



The **Methodist Church**
Blackheath and Crystal Palace Circuit
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Superintendent Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

Lent – a season of spiritual spring cleaning

Spring is my favourite season of the year. I love the first shafts of sunshine that begin to break through the dark, gloomy clouds that have for so long dominated a long, hard winter. As this sunshine begins to get warmer, life which for so long has appeared to be absent from our gardens and hedgerows, returns in the form of snowdrops, bluebells, crocuses, daffodils, tulips, budding trees and bushes and an array of colour. Wildlife also returns as those clever migratory birds who spend their winter in warmer climes join the mice and squirrels who have been hibernating in snug little burrows.

There is so much to do in the spring time, in the garden as we prepare the soil for planting, and in the home as we take advantage of the opportunity to throw open the doors and windows and give the house a good 'spring cleaning'. The idea of a good spring clean is to tackle cleaning parts of the home, office, church or school that we haven't been able to get at for some time. Inevitably, we turn up all sorts of odds and ends – lost buttons, old bits of soap, empty packets of crisps that should have been thrown out long ago, but had got lost in the midst of the clutter. It can be messy work and the dust it throws up can take hours to settle. But once it's done, you feel so much better and the sense of achievement is tremendous.

Ash Wednesday (March 6th) will soon be with us. So, begins the season of Lent. The original meaning of which was 'Holy Spring'. Traditionally, it was the time of the year when people new to Christianity were prepared for their baptism at Easter. Today, Christians are often encouraged to use these 40 days, which remind us of course of the period Jesus spent in the wilderness at the start of his ministry, for a sort of 'spiritual spring clean'. Like the house spring clean, the type of regular prayer and bible study many churches follow in Lent, make us to look at parts of our lives we may not have looked at for some time and may have preferred to avoid. Those who have regular followed Lenten bible studies know that this exercise frequently throws up dust that takes some time to settle, but most would agree that this exercise is more than worthwhile. Lent is a time above all a time to clear out of our lives all that is evil or unhealthy and to turn back to the God of love who wants us to rediscover him afresh. The prophet Joel puts the invitation this way: **'Come back to the Lord your God. He is kind and full of mercy; he is patient and keeps his promise; he is always ready to forgive and not punish'** (Joel 2:13)

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

Yours sincerely

Richard

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Transfiguration Sunday 3rd March 2019

Why does the celebration of the Transfiguration (for Methodists) take place just before Lent?

We celebrate the revelation of Christ's glory before the passion so that we may be strengthened to bear our cross and be changed into his likeness. The focus of the Lenten season is renewed discipline in walking in the way of the cross and rediscovery of the baptismal renunciation of evil and sin and our daily adherence to Christ. At Easter, which reveals the fullness of Christ's glory (foreshadowed in the Transfiguration), Christians give themselves anew to the gospel at the Easter Vigil where they share the dying and rising of Christ.

In the biblical context, the synoptic gospels narrate the Transfiguration as a bridge between Jesus' public ministry and his passion. From the time of the Transfiguration, Jesus sets his face to go to Jerusalem and the cross.

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EASTER OFFERING

GO ON, BE SMART! IT'S STILL 20p a DAY
FOR THE 40 DAYS OF LENT 2019
FOR WORLD MISSION!!

START SAVING ON ASH WEDNESDAY
6th MARCH UNTIL GOOD FRIDAY

GIFT AID IN AN EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPE

The Easter Offering Service will be at Burnt Ash on
Sunday 12th May at 4.30pm, Followed by a cup of tea



Ash Wednesday: 6th March 2019



Ashing services around the Circuit:

Burnt Ash: 11am, led by Rev. Bill Tardy
Forest Hill: 10.30am led by Rev. Dee Yeadon
Lewisham: 7.30pm led by Rev. Richard Grocott
Upper Norwood: 7.45pm led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom

