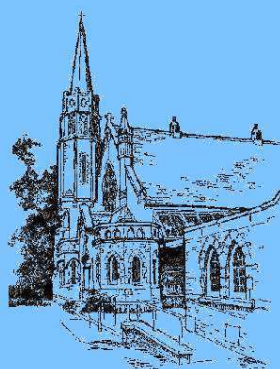


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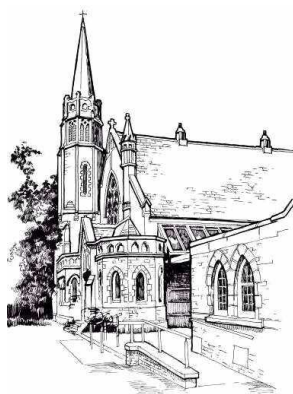
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SUNDAY SERVICES

9.45 am SINGING PRACTICE

10.30 am MORNING WORSHIP & SUNDAY CLUB

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The CHURCH MINIBUS provides free transport to and from Church on Sunday mornings. The timetable and route information are available at Church. Should you wish to make use of it please complete one of the request cards in Willow Grove.

6.30 pm. EVENING WORSHIP. With every 2nd Sunday of the month from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm SPACE - Multiplex Worship and Discipleship here at Fulwood for the whole circuit. (*See weekly notices for details*)

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**If you need any help, or have any concerns, please contact
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EDITORIAL

This time around we're privileged to include a couple of items from last autumn's 'Heritage News' concerning Methodist family research., by kind permission of the Wesley Historical Society.

We thank those who have contributed to this slightly delayed Summer issue for all their work and sincerely hope the late rearrangements of copy and publication dates haven't caused too much stress!

Please note that the **copy date** for our **Harvest issue** will be **Sunday, 26th August, 2018**. Any material in advance of that date would, of course, be most welcome and please do remember that articles may be subject to editing!

Roy Smith

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PASTORAL LETTER from Rev Jane Wild

Hello Everyone,

I have been preparing a study on the Psalms, this prompted me to remember a gentleman I knew a number of years ago. He had been ill for much of his life and was severely disabled. He was also a talented editor and proof reader artist and skilled in cross stitch.

He would often tell me his mantra.

“This is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.”

Psalm 118

At that point in the conversation we would just sit for a few minutes and contemplate the day that was given and the gift of the presence of God in it.

This was a man of deep faith who needed few words to tell the story of his faith.

We have spent June as a Church looking at the story of another man of faith, but Jonah struggled to understand God and obey.

Within our Church community there are many accounts of faith; some full of joy and some mired in struggle. There are epic tales and glimpses of light, short conversations and life changing moments; all part of the continuing story of God's relationship with people which are to be treasured and shared.

To enable the sharing of the gospel, we as a Church Council have been looking at our priorities and mission. As a result, included in the magazine, are the things we will be focusing on in the next year. How will we tell the story of the Gospel, by who we are, how we treat each other and how we worship together? Please pray about God's will for the future of our Church.

The Methodist Church as a whole is asking us to share our stories with our young people. You will find the information about the 1000 letters campaign for 3 Generate in this magazine. 3 Generate is the children's and young people's conference of the Methodist Church. The aim is to inspire young people with your stories of faith. If you would like to write a letter please follow the guidelines in this magazine on page 10.



Finally I am looking for volunteers to trial the idea of Church family groups. This would be a group of 12 people (if there are lots of volunteer we can try more than one). Each group would commit to meeting in some form with each other, every month to 6 weeks to be determined by the group, to share in something, it can be prayer study or fellowship, it can be a meal or a social activity. The aim is to build an intentional set of relationships and to keep an eye out for each. Also, once in the trial year to help prepare worship together (you would not be asked to speak or stand at the front if you did not want to).

This trial is to look at whether a system like this would enable us to care better for each other and grow in our life of faith.

Please let me know if you are interested.

God Bless, **Jane.**

FAMILY NEWS

BAPTISM

5 July Lily Byrne

FUNERALS

20 April Rosanna Daley

11 June Mary Elizabeth Brown

20 June Joseph Daley

19 July Bettina Powell

23 July Jack Walker



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DIARY DATES

Dates in July & August - SUMMER FUN FOR CHILDREN - See page 8

Thurs 9 August 2.00pm Service at Sherwood Lodge

Sat 18 August 9.30am to 12 noon Table Top Sale

Thurs 6 September 10.45am Bible Study at the Manse, 85 Victoria Road

Sat 22 September 9.30am - 1.00pm Farmers' Market

Mon 24 September 7.45pm Church Council meeting

Wed 25 September 5.00pm Messy Church

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Father,

I abandon myself into your hands;

do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you:

I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me,

and in all your creatures –

I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul:

I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,

for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,

to surrender myself into your hands without reserve,

and with boundless confidence,

for you are my Father.

Brother Charles de Foucauld

FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

A VISION

Fulwood Methodist Church – disciples of Jesus Christ, enthusiastically continuing on a journey of faith, demonstrating God’s love for all people.

THE CHURCH’S MISSION

The journey we are undertaking is to witness to our faith through worship and service in ways that show God’s love for all people. In witnessing to the love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we are thankful for our heritage and for the gifts and resources with which we have been provided. We will be responsibly creative in adapting these to the opportunities and needs which present themselves. To that end we commit ourselves to the following:-



We will

1. Renew our commitment to being part of ‘a discipleship movement shaped for mission’⁽ⁱ⁾ which gives honour to Jesus Christ and to God’s creation in all we do.
2. Recognise that every individual is different and yet made in the image of God.
3. Exercise ‘radical hospitality’⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ in our regard for each other – children, young people and families, people at work in their various daily occupations and those with different opportunities and challenges – and warmly embrace the stranger, the newcomer and those with additional needs, continuing to offer our premises and ourselves in service.
4. Develop a variety of opportunities for worship at different times and in different styles over the whole week.
5. Emphasise well-being, development and growth and especially our need to develop our spiritual understanding and maturity.
6. Actively meet people in our community, listen to and learn from their voices, and work with them to create a more just society.

⁽ⁱ⁾ ‘a discipleship movement shaped for mission’ is a phrase used to describe Contemporary Methodism by Revd Dr Martyn Atkins in his General Secretary’s report to the 2011 Methodist Conference.

⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ ‘radical hospitality’ is an expression which comes from a book by Robert Schnase to describe one of the five practices of what he suggests are fruitful congregations within the United Methodist Church in the USA.

From the meeting of an open church Council on 5th June. The main focus of our responses to implement this mission statement were as follows

To look at the responses to the open church council meeting on mission and evaluate how they can be appropriately dealt with.

- 1 Look to join actively with other churches in the circuit
- 2 Work at being inclusive in all that we do
- 3 Take positive steps to build relationships across the congregation looking particularly at access to the building, welcoming children and young people and how we enable families to take part in activities.
- 4 Engage in a consultation about worship
- 5 Encourage the development of small study groups eg, house groups.
Consider more modern outlook for bible studies for all ages
- 6 Explore how we find out what people in our community would like us to provide for them or what they may be able to provide for us. Whose agenda is the business of our church?

