# KEP IN TOUCH Newsletter

October 2021



"As the deer pants for water, so my soul longs for You, O God."

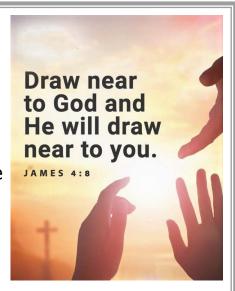
Psalm 42:1

## Martin writes...

#### **Desperate for...**

Dear friends,

I wonder what we feel we most need. In these past few days, it has been very difficult to find petrol. We are assured that there is no shortage of fuel; only a shortage of tanker drivers. Yet, because we 'need' it, there has been panic-buying; and the result has been empty filling stations or long queues. Why is this? It's because we simply 'must' have fuel for our cars.



When we turn to the bible, we find that God asks us to direct our longings in a different direction – to Him. See, for example, Psalm 42 which begins:

Just as the deer pants for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I am thirsty for God, for the living God? When can I go and meet with God?

I don't know what else the song-writer felt he needed, but above all else he wanted to find God. Nothing mattered as much as that.

Things brings us on the subject of **prayer**. God has given us the gift of prayer, and he calls us to pray at all times and in all circumstances:

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.

Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. (James 5:13-14).

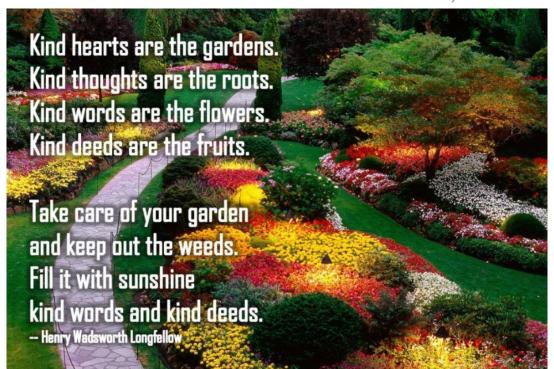
James wrote these words because nothing matters more than being in relationship with God, and nothing is more important than praying.

As a challenge we need to take a prayer 'temperature-check' on our lives, and ask ourselves how important God and prayer are to us: As Christians, are we desperate to meet with God? And, if not, why not? Perhaps the truth is that other things in life have got in the way, and dulled our spiritual appetites.

The good news is that God is always ready to hear us when we pray. Come near to God and he will come near to you (James 4:8). Isn't that an amazing promise? When we take a step towards God in prayer, he is there longing to meet us!

So, what is it that we are desperate for? May our deepest and best longings be directed towards God, for only He can deeply satisfy.

With best wishes, Martin



Shared by Sally Nicholas

#### Be At Peace

By St. Francis de Sales

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

### A Thanksgiving service for the life of Michael Bourns

is on **Thursday 21st October at 2pm**, All Saints Church – all are welcome.

Dress code: smart casual, no dark clothes. Our thoughts and prayers are with Myrtle, Celia, Graham and Helen, and grandchildren Samuel and Naomi.

# Kathleen May Walder

sadly passed away on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September in Cardiff. Beloved wife of the late Jack Walder and dearly loved mother of Jeremy and Elizabeth and mother in law to Eelco. Cremation will be held in Cardiff with a thanksgiving service at All Saints Sanderstead in April 2022. More details will follow.

# Men's Group breakfast with Sir Peter Spencer:

Saturday 30th October, 8.00am

Save the date!

Vice Admiral Sir Peter Spencer KCB has kindly agreed to join the Men's Group for breakfast on Saturday 30th October and will give us a short talk on his experiences during a very distinguished Naval career and subsequently as CEO of Action for ME, a charity supporting people suffering from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

Breakfast will be served from 8.00 am onwards in the Small Hall and Sir Peter's talk will follow at 8.30. We shall aim to finish by 9.00 am. Those going to Saturday prayers may care to join us for some haute cuisine beforehand!

As ever, all are welcome at Men's Group events but for catering purposes please let Dick Hibberd, Tony Robinson or David Chillman know by Wednesday 27th October if you would like to come.

