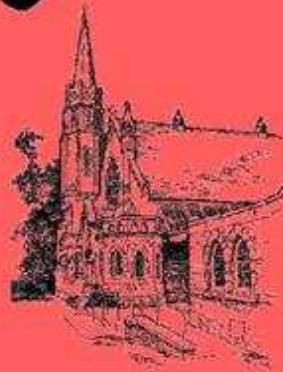




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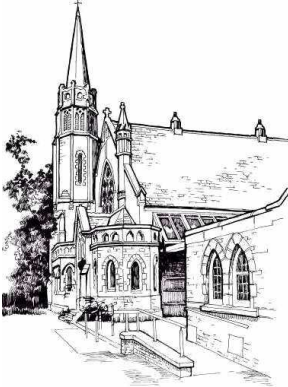
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SUNDAY SERVICES

9.45 am SINGING PRACTICE

10.30 am MORNING WORSHIP & SUNDAY CLUB

We offer a welcome to all ages on Sunday mornings, there is a CRÈCHE for babies and toddlers while parents are in worship. The first 15 minutes of worship are for all ages and then on most Sundays the children leave for their own time in SUNDAY CLUB, where there are groups for different ages. Parents can go out with the younger ones to see them settle, and then come back into church for worship. Sunday Club and worship finish at the same time and an invitation is extended to everyone to stay and share in fellowship in the Willow Grove, where tea, coffee and orange juice are served.

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 for all, at various circuit churches. (*See weekly notices for details*)

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated monthly (morning and evening) and once a month there is ALL-AGE WORSHIP involving children from the youth groups.

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

EDITORIAL

My sincere thanks to all who've provided material for this issue and to those who've helped in any way with the preparation, the printing and the distribution. I hope that it meets with your approval and that you too may be inspired to provide something for next time!

The **copy date** for our **Easter issue** will provisionally be **Sunday, 8th March, 2020**. Any material in advance of that date would, of course, be most welcome. Please do remember that articles may be subject to editing!

Roy Smith

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PASTORAL LETTER

From Rev Jane Wild

Dear Friends,

Recently we were driving along the M55, past a pedestrian bridge and surprisingly there were two sheep waiting in the middle of the bridge. This took me by surprise as they must have climbed steps to get there. Sheep climbing stairs is not a sight you normally see.

They were standing very still, obviously not panicked by the traffic going under them or the very fast lorries making the bridge vibrate. Did they feel safe? Were they waiting to be rescued? Were they confused by the situation they found themselves in? Were they trying to work out which way to go to get down?.



As Christians we are approaching Advent. We use it as a time of reflection to ask questions, reflect on our present and look to the future. It is time to stop. How would we answer the questions that passed through my mind about the sheep? What are we waiting for? Have we stopped where we are because it seems safe? Are we waiting to be rescued, are we confused by the situation and not moving in case it gets worse? Is our question “Where to next?”

Advent can be reassuring. We know that at Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus incarnate in the world, the saviour, who speaks of God’s presence in the world. We know that as we approach a new year we are gifted with forgiveness and renewal. Assured of the presence of God’s spirit with us, we recommit ourselves in the Covenant Service to a God who guides his people.

It can also face us with all the questions and doubts of a sheep on a bridge.

It is during Advent that we have an opportunity to think about these contrasting ideas which we hold in tension. For this reason our Advent theme is light and darkness and where we find God in both.

I pray that, as we prepare for and celebrate Christmas this year and move into a New Year, the Grace and Peace and Joy of God will bless you all.

With Best Wishes

Jane



CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Monday 16th

Carol Singing around the Care Homes

Meet at 6.00pm
6.45pm
7.30pm

Oxford House, Garstang Rd
Sherwood Lodge Residential Home
Preston Private Nursing Home

Tuesday 17th

Carol Singing around the Care Homes

Meet at 6.00pm
6.45pm
7.30pm

Brooklands Residential Home, Black Bull Lane
Moor Park House
Derby Lodge

Wednesday 18th

11.30am

Welcome Wednesday Carols

Thursday 19th

2.00pm

Carols at Springfield Manor Gardens

Thursday 19th

7.00pm

Lancashire Sings Christmas

Sunday 22nd

5.30pm

Carol Service

Christmas Eve

3.30pm

Christingle Service

Christmas Eve

11.15pm

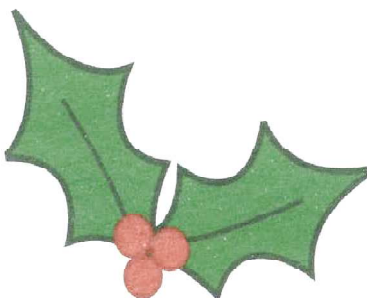
Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10.00am

Family Celebration

All services at Fulwood Methodist Church unless specified otherwise



FAMILY NEWS

Baptisms

6th Oct Mila-Grace Dorothy Molloy
D'Arcy Mae Daniel
3rd Nov Hugo Benjamin Seeley
8th Dec Alara Rainford
Auralia Wolff

Funerals

2nd Oct Margaret Worrell
4th Oct Rose Cynthia Marshall
17th Oct Alec Robinson
29th Oct Doreen Lupton
29th Nov George Sanderson

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CHURCH SECURITY

Unfortunately there have been a number of serious lapses in securing our Church premises over the past few weeks. It is imperative the last person to leave the premises makes sure ALL lights and fans are turned off and the doors are secured. Codeholders / keyholders are also reminded not to reveal the door codes to anyone. If there are any problems, please speak to Ray Armstrong or Jane.

PS. Anyone wishing to apply for the role of security officer, please speak to Jane.



Ray Armstrong

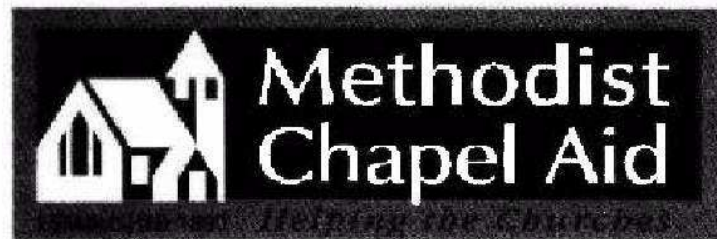
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LIFE IS BUT A WEAVING

- 1 My life is but a weaving
Between my God and me.
I cannot choose the colors
He weaveth steadily.
- 2 Oft' times He weaveth sorrow;
And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper,
And I the underside.
- 3 Not 'til the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Will God unroll the canvas
And reveal the reason why.
- 4 The dark threads are as needful
In the weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned
- 5 He knows, He loves, He cares;
Nothing this truth can dim.
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice to Him.

Grant Colfax Tullar

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OBITUARIES

Rose Cynthia Marshall

6th December 1926 to 21st September 2019

Cynthia lived and served God in Preston and Blackpool during her life. She was a faithful wife to Alec since 1952, and was mother to her two sons, Stuart and Shane.



Margaret Worrell

Died 2nd October 2019

Margaret was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and came to Preston as a child. At 15 she went to be a shorthand typist and bookkeeper.

