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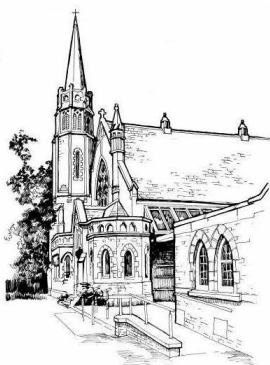
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10.30 am MORNING WORSHIP & SUNDAY CLUB

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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 p.m. EVENING WORSHIP usually on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at **Fulwood URC**, Symonds Road, and at FMC on others.

*(See weekly notices or website 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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## EDITORIAL

“Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the ‘flu.’” Yes! Well, so is sending an anonymous donation towards the cost of producing the church magazine, it would seem. Since I last wrote, another £10 has been given and we are most appreciative of that kind gesture.

Also, very many thanks to all who have contributed material to this issue of the magazine.

For the **Summer** issue the **copy date will be Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**. Any contributions ahead of that date would be especially welcome. (N.B. Articles may be subject to editing.)

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## PASTORAL LETTER

from Revd. Malcolm Hickox

Dear Friends,

### *Easter - 'A Holy Embrace'*

I have always appreciated the work of Mary Fleeson from the Lindisfarne Scriptorium on Holy Island, in Northumberland. Mary produces some extraordinary pen and ink work, often using Celtic images and with biblical texts or reflections. One of her cards, which I find particularly moving, has the following prayer:

*Embrace me Lord  
as the loving parent to a new born  
as the gentle wave on a windswept shore  
as the summer breeze lifts the soaring bird  
as the pure note of song caresses an ear  
as the clear starlight falling on a deep still lake  
as the familiar words of a memorised poem  
Embrace me O Lord*

Thirty years ago a small book was published entitled, '*The little book of hugs*' and it quickly became a popular gift, particularly for those who wished to show support for a friend. A few years later another book appeared entitled, '*The Hug Therapy*', which recognised that embraces contribute to our physical and mental well-being. Most of us instinctively recognise that there are times when a hug can say far more than any words. In fact, it's at those times of great joy or deepest sorrow when there are no words to express what we are feeling that a hug can convey an empathy which reflects our shared humanity and care for each other.

Whilst a hug is a physical embrace, enfolding someone in your arms, you can also embrace a person without that physical contact by including and accepting them. When Christine's mum was very ill a few years ago, following an operation, we had emails crossing the world sharing the news, offering words of support and assurances of prayer. It was a profound experience of being embraced or held within the love of others. Many people have given testimony to the fact that they have only succeeded with a difficult task or come through a traumatic experience by knowing that they have been 'held' by others.

Nelson Mandela's aptly named autobiography, '*Long walk to freedom*' took almost twenty years to write, having been started in 1974 whilst in prison and eventually finished after his release in 1990. It charts his early life and his involvement in the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa, and gives a powerful insight into how he was able to sustain his life during the 27 long years of imprisonment, knowing that others were embracing his cause. Eighteen of those years

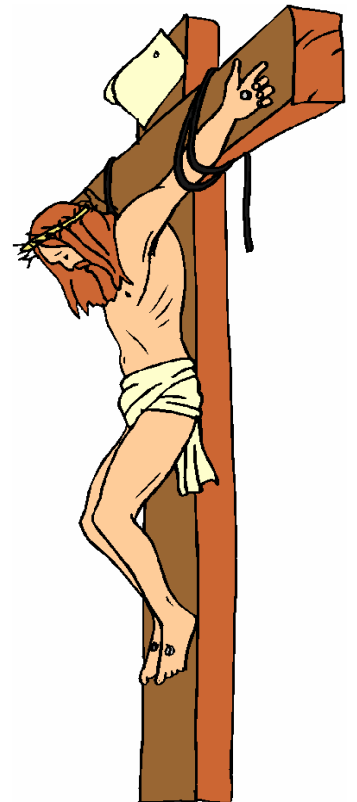
were spent on Robben Island, where he was forced to do hard labour in a quarry and confined to a small cell at night, with the floor as his bed and a bucket for a toilet. Those were the wilderness years for Mandela, not just a time of great physical and emotional hardship, but also a time of reflection on who he was and what the future might hold. It was like the most dramatic and intense experience of Lent, which became the crucible that transformed him. Mandela went to Robben Island as an angry young man who was being drawn to violence in order to seek freedom from the oppressive apartheid laws, but he was to discover that he could never be truly free unless he forgave those who had wronged him. That was why amongst the 'great and the good' at his inauguration as President, Mandela had invited his former prison guard. Their embrace was a sign that forgiveness and reconciliation had to be characteristics of the new South Africa.