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SUMMER FUN FOR CHILDREN



All activities are free to attend and open to all children, but there will be a donation pot out to help pay for materials and refreshments. Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult

Week 1

Wednesday 25th July	10 - 12noon	Welcome Wednesday Kids -Seaside
Thursday 26th July	10 - 12noon	Film Fun
Thursday 26th July	6 - 8pm	Dads & Lads games night
Friday 27th July	9.30 - 11.30am	Toddler Coffee Morning

Week 2

Tuesday 31st July	10 - 12noon	Colouring & Cake
Wednesday 1st August	10 - 12noon	Welcome Wednesday Kids - Jungle
Thursday 2nd August	2 - 4pm	Film Fun
Friday 3rd August	9.30 - 11.30am	Toddler Coffee Morning

Week 3

Tuesday 7th August	10 - 12noon	Colouring & Cake
Wednesday 8th August	10 - 12noon	Welcome Wednesday Kids - Pirates & Princesses
Thursday 9th August	10 - 12noon	Film Fun
Thursday 9th August	6 - 8pm	Mums & Daughters - Pamper Night
Friday 10th August	9.30 - 11.30am	Toddler Coffee Morning

Week 4

Tuesday 14th August	10 - 12noon	Colouring & Cake
Wednesday 15th August	10 - 12noon	Welcome Wednesday Kids - Space
Thursday 16th August	2 - 4pm	Film Fun
Friday 17th August	9.30 - 11.30am	Toddler Coffee Morning

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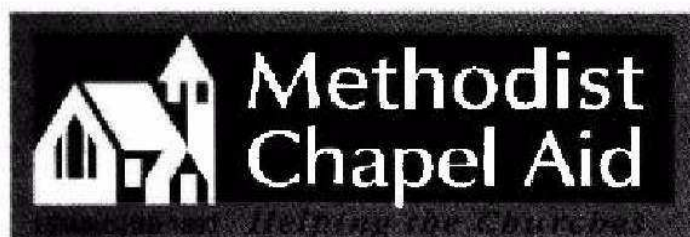
Current church activities for the youngsters -

Sunday Worship - Includes Sunday Club 10.30am

'Messy Church' - roughly every 6 weeks on a Tuesday 5-7pm includes a meal

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1000 LETTERS

Guidance for letter writers

Thank you for writing a letter to the children and young people at 3Generate.

The purpose of the letter is to help children and young people feel connected to, and part of, the wider body of the Church; to feel part of the big Methodist family!



Who is the letter for?

- The letter you write will be displayed at 3Generate to be read by a number of children and young people.
- The children and young people at 3Generate will be in the age bracket of 8-23. If your letter is written particularly for younger children, or the older attendees, then please make a note of that when you post it to us. Otherwise, you can write a general letter aimed at all ages.

What to include:

- something of your faith story – you won't necessarily have space to include all of it, but you may think that there are parts that would be interesting for the children and young people to hear about.
- something about your experiences of being part of a church/faith community. Maybe you were part of a church when you were younger - could you share some of that story?
- things you have learned - again you won't be able to include everything, but are there key things you have learned about life and faith that would be helpful to share?
- encouragement for the younger generation to be courageous in their faith.
- Please make sure that the language you use and the stories you refer to are appropriate for the age group.

How to write it:

- A handwritten letter is more personal, so if it is possible for you, please do write by hand, but if you need to type it, that's fine too!
- please **don't** put your address, or any personal contact details, on the letter.
- please **don't** put your surname on the letter; simply sign it with your first name.

How long should it be?

Ideally your letter should be one side of A4.

Where do I send it to?

Send your completed letter to:

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There is no Health and Social Care article from Rachel Imms this time, but Rachel would be interested in any feedback or requests for any particular information. Please contact the magazine by email at magazine@fulwoodmethodist.org.uk if you have and they will be forwarded to her.

HARRY DUCKWORTH

1932 - 2018

Harry was born on 4th December, 1932, the younger son of Cecil and Ada Duckworth. Although Harry was born in Southport the family originated from East Lancashire and when Harry was still very young they returned to Great Harwood, where they ran a fish and chip shop.

Many of you will know Harry from his lifelong involvement in music. This is something which he showed a great talent for from an early age, initially playing the piano accordion and winning the North West Area Championship in 1949 and 1950,

On leaving school Harry followed Sidney, his brother, into the RAF, albeit as a National Serviceman. There he put his music to good use, learning to play the bugle and in the process gaining an exemption from much of the otherwise compulsory square bashing.

Having completed his National Service, Harry trained to be a music teacher, firstly at Bretton Hall in Yorkshire and later at the Royal Academy in London.

Harry's first teaching post was at Hartshill High School in Nuneaton. Each year the school put on a Gilbert & Sullivan production, and it was there in 1958 that Harry met Mary, who was providing the piano accompaniment.

Mary and Harry married on 23rd December, 1960. They were married for 57 years and had two children, Andrew and Ian.

In 1967, Harry took up the post of head of music at Preston Catholic College. There he built a highly successful boys' choir, winning many competitions, including a prestigious Welsh Eisteddfod, touring the USA on several occasions and representing Britain at the Loreto International Choral Festival in Italy. When the choir sang the American national anthem before a baseball match at Shea Stadium, they were the first British performers to appear there since the Beatles!

Harry's last teaching post was as head of music at St Mary's Hall, the preparatory school to Stonyhurst College, where he once again enjoyed considerable success with the boys' choir, before retiring from teaching in 1992.

For 25 years Harry held the post of organist and choirmaster here at Fulwood Methodist Church. He was also the musical director of the Preston Orpheus Choir from 1979 until just short of his 80th birthday. And in case that wasn't enough, Harry spent 17 years as musical director of the Preston Schools' Music Festival, which he ran jointly with Mary. At the end of his time at Fulwood Methodist, Harry continued to work as a church organist, playing regularly at a number of churches right up until the early part of this year.

In retirement Harry and Mary were passionate ballroom dancers, attending classes and events in Lancashire and beyond.

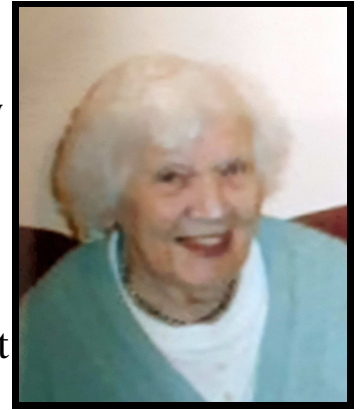
He lived life to the full for all of his 85 years.



BETTINA POWELL

1923 - 2018

Bettina was born in Rotherham, Yorkshire. She had a much loved elder sister Joan and two younger brothers who died in childhood. When her widowed mother remarried they moved to Newquay, Cornwall. She worked in the Great Western Hotel during the war and was in the Home Guard. Pearl Harbour was attacked on the morning of her 18th birthday.



After the war she worked in John Menzies where she met Robert (Bob) who was a frequent customer. Bob was in the RAF at the time and was stationed nearby. They married in 1955. Bob was from Preston so they moved here, travelling the distance with Bob on his motorbike and Bettina in the sidecar.

Bob was a TV engineer. He died in 1993 shortly after retiring. Bettina was a Methodist all her life and began coming to Fulwood Methodist in the early sixties. She was a very kind and generous lady with a good sense of humour. She would always help those who needed it. She walked the children of a local couple, who were partially sighted, to school and back for many years, along with her own. When her daughter's best friend's mum died, Bettina looked after her after school and during the holidays when her father was working. She was an avid reader right up until recently and loved watching sport and 'Top of the Pops' on TV. She was always concerned for others, even asking after their health when very ill herself.

She had 3 children, Susan, David and Jennifer; 2 granddaughters, Sandra and Caroline and 6 great-grandchildren, Millie, Beth, Sam, Georgia, Jessica and Aimee who sadly died at 3 days old. Bettina was very much loved by all her family who feel blessed to have had her with them for so long.

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Lord God, Creator of the universe, you who care for all your children; praise you for your wisdom and power which are beyond my thought and trust you for your infinite goodness and love which support me every day of my life. I offer my thanksgiving for all the things you ask me to do. Make me more worthy to serve you and more willing to do your will.

Lord, let me not live to be useless.

John Wesley

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There is a net of love by which you can catch souls.

Mother Teresa

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

Anne Frank

A smile: something that adds to your face value.

Dolly Parton

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HEARTBEAT!!

So what do you know about Heartbeat? No! Not the TV series, but the North West Cardiac Care charity. This year it's celebrating 40 years of supporting and caring for people of the North West.