She met and married her husband Jack when she was 19 and had 3 children; Mavis, Margaret and John. In 1947 they moved to Beech Drive, where they lived for 44 years.

While she stayed at home with her young children, she had an active part in church life and later worked at the TV and radio shop on Beech drive. She was a compassionate and caring woman who looked after many family members when they were unwell and was incredibly hospitable to her family and friends. Even the local tramps were never turned away empty handed. Margaret loved music and encouraged many family musical evenings. She enjoyed concerts all around the area. Over the last few years she has been hampered by her failing health but still had interest and care for those around her.



Alec Robinson

30th April 1936 to 6th October 2019

Alec was born in Workington. He served an apprenticeship as an electrician followed by his National Service. He then worked at BNFL, training apprentice engineers for which he was held in high regard, for his good management and his professional influence on training programmes.

He was a keen footballer and when no longer able to play put time and commitment into managing local teams. He was skilled at DIY doing most of the tasks in renovating his family home and teaching others.

He was a quiet gentleman with a keen sense of humour.

He leaves his wife June whom he married in 1958 and two daughters.



George 'Sandy' Sanderson

13th April 1934 - 14th November 2019

George was a teacher, sailor, and cyclist who spoke four languages. He studied subjects of interest until he became an expert in them. Most importantly he was a family man. He was married to Muriel for 59 years, shared his enthusiasm with his sons David and Ian and encouraged and supported them.



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FULWOOD METHODIST MAGAZINE AROUND THE WORLD!

We recently received an email from a member at Armadale Uniting Church in Melbourne, Australia, asking our permission to reprint an article titled 'J Arthur Rank, Methodist Film Pioneer', from our Easter 2011 magazine, found on the internet. The article was written by Libby Stone. It so happened that, later the same day, I was at Galloways in Penwortham recording the next issue of the Methodist



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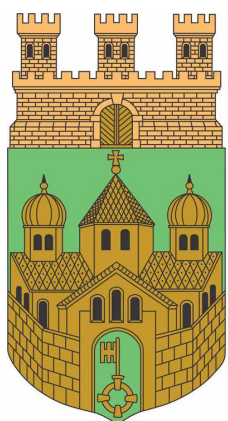


Recorder. It also happened that Libby was one of the readers, along with Sue Davis. I asked Libby's permission, which was duly given and the same evening replied to Australia. I also sent a link to the recording so that he could hear Libby reading. All of this in just over 12 hours. The power of the internet!

John Butterworth

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RECKLINGHAUSEN



We mentioned in the previous magazine that we are expecting 20 members of our twin church in Recklinghausen, Germany, to visit us in June 2020. We are delighted to have received extra offers of help from our congregation, so now we will be able to accommodate all our guests. When we have the exact times of their arrival, we will be planning a programme for their visit.

We are sending Christmas Greetings from our church to Recklinghausen with copies of this Christmas magazine.

Anne Garsed & Jacqueline Clarke

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY WORKER NEWS

The last few months have been enjoyable in my role!

At the beginning of November, I had the opportunity to attend the Puppet & Creative Ministry Festival in Rugby. This was an opportunity for me to learn new techniques to use with the puppets, watch how other people use them as tools in schools or care homes, how to get ideas and inspiration for every season, finding a unique character for your puppet and how to perform as a solo puppeteer,

I also had the opportunity to see some great shows from the professionals and also look into shadow-performing, (the art of using body shapes and items to create a story) Finally I looked into using science to get the Bible messages across, which included setting fire to your hand! A great couple of days and I came away with new ideas and a new puppet, who you may see soon!

I have also been able to reconnect with Ribbleton Avenue Methodist Primary School along with Revd Barbara Pettitt. I will be going in fortnightly on Thursdays to do assemblies, then class talks. Opportunities to meet with other youth workers in Preston has just started and it looks as if it could be a good chance to at least support each other and possibly do some ecumenical work. As you may have read, our OMG group has been to Southport for 3Generate and all had a good time.

Friday night Escape & Youth Club are going from strength to strength. We currently get between 60 – 70 of the younger group and about 20 for the older group. Yes, it's tiring, but well worth it, knowing these kids are out of their homes or off the streets enjoying themselves.



Looking forward to the Christmas and New Year season there will be plenty of services and activities for everyone to enjoy. At the Toddler Club we will be holding a Pram Service. There will be an opportunity to come along to bake and decorate gingerbread nativity figures. Staying on the food theme, have a go at the Mince Pie Challenge! And to finish with, at the beginning of January we are holding our now annual Teddy Bears' Picnic.

If you want a bit of fun this year, why don't you download the Advent Puppet Calendar App. www.thatadventpuppetapp.org.uk or *That Advent Puppet Calendar App* on Google Play Store or Apple apps.

Happy Christmas
Love *Darren*

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The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

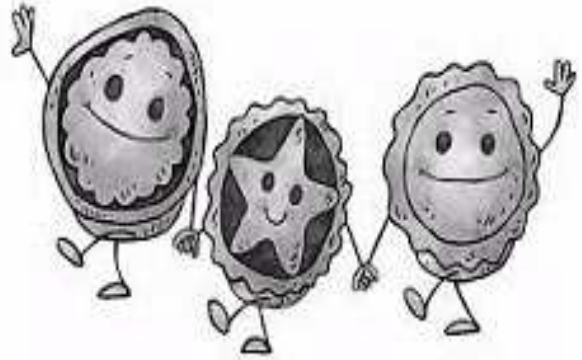
Dorothy Nevill

CHRISTMAS FUN

MINCE PIE CHALLENGE

We are holding a Mince Pie Challenge this year at Fulwood. There are three categories; Under 16's, Adults and Family.

For the competition you have to have a Mince Pie or Vegetarian alternative filling and produce 6 pies. These will be judged at lunchtime after the Nativity service on 22nd December – so get your creative minds working and create. What about chocolate orange and mincemeat in a filo pastry or Brussel sprout & mincemeat filling in a sweet pastry case? You will also need to make a note of ingredients used so people with allergies etc. know. For further details please ask me.



GINGERBREAD NATIVITY

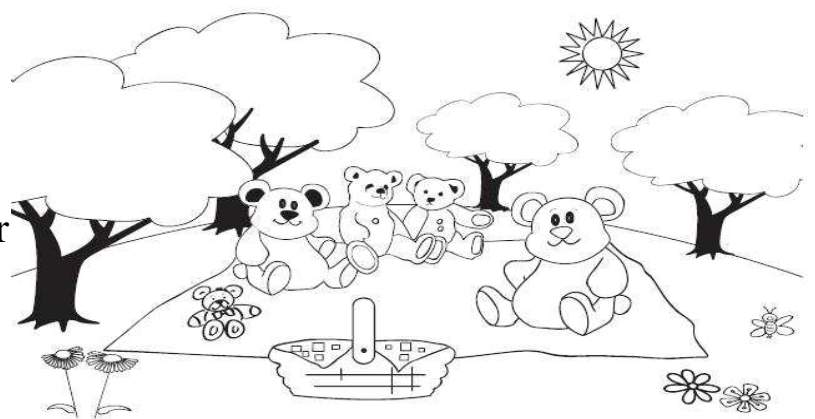


Come along and join us on Saturday 21st December 10.30am - 12noon for some fun making and decorating gingerbread nativity figures – *Please if you would like to come, young or older, then sign up so we know how much gingerbread we need to provide.*

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Join us on Friday 3rd January 11.00am - 1.00pm for our now annual Teddy Bears Picnic. There will be lots of crafts, games and fun plus lunchtime picnic – so bring your picnic blankets & most importantly your Teddy Bears.