The gospel for the second Sunday in Lent includes the well-known verses: *'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'* John 3.16 & 17

That is God's holy embrace - God's acceptance of humanity. In Jesus, we see God's affirmation of humanity by his total identification with us, even to the point of accepting and embracing all that is evil through the self-giving of his life on the cross. And then incredibly, Jesus not only embraces the criminal beside him, promising that he will be with him in Paradise, he offers forgiveness to the very people who have crucified him. Here is a 'holy embrace' which understands human frailty, and the nature of suffering and loss; an embrace which can hold us through the darkest of days of sorrow and pain and loneliness.

For the friends of Jesus, Holy Saturday was a day of emptiness, which followed the deep, agonising despair of Good Friday. For some today, it's an experience which can last for days, months, even years. And yet, the promise is that there will be resurrection, because on Easter Day we see Jesus embracing new life and a hope which can transform everything. May that experience of new life be yours this Easter.

Every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm', with a long, sweeping underline.

## FAMILY NEWS

**Baptisms:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January: Benjamin Leo Ellis  
26<sup>th</sup> February: Isabelle Louise Bailey  
Jack John Mumford  
5<sup>th</sup> March: Lois Anne Margaret Bent  
Jacob John Collis Bent  
19<sup>th</sup> March: Evie-Leigh Rose Hargreaves

**Marriages:** Our best wishes and congratulations to:  
Rachael Lowe & Mark Smith who were married on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2016  
and to Lisa Smith & Steve Shooter who were married on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

**Deaths:** We give thanks for the lives of two members of our congregation who died recently: Jean Reid on 23<sup>rd</sup> January and Christine Allsopp on 28<sup>th</sup> February. We send our love and prayers to Jean's daughters, Helen and Colette and to Christine's sons, Michael and Jeremy.

A number of other members of our congregation have lost loved ones in recent months, including Jonathon Pond, whose sister, Mary Allen (*wife of the late Jimmy Allen, formerly of Deepdale Methodist Church*) died on 25<sup>th</sup> January. We send them all our sympathy and prayers in their loss.

**Sickness** - In the last few months a number of our church family have been unwell and several have been in hospital. We assure them all of our love and prayers.

### **Congratulations to:**

Fiona Jackson, our Beaver Scout Leader, on being awarded the Silver Acorn in the St George's Day celebration Roll of Honour for more than 20 years of distinguished service.

Ben Gaskell on gaining his Chief Scout's Gold Award.

Madeline Bennett on passing her Guide Leadership Certificate.

Several members of the congregation who have also had special birthdays or reached significant milestones. We spare their blushes!

**Prayer** - If you have a person for whom you would like us to pray, their name can be circulated around our prayer chain - information to Judith Harvey 787500 or e-mail: [Judith.harvey44@sky.com](mailto:Judith.harvey44@sky.com) There is also a prayer book on the table in the prayer corner of the church for anyone to write in their prayer requests. These prayers are then used in our Communion Service on a Wednesday morning.