Perhaps you remember seeing the signboard when it was based at Harris Park on Garstang Road? You may even have been referred there. There's also the possibility you may currently be a client at its most recent 'home' at Preston North End's Deepdale football ground.



However, are you aware that it has a connection with our church? Heartbeat was founded by Keith & Rosemary Redman and in the early 1950s Keith had been goalkeeper for the Fulwood Methodist Youth football team.

Their eldest daughter Gillian died at Christmastime, 1978, at the age of sixteen. Her death was sudden and unexplained and it later transpired she'd had an undiagnosed heart abnormality. You can well imagine that her parents were distraught, but they were determined her death would be a springboard for providing help to others with similar conditions.

They planned a cash appeal for Preston's already-existing Cardiac Rehabilitation Programme – a unit which, at that time, was financed by the patients themselves.

The very first fund-raising event was a Wine & Cheese Evening held at St Gregory's Social Club and soon the whole of the local community became involved. Clubs, churches, schools, shops and businesses set about organising bingo sessions, raffles, fashion shows, coffee evenings and concerts. One of those early concerts was organised by Guttridge Methodist Church, involving Miss Turner's Concert Party from Longridge, and £230 was handed over. A tidy sum in those days.

The initial target of £1,000 was quickly achieved and then raised to £2,000, with the aim of providing an electro cardiograph machine. As Mayor of Preston, Dennis Kehoe adopted Heartbeat as the Mayor's Charity and after fifteen months over £5,000 had been raised. It became clear that the Gillian Redman Memorial Fund needed to be run on a professional basis and the



Fund morphed into the Heartbeat we know today, with Keith Redman as its Treasurer.

Preston's world-renowned long distance road walker Tom Benson began raising considerable sums of money and larger events such as fun runs, half marathons and a charity international rugby match were organised.

Thanks to the involvement of Dr Douglas Watt of Preston Polytechnic, and Consultant Physician at the Preston Royal Infirmary, Heartbeat first found a home in a room at the Polytechnic. This soon became inadequate: a new base was required and to help with this Dr Bruce Davies, former Head of Physical Education at the Polytechnic and a senior lecturer at Salford University, made a special study of such units in America.

In 1987 Heartbeat was promised the use of Pond House at Harris Park – formerly the Harris Orphanage. It had stood empty for some years and £150,000 was required for refurbishment and the building of a new gym: a daunting sum. Nevertheless the charity raised the money. More recently it has moved to the former Football Museum and anyone visiting will notice that Gillian is commemorated in the name of the gym.

While Keith Redman was involved with our football team, they won the Preston & District Amateur Football League's Youth Cup in the 1951-52 season. Although his family may no longer have the miniature trophy presented to each player, Brian Snape – another of the team and husband of a member of our congregation, Mrs Beryl Snape – still has his. As it was kept in his shed (where else?!) it has required a certain amount of elbow grease and 'Duraglit' to bring it back to (an almost) pristine state!



Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Rosemary Redman for her assistance in preparing this article and to the cheerful staff at Heartbeat, where they keep a scrapbook detailing the early history of the charity.

This year supporters of Heartbeat have already run in the Manchester 10k. or half marathon (20th May) and by the time you read this others will have taken part in the Manchester to Blackpool Bike Ride (8th July). If you fancy joining the Morecambe Bay Walk on 18th August, ring 01772 717147 or email info@heartbeat-nwcc.org.uk for more information and to book your places. Alternatively you could consider giving an hour or two to help with a bucket collection; these are carried out on a regular basis throughout the year at local supermarkets and stores. Contact Lynn on the 'phone number above or email lynn.preston@heartbeat-nwcc.org.uk for further information.

Heartbeat is very much a local charity, dedicated to helping people in the North West recovering from coronary illness who have had a heart attack, heart surgery or angina. It is totally independent; it does not receive any Government or Council funding and it is not part of, or associated with, any other heart organisation.

Roy Smith

Remember: **HEARTBEAT LOVES VOLUNTEERS!!**



When I bring my sins to Jesus, He casts them into the depths of the sea – forgiven and forgotten. He also puts up a sign – ‘NO FISHING ALLOWED’

Corrie ten Boom

A life without love is like a year without summer.

Swedish proverb

The proof of spiritual maturity is not how pure you are, but your awareness of your impurity. That very awareness opens the door to God’s grace.

Philip Yancy

EASYFUNDRAISING

We need your help! If you shop online, please could you sign up to *easyfundraising.org.uk* to support Fulwood Methodist Church?

At present we only have eleven people, who are connected with the church, registered with the site, with only one or two actively using it. It costs you no more to donate this way but, depending on the purchase made, we could benefit much more. Some insurance companies and mobile phone suppliers offer significant amounts.

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A MEMORIAL FOR SELORM KUADEY

1987 - 2012



Israel, Liebling and Emefa suddenly lost the 4th leg of their family, Selorm, on the 3rd of January 2012. He was an ex-England under 19s and 20s Rugby player who went on to play for Sale Sharks until injury forced him to retire at the tender age of 24 years. Our church family held our hands all along that painful journey. We promised to use the donations at his funeral to continue his dream work with the youth.

I know many of you have also thought of various ways of helping us with our project of building and running our pre-planned clinic in mother Ghana. I was asked to write about it, but that project was one of “rob Peter to pay Paul” given the vast inequality in wealth distribution in our part of the world! The complex of clinic, gym, etc. was completed nearly 2 years ago. It was not an easy task but we got there, by His grace. We ran the clinic for well over a year but had to eventually make the hard decision of putting things on hold until we could be on the ground, full time, for the purpose. However, we were reminded of the angelic support we have from you all and thought it best to express our sincere appreciation for your



The clinic on opening day

continuing support.

Some say grief should last no more than 6 months, others think at most 2 years otherwise it becomes pathological, but I have come to admire the individuality in us all.

It is more than 5 years now and the reality is just about setting in. A church sister whispered the following words to me, without realising how much an anchor/lifeline those few words would turn out to be; “you will begin to smile again one day”. It was impossible to

think along those lines at the time but our dear Father, who never fails us, has turned that into reality now.

We have learnt a lot from our loss, but that has helped build our endurance and everything else that follows suit.

The promise to honour Selorm's wishes and strong desire for youth work in his motherland kept us thinking hard. Little did we realise the task of doing so in absentia would be that enormous! Despite that, we still needed to put all donations to good use.

The Eureka moment came when Israel and I went to a relative's engagement ceremony in a village, Kutunse, not far from our capital city, Accra. Lo and behold, the meal was being prepared in a small building with the bold writing "CDC" – a Child Development Centre with no toys or setup to point towards its child centredness (regrettably I did not think of taking a picture at the time!). All the same I was very impressed with the thought. It turned out to be run by the local Global Evangelical Church. Their office was open, so I entered to have a chat and express my admiration for their determination. That proved to be the foundation of a support we knew Selorm would like to be involved with.

As expected, they had many needs and gave us options to choose from with the assurance of involving local artisans in the project of our choice. We settled on the provision of classroom desks and chairs for the local school children (please see pic, free range chicken not included!). The labels on them may not fully reflect the source but one should not expect any acknowledgement or rewards for God's work.



The sincere wish is to continue with the charitable work, but accountability is a major challenge when one is not on the ground, so until we can commit fully to the challenges we have decided to pause, just like we have for the clinic!

The SMKK gym continues to run in his name for now as we continue to watch out for innovative ways of meeting the various challenges. The journey continues, and many thanks once again for walking along with us!