All are welcome

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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 'A History of Christianity' by Professor Diarmaid MacCullough; weekly sessions on Monday evenings from 11th March – Monday 15th April, 8–9.30pm

Burnt Ash led by Rev. Bill Tardy in the Memorial Room; the theme of the weekly sessions is "The Mystery of God": Wednesday 6th March (Ash Wednesday), 13th, 20th and 27th March, 3rd & 10th April, all starting at 11am

Eltham Park led by Rev Richard Grocott: A five week lent course beginning on Thursday 14th March, at 8pm; called 'Finding a voice', and based on the film 'The King's Speech'

Lewisham led by Rev. Richard Grocott: A five week lent course beginning on Monday 11th March, at 7.30pm: based on The Beatitudes

Passion Week Bible Readings

Monday 15th April – Saturday 20th April 2019

For those of you who may wish to reflect on the Bible passages for Holy week, the following is taken from the MWB:

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11, Hebrews 9:11-15, John 12:1-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 71:1-14, Corinthians 1:18-31, John 12:20-36

Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12:1-3, John 13:21-32

Maundy Thursday: Exodus 12:1-10, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, Corinthians 11:23-26,
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday: Isaiah 52:13- 53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday: Job 14:1-14, Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16, 1 Peter 4:1-8, Matthew 27:57-66

Circuit Website: bhcpmethodist.org.uk

Deadline for information for next newsletter: **20th May 2019**

Articles, posters for forthcoming events etc. always welcome

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

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DAFFODIL DAY 2019

‘You will be my witnesses’
2pm Monday 4th March 2019

Community Singing from 1.40pm

Daffodil Day has long been a feature of Methodist Central Hall and is jointly sponsored with Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB). Special guests this year include Pam Rhodes - Broadcaster & Author, Simeon Wood - Musician, Composer & Entertainer, Sandra Goodwin - President of Methodist Women in Britain, The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Cllr. Lindsey Hall and Soloists, Anando Mukerjee & Camara Fearon. You are invited to wear a daffodil or buy a Marie Curie daffodil (available on the day at Methodist Central Hall) and support this worthy cause. Invite your family, friends and loved ones to what promises to be a very special afternoon.

Methodist Central Hall, Storey’s Gate,
Westminster, London SW1H 9NH



Circuit Forthcoming Events

Sat. 2 nd March	Talents Festival	10am	Shirley Methodist Church
Wed. 6 th March	Ash Wednesday services around the Circuit		
Wed. 6 th March	Lent course begins	11am	Burnt Ash
Mon. 11 th March	Lent course begins	7.30pm	Lewisham
Mon. 11 th March	Lent course begins	8pm	Anerley
Wed. 14 th March	Lent course begins	8pm	Eltham Park
Sat. 16 th March	District Safeguarding Conference	10am – 3.30pm	Central Hall
Sat. 23 rd March	‘Sing In’	10am – 3.30pm	Anerley
Sat. 23 rd March	‘A Day to Explore becoming a District of Sanctuary’	10am-3pm	Central Hall
Tues. 30 th April	LP & WL Meeting	7.45pm	TBC
Sat. 11 th May	Safeguarding Training (Advanced level)	10am	Forest Hill
Sun. 12 th May	Circuit Easter Offering service	4.30pm	Burnt Ash
Sat. 18 th May	Creative Worship Workshop	10am	Lewisham
Sun. 19 th May	District Testimony Service for Rev. A. Konadu-Yiadom	6pm	Wesley’s Chapel
Sat. 1 st June	Circuit Concert	4pm	Forest Hill
Thurs. 13 th June	Circuit Meeting	7.45pm	Burnt Ash
Sat. 22 nd June	Circuit Summer Fair	11am – 2pm	Forest Hill

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Creative Worship Workshop

Saturday 18th May 2019

Lewisham Methodist Church



10am – 12 noon

Open to **anyone** interested in

Creative Worship, particularly LPs, WLs & JC staff

Further details from Richard richard.grocott@methodist.org.uk

FOREST HILL TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday Fellowship, an ecumenical fellowship group, meet at Forest Hill Methodist Church and Centre, Normanton Street, SE23 2DS from 2:00 for 2:30 on Tuesdays for refreshments, starting at 2:30 with a hymn and prayers, then listen to a speaker or have an activity. We do not duplicate what church does. We would love to welcome you, as we get to know each other better, make new friends and develop our skills.