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER at Fulwood Methodist Church

## Palm Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Mrs Christine Hickox

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship with Holy Communion  
at the URC led by Revd Malcolm Hickox



## Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April



### Easter Labyrinth

Exploring the Passion Story

Times to be confirmed

## Maundy Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April

6.30 p.m. Simple Meal

*(please book on list in the Willow Grove)*

7.30 p.m. Meditation & Holy Communion



## Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April

9.30 a.m. 'Messy Church'  
activities for families

10.15 a.m. Hot Cross Buns, Coffee & Squash

11.00 a.m. Service of Prayer & Reflection

11.30 a.m. Passion Play in Preston City Centre



## Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April



6.00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Beacon Fell

8.30 a.m. Easter Holy Communion

Breakfast to follow *(sign up in the Willow Grove)*

10.30 a.m. All-age Easter Holy Communion

6.00 p.m. Evening Worship at Ashton M.C.

## JEAN ELIZABETH REID (1941 –2017)

Jean was born in Stafford in 1941, where her dad, Ben Fletcher had been sent to work for English Electric as part of the war effort. Jean's mum, Ivy, and older brother and sister, Howard and Beryl, had joined Ben just in time for Jean's birth. As the war came to an end in 1945, the family moved back to Preston and to a house in Brook Street. By that time, Jean was ready to go to school and so she was enrolled at St Cuthbert's School, later transferring to the Fulwood and Cadley School, where she got a scholarship to Balshaw's Grammar School in Leyland. Jean wasn't the most academic of pupils, but at Balshaw's her needlework skills developed and those skills and attention to detail remained part of her life.



Meanwhile, the family were heavily involved in the life of Moor Park Methodist Church, which provided many of their social activities. Jean joined the choir as a teenager and sang duets with her sister Beryl. Having been a Brownie in the church pack, Jean became an assistant Brownie leader and eventually Brown Owl. In 1955 the family moved to a house in Beacon Grove and a couple of years later Jean left school and went to work for the Milk Marketing Board. From there she secured a job with English Electric as a tracer, which made good use of her eye for detail.

The staff from English Electric shared a canteen with those from the British Aerospace works across the road and in June 1966 Jean's eyes caught sight of Peter Reid, a British Aerospace draughtsman. They soon hit it off and were married at Moor Park Methodist Church in September 1967, with a guard of honour provided by the Brownies and Guides. They set up home in Shire Bank Crescent, where Colette was born and then shortly after moving to Sharoe Green Lane in 1975 Helen was born. Jean had given up work when Colette was born, but she developed a routine with plenty of activities for the children and lots of walking as she'd didn't drive. Saturdays always involved shopping and a visit to Central Methodist Church for coffee and summer holidays were usually at Butlins. Jean was later to become a coffee shop volunteer and the Saturday morning visits continued with Colette until relatively recently. In 1984 when the Moor Park Church closed Jean and the girls transferred to Fulwood and Jean took on the Brownies at the URC.

Sadly, Peter's health was not robust and he had two spells in Whittingham Hospital, which was not easy for the family, but Jean was a very practical person and was able to run the house as well as care for Peter. As the girls got older Jean



enrolled at Preston College, where she undertook a variety of courses. She became a lunch-time supervisor at the Harris School, helping the children with various activities, including passing on some of her computer skills. It was a shock when Peter died suddenly and unexpectedly in 2000, but with the support of family and friends Jean found the strength to carry on. Beryl's husband had died seven years before and as Peter had never liked going on holiday, Jean and Beryl went away together to various parts of the country and then abroad to Austria and Switzerland. Jean also took part in the Fulwood exchange with Recklinghausen.

When Jean gave up leading the Brownies she became a leader with the Beaver Scouts and also a valuable member of the Junior Youth Club team, Escape, where she undertook craft activities with the children. Jean also used her skills to make hundreds of greetings cards, which were sold at Fulwood and at Central. It's a mark of the affection in which Jean was held that with appropriate support she was able to carry on with these activities until almost the end of 2014, even though she'd been diagnosed with dementia. Although she had many friends Jean was quite a private person, but she was proud to be a grandma and would talk about her grandchildren to almost anyone who would listen and show off their photos.