Please sign up if you would like to come for catering purposes.



Darren

In God alone is there faithfulness and faith in the trust that we may hold to him, to his promise and to his guidance. To hold to God is to rely on the fact that God is there for me and to live in this certainty.

Karl Barth

A FARRAGO

New Christmas Tradition: Beginning on 1st December, if you were to read one chapter of *The Gospel According to St Luke* each evening, you would find that there are 24 chapters and by Christmas Eve you would have read an entire account of Jesus' life and wake up on Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY. By the time you read this you'll have a bit of catching-up to do, of course!

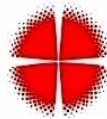
The Methodist Conference will meet in Telford, Shropshire, from 25th June to 2nd July, 2020.

Former visitors to Abbot Hall, Kents Bank (ex-Methodist Guild Holidays), may be interested to know that the new owners have already sold it on to Heritage Hotels. That was quick work!

Other folks' church magazines, newsletters and weekly information sheets have arrived from the following places:

- ***Local & local-ish:*** Ashton (Preston) Methodist Church; Birkdale (Southport) Parishes of St James & St Peter; Fulwood, Christ Church; Fulwood URC; the Parishes of St Ambrose, Grindleton and St Peter & St Paul, Bolton by Bowland; Penwortham, St Leonard's; Preston Central Methodist Church; St Annes, Church Rd. Methodist Church; St Annes Parish Church; Warton, St Paul's; West Pennine Moors Methodist Circuit and In Focus, the community magazine serving the south Fylde area.
- ***From the other side of the hill:*** the Helmsley Herald (covering St Mary Magdalene, East Moors; All Saints, Helmsley; St Mary the Virgin, Rievaulx & St Chad, Sproxton); Oakworth Methodist Church and Ripon Cathedral.
- ***From Norfolk:*** Across the See (the Diocese of Norwich).
- ***....and from Suffolk:*** Bramford Methodist Church, Ipswich; the Benefice of Debenham & Helmingham (covering Aspell; Debenham, Framsdon, Helmingham, Kenton, Pettaugh & Winston); the parishes of Ampton, Great Livermere & Ingham (near Bury St Edmunds); Lavenham, St Peter & St Paul; Long Melford, Holy Trinity and Westerfield (near Ipswich) St Mary Magdalene.
- ***From further away:*** St Mary, Redlynch & St Birinus, Morgans Vale (Salisbury, Wilts.)
- ***From even further away:*** the Isles of Scilly Methodist Circuit..
- ***...and from the other side of the world:*** Australia, Armadale Uniting Church, Melbourne. Have a look at the article on page 9.
- ***We also regularly receive....*** a copy of the magazine from our twinned Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche in Recklinghausen, Germany.

Roy Smith



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3GENERATE 2019

This year seven youngsters from Fulwood were part of a 22 strong delegation from the Circuit attending 3generate at Pontins in Southport. The theme for this year's event was 'Where is God in My Story?' – so can you find where he is in the condensed run down of the weekend? Youngsters arrive, Sherry packs the minibus, parents say goodbye, off we go to Southport with new friends on board from Ingol. Arrive at Pontins and queue to get in, get keys for chalets, welcome pack and sandwich tea which includes a KitKat (yum). Get to chalets, unpack minibus (minus Sherry), unpack bags and have tea. Go out and explore Pontins with new ones, attend welcome service and bump into a couple of Wild people (Jane and Verity). Find out that next year the event will be at the NEC in Birmingham and we will be



'glamping' and using the Bear Grylls adventure centre. Go back to chalets with all kids in tow. Time to relax and go to bed, No - Darren have you seen? They are not in their room?! Search team dispatched, child found a minute later, relief, everyone go to bed. Knock, knock; Darren, there's beeping going off in our chalet, smoke alarm is beeping a lot. Call to chalet hosts to help fix. Can't fix. Wait for maintenance; shouldn't be long. One hour later nobody has arrived! Call chalet hosts again, they should be with you soon. Argh! Darren, there's fungus behind the door. Big mushroom removed, hurray! Maintenance turn up and replace alarm battery. Bedtime? Yes, it's 1.05am. Here endeth Friday.

7.30am alarm goes off. Wash, get ready, make sure everyone is up, bang on window and door of one room, but no answer. Five minutes later, sore knuckles, 4 people finally surface. Queue for breakfast; full English in a cardboard box. Choose today's activities/workshops. Swimming with large inflatable. Drinks and KitKat (yum) time. Activities/workshops; Lego, smoothie-making, trying disability games. Sandwich lunch which includes a KitKat (yum). Back to chalets for a break. Off to the beach for volleyball, rugby and football (it's November!). Interesting conversation with minister from Birmingham who doesn't believe in layworkers taking on roles in the church and wouldn't hire any, I then tell him "I'm a Youth, Children and Family worker"! Awkward moment! Climbing wall, KitKats (yum) available again, more activities/workshops. Silent disco which is not silent! Wild woman (Verity) dancing around with very large hands (I think they're surgically attached). Check football scores, queue for dinner. Very disappointed NO KITKAT!!!! Back to chalets, sit down for an hour, fall asleep (dreaming of the missed KitKat), round up the troops for more activities/ workshops. Saturday

evening worship, clay modelling, talk with Jane, talk with youth rep I know from old church. Fire alarm! Get out of the building asap. False alarm, Guvna B's smoke machine has gone into overdrive. Catch end of Guvna B's music set, it's loud! More music worship, back to chalet, chill before bed; time for bed. Knock, knock – Darren our shower is flooding the bathroom. Not flooding, just dripping shower. Put curtain over and clean up floor. Bed time? Yes 12.35am – here endeth Saturday.

7.30am alarm goes off, shower, get ready, make sure all are up for breakfast. Success! They surface to face the day. Full English in a cardboard box again. Pack bags, go to see a Christmas pantomime! Ho yes we did, Ho no you don't, Ho yes Actually, no we don't as there are too many in to see it! Back to chalets to pack more bags. Go for closing worship, collect lunch bag and YES we have KitKats and bonus pints of milk for 6!!!! Pack minibus (without Sherry, how are we going to get home?), group photo (please try and smile), get in minibus, go home, arrive back at church. Goodbye everyone, walk home. Sleep, more sleep, but No KitKat! So where was God in the story? Where is God in your story?



Darren



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Stuart Black

CAFÉ CHURCH

Some people have been asking for occasions in our church family to have more interactive worship. In response we will have three cafe church-style services between Christmas and Easter. This is a trial. They will be planned by a group (if you are interested please talk to Jane Wild). There will be opportunity for conversation, and creativity as well as reflection. We are aware that the concept will be challenging for some members of our church community so we will aim to have quiet spaces while the conversations are going on.



