

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear friends,

If you are just joining us, this is the final instalment from a series of three articles based on Paul's counsel to the Corinthians.



The first one was in February (I Cor 12:12-31) when we highlighted his charge that as Christians (the body of Christ), we should never let the glue that holds us together melt. Whenever it does it must be refilled so that we can remain attached to the head (Jesus) and have harmony within the body. Then in March we dissected 2 Cor 3:12-4:2 and saw that God's presence dwells in a harmonious body to reveal the beauty therein as happened during Jesus transfiguration.

So this time as we approach climax of lent at Easter we turn to the question, how can this beauty in the body become explicit to all? I have entitled this one

A New Point of View

For this we turn to 2 Corinthians 5:16-21:

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

It all depends on your perspective

Firstly, *what are you looking at?* We regard each other from a human point of view, the only view that's within our nature. When we see another person we fill in the categories: gender, race, economic class, appearance, and whether we feel comfortable with them. We use our human perspective to select Students of the Month according to school standards. Employees are chosen as Employees of the Month and as reward receive a parking space close to the front door of the business. Our categories, stereotypes, and prejudices are human points of view. If one person wears a crisp suit and another slovenly sweats, we label them accordingly. In all these examples, we are looking through the eyes of the law, the law that always measures and always judges. That viewpoint can be good if we ask someone to baby-sit our kids and we judge the baby-sitter to be safe and kind, or if we hire someone to work for us and we judge them to be capable, responsible, and honest. But the human point of view always sees through the law. For God has given us the law to guide us and protect us.

Secondly, our *attitude is Look at me!* God's point of view does not matter, at least, for instance, when humans at the supermarkets glare at us as if we were unwanted. So we do what we can to make ourselves look impressive to others: Among teenage boys, some will end up looking tough, some like geeks, and others like nerds. We adults may present a certain image at work or in public places (libraries, banks, salons), but elsewhere we figure we can be crude, rude, or disrespectful. We trespass on the rules of society. We trespass on the law of God (v. 18). We live for ourselves (v. 15), hoping others will view us with respect and like us. We have lost all trust in being the image of God; and, secretly, we believe the image of God is not real to anyone. We fear how we may look to other humans more than we fear how we look to God. Thus our relationship with God is in disrepair. *The bad news: high deficiency of good guys.*

Thirdly is our common response to correction, which is, *What are you, blind?* When others see us differently than we want to be seen, we do not like it. And, in defence of ourselves, we call them "blind." When

God sees us as we truly are we get upset and oppose God's view of us because we feel God is looking at us according to the law. The law perceives us to be broken sinners. Our trespasses are counted against us (v. 19). For this to change we require a different perspective.

Now a completely perspective

Look at that! The surprising good news is that God, out of grace reconciles us to himself through Christ. In his death the old is gone (v. 17) and in his rising we are the new creation (v. 17) reflecting God's very goodness ("righteousness," v. 21). Moreover, we are no longer opposed to God but reconciled. Put another way we now *Look good*. Our old looks have passed away (v. 17). We now look like Christ, which is good enough. We now enjoy a new mission in life. Instead of worrying about how we look to others, we share the message of reconciliation with others (v. 19).

We no longer regard each other from a human point of view. We look with Christ's point of view: the view of forgiveness. When we wake up in the morning, we don't just think about how we should look for work, but how can we look like ambassadors for Christ today. We are ambassadors as we care for those we work with on the assembly line, when we respect others at the grocery store, etc. Whether we are in suits or jumpers we are now the same body wonderfully and awesomely made.

As we enter the final moments of Easter, let us remember that it is for this reason that we have the season. The beauty of a body that is functioning properly cannot be hidden. The beauty of a church where all are in tandem cannot be covered under a bushel. Soon those within and without do realise something new and exciting about people they have always seen. They gain an exciting view of who we are as the true image of God is reflected on and refracted from us. Could this be the magic formulae that the world is waiting for to start trooping back home, in the church where they belong? Something to ponder over this reflective period, wont you?



WOMAN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Woman's World Day of Prayer fell on Friday 2nd March. This year's service was put together by the Christian Women of Paraguay and had the title "United Under God's Tent". A morning service was held at St. James' Church, an afternoon service was arranged for the Alexandra House residents and an evening service will be held at the Salvation Army Citadel.