Leibling Kuadey

CHAPEL'S SECOND-HAND BOOKSHOP MINISTRY

Many people will remember the Mow Cop book sales run by the Rev Dr Stephen Hatcher on behalf of Englesea Brook Primitive Methodist Chapel and Museum. When I heard that Stephen was retiring, I had an idea. Instead of moving more than 250 banana boxes full of books into a chapel for the annual sale, why not move the people into a bookshop? Along with Elaine and Richard Pearce, who are the editors of the 'Ranters' Digest' (a publication of The Friends of Englesea Brook), we set up and run the bookshop.

I have always had a desire to run a second-hand bookshop and just when second-hand bookshops are closing around the country, the Methodist Church opens one. Since March 2012 we have opened the Methodist chapel at Hassall Road, Alsager (part of the Cheshire South circuit), for second-hand book sales.

Useful

The chapel is situated on the edge of Alsager, only two miles from junction 16 of the M6. The chapel was redundant but it is proving a useful "Fresh Expression". There are more than 40,000 books in subject order and there is everything from early history to modern paperbacks.

We have taken out most of the pews and installed bookshelves in the church and schoolroom. We also have two sheds for extra books.

All the profits from book sales help support Englesea Brook Museum. This is a place where you can explore the story of working-class religion in the 19th century particularly as it was experienced by a group called the Primitive Methodists.

There are large sections on Christianity and theology with particularly strong sections on Methodist and Anglican theology.

We have more than 300 Bible commentaries, as well as sections on worship/Bible studies/preaching/music and drama and also sections on healing/evangelism/leadership spirituality/pastoral/ethics/Church history/ Christian biography.

We have a large Methodist collection that contains more than 500 church histories/ Methodist history throughout the world/John Wesley biographies/journals etc. Also local histories of chapels etc. Not to be forgotten, good sections on history, art, poetry, gardening classics, local history, travel, geography, children's books and an extensive area devoted to crime (more than 1,000 books) and general fiction.



The customers have commented that they like the fact that books are in subject order and even for fiction alphabetical. Refreshments are available and there is a place to relax and read. We are fortunate that people give us the books and we have been blessed with the donations of clergy when they retire. Recently we took delivery of a huge collection of history books written in the last 20 years. I never knew there was so much written on the Tudors!

I help sort the books and you never know what you may find. Recently we had 50 books on building model ships. Lately I was going through an old tatty box with what looked like old magazines and nothing special in particular when there at the bottom were two children's books in pristine condition - 19th century French lithographs which fetched £200 each at auction.

We accept all kinds of books from modern novels to old and dusty theology. Some of the most rare books are put on the internet. We are hoping to do an auction.

Blessed

We are blessed with a team of volunteers who work tirelessly arranging and selling the books, moving boxes and making tea and occasionally serving cakes to customers. They come from all denominations and all have a love of books and working in the shop.

We have found that it is not only a bookshop but also a real 'Fresh Expression' of the church with the conversations we have with customers. One of our most popular sellers is Bibles. We have probably 30 different versions at any one time (all new or nearly new). People come and ask questions. We can share our faith when we are asked to and customers like the friendly atmosphere.

We have services at special times in the chapel (the organ is still working) and this year we hope to have monthly discussions on books and local authors.

Appointment

We open Friday and Saturday each week 10 am - 2 pm, all Bank Holiday Monday: and by appointment. In the summer we have books or tables outside. It is a poor week if fewer than 50 people visit the bookshop. We don't throw books away to landfill, but some go to Africa and others are pulped to go to making new books. Books can be accepted, but we don't usually collect unless it is a special library.

You really need to visit the bookshop if you can. If you are looking for a particular book or subjects that interest you, we can let you know when a particular book comes in. Let us know your wants and what you are interested in and we will send e-mail alerts when books come up on your subject. You can keep in touch by our blog on Facebook (*alsagerbookemporiumforengleseabrook*). The bookshop is certainly worth a visit this summer.

The Rev Malcolm Lorimer is a supernumerary minister
in the Cheshire South circuit

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RECKLINGHAUSEN 2018

6:45 am on Saturday, 26th May, and nine of us had gathered at Preston Railway Station: Rev. Jane & Verity Wild, Moira Black, Jackie Clarke, Veronica Frost, Anne Garsed, Elsie Hastwell, Libby Stone and Sandra Waterhouse. Geoff & Chris Oldham and John & Ellen Gregory had set off earlier in the week, travelling by car, as they planned to extend their holiday: the Oldhams in Germany and the Gregorys in France. They would meet up with us that evening in Recklinghausen.

Jane had prepared quite a challenging quiz to keep us entertained on the journey, but it wasn't until the journey home that most of us got to work on it. Moira, Jackie and Libby found themselves sharing their table with a large Persian cat (in a carrier, fortunately) which was being taken to London to be handed over to its new owner at Euston Station.



St Pancras Station was hot and crowded, so we were glad to get onto the Eurostar to Brussels, where we changed for Cologne. There we would have about an hour and a half to wait but the station is close to the cathedral and those who hadn't been there before were able to go and have a look at it while the rest of us sat in the square, in the sun, and minded the luggage.

So far, so good.....The last part of the journey wasn't so easy on account of delays and the fact that the train wouldn't be stopping at Recklinghausen after all. However, we managed to let our hosts know what was happening and we were met and driven to the Church where our hosts welcomed us, late as we were.

We met up again at the Church on Sunday morning for a German-English Service led by Pastor Sven and Jane, with translation where necessary. It helped that the hymn books had the words in both languages! We also sang an English hymn, accompanied by Verity on her ukulele. Jane presented Sven with our gift to the Church – a glass tea light holder engraved with the Methodist symbol.



We shared communion, standing in a circle around the table, as the congregation is somewhat smaller than at Fulwood. Lunch and, of course, coffee and cake, were eaten either in the Church foyer or in the garden,

as the weather was fine. Then we were taken by cars to the Halternsee for a boat trip. The lake was lovely and we enjoyed the scenery from the upper deck, watching the boats, the water birds and the people on the various beaches. However, it soon clouded over and began to rain, so that one by one we went down to the covered lower deck – all but Jane, Verity and Chris, who hoped in vain that their umbrellas would keep them dry. Just after disembarking the thunder came, so we quickly got back into the cars. Edelgard and Bert remembered there was a cafe on a working farm not far away and most of us ended the afternoon enjoying delicious cakes and visiting the small chapel there, where a beautiful flower arrangement attracted Veronica's attention - so you may see something similar at Fulwood one day.

On the Monday we were welcomed by the Mayor of Recklinghausen, who had returned the previous day from a visit to their twin town in Israel. Unfortunately the reception couldn't be held in the Town Hall as renovation work was being



With the mayor - on the right



carried out, but we were made very welcome in a civic building opposite. The Mayor spoke about the importance of international links at all levels and presented us all with lapel badges showing the Recklinghausen crest. Then he surprised us. He said that, as the new Mayor four years ago, he had wanted a gift suitable for all ages, that might even become a collectable in the future. He chose a yellow rubber duck, but not any old duck! The design is changed each year and they are only made for him to present. This year's design is a Knight Duck to commemorate 1,000 years of the town – Sir Duckalot is Veronica's name for hers!

Our gift to the town was a framed poster of the A - Z of Preston, purchased from the Harris Museum shop. Jackie Clarke did all the research on facts about each letter's motif, and this was typed up and attached to the reverse side. This can be found on page 26 of this magazine.



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A - Z OF PRESTON --- SOME EXPLANATIONS

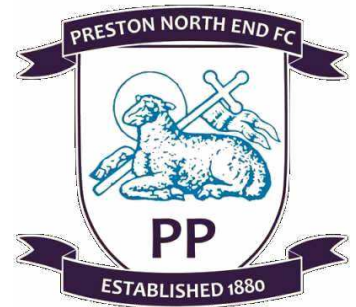
A - Avenham Park.... A large public park near the centre of Preston beside the River Ribble.

B - Bus Station... A listed building opened in 1969 with car park above.



C - Cenotaph... It stands in the centre of town and commemorates the soldiers of Preston who died in World Wars I and II.