Sadly, Jean's illness progressed quite rapidly and in September 2015 she moved into Dovedale Court and then later to Sherwood Court for more specialist care. Thankfully, she seems to have been comfortable and reasonably content in both homes, but in many ways her death came as a release from her struggles. It was hard for Jean's family to watch the effects of her illness and so her funeral on 4<sup>th</sup> February gave us the opportunity to recall other parts of her life and to give thanks for the way she touched the lives of many children.

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## A FARRAGO

Our friends in Recklinghausen send their condolences on the recent death of Jean Reid, who took part in the visits to and from Germany over the years. They send their love and prayers to be passed on to her family and friends. Now, like us, they are on the journey through Lent to Easter and we wish them every blessing as they celebrate this great Christian festival.

On a recent visit to India, Les and Susan Carter just happened to bump into a past Fulwood Minister and his wife: Michael & Elizabeth Wearing! They send their greetings and best wishes to all who remember them.

It's been good to see mention of happenings in our area in recent issues of the Methodist Recorder. These have included the opening of Burscough Methodist School's new outdoor learning and play area and the Bamber Bridge Methodist/CE school's outdoor Christmas Story re-enactment.

At Penwortham Academy's prize giving: "In the special awards, former deputy head girl Bethany Ferris was named Sportsperson of the Year." (*Lancashire Evening Post of Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2016*)

In the Lancashire Post ('Evening' was recently dropped from the title) of Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, appeared another of Barry Crossley's short stories: his 6<sup>th</sup> so far, he tells me. Very well done!

Kim Robinson – Weight Watchers coach - featured in the same issue: "a Preston super slimmer" who, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, has received the prestigious Diamond status in recognition of her work in helping people on their weight loss journey. A success deserving our sincerest congratulations.

It was announced in December that, after almost thirteen years service at neighbouring Christ Church, Canon Brian McConkey would be moving on. His new appointment is as Rector of Ribchester and also as Priest in Charge of Hurst Green and Mitton. We wish him well in his new appointment(s) in a very rural part of the Ribble valley.

Perhaps some of you noticed that the Emmanuel Church building on Brook Street had been put up for sale (with development opportunities!).

For those with an interest in this year's annual Keswick Convention, Week 1 runs from 15 – 21 July; Week 2: 22 – 28 July; Week 3: 29 July – 4 August. Further details from the website

Other folks' magazines and weekly news sheets have come from Bamber Bridge & Trinity (Gregson Lane) Methodist Churches; Christ Church, Fulwood; Christ Church, Southport; Fulwood URC; Ingol Methodist Church; Isles of Scilly Methodist Circuit; Kingston Methodist Church (Surrey); St Leonard's, Penwortham; Oakworth Methodist Church (Worth Valley); St Paul's, Warton.

## COMMUNITY CHOIR NEWS

The choir has continued to meet on different nights of the week to accommodate everyone's needs. We have now sung about 40 different songs, mainly from the shows or from popular chart entries: Abba, the Carpenters, New Seekers and Adele to name a few. We are open to new members and are particularly in need of male voices. The requirement is to be able to have a laugh and enjoy the company rather than be a chorister; bathroom and shower singers are very welcome.



We sang at the Christmas Fair as well as the Community Meal between Christmas and New Year and have been approached to do a charity sing in the lead up to next Christmas at a local hostelry. This we will only be able to do if we get more members, whether newcomers or returnees. If you want to be included or to find out more about us please contact myself or any choir member.

*Dave Topping*

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# SINGING FOR FUN

February 11<sup>th</sup> 2017

I have recently been trying to raise much-needed money for Methodist Action North West. Although many of us are familiar with the work that started at Fox Street, providing a night shelter service for the homeless, I have discovered that there is much more happening now.