A huge "Thank you" to Karen Smith for reading at the St. James' Service; to Joan Harding, Moira Bailey, Pauline Riley and especially Tony Loft for leading and giving the afternoon address at Alexander House; to Jo and Emily Passfield for the evening readings and Pauline Riley leading the Salvation Army Citadel; to Derek Heaton for showing the Paraguayan film slides at each of the three services and to Margaret Redway for playing the piano at Alexander House.

Well done to all of you . It was also good to see one or two folk from our congregation at the St. James' Service. My grateful thanks to all of you.

Mary Heaton

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IF ONLY ...

If all the Lukewarm members would fire up,
All the gloomy members would cheer up,
All the estranged members would make up,
All the gossipy folk would shut up,
All the true believers would stand up,
All those on the roll would show up
To honour Him who was lifted up,
You would have the finest church in the world.

Anon

A LETTER FROM BARRIE TABRAHAM

WIMBLEDON CIRCUIT SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Friends

It's a year since I began these quarterly letters, but there is more Circuit news than ever before, and a number of forthcoming events only serve to remind us of how important the Circuit is as a unit of ministry and mission.

But first, as far as Methodists, we would want to emphasise that this year, 2007, marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of **Charles Wesley**. Much has already appeared in the pages of the 'Methodist Recorder'; new book son Charles Wesley have been or are being published this year – though I have copies of my own introduction, *Brother Charles*, if you want to find out more about this remarkable man and his contribution to Methodism and the wider Church.

On **September 30th at 6.30pm** we shall be holding our own celebration – a special Circuit Service at Raynes Park Church. This should be an inspiring occasion.

New Churches!

The three major building schemes are proceeding well, and likely to be joined by a fourth at **Martin Way**, who are in the initial planning stage of adapting the front of the church so that it will become more accessible to the street. Exciting news!

Wimbledon's 'Beacon Project' is most advanced, and by the time many of you read this letter, the congregation will have started to use the new building, and Share Jesus International the top floor. The members invited us to all come and see the new buildings for ourselves on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th March. The official dedication will be on 27th May, and the offertory at the service will go to the Beacon Project – which is badly in need of financial support, owing to the fact that several sources of funding which were either anticipated or promised have not been forthcoming. I encourage you all to be as generous as possible.

The ‘**Future Links**’ project at **Worcester Park** is well underway, and the congregation are now confined to the church building itself. All the remainder of the premises are either being renovated or extended, so that – to borrow a phrase from the world of computing – Christ Church with St Philip may have a better interface with mission to the local community. We have provisionally arranged for an ‘opening party’ on Saturday 22nd September, but this date may need to be revised. The re-dedication of the whole building, including the church itself, will probably be at Pentecost in 2008.

Ruxley Church – which will see a major development on the present Methodist and Anglican sites, is still in the planning stage, but a management group meets regularly, fund-raising has begun and details are starting to take firmer shape. Watch out for further news.

And – lest you feel we’re becoming ‘property orientated’ – **Valerie Smith** from Wimbledon is planning a **Circuit Quiet Day** and will be circulating details soon of the date and place.

The Quarterly Preaching Plan

A word to our preachers. You will see that I have asked for your requests for the next quarter by the earlier date of *April 1st*, not the beginning of May, since we shall be plan-making a month earlier, owing to the change-over to a Preaching Plan that follows the Connexional, rather than the calendar year. Thank you for bearing with us!

People in the news

Work commitments (which include a great deal of evangelism with young people) have made it necessary for **Andy Frost** to take a pause in both his *Faith & Worship* studies and his preaching commitments to the Wimbledon Circuit for a few quarters. However . . .

. . . We welcome **David Somers** to the Circuit, a local preacher ‘On Trial’ working full-time for Share Jesus International. Good to have you with us, David!

Congratulations to **Tony Loft** who has now come On Trial as a local preacher. May God bless your future ministry, Tony.

We are pleased that **Diana Pinchin** has been given a note to preach; her mentor will be Rev Margaret Adams. May God guide her in her journey as a preacher and give her joy and fulfilment in her work.

Some of you will know **Bill Lindop** from Woking & Walton Circuit, “Mr Gambia” as he is affectionately known. You will be pleased to hear that, for a quarter of a century’s service to the people of The Gambia, Bill was awarded an MBE in the New Year’s honour’s list – thoroughly deserved.