The first two will be the 19th January and 23rd February.

Jane

BANDS OF HOPE



Reference to the 'Band of Hope' article in the Harvest magazine prompted me to search for the Member's Card which had belonged to my father-in-law, Ernest Nield. He became a member on 31st October, 1900, and as far as I am aware he abstained from all alcoholic, intoxicating drinks throughout his life. He was a member of Fulwood Methodist Church from its opening in 1912. He was married here on 27th May, 1916, and he died in July, 1967. Ernest was employed as chief photographer for both the 'Lancashire Evening Post' and the 'Farmers' Guardian' until retirement in 1953.

Barry Crossley

Time is short. Eternity is long. It is only reasonable that this short life be lived in the light of eternity.

C. H. Spurgeon

Martin's

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AS CHURCHILL ONCE SAID.....THIS MEANS YOU! *******

It's hard to know where to start when discussing money matters, often regarded as a taboo subject, never to be spoken of and yet it's a real fact of life, for all of us, that we need money to get by in life and of course, Church life is no different.

Appeals have been made regularly, year on year and very recently, to gently chide us to think about ways in which we may be able to offer a little more or think of ways that fundraising could be done; perhaps in ways that don't stretch each of us too far. Every little helps especially when our offerings are down by around £10,000 annually.



I believe some years ago a birthday club was started for everyone to donate £1 on their birthday and with approximately 300 Church members at the time, that would have been a tidy sum. Sadly I don't believe it ever got off the ground. Several years on costs are spiraling, not least due to the fact that our wonderful Church building needs to be looked after and well maintained to continue to benefit us all.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We all have birthdays to celebrate every year and I think the majority of us will benefit from cards and gifts from family, friends and loved ones and feel a little cherished on the occasion.

Well, how about sharing the love you feel at that time by offering a small extra donation to the Church, say £5 or £10? If all Church members signed up for this (estimate 200) that could be £1-£2,000 so a good start to reducing the shortfall in offerings. Add into this number any other members of the congregation and the sums look even better.....

It is recognised that many members of the congregation may feel they already give all they can and of course, Gift Aid is one way that any tax-payers can enhance their offering without it impacting on them personally.

Of course, the Church family are all different in terms of personal circumstances and what may be a lot to some, may be a little to the next person and

vice versa. All contributions made are very gratefully received for the work of God and much appreciated to further our Outreach and the vision “Thy Will Be Done”.

The sums mentioned are relatively small when put into perspective, £5 equates to less than 10p per week, £10 - 20p per week. When you arrive in church on Sunday morning and grab a quick coffee/tea before or after service, or both, you could feel delighted that you had covered the cost in one lump sum. Far cheaper than Costa, Starbucks or any other café!

Alternatively, thinking outside the box, if you appreciate the social side of Church life and the warmth and love you feel from being with friends at Church and enjoy being part of the many activities or groups, you could feel the donation was akin to a membership fee for the world’s largest social club. It doesn’t get much better than that!

We know that many churches in Preston have closed in recent years and I’m sure we all hope and pray for the continued life of our Church and the good we can do.

Remember, this is your Church and we all need to work together, (as we did when raising funds for the redevelopment of the church building) to thrive and move forward for the next 100 years and beyond. What a legacy to be part of and how proud we should all feel.

Finally, thank you for reading this message and please take time to consider if you can help in any small way.

Mary Jackson

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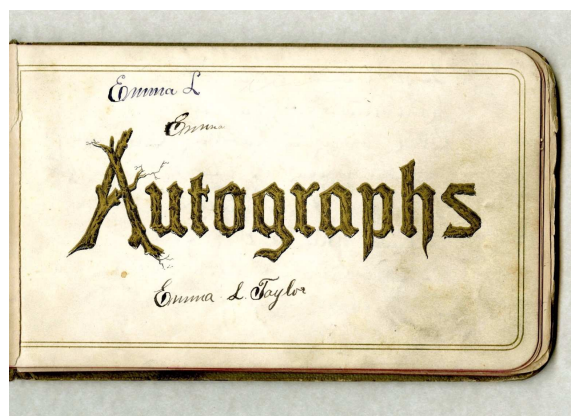
YOUR TEMPER

It’s yours. Never lose it. Always keep it – below your chin. When you are in the right you can afford to keep it. When you are in the wrong you can’t afford to lose it. Smile, and keep your temper.

Remember: nobody wants it. It’s yours.

(When I was young my Grandad Nelson wrote this on the first page of my new autograph book. When my mother was young he had done exactly the same for her. It was certainly good advice to try to live by.)

Dorothy Smith



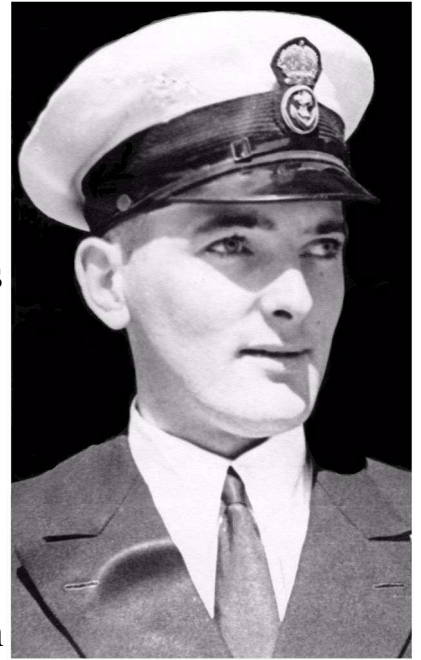
Title Page of Autograph book from the Williams Papers, Collection A&M 4138; ca. 1880s.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE WAR, DAD? (1)

“I suppose my war service began in 1938 following a government appeal for civilians to serve as Local Defence Volunteers; this organisation later became the Home Guard. We wore armlets and army boots and marched about with ancient rifles. Our company consisted of veterans from the Great War and teenage boys. We had experience of some air raids on the dock area of Manchester – but nothing like the bombing of Liverpool, of course.

Unexpectedly, recruiting for the police service, nationally, began in February, 1941, and I was keen to join as my father had retired as a Detective Chief Inspector in 1936. One hundred young men joined Manchester City Police to face the expected bombing and my very first night duty was the 1st June blitz of Manchester. I was quite close to a fire bomb which landed in Market Street and sadly my new uniform was covered in oil.

In August 1942 the Police were de-reserved and I joined the Royal Navy, based at Devonport. There I joined a modern anti-aircraft cruiser named *Charybdis*. We covered Atlantic convoys from Nova Scotia (Canada) to Gibraltar: up to 30 merchant ships escorted by 3 or 4 Navy ships. We met with air and submarine attacks but suffered no casualties. *Charybdis* was also one of 3 cruisers which supported 7 aircraft carriers at the army landings at Salerno, south of Naples in Italy. Scores of ‘planes and their crews were lost but we had no casualties.