- The Fox Street Community now provides a 20 bed purpose built supported accommodation, where homeless men can be helped to turn their lives around and are given life skills and support. They can stay for up to 2 years.
- 'A Place to Live' is another scheme which is a social letting project providing affordable rented housing for families and single people alike.
- The 'Empty Homes' project carries out restoration work on empty properties to bring them back into use as affordable housing, which is then managed by 'A Place to Live'.
- The Food Partnership in Blackpool has provided food parcels, support and advice to families and single people, working together with some 36 partner organisations locally. Literally thousands of people have been helped.
- Finally 'Cedar House' in Preston offers a counselling service for men and women, providing support for a wide range of issues including abuse, stress, eating disorders and bereavement,

Such wonderful, much-needed work is worthy of our support and encouragement so as well as writing a few quizzes, I planned a community singing afternoon and concert to raise awareness and money for all the projects mentioned above.

I enlisted the willing support of David Topping, who would help to recruit singers and I called on a music friend Jeff Borradaile, the leader of several community choirs, to come with some of his Blackburn People's Choir members to lead a workshop where anyone who wanted to sing could come and be part of a choir for the afternoon. No experience was required and people did not need to be able to read music; all that was needed was enthusiasm. Perhaps I should explain that the whole ethos of the community choir movement is to be inclusive – just giving everyone the joy of making music and making friends. Such choirs are not 'high brow', but may well be of high standard, as certainly was the case with the Blackburn choir.

In the afternoon Jeff came with 30+ people, so that however few recruits we had, people would feel comfortable and happy to take part. They also brought prizes for the planned raffle.

We recruited about 50 people, so the afternoon we shared was wonderful, so



relaxed and such fun. The songs learned in the afternoon became part of the concert in the evening where all the participants who wished to joined, the full choir.

Thanks to a valiant bunch of our Fulwood caterers, we sat down to excellent hotpot and delicious puddings between the workshop and the evening concert.

In the evening we were joined by more members of the Blackburn People's Choir and 20 children from Vocalise, a children's choir supported by the BPC. Many of these children came from disadvantaged homes, so this was a really special occasion for them. Their transport and all the training was provided by the adult choir. In all, the choirs must have brought around 80 people to support the work of our charity.

It was therefore disappointing that few extra people came to the evening concert, which was so entertaining. The Choir had suggested a ticket price of £10 and in view of all they did it would have been insulting to charge less, being seen as not to value them fully. All this in support of our Methodist charity! I do hope that next time we shall offer much more of our local support too.

Thanks though to all those at Fulwood Methodist Church who did so much to make the event such a success and for so willingly giving their time. Together with some generous donations we were able to raise just over £1000 for the work of Methodist Action NW.

*Mavis Fletcher*



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## SINGING WORKSHOP WITH BOB CHILCOTT

We had a busy day on February 25<sup>th</sup> with nearly 200 people attending a ‘Come and Sing’ led by composer Bob Chilcott. He introduced us to two of his newest compositions; a setting of the ‘Gloria’, which was so joyful and uplifting and a longer work called ‘The Voyage’ which had been commissioned by ‘Age UK’ Oxfordshire, as part of its ‘Campaign to End Loneliness’.



*Len & Mavis with Bob Chilcott*

‘The Voyage’ brings together three different generations of singers, comprised of a youth choir, a mixed voice choir (SATB) and a community choir, with instrumental ensemble to accompany. The singers assume the role of narrator and through nine choral songs share their memories. ‘My father’s boat’ and ‘What we did on our holiday’ are two of the song titles.

Bob says, “Certain aspects of our lives are often framed with memories of songs and it is through the use of songs and refrains I have attempted to bring to life Charles Bennett’s multi-layered text.”

We loved it – such lovely melodies and moving words. If it can also bring together different age groups to share music and memories how good that would be.

The event was organised by the Association of British Choral Directors and singers came from as far away as Cambridge to be here on the day.