D - Deepdale... Is the home of Preston North End Football team since 1875. They were one of the founding teams of the Football League.



E - E H Booth's... Main office of Booth's Stores founded 1847. A family run grocery chain of stores in NW England focusing on regional produce.

F - Friargate and Fishergate... The two main shopping streets in Preston.

G - The Guild... Preston was granted its Guild Merchant Charter in 1179 and Preston Guild is celebrated every 20 years.



H - The Harris Museum... The Harris is also an art gallery in the city centre.

I - Industrial Revolution... This was the transition to new manufacturing processes during the 19th Century, transforming Preston from a small market town to a much larger town of cotton textile production.

J - Jeremiah Horrocks... He was an English astronomer who was the first person to demonstrate that the moon moved around the earth in an elliptical orbit and predicted the Transit of Venus in 1639.

K - Dick Kerr Ladies... Dick Kerr Ladies was the first womens' football team in Britain established in 1917 in Preston.

L - Lighthouse... Guided cargo ships into Preston Docks in its heyday. The area is now a marina for leisure boats.

M - Miller Arcade... Preston's Victorian interior shopping centre built in 1899.

N - Nick Park... Was born in Preston. He is the Oscar winning animator of films starring his creations 'Wallace & Gromit' and 'Shaun the Sheep'.



O - Observatory... The Jeremiah Horrocks observatory built in Moor Park in 1927.

P - Parched Peas... A traditional Preston speciality food.

Q - Queen's Lancashire Regiment... An infantry regiment of the British Army, whose headquarters are at Fulwood Barracks.

R - Ribble Steam Railway... A restored steam railway running along the Preston Docks.

S - Samlesbury Hall... A historic house built in 1325 with a black and white timber exterior, situated about 6 miles east of Preston.



T - Sir Tom Finney... Preston's most famous footballer who played 473 times for Preston North End and 76 times for England. Born 1922, died 2014.

U - UCLan... University of Central Lancashire.

V - Ribble Viaduct... A railway bridge carrying the West Coast main line across the River Ribble into Preston Station.

W - Guild Wheel... Is a 21 mile route around the city for walkers and cyclists and was built as a legacy of the 2012 Preston Guild.



X - Corn Exchange... The 1842 Building was a busy market centre in its day. It is now a pub, but outside is Preston Martyrs Memorial commemorating the killing of 4 mill workers who were demonstrating for better working conditions.

Y - Yarn... Preston was famous for producing high quality cotton yarns and textiles.

Z - Zara Glover... Born in Preston in 1982, she is one of England's best 10 pin bowlers and has been World Champion.

NEW ANSWERS TO OLD QUESTIONS

There are two questions people who contact the Methodist Heritage Team often ask:

“What can you tell me about my relative who was a Methodist?”
“My house was once a Methodist chapel What have you got on it?”

While reference books do exist that can help, for some strange reason they are not easily found and researchers do not know who to ask for help. So, in good Methodist tradition, we have decided to take the good news to the people, rather than make them come to us!

We have had what we believe are the best available sources digitised and are making them freely available on our family history website, www.mymethodisthistory.org.uk.

We hope these will be of help to people.

Ministers and Probationers of the Methodist Church 1932 bit.ly/2wVTvTj (Short web address)

Most enquirers have no idea that there were different groups of Methodists, such as the New Connexion or ‘Prims’, between 1797 and 1932, so this book is an excellent starting point for working back and finding ministerial ancestors in other sources, such as the census. It lists all our ministers who were alive in 1932, notes which branch of Methodism they were in before then, and lists all their appointments.

Who’s Who in Methodism 1933 bit.ly/2wjzTck

This book gives biographical information about the ministers, but it also lists thousands of people who held office in Methodism across the country. We have so little about ‘ordinary’ Methodists that this book is ‘gold dust’. It also includes a unique list of all the circuits, including their original denomination before they were amalgamated.

The Methodist Local Preachers’ Who’s Who 1934 bit.ly/2xzLGoq

Incredibly, this is the only listing ever made of these people at the heart of Methodism. Important for biographical details, it also tells us which circuit they were in, which will allow some more information to be found from more commonly available records such as circuit plans.



Methodist Church Buildings: Statistical Returns 1940 bit.ly/2fp84bQ

The best list of all our chapels, which includes information on which branch of Methodism built them, what they were made of, how many they seated and how many rooms they had. While you will not find the exact address, you will find out which villages or towns had chapels and also whether they suffered any war damage. The arrangement is by circuit, which will help people track down any records that still survive as our local church records are kept, and ultimately deposited in local record offices, by circuit.

by Philip Thornborow

Philip Thornborow 'sat down' from the post of Liaison Officer for Methodist Archives at the end of 2017 - for the second time! The Methodist Heritage Committee's chairs, members and officers are deeply indebted to him for his committed and detailed work on behalf of the Connexion.

Have a look at the Methodist Heritage website where you can download past copies of the magazine for yourself or order items to buy -

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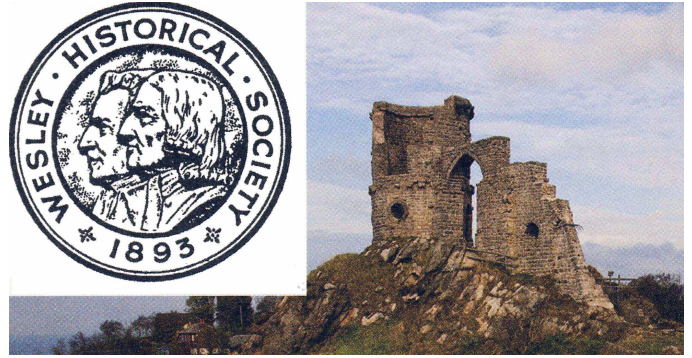
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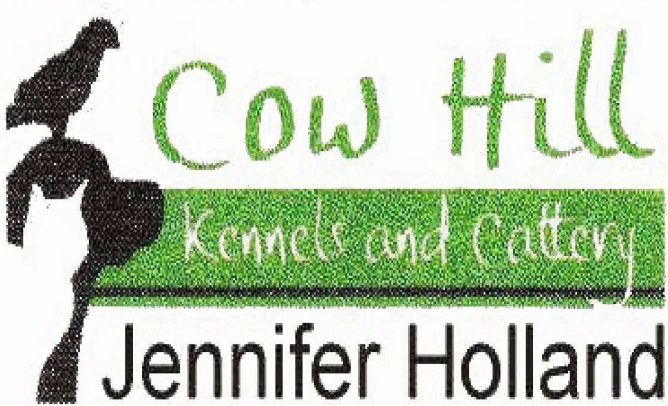
THE WIKIPEDIA OF METHODISM

The Dictionary of Methodism in Britain and Ireland (DMBI) was edited by Dr John A Vickers and published in its original form as a printed volume in 2000. Several years later, with permission from the Editorial Committee of the Epworth Press, work began on converting it to electronic format. The result was let loose on an unsuspecting public in 2007. Since then it has grown steadily and continues to do so by public contributions and intentional research. Whatever you are researching in Methodism, you cannot go wrong by starting with a search of this invaluable resource. You can find it by visiting the website of the Wesley Historical Society (address below). Access is free.



The original 1,600 entries have more than doubled. Much new information has been added, and there are several new features. These include illustrations, especially of persons and chapels, added as they become available. The cross-references between entries have been made easier to use by being converted to hyperlinks, accessible at a touch of the keyboard. There are many relevant quotations, including some from John Wesley's Journal. Your help in making such additions is always welcome and can be easily offered via email. In particular, if you find that there is no entry on Methodism in your local town, the solution is in your hands - or those of someone you know who has an interest in local Methodist history. However, villages can only be considered if they have played a particular part in Methodism's story, such as Mow Cop or Tolpuddle.