Dick, Tony & David

# ST. ANTONY'S CHURCH NEWS



# What's on at St. Antony's

ALL are WELCOME to our regular activities. Join us if you can!

T4U at 2pm on 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.
 Next dates: Monday 11th & 25th October, 8th November etc

 Midweek Holy Communion at 2.30pm on 1st Thursday of the month.

Next date: Thursday 4th November

- Sunday Family Worship at 11am on Sunday 17th October
- Women's Social Club at 8pm on Thursdays. Term-time only.

Contact Barbara Webster-Dudley <u>albarb2011@hotmail.co.uk</u> or the Parish Office for more details.

## TL John Eveleigh,

My Father John Eveleigh. passed away on the 31st July in North Devon. John, along with all the family, was an active member of St Anthony's during the sixties and seventies, a Server and sometimes an organist. Dad leaves behind my mother Shirley, my brothers Graham and Simon. He also leaves seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren & myself. I don't know if you have any parishioners that would remember him but I felt that the church should be informed.

Best wishes,

Nigel Eveleigh

#### NEWS FROM THE 16th PURLEY SCOUTS

We had a really successful return to camping in the summer (and Jeremy popped in for a cup of tea and slice of cake!).

After countless risk assessments and LFTs, and pitching a ridiculous number of patrol tents to allow for 2-3 per tent, the 16th Purley (7th Sanderstead All Saints) had very successful Cub and Scout Camps in July (next to each other but separate!).

We went to the Skreens Scout Activity Centre in Essex, and all enjoyed a wide range of on site activities, such as paddle boarding and high ropes, as well as visits to the Zoo, crazy golf and an inflatable assault course in a lake. Not to mention all the camping, hiking, cooking on fires and the Cubs enthusiasm for their 'Roman' theme. Even the torrential rain didn't dampen our spirits.

Best wishes,

Kate 16th Purley Scouts & Cubs







# Could you help us run Abbeyfield House, Sanderstead?

Abbey field

MAKING Time for Joider people

The Abbeyfield Society offers sheltered accommodation to active elderly people who no longer wish to live alone. The Sanderstead Abbeyfield House accommodates up to 9 residents

Making sure it all runs smoothly is the job of the voluntary Trustees, who look after the finances, maintenance of the building and grounds and strategic planning.

The workload on the Trustees (who are also Directors) has increased recently, and we are looking for more volunteers. Specifically, we would like to find:

**Treasurer**. Accountancy qualifications are not essential, but a working knowledge of accounting systems and the ability to produce accounts up to audit level is required. Our Administrator helps with the day to day matters, paying invoices etc. Indemnity insurance is in place for this role and that of the Secretary.

**Secretary.** We have a Minute Secretary who handles the minutes of the Trustees Meetings, and this role is more concerned with the legal aspects, including the returns required by our regulatory bodies. The Administrator will help with this job, which could be combined with the Treasurer if preferred.

**Marketing Manager.** The role here is to get the Abbeyfield Sanderstead name in front of people who may be looking for the type of accommodation we offer, using all available media.

While experience in these fields would be useful, above all what we are looking for is people who are enthusiastic and prepared to help out with whatever is required to keep the House running smoothly.

If you would like any more details please contact us by e-mail to afldsan@tiscali.co.uk.

# A huge thank-you from Jeremy

Thank you to so many who have generously sponsored Revd Jeremy's weight loss effort. So far, you have raised over £700 for Reedham Children's Trust, which is absolutely tremendous! The effort is continuing - Jeremy lost 2 stone, and now wants to lose another 2 stone if possible. The big problem is that weight seems to come back on much faster that it goes away - but the effort will continue and that shows up in much better blood-sugar levels as well as the generous giving to help children in vulnerable families.

https://www.reedhamchildrenstrust.org.uk/appeal/help-revd-jeremy-to-lose-weight-please

www.reedhamchildrenstrust.org.uk



Transforming the lives of vulnerable children

#### WHY BE A HELPER OR VOLUNTEER? Outcomes over time...

In post-war London many people lived in social housing and/or in what would currently be deemed to be unacceptable accommodation. All was not necessarily happy behind the closed doors of those homes. Money and resources were short, but children were often left to their own devices in their 'free time'. In a less than salubrious part of South London 50+ years ago we played on bomb sites well into the 1970s.