The church was extra busy that day as we were also interviewing for our new Youth Worker, so there were groups of young people and children, as well as the interview panel, involved in choosing the right person. Despite all this, the day flowed without hitch thanks to the help of many stalwarts



in the kitchen, those moving furniture, advising parking or doing a host of other jobs. Our choral visitors were impressed by the facilities and the friendliness of everyone. A huge “thank you” to all concerned; it was a great day!

Next spring we look forward to a return visit of John Rutter, date to be confirmed, but certainly another very special day in the offing!

*Mavis Fletcher*

## KNITTING CLUB

Some years ago now, back in our fund raising days, Janice Astley was in conversation with a lady who has now moved away from Preston. They were discussing the subject of knitting and the lady said that she would love to learn how to knit. Janice, not being a person to allow the grass to grow under her feet, decided there and then the church ought to have a knitting group and our Knitting Club was formed.

Currently there are nineteen members along with Janice, Veronica Frost and Jude Gallagher, who give tuition, advice and much encouragement and myself, Barbara Hothersall who makes the tea and coffee and collects the subs. We meet every

Thursday evening, summer and winter (apart from Maundy Thursday, or when the floor of Oak and Willow is being re-polished or Christmas and New Year). The bulk of our membership has been with us since the very beginning and most of the ladies are from outside our church. We are very informal with everyone doing their own bit of knitting or crochet and receiving help if and when they require it. Down the years we have produced chickens, ducklings, rabbits, mice and “little people” for Easter time and we produced 70 plus of the latter for Laura and Bran’s wedding favours. One Easter we knitted 250 chickens for a primary school in Lea. Poppies have been produced for the last few Remembrance Days. We also have some other loyal knitters who do not come to the group but knit for us.

The knitters pay £2 per week and this money is used from time to time for various good causes. We twinned a toilet (with whom I cannot now just remember), and we provided the fine new toaster in the kitchen. The Rosemere Cancer Foundation has just launched its Twenty Years Anniversary Appeal to raise money for the purchase of the latest and most advanced robotic surgical systems to treat bowel, gastrointestinal and gynaecological cancers. Several of our group have cause to be very grateful for the service of Rosemere and so we have decided to donate £250 to the appeal.

We met originally in Sycamore but have outgrown the room and now meet in Copper Beech. There are no gentlemen in our group but they would be made very welcome should they care to join us! We usually have a meal out somewhere at Christmas time or when the floor is being treated. Our fund raising days are now but a memory and Jan’s idea has now become a tradition. However, the lady who’s wish started it all off, never actually came to us, after all!



***Barbara Hothersall***

## A PLACE TO SIT

I was scanning the headlines of the newspaper last Boxing Day and it has to be said that, all in all, they were not at all cheerful! The dreadful situation in Syria, the parlous state of the NHS, Brexit, the American Presidential elections, increasing poverty across the land and so it went on. There was not a lot to be happy about. On page 21, tucked away in the top right hand corner, a headline caught my eye “Tolpuddle to create a quiet space in honour of its martyrs”. I have written on a couple of occasions about the small village of Tolpuddle, situated on the A35 between Dorchester and Poole, its chestnut tree on the village green and its unique place in our industrial history. It was at Tolpuddle that the trade union movement came into being. To celebrate this, a festival and rally organised by the TUC is held each summer and the story of its famous sons is told in a small museum in the village.

The Tolpuddle Martyrs were six agricultural workers earning nine shillings a week. In 1834 when their wages were cut to six shillings they complained, asking for them to be reinstated and their working conditions improved. For this “dreadful crime” they were all prosecuted and transported to Australia for unlawful assembly, breach of the peace, spreading sedition and who knows what else! It seems a very drastic punishment; after all we are not talking about the Peasants’ Revolt here and



direct threats to the government! However, it was believed that there was a hidden agenda here because these six men were members of a dangerous organization which had spread across the land and gained considerable influence within the working classes. The establishment was not at all comfortable about this and in some quarters parallels with what was going on over the Channel in France were seen. The organization was led originally by a rabble-rouser who went under the name of John Wesley. At least four and possibly five of the Tolpuddle Martyrs were Methodists and three were local preachers. There is a happy end to the story because this very unjust treatment caused a national outcry and after a petition signed by over 800,00 people they were pardoned after two years.