Allan Clarke



HMS Charybdis

Charybdis was ordered back to Plymouth. En route I had qualified as an Able Seaman and was the only lower-deck rating to leave the ship and to go into RN Barracks, Devonport for a training course. Following that I was sent on a week’s leave. I was at home in Manchester, when the nine o’clock radio news announced that HMS

Charybdis and an accompanying destroyer had been sunk in the English Channel – only four days after I had left her! 450 men were lost.

After training I was drafted to HMS Nile and sailed in a huge troopship to Port Said, Egypt. I was then drafted to a post at Port Tewfik, near Suez and on the Canal. There I remained for almost two years. My duties concerned the movement of personnel, both men and women, and I was forever on and off ships, assisting in this task.

In January 1946 the Suez unit closed and I was drafted on to Malta, to HMS St Angelo in Valetta, a major RN base, again coping with naval personnel and ships.

In July my demobilisation came through. Along with hundreds of others I was sent to Marseilles; travelled by train to Calais and eventually arrived back in Plymouth to be demobbed. I returned to Manchester City Police in January 1947.”

Allan Clarke

WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE WAR DAD? (2)

“My Dad was a photographer with the Royal Navy. He still has a few special pictures, including one that includes Field Marshal Montgomery and, I think, General Patton when they met to plan the liberation of Europe. Most of his war stories involved playing football for the Royal Navy at venues in Egypt and Malta: he never really talks about the war as such.

The only real story he tells was repeated to us during the D-Day commemoration this year. On D-Day+2 he left Portsmouth on a flat-bottomed landing craft which was armed with rockets. He'd had his nineteenth birthday just a week earlier. The task was to fire the rockets over the heads of the Allied troops on Gold Beach to help quell the defences. His job was to take photographs of the rockets as they were launched. They were primitive affairs compared to the modern day. He described the beach as being 'like Skegness, only with barbed wire' – but I think he was lightening the situation a little! In the event the seas were too rough to allow the rockets to be fired safely, so they returned to Portsmouth.

On a flat-bottomed craft the journey, in rough seas, must have been pretty grim and lengthy. It struck me the first time he told us, and again in June, that he was just one of thousands of frightened young men who were there to liberate Europe from the Nazis. His part didn't involve anything like the horrors that many on both sides must have witnessed. Nonetheless, it can't have been easy.

On another occasion, and much later in the war, he was in barracks at Portsmouth when they heard a V1 rocket overhead, and its engine stopped. Their Chief Petty Officer ordered them to take cover and the V1 hit the barracks next to theirs.

Like so many others he left his home – in Sheffield – as a seventeen year old youth and his parents only rarely saw him or knew where he was.”

Mike Cushing

YOUR HOSPITAL NEEDS YOU! Royal Preston Hospital Information Desk

Volunteers are needed for the evening sessions (4.00pm to 6.00pm and 6.00pm to 8pm) to advise and guide visitors to the Hospital. There is an assortment of helpful literature available and an experienced colleague to advise and guide a new volunteer.



Neither age nor youth is a barrier. We have several students, mostly sixth formers, some of whom help at the Desk as part of Duke of Edinburgh Awards, some to have information for their CV for University applications. We also have some older people who started volunteering when the evening sessions started 22 years ago and several in between, but we need more. If you might be interested, talk to one of our current volunteers, or contact Sylvia Turner at RPH on 01772524206.

Ann M Done

GEORGE ELIOT

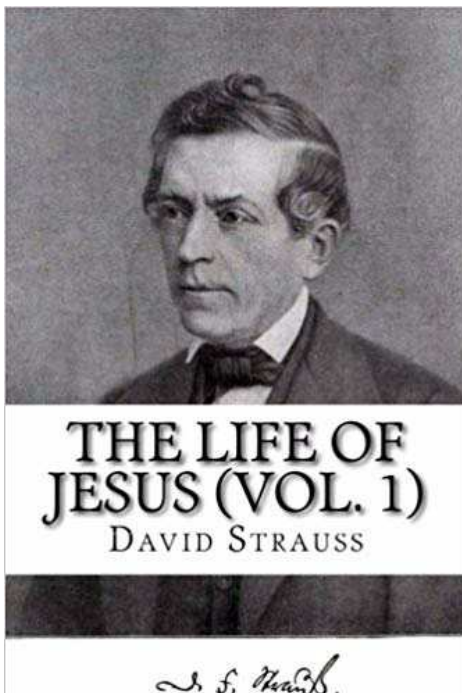
22nd November, 2019, was the bi-centenary of one of the greatest novelists of the 19th century. She was born Mary Ann Evans at Arbury near Nuneaton in Warwickshire, where her father Robert was land agent for the Griff House Estate. He was a man of many skills and an extremely strong personality.

When Mary Ann was only five years old her mother died and she was sent away to school, first in nearby Attenborough and later in Nuneaton itself. She was an extremely intelligent child with strong opinions (like her father!). She received an excellent education, becoming fluent in several languages, which later enabled her to find employment as a translator. While at Mrs Wallington's school in Nuneaton she became attached to one of the teachers, Miss Lewis, which caused her to adopt Evangelicalism at the age of nine. Another important influence was that of her Aunt Elizabeth who, along with her husband Samuel, were prominent preachers within the Methodist Church. Aunt Elizabeth had been converted by the fiery preacher William Bramwell who went on to collaborate with Hugh Bourne in the establishment of Primitive Methodism. Aunt Elizabeth was to 'appear' in the novel *Adam Bede* as one of the central characters, Dinah Morris; so was her father as Caleb Garth. Later in life Mary Ann rejected Evangelicalism for 'its bigoted narrowness, holy zeal and unctuous egotism'.

In 1841 she and her father left rural Warwickshire and moved to Coventry.

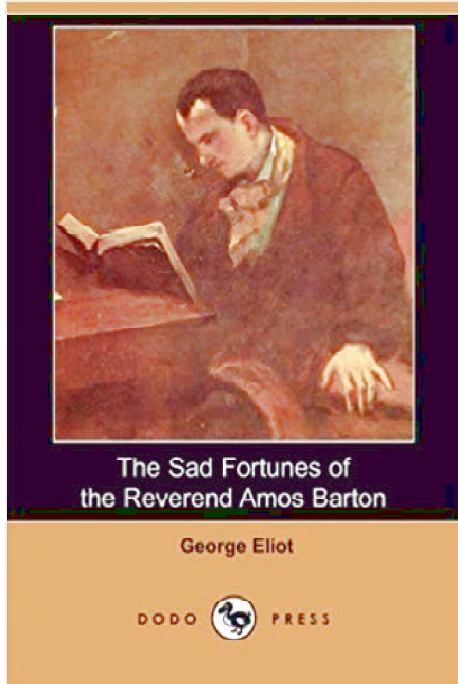
Here she met Charles Bray, a ribbon manufacturer, and through him she was to meet many free thinkers of the age such as Robert Owen. Her translation work included a 15,000 page book '*The Life of Jesus*' by David Strauss. In 1846 she began to write reviews and sketches for the *Coventry Herald*. Also during this year her father, who had been ill for some time, died. He had not been an easy man to live with in his declining years!