Some important dates for your diaries:

- ✝ Saturday 21st April – 10.00 am **Spring Synod** at Westminster Central Hall.
- ✝ Thursday 17th May – **Preacher’s Meeting** at 8.00 pm at Wimbledon, when on this occasion we shall be joined by local preachers from the Kingston Circuit.
- ✝ Sunday 27th May – at 4.00 pm the **Circuit Service** to rededicate the new church at Wimbledon – a major celebration at which many friends, both old and new, will be present.
- ✝ Monday 18th June – **Circuit Meeting** at (7.00 pm for 7.30 pm) at Wimbledon
- ✝ Tuesday 24th July – 1st group return to **Kenya**
- ✝ Tuesday 7th August – 2nd group leave for **Kenya**
- ✝ Saturday 8th September 10.00 am District **Autumn Synod** at Westminster Central Hall
- ✝ Saturday 22nd September 4.00 pm – provisional date for the re-opening of the premises at Worcester Park
- ✝ Sunday 30th September 6.30 pm at Raynes Park – **Circuit Service** to mark the 300th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley

Finally a reminder that the April/May/June plan will be followed by one covering the quarter June [again]/ July/August, and thereafter we follow the Methodist Year.

Peace be with you all.

Barrie

MENS SUPPER CLUB

As previously mentioned, the members of the Men's Supper Club are fundraising with the aim of raising one thousand and seventy-three pounds before November. This, via the Bible Lands, will provide enough to build a house in the poorest part of Egypt.

We have already made two hundred and fifty pounds towards our target. Money we raise over and above our target will go to the Rafiki Trust for the ongoing work in Kenya. Here is a date for your diary – SATURDAY 19th MAY when, from 11am until 2pm The Supper Club will be holding a LUNCH-TIME MARKET.

Please support us on this occasion if you possibly can. We shall look forward to seeing you.

Bill Cox

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AN INVITATION

When we moved last year, the last thing we were thinking about was this year's birthdays, but for Jan it's one of those special ones!

If we were still in London, we would have wanted to celebrate this with as many friends as possible, and it has been difficult to decide what to do. We both feel uncomfortable about inviting people to travel two hundred miles without being able to offer accommodation, but on the other hand, we want everyone to feel welcome if there is any way they can arrange it! After a lot of discussion, we have decided to defer the fun from the birthday date to the Spring Bank Holiday weekend (26th – 28th May) and offer an open invitation. This date would mean that some people might be on holiday – or might like to arrange to be! – and would be able to spend some time here. It's a long way to come, we know, but it's a beautiful area and B&B, hotel, caravan and camping accommodation is plentiful.

We are having an "open house" from 3-00pm until midnight on Sunday, 27th. May. The afternoon will be filled with Devon cream

teas, and a buffet supper will be served during the evening. You are warmly invited to come for either or both!

We think of you all often, and hear news from many sources. We are still settling here and at the moment are surrounded by builders. (We are assured they will be finished by the end of May!!) Mum has had her pacemaker renewed today and is doing well. Both she and Auntie Bet are enjoying the area.

Please let us know if you are able to visit us – either on 27th or at any other time.

Blessings!

Bob and Janet

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BON-VOYAGE GWEN



The message of the good Friday is about incarnation which means becoming as one and dwelling among people not originally your own. Jesus did that and asked us to take opportunities to do so. Gwen Wildman from Martin Way Methodist Church is going out to Kenya to stay among the locals for 2 months. Gwen is a nurse by profession and so she will explore whilst there on how she and us can partner in this area of health care.

Gwen will be dearly missed at Martin Way but we are pleased to release her to this great calling. We would also ask that the churches around can keep her in constant prayers that she may discover God's will during her sojourn among the Kenyan villagers.

DID YOU FIND THIRTY BOOKS OF THE BIBLE?

Last month Graham Currie supplied a very nice puzzle for us, believe it or not there were thirty books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph. They are listed below and to help you further they are also highlighted in the paragraph.

How many did you manage to find?