Dr John A Vickers



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BOOK CLUB

It was perhaps fitting that it was on one of the hottest evenings of the year the Book Club met to think about a man who, angry with the world, retreated into the hot desert. Whilst there, miraculously, a luxurious plant grew rapidly to give him shade. Sadly, the next day the plant had withered leaving him exposed again to the sun without, and his own anger within.

Can you guess the book we had been reading in the Book Club? Well, this episode may not be the most memorable episode in the 'Book of Jonah', from the Old Testament of the Bible, but it is a striking part of the concluding chapter of that short book where Jonah comes to realise that his own wishes, attitudes and prejudices are as nothing compared to the love of God for all people.

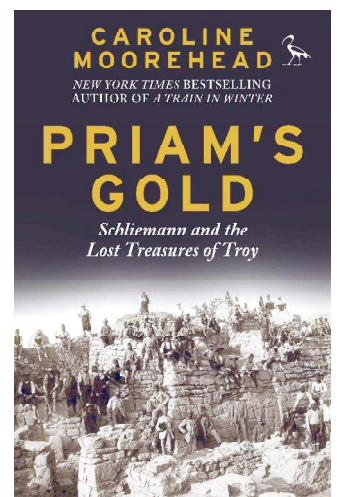
Nationally, the Methodist Church had challenged churches to study the book of Jonah during June so the Book Club rose to the challenge. We exchanged our ideas about the levels of meaning in this strange story. We were led by our minister, the Rev Jane Wild, whose own informed research into the book and her gentle promptings led us to recognise that the book was a development of a prophecy to be found in the Book of Joel and that Jonah's prayer from the 'belly of the big fish' took the form of a prayerful psalm which was probably deep in the psyche of the Jewish people. She helped us to explore the literary structure of the book and particularly how it displayed several important characteristics of Hebrew poetry. A book which can be read in a quarter of an hour contained a lifetime of teaching and wisdom.

This time we had no chocolate biscuits - they would have melted anyway - but we had ample leftovers from the Messy Church summer party, with a world cup theme, which had taken place earlier that day. Echoes of a New Testament story there. We regularly write in this magazine to inform you of the 'doings' of our Book Club. We are always happy to welcome people who wish to give us a go So do join us and to encourage you, we hope, is some information about our forthcoming meetings. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4 September at 7.00pm when we will be talking about Penelope Lively's book 'Life in the Garden'. This is now readily available in paperback and is a pleasant summer read. Some members may also introduce us to other writings about nature or horticulture which have intrigued them.

Then on Tuesday 9 October, also at 7.00pm, we are going to have a meeting to explore some of the stories about the 'Siege of Troy'. One of our members has visited the excavations there and will share his experiences. The book we will be studying is by Caroline Moorhead and is entitled 'Priam's Gold'. It tells a very remarkable story which ranges far beyond Troy itself. But there are other books, novels and poetry for example, which tell aspects of the story and we hope to hear something of these too.

At our September meeting we will be setting our programme of readings and dates for the 2018/19 Church year (the Methodist Church works from September to August, like school years). Why not come along and help to shape our activities?

Ken Wales



UPROOTED: PHOTO EXHIBITION

In June, we marked Refugee Week, but Christian Aid is also asking – what about internally ‘displaced people’ - people who have been forced to flee their homes, but have not crossed any border. They are displaced within their own countries. Such people are denied the official protection given to refugees and largely ignored by the international community, but are among the most vulnerable to poverty and exploitation in the world. Christian Aid has brought the stories of displaced people in Nigeria, Kenya and Iraq to life in a new photo exhibition, which we will be hosting at Fulwood Methodist Church in September. On Wednesday 18 Sept, as part of the midweek worship, Ruth Platt of Christian Aid will be reflecting on their stories and telling us about Christian Aid’s campaign to get a fair deal for all people on the move and improve provision for them. The exhibition will remain up until Sunday 23 Sept.



Anne Garsed

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COMMUNITY CHOIR



We are now in our third year and have a regular turn out of between 12 and 18 every Wednesday evening. We have continued to try new songs, varying from Show songs to popular music ranging from the 60’s to present day. On the plus side, a good percentage of our choir are from outside of the church family, but have

attended other church activities and taken part with us in the Christmas service. Sadly the counter to this is that we lack support from our own congregation which is disappointing and we can only ‘boast’ 3 male voices. The excuse that “I can’t sing “ is not a relevance, but an ability to enjoy the company and have a bit of a laugh is all you need.

We are welcoming to both new and returning members and can promise a warm welcome to all. After our Summer break we will re-commence on September 5th.

Dave Topping

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I remember two things: that I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Saviour.

John Newton

Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.

Martin Luther King

I CANNOT PRAY UNLESS

I cannot say **OUR** if my religion has no room for others and their needs.

I cannot say **FATHER** if I do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily life.

I cannot say **WHO ART IN HEAVEN** if all my interest and pursuits are in earthly things.

I cannot say **HALLOWED BE THY NAME** if I, who am called by his name, am not holy.

I cannot say **THY KINGDOM COME** if I am unwilling to give up my own sovereignty and accept the righteous reign of God.

I cannot say **THY WILL BE DONE** if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot say **ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN** unless I am truly ready to give myself to His service here and now.



I cannot say **GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD** without expending honest effort for it or by ignoring the genuine needs of others.

I cannot say **FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US** if I continue to harbour a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say **LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION** if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot say **DELIVER US FROM EVIL** if I am not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer.

I cannot say **THINE IS THE KINGDOM** if I do not give the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.

I cannot say **THINE IS THE POWER** if I fear what my neighbours and friends may say or do.

I cannot say **THINE IS THE GLORY** if I am seeking my own glory first.

I cannot say **FOREVER** if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.

I cannot say **AMEN** unless I honestly say "Cost what it may, this is my prayer".

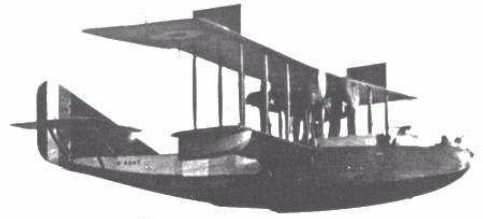
Anonymous

THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

- You will be aware, no doubt, that the Royal Air Force celebrated its 100th Birthday on 1st April – but did you know that the distinctive blue of its uniforms was a result of the Russian Revolution?

The firm of A.W.Hainsworth of Pudsey, Leeds, had been contracted to produce cloth for the trousers of the Tsar's Cossacks but this could not be delivered owing to the turmoil in Russia. Luckily the RAF agreed to take the material off the firm's hands and A.W.Hainsworth's is still in business.

- National Trust rangers are rebuilding the cairn on top of Scafell Pike to mark 100 years since the First World War ended.
- The Preston firm of Dick Kerr (tramcar manufacturers) built Felixstowe flying boats for the Royal Navy at their Strand Road works. These were then transported by road to South Shields for final assembly and testing.
- It's 100 years since an aeroplane first landed on a moving ship.
- Just as the RAF was founded 100 years ago, so was the RAF Temporary Nursing Service. This became part of the permanent establishment in 1921 and its full title nowadays is: Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service.
- RAF100 has organised a National Aircraft Tour which will be visiting the Cathedral Gardens, Manchester from 15th – 16th September. Included will be a wide range of iconic aircraft to see, and aerial and land based events.
- Preston's Avenham and Miller Parks were both used as training grounds to prepare troops for battle. Accordingly they could be given Centenary Field War Memorial Park status.
- Some of the popular songs published in 1918 included 'After You've Gone', 'K-K-K-Katy', 'Rock-A-Bye Your Baby,' 'With A Dixie Melody', 'Somebody Stole My Gal' and 'Till We Meet Again'. There was also 'The Rose of No Man's Land' composed by Jack Caddigan & James Alexander Brennan as a tribute to the Red Cross nurses at the front lines. Gustav Holst's 'The Planets Suite' was performed for the first time and Siegfried Sassoon's 'Counter-Attack and Other Poems' was one of the new books published.
- In mid-June the Allies launched a counter-attack on the Western Front and this was quickly followed by the Battle of Le Hamel, the Second Battle of the Marne and the beginning of the Aisne-Marne Offensive. August saw the successful attack on Amiens and the break-through at Albert.
- In mid-July the former Tsar Nicholas II and his family were murdered by the Bolsheviks.