Now an independent woman, she embarked on a trip to Europe, which was organised for her by the publisher John Chapman. Returning in 1851 she became a lodger in Chapman's house and an assistant



in his publishing business as an editor and proof-reader of *The Westminster Review*. She also contributed her own articles and very quickly it became the leading scholarly quarterly, covering a wide range of subjects.

A meeting in Jeff's Bookshop in Piccadilly, London, was to become a turning point in her life. Here she met George Henry Lewes, a fellow member of the literary circle she frequented. He was a married man with four sons, but shortly after he met Mary Ann he left his wife and he and Mary Ann began to live together. He was writing a biography of Goethe and Mary Ann continued to write reviews. It was about this time that she began to write fiction and adopted the pen-name George Eliot in the hope that her work would be taken more seriously if it was believed to have been written by a man. It would also provide her with a degree of anonymity. Unfortunately she was not very successful with this ploy and suffered much criticism.



Her first novel was *The Sad Fortunes of the Reverend Amos Barton*, followed by *Adam Bede* and *The Mill on the Floss* and she and George were able to

move to a bigger house. Despite her literary success, life was often difficult as both she and George suffered periods of ill health. Eventually they became more accepted and *Silas Marner* was then followed by *Romola* and *Felix Holt*. She published some poetry too, beginning with *The Spanish Gypsy*, before her greatest novel *Middlemarch* appeared in 1872. Her final novel was *Daniel Deronda*.

In November 1879 George died and Mary Ann set up a scholarship in his name. She was not alone for long! In May 1880 she met one of George's collaborators, a young man named John Cross. Their friendship blossomed and they were quickly married.

Sadly it was a very short marriage: Mary Ann died in December of the same year, aged sixty one.

She was a woman with a towering intellect, very strong-minded and passionate in her beliefs. Hers had not been an easy life but she survived all the problems she encountered and became one of the greatest writers of the nineteenth century. She populated her novels with people she knew, such as her father and her Aunt Elizabeth, and created some memorable literary heroines such as Maggie in *The Mill on the Floss* and Dorothea in *Middlemarch*. There were certainly no better chronicler of rural life and the conditions of the middle classes in the nineteenth century than George Eliot. Her work is still widely read and studied today.

Barbara Hothersall

THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT an interesting way of looking at life

(The author is not known. It was found in the billfold (wallet) of coach Paul 'Bear' Bryant of Alabama, after he died in 1982.)

Imagine that you had won the following 'Prize' in a contest. Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:-



1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning, upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, "Game over." It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, THIS GAME IS REAL - Shocked???? YES!!

Each of us is already a winner of this PRIZE. We just can't seem to see it. The PRIZE is 'TIME'.

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time **WITHOUT WARNING**.

So, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars.

Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy.

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start 'spending'

with thanks to Mavis Fletcher

HOLLY

Evergreens have been used to decorate houses in winter since pre-Christian times. Holly bears its fruit in winter and is a symbol of hope for plenty to come. Unlike mistletoe, it could be used in churches and collected from hedgerows for free. Holly has always been credited with healing properties. People believed it helped ward off ailments such as asthma, gout and – more strangely – measles. A piece of holly kept back from church decorations was thought to be especially lucky. It is easy to see why it lent itself to becoming a Christian symbol: the spines and the blood-red berries were quickly associated with Christ's crown of thorns.



There is a legend which tells of a little lamb following the shepherds to the manger when it became entangled in the thorns of a holly bush and the redberries represent the drops of blood it shed.

As we decorate our homes with holly this Christmas we should remember that Jesus, God's son, was born in Bethlehem and died to save us all. Let us take every opportunity to celebrate and share this good news with those we meet.

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CRUSADE TO SURVIVE

At our recent 'SOS for Planet Earth Eco Fair' which was an addition to our regular 'Farmers' Market', There was information about a new form of energy production being developed. Below is the information that was available to look at. Please check the web links for more information



All our children may die early if we don't use this new disruptive technology to reverse Climate Change.

We must now move decisively and quickly away from coal, oil and gas and alternatives with large carbon footprints into free (after initial set up) clean and renewable energy - from sunlight stored in nitrogen, at its immense pressure as a supercritical fluid (SCF), which this new technology enables.

We have no time to lose and incremental improvements to existing technologies aren't enough; we need something truly disruptive to reverse climate change as referenced here: <https://tinyurl.com/yaulcg4a>

The House of Commons has declared a Climate Emergency. Nothing has been done, comfortable people don't want change, but we will not survive unless the major political parties come together to take swift and radical action.

This petition is for Boris Johnson, Jeremy Corbyn and Jo Swinson and we require they make available funding, as required, for full prototyping, to production ready technology, to enable vehicles and domestic and commercial properties to run clean on nitrogen 24/7.

John, a barrister who, one day, was served a flat Coca-Cola. He described this as an abomination to mankind! Instead of complaining, he invented a unique pressure valve which can handle extremely high pressures and enable drinks to be dispensed with the perfect amount of fizz.

Unknowingly, he had in fact, invented a solution to climate change.

Here's the science bit, where John explains how his technology works with beverages, but the principle is the same in using SCF Nitrogen to turn a turbine, to create clean electricity, for a domestic property: <https://tinyurl.com/wlphnn9>

This valve is the key to the process in which Nitrogen is taken from the atmosphere, cooled to its liquid state, placed in a vessel and then allowed to warm to room temperature where (by the power of nature) it compresses to extremely high pressure (40,000 PSI plus) and can then be precisely released through John's pressure valve to power generators, cars, trains, homes and multiple other uses.

In a nutshell, it is free, clean energy from sunlight for use 24/7 which can be used anywhere, for any purpose, including capturing Carbon Dioxide from the atmosphere to reverse the damage we have done - if done we may survive. If not we won't.

In order to halt climate change a new way of thinking and truly disruptive technology is required. This is that technology.

Please sign our petition to cause the major political parties to adopt this solution to climate change and to very much improve the future of the UK as the global Climate Superpower making the new things to export to create new markets and the new employments which monopoly brings from internationally patented, 'game changing', disruptive technology .

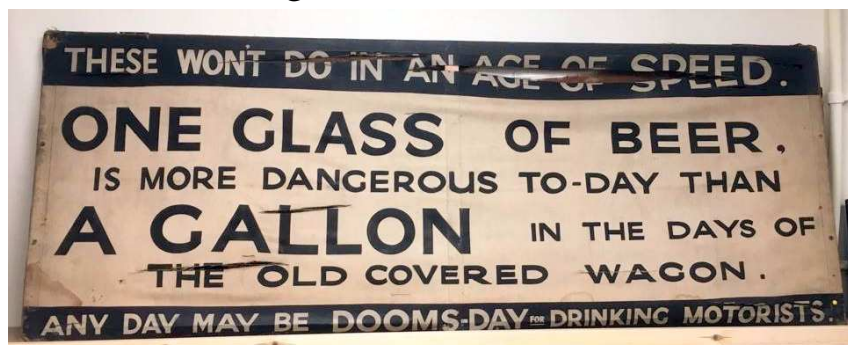
Don't forget to share on Facebook and other social media platforms, along with your local MP, to boost the crusade.

Veronica Frost

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SIGN OF THE 'OLD' TIMES!