Old Testament	† <u>Lamentations</u>	† <u>John</u>
† <u>Genesis</u>	† <u>Daniel</u>	† <u>Acts</u>
† <u>Exodus</u>	† <u>Hosea</u>	† <u>Romans</u>
† <u>Numbers</u>	† <u>Joel</u>	† <u>Timothy</u>
† <u>Judges</u>	† <u>Amos</u>	† <u>Titus</u>
† <u>Ruth</u>	† <u>Nahum</u>	† <u>Philemon</u>
† <u>Samuel</u>	† <u>Malachi</u>	† <u>Hebrews</u>
† <u>Kings</u>	New Testament	† <u>James</u>
† <u>Chronicles</u>	† <u>Matthew</u>	† <u>Peter</u>
† <u>Esther</u>	† <u>Mark</u>	† <u>Revelation</u>
† <u>Job</u>	† <u>Luke</u>	

This is a **most remarkable** puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an aeroplane pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, **keeping** him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his **johnboat**. Another friend studied it while playing his **banjo**. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend was intrigued by it and she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend **judges** the **job** of solving this puzzle so involving, **she brews** a cup of tea to help her **nerves**. **There** will be some names that are really easy to spot.

That's a **fact**. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a **jam**, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully from answers we get, we are forced to admit, it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our **genes** is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund-raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **Phi lemonade** booth set a new sales record. The local paper, the **Chronicle**, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As **Daniel** Hunana **humble** puts it, the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight. Those able to find them will hear great **lamentations** from those who have to be shown. One **revelation** that may help is that books like **Timothy** and **Samuel** occur without their **numbers**. Also keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A **chipper** attitude will help you **compete** really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad **exodus**; there really are 30 books of the Bible **lurking** somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

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GARDENING DAY



Many thanks to all those who came along to help with the Gardening over the two Saturdays in March, the 17th and the 24th.

Those who came to the latter were also rewarded by being able to stay for the Big Brunch, which was excellent.

Pauline Riley

Come and sing your favourite Charles Wesley hymns for

BBC Television's

Songs of Praise

in

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, LONDON

on

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 28th MAY 2007

The **BBC** will be recording in **WESLEY'S CHAPEL**, 49 CITY ROAD, LONDON EC1Y 1AU, the 'Mother Church of World Methodism' on **Monday 28th May** and invites anyone who can sing (especially if you sing soprano, alto, tenor or bass) to join us for this exciting television event.

Choir Rehearsal

Monday 21st May

7pm-9.30pm

Songs of Praise conductor **Paul Leddington Wright** will conduct this essential rehearsal - an enjoyable evening and a chance for all singers to properly prepare for the television recording.

Television Recording

Bank Holiday Monday 28th May

7pm-10.30pm

The hymn singing will feature in two future editions of *Songs of Praise*.

The first is due to be shown on BBC1 on Sunday 14th October and will feature interviews with people who've studied the lives of those closest to Charles Wesley. The second, to be broadcast the following week, will feature the stories of those whose lives have been changed by his hymns.

To guarantee a seat (and help the BBC gauge numbers) you will need to apply for a **free ticket – ideally before Monday 21st May.**

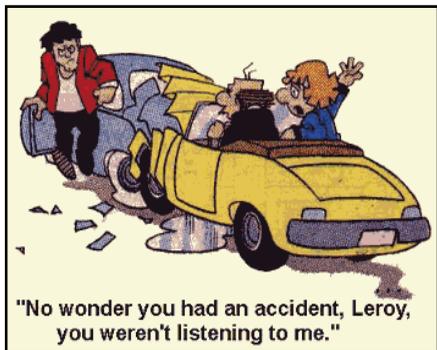
Apply by:

Post: Songs of Praise (Wesley's Chapel)
Room 5012, BBC, Oxford Road
Manchester M60 1SJ

Telephone: Call the *Songs of Praise*
ticketline (**0161 244 3473**) and
leave a short message including
your name and telephone number
and someone will call you back.

E-mail: songsofpraise@bbc.co.uk

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH - APRIL 2007



I had something all ready to take to a friend today. Half-way on my journey and too late to turn back, I realised that I had left something at home. Of course I was annoyed with myself. I had not done it on purpose but the act of forgetfulness was mine. There was no possible way that I could blame someone else.

Have you noticed that accidents don't happen anymore? When something goes wrong nowadays we are encouraged to look around for someone to blame, preferably someone we can sue for damages. If we fall over in the street we blame the council for not maintaining the pavement properly; it couldn't be our own carelessness, could it? Yet if we are honest with ourselves all we have to do when something goes wrong and we are seeking someone to blame is to look in the mirror.