The original Methodist chapel, where the Martyrs worshipped, was a very humble barn, built in 1818 by George Loveless and Thomas Standfield, two of the martyrs, on land adjoining Stanfield’s cottage. It ceased to be a chapel in 1844 when the lease expired and was later used as a stable, before gradually falling into disrepair. Even in its heyday it was a humble edifice, probably constructed from any



materials the pair could bring to hand; cob with a bit of brick and flint, sticks and branches and thatch for the roof. A new Methodist Chapel was opened in 1862 and is still used today, although not every Sunday for worship.

Andrew McCarthy, who lives a few houses away from the barn is the Chair of the Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust which purchased it and with a Heritage Lottery Fund grant plan to restore it. It is a Grade II listed building in honour of its importance as part of the martyrs' story. Tolpuddle has a village hall, a pub and the museum, so there is no need to duplicate any of these things, to quote Andrew. The old chapel will be restored as simply as possible, with the interior left empty apart from a bench to sit on and an old Methodist Bible on show. To further quote Andrew, "It will be a place where people can just sit down and be quiet for a bit and think about the history of the martyrs, what they believed in, their connection with the land and this building. Or they can just sit".

via **Barbara Hothersall**

With acknowledgments to **Maev Kennedy** - *The Guardian* (edited)

Further information and exhibits on the Tolpuddle Martyrs can be found at the excellent museum in the village and at the Methodist Chapel – see the Methodist Heritage website - [www.methodistheritage.org.uk/tolpuddlemethodistchapel](http://www.methodistheritage.org.uk/tolpuddlemethodistchapel) or - [www.tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org/TheTrust/news/latest-news](http://www.tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org/TheTrust/news/latest-news) and - [www.tolpuddlemethodists.org.uk/martyrschapel](http://www.tolpuddlemethodists.org.uk/martyrschapel)

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## NEWS FROM THE THEATRE VISIT GROUP

The Theatre Visit Group has enjoyed a number of productions over the last two or three months. We were delighted that nearly 100 people travelled with us to see 'Billy Elliot' at The Palace Theatre, Manchester. Smaller groups than that came along to The Lowry, Salford to watch the Birmingham Royal Ballet perform 'Cinderella', and to The Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester to enjoy a wonderful revival of the musical 'Sweet Charity'. Did you know that a list of all our visits over the last four years or so can be found on the Church's website? Just going back to the list brings back a lot of happy memories so when there is not much of value on the television you might want to.....!



The website also contains the very latest information about future visits and it is regularly updated. Of course, we also advertise in the local free magazines (when we can meet their deadlines) and we issue a newsletter every couple of months or so.

Not everyone who might be interested may know that this year, instead of a visit to Stratford-upon-Avon we are organising a visit to Theatre Clwyd at Mold as part of a three night/four-day break in North Wales. We will be staying at The Merrion Hotel which is beautifully located and enjoys an excellent reputation. There are still places available on this short break including some single rooms. Sharon Beck can give you further information on 01772 718741 or 07592 167700. The prices will include one half-day and one full-day excursion and dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation at a high standard. You will need to organise your own lunches to suit your taste and appetite. Good company, a bit of pampering and a good performance of 'The Importance of Being Earnest' may be just what you need. Saturday 20 May (departing around 10.00 am) to Tuesday 23 May (arriving home late afternoon).

The Church Council has thought very carefully about the way this group fits into the Church's service to the community and made some revised arrangements to booking procedures and the costing of our visits. We have tried to consult widely, especially with those who have been regular theatregoers, and introduced any changes sensitively. Again, Sharon will be very happy to send you a copy of our most recent newsletter which explains everything in greater detail. Our overall wish, however, is to continue to organise these visits and indeed we are now considering one or two trips later in the year which would not involve theatre visits and might reduce the cost, which we constantly try to monitor.