As part of the recent Heritage weekend, I visited the Uclan archives Open Day.



This is where all the Joseph Livesey Temperance archives are stored. I saw this poster - could it be the world's first anti drink driving campaign poster?

My son Robert is in charge of that area of the library, so I can get information from him. Visitors are welcome by appointment, or various church groups might like to arrange a visit some time. There are natural history, engineering, design, Wesley and other archives too.

Veronica Frost

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Gordon Cuthbert

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Many thanks to Dorothy Cuthbert for allowing us to use it again.

Check the Easter 2020 issue for the solution.

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LIVING WITH A LONG-TERM CONDITION: COPD

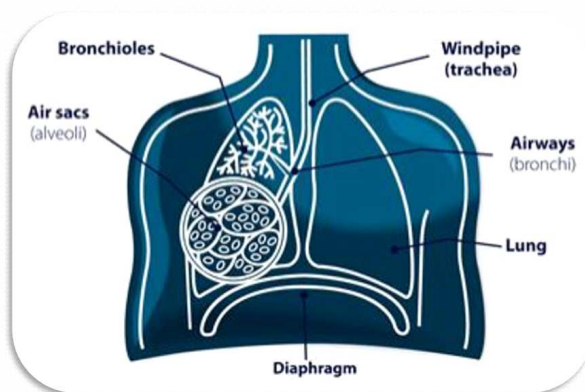
In the UK, it is estimated that 3 million people have COPD, of whom 2 million are undiagnosed. Prevalence increases with age and most people are not diagnosed until they are in their 50s. There are significant geographic variations in the prevalence of COPD, and it is closely associated with levels of deprivation. Unlike many other common chronic diseases, the prevalence of COPD has not declined in recent years. (from National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) online)

A special thank you to Dr Joy Gana-Inatimi (MCSP, SRP, MHCPC, MACPRC, AFHEA): Senior Lecturer at UCLan & Consultant AHP (Chest Medicine and Pulmonary Rehabilitation), the British lung foundation & NICE.

What is COPD? COPD stands for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. It is the name used to describe a number of conditions, including chronic bronchitis and emphysema, where people have difficulty breathing because of long-term damage to their lungs.

Chronic bronchitis:

What is it?



Chronic Bronchitis

Emphysema

Bronchitis means ‘inflammation of the bronchi’. These are the tubes or airways which carry oxygen from the air to the lungs. This inflammation increases mucus production in the airways, producing phlegm which makes you cough.

Emphysema: this is where the alveoli (air sacs) in the lungs lose their elasticity. This reduces the support of

the airways, causing them to narrow. It also means the lungs are not as good at getting oxygen into the body, so you may have to breathe harder. This can result in shortness of breath.

What causes COPD? Smoking, environmental exposure, fumes/particles at work, it can run in families and there is rare genetic condition called alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency makes people very susceptible to develop COPD at a young age.

How is it diagnosed? There is no single diagnostic test for COPD. Making a diagnosis relies on clinical judgement based on a combination of history, physical examination and confirmation of the presence of airflow obstruction using spirometry (breathing test).

What are the common symptoms? Cough, breathlessness, wheeze, phlegm.

How can COPD affect you? Fatigue, anxiety, weight loss, low mood.

Can it be cured? COPD is treatable but **not curable**. Early diagnosis and treatment can help to slow the decline in lung function and increase the amount of time that people with COPD have to enjoy an active life. Pharmacological and other therapies can help to manage symptoms and disability caused by COPD, and improve the person's quality of life, despite having only limited or no impact on the airflow obstruction.

What can you do to help? There are many ways you can help your COPD.

1. The most helpful thing you can do is to stop/reduce smoking. If you stop smoking the disease progression is slowed down. It is never too late to quit and there is a lot of help available.

Quit Squad - Lancashire Stop Smoking Service

Email: quitsquad@lancashirecare.nhs.uk

Website: www.quitsquad.nhs.uk

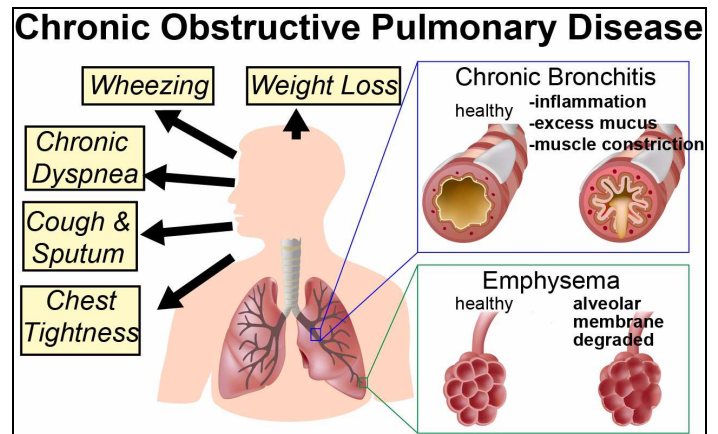
Three steps to stop smoking
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to speak to your local service, and we
will help you make that first step.

2. Attending pulmonary rehab is the second most effective thing you can do to help improve your lung function. You are already on your way to helping your COPD symptoms.
3. A good diet will always help your health but the most important thing to remember is to eat little and often. With COPD you may find large meals too much to handle but you still require the same calorie intake.
4. Correct inhaler technique and use of medication for COPD is essential.
5. You must protect yourself against infections and therefore preventative measures such as the 'flu and pneumovax vaccines are recommended.
6. Knowing how to manage a flare-up (exacerbation) of COPD is vital.

What is a flare up? Also known as an exacerbation, a flare up is a worsening of symptoms. For example becoming more breathless, more wheezy, changes in phlegm (colour/amount), loss of appetite, reduced energy or poor sleep.

What action should you take during a flare up? It is important to get medical advice which would usually be your GP.

- ✓ Allow extra time to complete daily activities
- ✓ Plenty of rest
- ✓ Relaxation
- ✓ Controlled breathing exercises
- ✓ Huff and puff to clear phlegm
- ✓ Eat small amounts often
- ✓ Keep hydrated, lots of clear fluids



When to call 999?

- If you are so breathless you cannot complete a sentence
- If you feel drowsy or confused
- If there is any chest pain

What are the services available in Preston?

There is a specialist respiratory service based at Royal Preston hospital, this team includes specialist consultants, nurses and physiotherapists.

<https://tinyurl.com/wmr64z9>

There is also the Adult Community Respiratory Service (ACRS), a team of experienced nurses and physiotherapists who offer a wide variety of services to patients living with a respiratory condition across Preston, Chorley, South Ribble, Blackburn and Darwen. <https://tinyurl.com/tug7ybo>

Nationwide support (video links);

Follow this link to view an inspiring video about how one lady coped with her diagnosis <https://tinyurl.com/wml763r> or follow this link to hear about living well with COPD support groups <https://tinyurl.com/t8o8cy4>

Rachel Imms
Lecturer in Occupational Therapy (UCLan)

NOTE - A 'tinyurl' is a much shortened version of a very long website address.