The whole thing is very one-sided. It is only when things go WRONG that we look for someone to blame. What about when things are going RIGHT with us, when good things are happening? Should we not think about who is responsible and thank them? We are too eager to complain but nit as ready and willing to give thanks and praise where praise is due. All of us have far more to be thankful for than to moan about. In church we give thanks and praise to God, and rightly so.

But many people we have contact with in our daily lives deserve our thanks too. A word of thanks and praise can make a world of difference to someone's day. A "thank you" always does good, both to the recipient and the giver. Like a smile given away, a word of thanks has a rewarding boomerang effect and neither leave us poorer for having given them. Just the reverse in fact!

Bill Cox

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We have Junk Mail, Snail Mail, and E-Mail
But the best we can offer to God is **Kneel Mail**

Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire,
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something
For it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.
During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations
Because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge
Because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes
They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary
Because it means you've made a difference.

It is easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are
also thankful for the setbacks.

GRATITUDE can turn a negative into a positive.
Find a way to be thankful for your troubles
and they can become your blessings.

~ Author Unknown ~

CHRISTIAN CARE ASSOCIATION CPAS FALCON CAMPS ~ SUMMER 2007

With the politicians, the police and the media agonising over the disturbing youth culture of South London – gangs, drugs, guns, graffiti – support for young people in our borough has never been more important. *Christian CARE* is committed to supporting children and teenagers.

Every year we invite about 14 young people aged 8 -13 to spend a week at a Falcon Camp run by the Church Pastoral Aid Society. These are at Halls Green, an adventure centre near Sevenoaks. There are exciting outdoor activities and outings, but as well as this time is set aside every day for Bible study and prayer. The young people make good friends, and there are often tearful farewells at the end of the week. The leaders are all committed Christians who want each camper to know that s/he is important and valued as an individual. They are prepared to show Jesus' love by giving extra time and attention especially to those who are withdrawn or whose behaviour is challenging.

When we ask a child to camp for the first time – as is the case this year with 8 year old C.... and her brother P...., aged 10, who come from a large and very needy family – we hope that we will be able to send them to camp for several years, so that they will grow in their understanding of the Christian faith. All the other campers have been to Halls Green at least once before.

We ask members of churches to help us pay for the campers' fees, the Bible, pocket money and transport costs. Could you support this work? £7.00 would provide pocket money for one child for the week; £12.00 would pay for a Good News Bible; £20.00 would pay the transport cost for one child; £120.00 would pay the camp fee.

If you would be able to contribute to the cost of the camps, please send a cheque made out to 'Christian Care Association' to the following address - Christian Care Association Camps Appeal, Main Office, St. Barnabas Community Centre, Thirsk Road, Mitcham CR4 2BD. If you would like to find out more about the work of Christian Care or you have any specific questions, please telephone me on 07932 628840).

Bert Hyde

PUZZLE CORNER

Characters in the Gospels

1. To which country did Mary and Joseph escape to when Herod killed all the babies in Bethlehem?

Ammon	Moab
Egypt	Edom
2. John the Baptist ate...?

Milk and honey
Locusts and honey
Unleavened bread
Figs and pomegranates
3. The elderly widowed prophetess in Jerusalem, who saw Jesus as a baby was?

Anna	Rachel
Tabitha	Salome
4. Jesus was what age when he was baptised?

25	30	33	35
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5. Who said to Mary, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!?"

Joseph	Elisabeth
Zechariah	Simeon
6. What gift did Salome ask for, after she danced for Herod?

Half the kingdom
John the Baptists dead body
John the Baptist's head
Money
7. What was Peter's profession?

Fisherman	Carpenter
Tax collector	Tentmaker
8. Which disciple looked after Mary, after the death of Jesus?

James	Peter
Simon	John
9. What does the name "Matthew" mean?

The Lord is here
Gift of the Lord
Treasures of the Lord
The Lord is merciful
10. In which Gospel does Jesus state that he is the "Bread of Life?"

Matthew	Mark
Luke	John
11. How many silver pieces did Judas Iscariot betray Jesus for?

20	25	30	40
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12. What was the name of James and John's father?