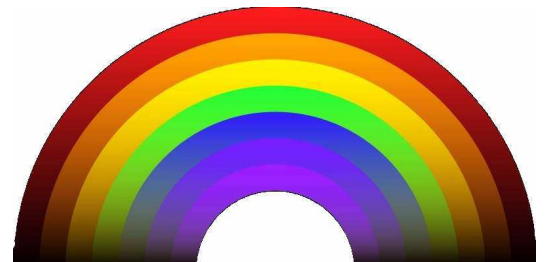
St. BENEDICT'S PRAYER

O Gracious and Holy Father,
Give us wisdom to perceive you,
Diligence to seek you,
Patience to wait for you,
Eyes to behold you,
A heart to meditate upon you,
And a life to proclaim you;
Through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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THE RAINBOW

Boats sail on the rivers,
And ships sail on the seas;
But clouds that sail across the sky
Are prettier far than these.
There are bridges on the rivers,
As pretty as you please;
But the bow that bridges heaven,
And overtops the trees,
And builds a road from earth to sky,
Is prettier far than these



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A FARRAGO

- In early May a 'Looking Back' photograph appeared in the Lancashire Post showing Colin Maudsley and his brother when they had attended a reunion event, some years ago, at Fulwood & Cadley School. Many of you will be familiar with this building which has stood at the corner of Cadley Causeway since 1938.

We all know that Colin is a special person but in this case he was more than special. Not only did he attend F & C from the day it opened but previously had attended the former Cadley School which stood on Victoria Road.

You may be less familiar with the whereabouts of this one. However, the next time you're passing Christ Church's parish hall on Victoria Road, cast your eyes upwards and you may see the stone which tells you just that.

- This summer Rev. Sue Creighton of Central Methodist Church will be returning to home pastures when she takes charge of Loughton and Trinity Debden churches in the Forest Circuit, Essex. We wish her well. Rev. Barbara Pettit will be the replacement at Central.
- In 12 months' time our Circuit Superintendent Minister, Mark Slaney, will be gearing himself up to take charge of the Shetland Circuit. Haroldswick Methodist Church, Unst, is the most northerly church building in the UK and he'll be nearer to Oslo than London up there! We wish Mark and his family well.
- By the time you read this Lancashire is scheduled to have its first female bishop when Rev. Dr. Jill Duff is consecrated Bishop of Lancaster at York Minster on 29th June.
- The Lake District National Park is expected to make a decision later this year on the proposal to develop Keswick's disused pencil factory into the base for the annual Keswick Convention. The plan would be to contain the Convention to a single site within the town. The site has been derelict since Derwent Pencils relocated to Workington in 2008.
- Other folks' church magazines, newsletters and weekly sheets have arrived from the following:- Central Methodist Church, Preston; Chester & Delamere Forest Methodist Circuit; Chester Diocesan News; Christ Church, Fulwood; Fulwood URC; Knowle Green Congregational Church, near Clitheroe; Leominster Baptist Church; St Catherine's, Crook near Kendal; Oakworth Methodist Church; St Andrew's & St Peter's, South Shoebury, Essex; St Leonard's, Penwortham; St Mary's, Redlynch & St Birinus', Morgans Vale, Salisbury; St Peter's, Chester; Trinity Methodist Church, Ellesmere Port; St Paul's, Warton; Upton URC, Chester; Wesley Methodist Church Centre, Chester; Willaston Methodist

Church, Wirral; Salisbury and Wirral Methodist Circuit Plans and a copy of the quarterly Blackburn Diocese Mothers' Union News.

We also had many from France, including the Fontainebleau area, Laon, Vichy, Châtillon-sur-Seine and the Ardèche region, courtesy of John Butterworth. We thank all who've taken the trouble to bring these in and particularly Mr & Mrs Hackett, who bring them by the bagful!

We also regularly receive a copy of the magazine from our twinned church, Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche in Recklinghausen, Germany.

It can be surprising the things one learns from these magazines. Earlier in the year it was interesting to learn that Over Wyresdale Parish Church had given new meaning to an ancient custom: a 'Blessing of the Tractors' rather than a 'Plough Sunday' service! Meanwhile, a report in another informed us that, "Over the millions of years the glaziers came and went!" (Oh! Those British workmen!!) One assumes glaziers was meant to be glaciers! And believe it or not, one church hall is regularly booked by the Lover Ladies. The mind boggles!!

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SALAD

To make this condiment, your poet begs,
the pounded yellow of two hard-boiled eggs;
Two boiled potatoes, passed through kitchen sieve.
Smoothness and softness to the salad give;
Let onion atoms lurk within the bowl,
And, half-suspecified, animate the whole,
Of mordant mustard add a single spoon,
Distrust the condiment that bites so soon;
But deem it not, thou man of herbs, a fault,
To add a double quantity of salt.
And, lastly o'er the flavoured compound toss
A magic soup-spoon of anchovy sauce.
Of, green and glorious! Oh,
Herbaceous treat!

'Twould tempt the dying anchorite to eat;
Back to the world he'd turn his fleeting soul,
And plunge his fingers in the salad bowl!
Serenely full, the epicure would say,
Fate cannot harm me, I have dined today!



By Rev Sydney Smith (1771-1845)

MAYTIME

The month of May, might have passed, but it has long been the custom in these islands of ours to celebrate the seasons and the changes they bring. The spring plantings, the gathering in of the harvest and the preparation for winter are just a few. Along with the actual performance of tasks such as sowing and reaping and animal husbandry, our ancestors have found time to have a party at Christmas time, Easter, Shrove Tuesday, Midsummer, Harvest and May Day. This is a festival that has faded somewhat into the back ground, A few places still celebrate but apart from the fact that there is a public holiday on the first Monday in May, for most of us it passes without notice.

May time and May Day was essentially a spring festival named after Maia the Roman goddess of growth. It is a time when the birds are singing, the fields are green, streams and rivers are full of life and the hedgerows are covered in blossom, in particular the hawthorn or May. Poets from Chaucer to the present day called this time of year “the merry month of May”.

Greenery and May blossom was gathered into garlands to decorate both homes and village streets. Morris dancers with their accompanying hobby horse were very much in evidence. One of the most famous, and still popular is the Helston Floral Dance in Cornwall. This is usually performed on the 8th May, the feast of St Michael to commemorate the saint’s battle with the Devil. Another popular custom was the setting up of a stake or pole which was decorated with ribbons which dancers wove into colourful patterns as they danced around it. Generally it was time of feasting, singing and dancing, all innocent fun.

However, things changed very suddenly with the arrival of the Reformation and the Puritans and their belief that May festivals were scenes of licence and debauchery. The festivals were forbidden and the Maypoles destroyed. During this time there had been agricultural disasters and feasting was deemed too wasteful and also the celebrations tended to take place on common or waste land away from the constraints of normal behaviour .



It is perhaps a little strange that it was those pillars of moral rectitude, the Victorians, who were largely responsible for reviving May Day celebrations possibly as an antidote to the industrial society that the bulk of the working

populace was experiencing. Now, however, it became a children's festival, with garlands, special May songs, and the dancing around the Maypole was once more a popular activity. This was the time of the May Queen, a young girl who was chosen each year to lead the processions and be crowned Queen of the May. This custom also became incorporated into Whitsuntide festivals and Sunday Schools across the land crowned their May Queens.