On the edge of a large and challenged social housing estate sat New Park Road Baptist Church, Brixton Hill. In the 1960s and 70s the adults who attended the church provided a raft of activities that engaged hundreds of children and young people; Girls/Boys Brigades, a marching drum/bugle band, a youth club, Sunday School, Bible Class, Netball/Football teams, electronics classes, Duke of Edinburgh Award, the list goes on. We also enjoyed an annual week away at GB/BB camps (always popular as the girls and boys got on very well!), weekends away with the youth club camping in church halls, Sunday school trips, putting on Christmas productions for the local community as well as marching band competitions. Our marching band and our netball team even played at the Royal Albert Hall. – None of this could ever have happened without a considerable number of the church members freely volunteering their time and skills to provide the activities. They also worked with the young people and their non-churchgoing parents/ carers to raise money to help fund the activities. Jumble sales were regular events.

So, who were these willing volunteers? Some were parents of the children/young people, some had no children of their own. Most had survived the second world war and had lost families, their homes, their partners or had been evacuated as small children. Some had barely survived traumatic experiences in battle and/or prisoner of war camps. Yet, they did not dwell on what had happened to them. They taught us skills, gave us structure, encouraged us to do voluntary work ourselves, enabled us to achieve and enjoy and they were role models for us. They gave us time, they listened, they laughed with us, they celebrated with us, and they shared their faith with us. We were integrated into the church family, and most of us found our own Christian faith.

As the years have gone by, most of the people we grew up with have moved away from the Brixton area. Perhaps it is not surprising that, given our early role models, many of our friends (now in their 60s and 70s themselves) continue to give time in church roles, food banks, with the homeless or with children's activities, sharing the Christian faith.

It's a rare and precious thing to be able to draw together more than 50 people with whom we grew up 50+ years ago .... To be able to finally spend the day with over 30 of these friends on Saturday 7 August was a pleasure and a privilege. We have come to realise that the very special people we grew up with are more like family than friends and our lives are richer for our New Park Road family relationships. Most of the people who gave their time to facilitate the activities and relationships that we benefitted from are not alive to see the positive impact that their volunteering has had. They sought no praise or reward. They were sustained by a sure and certain knowledge that God would use the service that they offered and the fellowship they shared with each other.

# Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care Team

# We are looking for new Volunteers in 2021 to train and support us as Chaplaincy Volunteers.

# We are looking for people who can:

- Do ward visiting
- Bring people to our Sunday Service
- Support the office with administration services.

This is a great opportunity to join a dynamic team, bringing God's presence and grace to all those in need of his love.



We are looking for anyone that can spare 1/2 a day once a week to visit on the wards or help with admin in the office, or once a month to bring patients to our Sunday service and take them back afterwards.

Training Dates are 19th,26th October & 2nd November 2021
Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care dept.
Woodcroft Wing 530 London Road Croydon CR7 7YE

To join a fabulous team and to get further information please contact Revd Andy Dovey Lead for Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care with Bereavement Services at

Croydon University Hospital
Telephone 0208 401 3105 Mobile 07557 014739
Email andrew.dovey@nhs.net

#### For Now She Sees Flowers

Buried within a red dotted land
A child with such innocence stands
Immune as yet to the twists, to the turnings
Of human life and all its yearnings

Each soul a journey from the moment of birth
The body its vessel for a spell on earth
For now she is sheltered from shadows and fears
Not burdened yet by the weight of the years

The wonders, the troubles and earthly plights
Now stretched before her a world of delights
Those somewhat older may think her naïve
Yet this child-like vision need not leave

Standing suspended in wonder and awe
She knows not these symbols of love, loss and war
This ground she rests on had once been torn
But over time it has been re-born

Somewhere hidden in everyone's eyes
Are the secret sorrows of sudden goodbyes
For now she sees flowers, the colour red
Others see remembrance they honour the dead

From memories now their souls will feed
Driven directly by some inner need
To hold moments slipped through fingers like sand
And return like a child to the red dotted land

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Come near to God and he will come near to you.