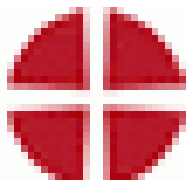
March 5 th (Shrove Tue.)	Moving Stories: Ira Fernando: Our work in Sri Lanka, 1995 to 2000.
March 12 th	'Bring and share' – hymns, poems, readings, songs etc. compère Mrs Elsie Sutherland
March 19 th	Getting to know our neighbours: Nigel Desborough: Forest Hill Community Church
March 26 th	Dr Linda Ryan: Education of girls/young women in the eighteenth century
April 2 nd	Chris Wise: Storytelling
April 9 th	Potentially all age creative session: Sue Rhodes: making Easter cards
April 16 th	Potentially all age session: (Holy Week) With Bible Study Led by Rev. Dee Yeadon
April 23 rd	NO TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP
April 30 th	Living our faith at work: Rev. Dee Yeadon: 'How easy is it to be a Christian as a Methodist Minister?'
May 7 th	NO TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP
May 14 th	Peggy Amoako: Christian Aid
May 21 st	(TBA)
May 28 th	Potentially all age anniversary session

Website: www.foresthillmethodistchurch.org Telephone number: 020 8291 6996

Email: admin@foresthillmethodistchurch.org

Tuesday Fellowship Secretary: Sue Rhodes : suerhodespersonal@gmail.com

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'A Cheerful Noise'



Do you enjoy lively hymns of praise?

Have you ever wondered what a serpent sounds like?

Do you know what connects Thomas Hardy with church music-making?

Come and experience the lively and joyful music of church bands from the 18th and 19th century, in a concert by the London Gallery Quire



Sunday 17th March 2019 at 3 pm

followed by refreshments

Retiring Collection

Proceeds will be shared between Burnt Ash Methodist Church,
The Quire, and Lee Oasis

**Burnt Ash Methodist Church,
Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, SE12 0QD**

The London Gallery Quire's website, www.lgq.org.uk,
has details of the Quire's activities and future events.

The London Gallery Quire are one of the UK's leading performers of West Gallery Music – a type of amateur church music which flourished in the UK in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Opportunities to hear this sort of music live are few and far between. They have promised us a varied programme, including some audience participation. We are expecting about thirty singers and instrumentalists. The proceeds from the concert will be shared between the church, the quire and Lee Oasis.

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Come along to
Anerley Methodist Church's
Sing-in Day

Saturday March 23rd 2019

10.00 am – 2.30 pm



Lively and reflective hymns, songs, and choruses old and new
(including **You Tube** 'sing-along' on the big screens for some
hymns and songs where we need a 'big band' accompaniment).

**A light lunch will be provided (12.30-1.30 pm)
for all who attend this event.**

Details from Margaret & Peter (Tel: 0208 462 2228)



**ELTHAM PARK PLEASANT SUNDAY
AFTERNOON ORCHESTRA**

www.pleasant.org.uk

**31st March; 28th April and 26th May
at 3.00pm**

**ELTHAM PARK METHODIST CHURCH
Westmount Road SE9 1XX**

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The **Methodist** Church

District Training: Creating Safer Space Safeguarding (Advanced level)

Saturday 11th May 2019
10am – 12 noon

Forest Hill Methodist Church

The aim of the Advanced Module is to consolidate and develop your previous safeguarding learning and to:

- Explore what this means in your designated role of responsibility within the Church
- Further equip you with skills and resources to be confident in promoting good practice in the Church and community
- Extend your understanding of responding well to different groups within the Church community.