In spite of the bird song, the flowers, the sunshine and general enjoyment at this time of warmth and plenty, folk were advised to treat this time of year with caution. The weather could be treacherous and turn chilly. "Button up to the chin till May be in" went the rhyme and the warning within the following stanza "Ne're cast a clout till May be out" was to be heeded. The first three days of the month were known as "sharp" days on which no work should be started, women should not launder and men should not dig the gardens.

As a child my mother and grandmother would tell me about the celebrations they enjoyed at May time and I wished that I had been able to dance around a Maypole. We did sing May songs at primary school some of which I still remember. This May I went on a train journey to the south coast and sat and looked at the hedgerows covered in white hawthorn blossom as they flashed past the windows. Whether or not we celebrate May time it is indeed a beautiful time of year.

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THINK ON THIS.....

If I GIVE NOTHING: I cast a vote in favour of closing my Church

If I GIVE ONLY TO LOCAL SUPPORT: I vote to stop missionary activity in this hour of great world need.

If I GIVE GRUDGINGLY: I shall find no joy, nor receive the blessing of the Lord.

If I GIVE PROPORTIONATELY: I shall give something even if, of necessity, mine must be small.

If I GIVE SYSTEMATICALLY: I make it possible for my Church to plan in advance and make it easier for myself.

If I GIVE SACRIFICIALLY: I shall testify to the high value I place upon Christ and the Church in ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of suffering humanity.

Author and source unknown

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TIME IS

Too slow for those who wait,
Too swift for those who fear,
Too long for those to grieve,
Too short for those who rejoice,
But for those who love
Time is not



*Henry Van Dyke
(1852-1933)*

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THE CROSS OF WOOD

God be with you and us who go our way
And leave you dead upon the ground you won.
For you at last the long fatigue is done,
The hard march ended; you have rest to-day.

You were our friends; with you we watched the dawn
Gleam through the rain of the long winter night,
With you we laboured till the morning light
Broke on the village, shell-destroyed and torn.

Not now for you the glorious return
To steep Stroud valleys, to the Severn leas
By Tewkesbury and Gloucester, or the trees
Of Cheltenham under high Cotswold stern.

For you no medals such as others wear -
A cross of bronze for those approved brave -
To you is given, above a shallow grave,
The Wooden Cross that marks you resting there.

Rest you content; more honourable far
Than all the Orders is the Cross of Wood,
The symbol of self-sacrifice that stood
Bearing the God whose brethren you are.



*By Cyril Winterbottom
A Lieutenant in the Gloucestershire Regiment,
killed in action August 1916*

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FACEBOOK - IN REAL LIFE...

For those of my older generation who do not really comprehend why Facebook exists. It's a way of sharing your life with thousands and making new friends.

Presently, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the SAME PRINCIPLES.

Therefore, every day I go down on the street and tell the passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before and what I will do tomorrow night. Then I give them pictures of my family, my dog and me gardening and spending time in my pool.

I also listen to their conversations and I tell them I love them. And it works. I already have 3 persons following me: 2 police officers and a psychiatrist.



THEATRE VISITS

Wed 22 August Day - Visit to **Keswick** to include optional visit to see '**SINGLE SPIES**' by Alan Bennett. £30 with optional theatre ticket purchase

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**Fri & Sat 7th and 8th September** - Residential visit to **Stratford-upon-Avon**. Chance to see a new production of **ROMEO AND JULIET**, spend time in the town, relax and dine and visit **NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM** at Stoke-on-Trent on the return journey. Accommodation (bed and breakfast at The Crowne Plaza) and travel are currently estimated at £160 per person with a £52 supplement for a single room. Optional dinner in the hotel would be an extra £25. The theatre ticket will be extra (prices to be confirmed) and the admission cost to the Arboretum will vary according to your requirements.

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Saturday 15 September (matinee) - **THE COMEDY ABOUT A BANK ROBBERY** The Lowry, Manchester - Cost will be £50 per person with optional £5 insurance.

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**Mon - Fri 1st to 5th October** - **BUXTON PALACE AND SPA HOTEL** (4 nights / 5 days) To include bed, breakfast and evening meals and daily excursions (currently being planned). The estimated cost is £365 per person sharing with a supplement for single rooms (estimated an extra £25 - £30 per person per night).

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Wed 17th October a day visit to **Keswick** to include a matinee performance of **JEEVES AND WOOSTER IN PERFECT NONSENSE** at The Theatre by The Lake OR a planned visit to two locations in the Lake District. £30 with optional theatre ticket purchase

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**Wednesday 21st November** - **MATILDA** The Palace Theatre, Manchester - Details and Prices TBC - Matinee performance. Please note, this show will be expensive and Wednesday has been chosen because tickets are £10 less expensive in well-positioned seats.

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For further information and to register your interest, please contact Sharon Beck at Fulwood Methodist Church – Tel No: 01772 718741 (Mobile 07592 167700). Or email theatrevisits@fulwoodmethodist.org.uk

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday

9.45 am Singing Practice (Cedar Room)

Tuesday

10.00 am Men's AM Club (fortnightly) Graham Johnson (719859)

2.15 pm Women's Fellowship (weekly) Muriel Crossley (716973)

5-7.00 pm Messy Church (half-termly) for families Delma Whitman (709181)

7.00 pm Alphabites (monthly fellowship) Margaret Holmes (726964)

7.00 pm Book Club (monthly) Ken Wales (863791)

Wednesday

10 till 1.30 Welcome Wednesday - food, activities, games and New2U stall

10.30 am Midweek Communion with prayers

7.30/8.00 WoW (monthly Women's Group) Wendy Gaskell (07719 843543)

Thursday

7.00 pm Knitting Group (Copper Beech Room) Veronica Frost (717415)

7.15 pm Table Tennis matches Alan Smith (07943 406021)

8.01 pm Ladies After 8 group (fortnightly) Barbara Hothersall (716203)

Friday

9.30 am Toddlers' Club (under 5s & parents/carers) Janet Porter (462808)

FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Monday

6.00 pm Beavers (6 - 8 yr) Fiona Jackson (700487)

7.00 pm Cubs (8 - 10½ yr) Karen Smalley (735087)

Tuesday

7.00 pm Scouts (10½ - 14 yr) Chris Thomas (07545 869326)

7.00 pm Explorer Scouts (14 - 18 yr) Operated by Scout District

7.00 pm Scout Network (18 - 25 yr) Operated by Scout County

Thursday

5.45 pm Rainbows (5 - 7 yr) Jayne Myatt (718217)

6.15 pm Brownies (7 - 10 yr) Diane Bird (715298)

7.30 pm Guides (10 - 14 yr) Hannah Jones (718741) (church)

Friday

6.30 pm Escape (7- 11 yr) Darren Arnold (07811 775825)

8.00 pm Youth Club (Secondary School age) “ “ “

Sunday

10.30 am Sunday Club Janet Wales (863791)

4.00 pm OMG (monthly for years 5 to 8/9) Wendy Bennett (860965)

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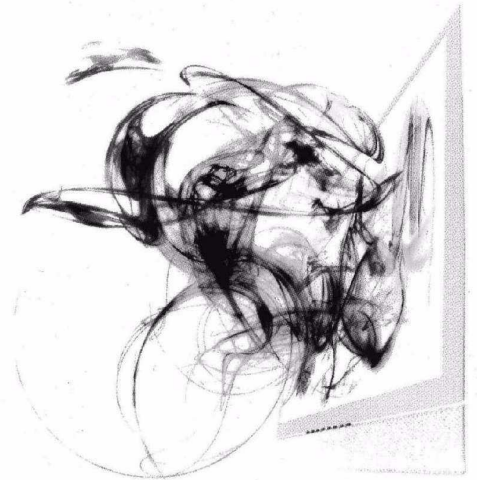
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