I am Fi Takács, a Dartmoor based Photographer and Animal Communicator. I specialise in helping connect people with nature and animals. I'm passionate about the free roaming ponies of Dartmoor. I offer photography sessions for people and animals, guided experiences amongst the ponies of Dartmoor and animal communication sessions. I create limited edition Fine Art Prints which I sell online and through exhibitions.

To find out more or contact me, please visit my website at www.earthador.co.uk

#### Fi Takács

Photographer and Animal Communicator

**Shared by Wendy Lindsay** (Sally Nicholas' daughter)

# God is at work in the lives of Afghans

The world is still reeling from the takeover by the Taliban of the cities and villages of Afghanistan, and we pray for its peoples and also for those who have fled the country as refugees. However, even as the situation is dire, God is still at work, according to reports from Elam Ministries who work to encourage Christians in Iran.

In these last weeks, we have heard beautiful stories of how He is moving in the hearts of Afghan refugees:

One church has reported 8 baptisms of Afghan refugees who have come to faith in Christ.

An Afghan boy in a refugee camp who recently came to Christ has read through his children's Bible multiple times already. His Afghan parents are now evangelists.

In refugee camps around the world, Iranian believers are finding opportunities to share Jesus with Afghans in their shared Persian language.

And in the midst of the turmoil we see new believers - both Iranian and Afghan - are still eager to be trained and equipped in their faith. One of our trainers described the students in this way: 'Their desire, their passion, their love is unparalleled.'

Although the Iran / Afghanistan region is dominated by Islam, God is at work bringing new believers in Jesus.

Nasrin was a devout Muslim woman, practising Islam faithfully every day. However, she felt an emptiness that led her to pray, "I am trying to know you, but I'm not sure if you are real or not". She received no response. Later, still distressed, she remembered hearing about the power of the God of the Bible so she decided to pray to Him, "Please tell me your name. I want to know if you are real".

Immediately, she heard a gentle voice say to her, "Jesus Christ is my real name". That experience led Nasrin to seriously begin seeking Jesus. Before long, she met a Christian woman and asked her for a Bible, telling her, "I've heard Jesus Christ is the real name of God and I want to know Him". After receiving a New Testament and hearing the Gospel, Nasrin trusted Christ and has been discipled. Today, she is faithfully sharing her faith and is set to receive additional training to help prepare her to serve as a church planter inside Iran.

Let's pray for the many Afghan refugees around the world, that the Lord would meet them in their distress; and that Iranian believers would continue to reach out to the multitudes of Afghan refugees in need of the hope of Christ.

Revd Canon Martin Greenfield

# Children & Families Corner

#### FAMILY WORSHIP services

for everyone, especially children & families

Sunday 10th October, 9.30am HARVEST at All Saints

Sunday 17th October, 11am at St. Antony's

Sunday 24 October, 9.30am at All Saints

### **TODDLERS**

Toddlers who meet Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30 – 11.30am in term time. Songs and Bible stories will happen towards the end of the session.



#### MESSY CHURCH

Our next Messy Church is on **Sunday 17th October, 4pm— 5.30pm**with craft, stories, songs in the Church Hall.



God bless, **Chris Newman**,

Children and Families Pastor
Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green
Email: children@sanderstead-parish.org.uk



# Book sale

Refreshments will also be available for purchase

There will also be a tombola



#### Sat 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021

10am - 12 noon



Help raise funds for Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care

All Saints Church Hall, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead CR2 9AB



# Spirituality Day

**10.00-1.00 on Saturday 9 October**. The day takes its inspiration from Isaiah 12:3: The Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

#### Rosemary Kempsell





#### Mothers' Union Autumn dates

Meetings are open to anyone who would find these sessions interesting or would like to find out more about MU.