Places on this training course will be limited, and are, therefore, likely to be by invitation only.

However, if you are interested in attending, please contact the Circuit Administrator: office.bcpc@btinternet.com

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CIRCUIT CONCERT

Saturday 1st June 2019

4pm at Forest Hill Methodist Church

Before climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in July Taiwo will be
Volunteering at the Mwereni School for the Blind.

Fundraising from this Concert will go towards the building of
an Orphanage in Arusha, Tanzania for 35 street children.

Tickets, price £5, will be available after Easter

Arranged by Taiwo Dayo-Payne and John Collis

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CIRCUIT MISSIONS SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2019

11AM TO 2PM

**FOREST HILL METHODIST CHURCH & CENTRE,
NORMANTON STREET, SE23 2DS**

* **Raffle**

* **Fairtrade**

* **Stalls and more!**

* **Lunch and afternoon tea**

Tables for hire £10

*ring the Church Office on 020 8291 6996 or email
admin@foresthillmethodistchurch.org*

Entrance: Adults 50p, Children 20p, Under 5's Free

ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

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Burnt Ash Methodist Church Hall, Lee SE12 0QD

Thursday 2nd May at 7.45pm,

Friday 3rd May at 7.45pm

Saturday 4th May 2019 at 2.30pm

Tickets £8 (£7 Concessions)

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BURNT ASH SINGERS

PRESENT

‘A Magic Day’



Join them on a magical, musical journey of surprises, possibilities and adventure!

Saturday 15th June 2019 at 3pm

Burnt Ash Methodist Church Hall, Lee, SE12 0QD

All tickets £7.50

Includes Afternoon Tea and Cakes

Served during the interval

Book early to avoid disappointment

Raffle in aid of: Services, Sound and Vision Corporation (SSVC)
SSVC entertain and inform Britain's Armed Forces around the World (previously ENSA), organising variety concert parties for service personnel

For information/booking contact: rynlnd@aol.com

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Maundy Thursday Services: Thursday 18th April

Eltham Park	8pm	led by Rev. Richard Grocott (HC)
Forest Hill	8pm	led by Rev. Dee Yeadon (HC)
Sunfields/URC	7.30pm	led by Rev. Andrew Willett (URC)
Upper Norwood	8pm	led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom

Good Friday Services: Friday 19th April



Anerley	9.15am	led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom
Burnt Ash	9.30am	led by Dr Linda Ryan, followed by Walk of Witness and ecumenical service at Leegate approx. 10.45pm
Eltham Park	10.30am	led by Rev. Richard Grocott
Forest Hill	10.30am	led by Mrs Hilary Waterhouse
Hither Green	10.30am	led by Rev. Bill Tardy
Lewisham	9.00am	led by Rev. Richard Grocott
Sunfields	10.30am	Ecumenical service at Whitfield Mount
Upper Norwood	2pm	led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom
Wesley Hall	10.30am	led by Rev. Dee Yeadon

Easter Day Services: Sunday 21st April



Anerley	9.15am	led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom
	11am	led by Ms Claudine Brown
Burnt Ash	8.30am	led by Rev. Bill Tardy (HC)
	10.30am	led by Mrs Mary Sparkes
Eltham Park	9am	led by Rev. Richard Grocott (HC)
	10.30am	led by Mrs Annie Mokgohloa
Forest Hill	11am	led by Rev. Dee Yeadon (HC)
Hither Green	10.30am	led by Milton Boothe
Lewisham	10.30am	led by Rev. Richard Grocott (HC)
Sunfields	10.30am	led by Rev. Bill Tardy (HC)
Upper Norwood	11am	led by Rev. Abe Konadu-Yiadom (HC)
Wesley Hall	9.30am	led by Rev. Dee Yeadon (HC)

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