grocott
- Tue 15th March 7.30pm 'Seeking love in the Church of Christ'
led by Revd Charles ILunga
- Tue 22nd March 7.30pm 'Spreading the aroma of Christ'
led by Revd Craig Gaffney
- Tue 29th March 7.30pm 'Shining with the light of Christ'
led by Revd Abe Konadu-Yiadom
- Tue 5th April 7.30pm 'Showing the life of Jesus in our mortal bodies'
led by Revd Richard Grocott
- Tue 12th April 7.30pm 'Serving with a passion for Christ our Saviour'
led by Revd TBC

Recurring zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98965886009?pwd=a2ljREYrS2hSY2F2VWVFTzZoVEJ0dz09>

Lent Reflections at Burnt Ash Methodist Church

Rev. Craig Gaffney will begin Lent with an Ashing Service on Ash Wed. 2nd March at 11am in the Memorial Room and follow this with weekly Lent reflections on the theme 'Life on the Breadline', 11am on Weds 9th March, 16th March, 23rd March, 30th March and 8th April 2022

All are welcome

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Circuit Evening Services/Gatherings on Zoom

The Circuit are running a series of evening Services/Gatherings on Zoom:

When: The second Sunday of the month for the next 3 months:

- 13th March 2022
- 10th April 2022
- 8th May 2022

Time: The Service begins at 6.30pm

However, Zoom - Gathering starts from 6.00pm and will stay open for chat afterwards.

In this new venture, we would like people from around the Circuit to get involved. If you are willing to support us, you might like to volunteer to:

- read and offer prayers
- offer a reflection - Local Preachers and Worship Leaders welcome but other people, please offer.
- Just 'be there' and enjoy each others' company

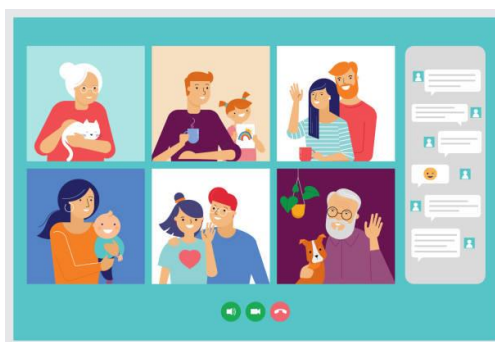
Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91829724673?pwd=WGpsL0RPbW9LSHZoMzBRd25uM3kwQT09>

Please share the information with people who may not be at Church. One-to-one help with Zoom available.

Margaret Boreham

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BCPC Online Team



LATE ADDITIONS TO PREACHING PLAN

Sunday 22nd May 2022

We are delighted to be able to welcome the Vice President of conference, Barbara Easton, to lead worship at Forest Hill Methodist Church at **11am**.

We are also delighted to welcome Helen Cornick to lead the Circuit Easter Offering Service at Anerley Methodist Church at **4pm**

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BLACKHEATH and CRYSTAL PALACE CIRCUIT

******* MISSIONS EVENT *******



Old-fashioned
CREAM TEA

Saturday 26th March
3pm – 5pm

BURNT ASH METHODIST CHURCH

with Martin Cleave and his Palm
Court trio to entertainment

£5 donation welcomed

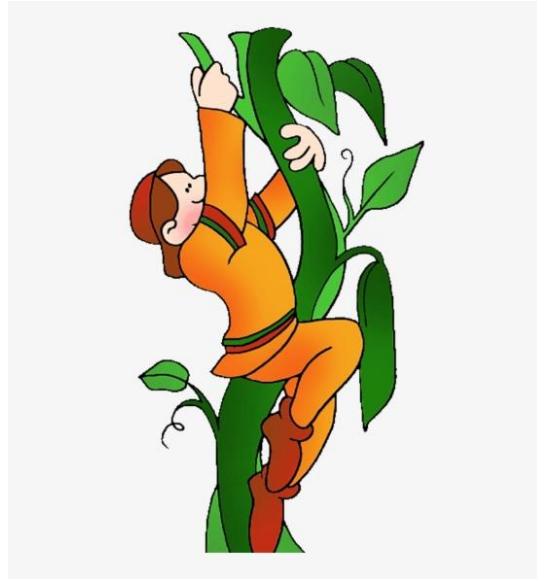
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BURNT ASH METHODIST CHURCH HALL
Lee, SE12 0QD

Friday 6th May 2022 at 7:30pm

Saturday 7th May 2022 at 2pm and 6pm

TICKETS £8.00 (£7.00 concessions)