#### Monday 11th October 8pm in St Catherine's Aisle

'Something About Lay Ministry.' An evening with Revd Dr Raewynne Whitely (Associate Minister at St Mary's, Sanderstead & Diocesan Deputy Director of Discipleship and Lay Ministry.

**Monday 8th November 8pm in All Saints Small Hall** (Note change of venue).

Making 'Iris Folding' Cards for Christmas with Margo Barrett. We will need to know numbers and we each need to bring scissors and Sellotape.

**Monday 13th December:** Christmas Event tba

For further details email: Rosemarykempsell@gmail.com

Rosemary



#### Christian Resources Exhibition - for all the church

At Sandown Park (Oct 12-14) you'll see a comprehensive range of resources for you and your church... including seminars, books, crafts, gifts.

Contact Rosanne know if you're interested in going along, or if you'd like a copy of the Seminar Programme. Free tickets from Rosanne admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk or £8 on the door.

# READING PHOENIX CHOIR

# SING **OYFULLY!**

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, CANON'S HILL, COULSDON CR5 1HA





Tickets £15 (under 16s £5) Available on the door or via

the Church Office 01737 552461

Registered charity: 270974



# VIGIL FOR CONF

Conference of the Parties 26th anniversary

South Bank Churches & the Diocese of Southwark invites people of all faiths to a prayer vigil for the success of COP26, the international conference on climate change.

Saturday 23rd October 2pm - 3.45pm Southwark Cathedral

You are encouraged to make a pilgrimage on foot, by bike, on public transport, or however you wish, from your place of worship.

Arrive at the Cathedral between 2pm and 3pm. Bring a 'Letter for Creation' to give to faith leaders involved in COP26

#### Book your place:

https://www.eventbrite. co.uk/e/prayer-vigil-forcop26-climate-conferencetickets-152732774841











This year is a key year to take action on the climate. In November, the UK will host COP26, the UN's climate summit. Leaders from around the world will be gathering in Glasgow to make decisions about how best to tackle the climate crisis. This is an opportunity for the UK to lead the way on this urgent issue.

Step by step, the Climate Emergency Toolkit guides your church or Christian organisation through simple but powerful actions that have an impact far beyond your own walls or community.

**Download our toolkit** and explore the different ways your church can pray and act.

Shared by +David Atkinson

# Inside Out: The Croydon Area Lay Conference

Saturday 6 November 2021 10.00am – 3.30pm Zoom





A day to celebrate all that lay people do beyond the walls of their churches. The keynote speaker is broadcaster and writer Andrew Graystone, author of the bestselling Faith, Hope and Mischief.

With worship and workshops including serving refugees, the environment, teenagers, grandparenting, the digital world, Black Lives Matter, art and generous living.

For more information and to register for this free online event, visit croydonlayconference2021.eventbrite.co.uk. Bookings close on 25 October.

#### ALL SAINTS MEN'S GROUP NOVEMBER MEETING

# THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER in All Saints' Small Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm

an illustrated talk on London's Theatreland "stirring stories of dramatic triumph & disaster" given by ANDREW WARDE, FRICS LONDON BLUE BADGE GUIDE



Andy will be exploring the evolution of the theatre in London illustrating the histories of playhouses and stories about actors who have performed in them.

We find out which is the oldest of the West End theatres, what can go wrong during performances and go backstage to see how the wonderful shows are created.

As Alfred Hitchcock said, "Theatre is Life with the dull bits cut out."

All are welcome to attend, including ladies.

Refreshments will be available from 7.00pm and Andy will start his talk about 7.30pm.

An interesting and convivial evening is assured! Please do join us.

Please let David Chillman (020 8557 7397/david.chillman@btinternet.com) or Dick Hibberd (020 8657 4562/dick.hibberd@gmail.com) know if you intend to come along. Knowing approximate numbers in advance would assist greatly.

There is no charge for the event, but a retiring donation is always welcome to defray expenses.

# A very fond farewell to Ann and Julian Marcus

After many years of sharing with us in All Saints, Ann and Julian will soon be moving from South Croydon to North Somerset to be nearer to their daughter and family. We shall miss them, and thank them for everything they have done in contributing to the life and witness of All Saints church.