Zebedee
Alphaeus
Zecharias
Philip

13. What was the affliction of Bartimaeus?
 Deaf
 Dumb
 Blind
 Lame
14. Who was the father in law of Caiaphas, the high priest at the time of Jesus death?
 Pontius Pilate
 Justus
 Julius
 Annas
15. In what town did Martha and Mary live?
 Bethlehem
 Bethel
 Bethany
 Bethsaida
16. What proportion of his goods did Zaccheus give away to the poor?
 Quarter
 Third
 Half
 All
17. Who was Nicodemus?
 A Pharisee
 A Saduccee
 A Scribe
 A Zealot
18. Which ruler of the synagogue asked Jesus to heal his sick daughter?
 James
 Jairus
 Nicodemus
 Joseph
19. In what town did Jesus turn water into wine?
 Bethany
 Jerusalem
 Cana
 Capernaum
20. In the Sermon on the Mount, what did Jesus say would happen to the meek?
 They will obtain mercy
 They will be lifted up on high
 They shall see God
 They will inherit the earth



Answers Next Month

CHURCH DIARY



Sun	1	10.30 am	Palm Sunday Service led by Rev John Nyota
		6.30 pm	Communion Service led by Rev John Nyota
Mon	2	2.45 pm	Fellowship
		8.00 pm	Easter Evening Meditation
Tue	3	10-12noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Easter Evening Meditation
Weds	4	7.45 pm	Midways Group - <i>Easter Meeting</i> - Holy Week
			Easter Evening Meditation
Thurs	5	8.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Holy Service at Wimbledon Methodist Church
Fri	6	10.30 am	Good Friday United Service at Morden Park Baptist Church
		from 2.00 pm	Good Friday Picnic, Walks and Tea at Hurst Park
Sun	8	6.00 am	Sunrise Service on Cannon Hill Common
			Followed by a Breakfast back at the Church
		10.30am	All Age Worship and Communion Service led by Rev John Nyota
Tue	10	10-12noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Fri	13	12.30 pm	Luncheon Club
Sun	15	10.30am	Morning Service led by Mr Bill Cox
Mon	16	3.45 pm	Fellowship

Tue 17	10-12noon	Coffee and Chat
	7.30pm	Men's Supper Club - Councillor Maxie Martin
	8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Weds 18	7.45 pm	Midways Group - <i>Jo Allan</i> - A woman's eye view of Prison
Sat 21	10.00am	Spring Synod at Central Hall, Westminster
Sun 22	10.30am	Praise Service led by Rev John Nyota
	6.30pm	Bible Study led by Mrs Brenda Cannon
Mon 23	3.45 pm	Fellowship
Tue 24	10-12noon	Coffee and Chat
	8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Fri 27	12.30 pm	Luncheon Club
Sun 29	10.30am	Morning Service led by Rev Michael Meech
Mon 30	2.45 pm	Fellowship

*Please refer to the Website (www.martinway.org.uk)
or Weekly Notice Sheet for any additional information*

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We wish all of those who celebrate a birthday this month a very

Happy Birthday

and especially to:

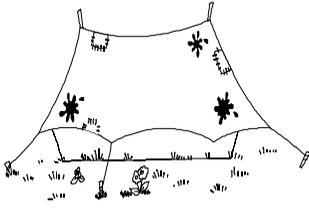
Celia Johnson on 4th April

Rosie Randall on 10th April

Kim Nyota on 16th April

Phoebe Pallister on 29th April





SWANAGE 2007

It 's that time of year again when we start asking who is going to come for the fun and camping at Swanage. Are you?

Tom's Field is booked for the 21st - 28th July and there are already a small number of us committed, but there is still plenty of room. If you are interested in joining us.

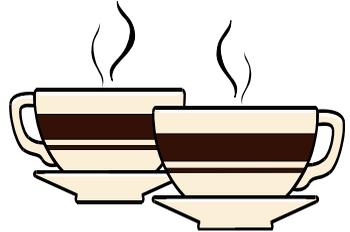
Please let me know as soon as possible (01737 356 969) so we have rough numbers.

Marie Randall

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COFFEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The rota for April-June is now available, thank you to all those who have offered their services. But please note that there are still vacancies for additional volunteers, we especially need someone to prepare Coffee after the Morning Service on 6th May, contact me if you feel you have the skills to fill this vital role!



Also due to the change of the Preaching Plan I will need to collect dates for July and August early. This also means in August I will need to collect everyone's dates for September and November. If you are going to be away over August PLEASE try and give me your dates as soon as you can.

Abby Herring (0853 9093)

Items for the **May Newsletter** should be with Andrew Fox, (email: roife@hotmail.co.uk) by **Sunday 15th April** at the latest