THE BIG PNE SLEEP OUT

When your son volunteers you for something, then offers you a way out, do you dig your heels in? Patrick and I joined some 300 others for the Big Sleep in support of the Foxton Centre Project, at North End football ground.

With the concrete area under the stand being the venue, we arrived early to seek the maximum authenticity and soon found an open-shuttered entrance to the stadium meaning we were the ones to experience a form of sleeping out! It took till around 11.30pm before things settled down enough to try to get some form of sleep and although it was a relatively mild evening, there was quite a breeze down the tunnel.



If there was one thing I learned from the night, it was to appreciate how lucky I am to have a warm, comfortable bed every night and not a battle between a hard concrete floor and the quilts of a sleeping bag.

At 7.00am we had a visit from the Mayor (fresh from his Silent Night bed, no doubt) followed by a photo-shoot to collect our certificate of proof. The whole project is on track to raise the £50k required, with my sponsors money between £400 and £500. I can't thank people enough for the prayers, encouragement and sponsorship that I have received, including some anonymous donations, and one from someone I have not seen or heard from for over 35 years!

Homelessness is not new, but hopefully the awareness and support systems are having an effect. Thanks again to you all.

Dave Topping

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A LETTER FROM JESUS

If you look for me at Christmas, you won't need a special star.
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem, I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of me amid the celebrations:
You'll have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations.
But if you take a moment from your list of things to do,
And listen to your heart, you'll find I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with, you're the reason that I came,
And you'll find me in the stillness as I'm whispering your name.
Love Jesus.

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Knock Knock. Who's there? Mary. Mary who? Mary Christmas!

Knock Knock. Who's there? Donut. Donut who? Donut open 'til Christmas!

Knock Knock. Who's there? Wayne. Wayne who? Wayne in a manger!

Knock Knock. Who's there? Holly. Holly who? Holly-days are here again!

Knock Knock. Who's there? Hanna. Hanna who? Hanna partridge in a pear tree!

Knock Knock. Who's there? Elf. Elf who? Elf me wrap this present for Santa!

Knock, Knock. Who's there? Noah. Noah who? Noah good Christmas joke?

Knock, Knock. Who's there? Anna. Anna who? Anna partridge in a pear tree.

Knock, Knock. Who's there? Oakham. Oakham who? Oakham all ye faithful.

Knock, Knock. Who's there? Ima. Ima who? Ima dreaming of a white Christmas.

Knock, Knock. Who's there? Snow. Snow who? Snow business like show business.

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A CHRISTMAS POEM

Roses are reddish,
Violets are bluish,
If it weren't for Christmas
We'd all be Jewish.

Benny Hill



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RUDOLPH

One Christmas eve, Pete and Jane were driving their Russian friend Rudolph back to his house. The weather outside was frightful. Jane asked Pete, "Do you think that's sleet or rain out there?"

"It's rain, Jane" said Pete.

"I think it's sleet, Pete," said Jane.

Rudolph chimed in, "It's definitely rain, Jane."

"No, I really think it's sleet, Rudolph" said Jane.

"Don't argue with the expert, Jane," said Pete.

"What do you mean, Pete?" asked Jane.

Pete replied, "Rudolph the Red knows rain, Dear."

YOU MAY STAND AND STARE

You may stand and stare and get nowhere,
You may twiddle your thumbs for days.
You've got to be up and doing
To conquer life's devious maze.
With sand, or sea, or river to cross,
Or many a towering hill,
Or even with pain or grief or loss:
There's a way where there's a will.

Teddy Bretherton, Eccleston c.1976

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ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING

- 1 Another year is dawning;
Dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.
- 2 Another year of leaning
Upon Thy loving breast,
Of growing trust and patience,
Of quiet, happy rest.
- 3 Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.
- 4 Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.
- 5 Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above.
- 6 Another year is dawning;
Dear Master, let it be,
On earth, or else in Heaven,
Another year for Thee



Frances Ridley Havergal
(14 December 1836 – 3 June 1879) was an English religious poet and hymnwriter. Take My Life and Let it Be and Thy Life for Me (also known as I Gave My Life for Thee) are two of her best known hymns. She also wrote hymn melodies, religious tracts, and works for children. She did not occupy, and did not claim for herself, a prominent place as a poet, but by her distinct individuality, she carved out a niche which she alone could fill.

Wikipedia

Frances Ridley Havergal
1836-79

THEATRE VISITS

Saturday 18th January

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December

12 th	2.00pm	Sherwood Lodge service
13 th	9.30 - 11.30am	Toddlers' Party
14 th	3.30 - 5.00pm	Sunday Club Party
15 th	3.30 - 5.00pm	Sunday Club Pizza and Quiz
16 th & 17 th		Carol Singing in Residential Homes
18 th	7.00 - 8.00pm	Manna and Mercy Study Group
18 th	11.30am	Welcome Wednesday Carols
19 th	2.00pm	Springfield Manor Gardens Carols and Nativity
19 th	7.00-8.00 pm	Lancashire Sings Christmas
21 st	10.30-12noon	Christmas Baking, all welcome
21 st	10.30-12noon	Gingerbread Nativity
22 nd	5.00pm	Messy Nativity
	5.30pm	Carol Service
23 rd	10.00-12noon	Christingle making
24 th	11.15pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service
25 th	10.00am	Christmas Morning Service
30 th	12noon-2.00pm	Festive Friendship Lunch

January

3 rd	11.00am	Teddy Bears' Picnic
6 th	11.30 am	Communion, Springfield Manor Gardens
7 th	7.00pm	Alphabites
18 th	10.00-12noon	"Who Let The Dads Out?"
19 th	10.30am	Café Church
	3.00pm	Churches Together Service, St Anthony's
30 th	10.45am	Bible Study

February

3 rd	11.30 am	Communion, Springfield Manor Gardens
4 th	7.30pm	Alphabites
15 th	10.00-12noon	"Who Let The Dads Out?"
25 th	(see notices)	Pancake Party
27 th	1.45pm	Bible Study

March

2 nd	11.30 am	Communion, Springfield Manor Gardens
3 rd	7.00pm	Alphabites
17 th	5.00pm	Messy Church
25 th	7.30pm	Circuit meeting
21 st	10.00-12noon	"Who Let The Dads Out?"
26 th	10.45am	Bible Study

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)

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)

12.30 pm OMG (2nd Sun of month for years 5 to 8/9) Wendy Bennett (860965)

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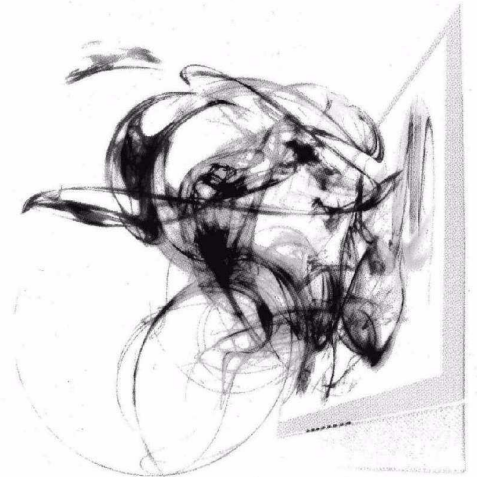
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