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Circuit Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 2 nd March	Ashing Service led by Rev. Craig Gaffney	11am	Burnt Ash
Wednesday 2 nd March	Ashing Service led by Rev. Charles ILunga	11am	Forest Hill
Tuesday 8 th March	Circuit Lent course (via zoom)	7.30pm	
Sunday 13 th March	Circuit Zoom Service	6:30pm	
Tuesday 15 th March	Circuit Lent Course (via zoom)	7:30pm	
Thursday 17 th March	Circuit Meeting	7:30pm	Lewisham
Tuesday 22 nd March	Circuit Lent course (via zoom)	7.30pm	
Thursday 24 th March	Foundation Safeguarding training	10am-12pm	Eltham Park
Saturday 26 th March	Circuit Missions Afternoon Tea	3-5pm	Burnt Ash
Tuesday 29 th March	Circuit Lent course (via zoom)	7.30pm	
Tuesday 5 th April	Circuit Lent course (via zoom)	7.30pm	
Sunday 10 th April	Circuit zoom service	6.30pm	
Tuesday 12 th April	Circuit Lent course (via zoom)	7.30pm	
Saturday 23 rd April	Foundation Safeguarding training	10am-12pm	Hither Green
Thursday 28 th April	Circuit Leadership Team meeting	7.30pm	Burnt Ash
Saturday 30 th April	London District Synod	10am-2pm	TBC
Sunday 8 th May	Circuit zoom service	6.30pm	
Sunday 22 nd May	Easter Offering Service	4pm	Anerley



DO YOU LIKE A GOOD TUNE?

THEN WHY NOT COME ALONG TO A CONCERT BY THE

ELTHAM PARK PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON ORCHESTRA

27th March, 24th April, & 29th May 2022 at 3.00pm

ELTHAM PARK METHODIST CHURCH

Westmount Road SE9 1XX

🎵 **LIGHT CLASSICS** **SHOW SELECTIONS**
🎵 **FAVOURITE HYMNS** **POPULAR STANDARDS**

ADMISSION FREE

Refreshments available

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Spring Fayre & Plant Sale



Burnt Ash Methodist Church

Burnt Ash Hill, SE12 0QD

Saturday, 14th May 2022



Plants, Gardening, preserves, Bric-a
Brac, Second-hand books, home, gifts,
Tea & cake, BBQ,
11 am - 1.30 pm
ADMISSION 50p (Children free)



**INVITING LADIES OF BLACKHEATH & CRYSTAL
PALACE CIRCUIT TO
'WOMEN EMULATING SUSANNA WESLEY
(W.E.S.U.W)'**



**Dates: Saturday 26th March; Saturday 23rd April;
Saturday 28th May 2022: 11am-1pm**

Refreshments will be served

Venue: Upper Norwood or Anerley Methodist Church,

Please contact for details:

**Contacts: Nana Ama Brehen Ankah 07957111810 (Wesley Hall);
Or Agnes Frempong-Manso 07906118387 (Upper Norwood)**

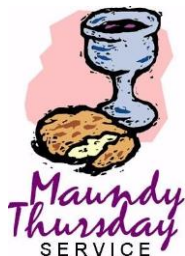
Circuit website: bhcpmethodist.org.uk

Deadline for information for next newsletter: **20th May 2022**

Articles, posters for forthcoming events etc always welcome

Please email details to: office.bcpc@btinternet.com

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EASTER SERVICES AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Maundy Thursday 14th April 2022

- 7.30pm Eltham Park led by Rev. Richard Grocott (HC)
7.30pm Forest Hill led by Rev. Charles Ilunga (HC)
(Note change of time since preaching plan was issued)
7.45pm Upper Norwood led by Rev. Abe. Konadu-Yiadom (HC)
(Joint service with Anerley)
8pm Sunfields/URC led by Rev. Craig Gaffney

Good Friday 15th April 2022

- 9.15am Anerley Meditation led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom
9.30am Lewisham led by Rev. Richard Grocott
9.30am Burnt Ash Short service led by Janet Mould (WL)
10.30am Forest Hill led by Rev. Pam Clew
(Note change of time since preaching plan was issued)
11am Eltham Park led by Rev. Richard Grocott
10.30am Wesley Hall led by Sandra Clifton (WL)
3pm Upper Norwood Meditation led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom

Easter Day 17th April 2022

- 9am Burnt Ash led by R. Grocott/C. Gaffney (HC)
9.15am Anerley led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom (HC)
9.30am Wesley Hall led by Rev. Charles ILunga (HC)
10.30am Burnt Ash led by Mary Sparkes
10.30am Eltham Park led by Stuart Watkin
10.30am Hither Green led by Lesley Murray
10.30am Lewisham led by Rev. Richard Grocott (HC)
10.30am Sunfields led by Rev Craig Gaffney
11am Anerley led by local arrangement
11am Forest Hill led by Rev. Charles ILunga (HC)
11am Upper Norwood led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom (HC)



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