We appreciate especially their support of the *Tanzania Development Trust*, and raising money to give some of the poor a better life by providing for, e.g., health clinics, and 'safe houses' for girls fleeing FGM. Here in All Saints we have been pleased to make a donation to TDT as part of our annual mission giving. You can find more about the TDT at their website <a href="https://tanzdevtrust.org/">https://tanzdevtrust.org/</a>

Through Ann and Julian, we have also become friends with Mama Rhobi Samwelly of the Anglican Diocese of Mara. She campaigns to put a stop to the practice of FGM, and works to provide places of safety for young teenage girls at risk. On her last visit, Mama Rhobi donated to All Saints a lovely carved wooden candlestick to mark our friendship and fellowship together.

Ann and Julian, all your friends wish you well. May God go with you and keep you in his peace.

Rev Canon Martin Greenfield

# All Saints Craft Group

All Saints craft group will meet on the **first Friday** of each month from **2pm to 4pm** in the Small Hall.

Do come along with your knitting, stitching or crochet and join our friendly group of crafters, or just join us for a chat and a cuppa. Everyone is welcome.

If you have any questions give me a call: Sue Chillman 020 8657 7397.

Sue



#### ALL SAINTS COFFEE POT

Alternate Fridays

Coffee, tea, cakes & friendship

Friday 8 & 22 October, 5 & 19 November 10.00 – 12pm

in All Saints Church Halls

For more details call the Parish Office on Tel: 020 8657 0665.

#### YOUNG AT HEART

Alternate Fridays

Social Club for over 65 year olds, Programme of speakers and lunch.

Friday 15 & 29 October, 12 & 26 November 10.00 - 12.30pmin All Saints Small Hall

Call 020 8657 8289 for more details & to book lunch.

#### SUNDAY LUNCH

1st Sunday of the month

Hot main course, dessert & coffee

**Next date: Sunday 7 November** 

12.30pm for 12.45pm

All Saints Church Halls

Cost £5

Call 020 8657 8289 for more details & to book lunch.

#### PARISH of SANDERSTEAD and HAMSEY GREEN

All Saints & St. Antony's - our Services of Worship are in Church and some are also livestreamed. <u>www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk</u> Services at All Saints Sanderstead unless specified.

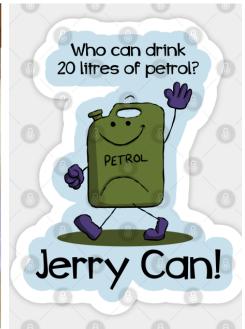


### OCTOBER 2021

Sunday 10th October  HARVEST	9.30 am	Family Worship & Baptism A pleasing aroma
	11.00 am	Said Holy Communion
Sunday 17th October Eco-Sunday	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist with choir Remember your Creator
	11.00 am	Family Worship at St. Antony's
- Ness	4.00 pm	Messy Church For children & families in the Church Hall
Thursday 21st October	12.30 pm	Holy Communion **
Sunday 24th October	9.30 am	Family Worship & Baptism A letter from Christ
· ·	11.00 am	Said Holy Communion
Saturday 30th October	9.00 am	Parish Prayer in person & Zoom
Sunday 31st October	9.30 am	Holy Communion  Jesus the Light of the World
Thursday 4th November 🌳	2.30 pm	Holy Communion at St. Antony's
Sunday 7th November	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist with choir Confident Living
	4pm	Memorial Service

Come near to God and he will come near to you.





# TRYING TO TAKE A NICE GROUP PICTURE OF YOUR FRIENDS:



Shared by Sheila Wilkie



# Church services & updates are on the website...

www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk

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# Can we pray 4 u?

We would be very happy to pray for you in confidence. Email: prayer@sanderstead-parish.org.uk



### Midweek Holy Communion services...

Thursday 21st October 12.30pm, All Saints Thursday 4th November, 2.30pm, St. Antony's Thursday 18th November 12.30pm, All Saints



Please continue to send me your thoughts, articles & ideas.

Thank you,

Rosanne