Two ideas are currently under active consideration. One would be a visit to Chatsworth House in Derbyshire and the second is a sail on either Windermere or Ullswater. Perhaps you may have some thoughts about other places we could visit in the summer or winter and Sharon would like you to share them with her.

Thanks to everyone who supports these visits. We enjoy making the arrangements and enabling some folk to continue to enjoy their theatregoing experience and, in some cases, to see new shows or art forms for the first time. It is good too to make new friends and, sometimes, to renew old acquaintances.

**Ken Wales**

***Following is a pullout Theatre Information booklet. Please keep or pass on.***



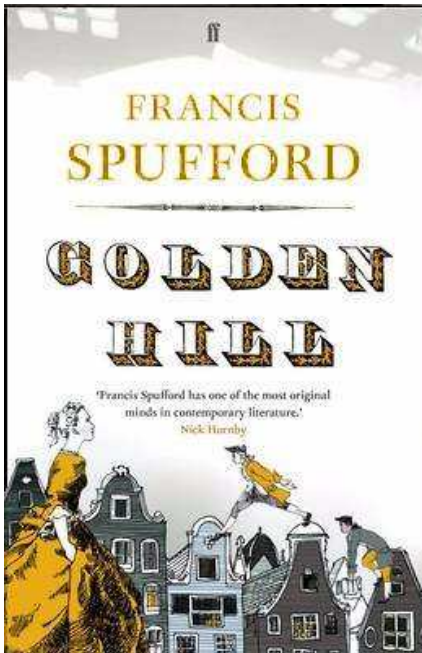
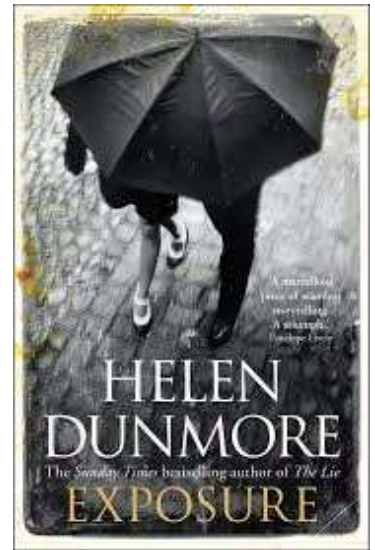
## BOOK CLUB

By the time you are reading this magazine, the Church Book Club will have held two meetings in 2017. For the first, we had read a book by Margaret Forster entitled 'My Life in Houses'. This we generally felt to be an enjoyable, evocative and a new way of writing autobiography. The author had died recently and several of us had been attracted to her writings through reading obituaries of her.

With early roots in Carlisle and a lifelong attachment to the Lake District she had decided to tell of her childhood, her student days and her education, her long marriage to her husband and the raising of their family and, of course, her own very successful career as a writer through vivid and intimate pictures of the homes they had created and lived-in.

Particularly strong memories remain for me of the home they created in north London which in later life was shared with another much-loved property in the Lakes. We enjoyed discussing our own memories of and feelings for houses in which we had lived. Place is very important in our lives as human beings and each of us had a story to share.

We took this opportunity as well to share some Lenten poetry. We were perhaps surprised at how sparse the choice was, especially in contrast to Christmas and Easter. As ever, that wonderful magazine 'Magnet' came to our rescue and provided us with some more recent gems.



The second meeting has to take place at the time of writing this article. We are busy though reading two books - the novel 'Exposure' by Helen Dunmore and a book of devotional writing, but in a very modern vein, called 'Accidental Saints'. I suspect there will be more to say about this one in the next magazine.

Our early summer reading will include 'Golden Hill' by the British writer Francis Spufford and 'My Name is Lucy Barton' by Elizabeth Strout. Both novels are set in America and they might give us the opportunity to reflect upon current events in that country as well as enjoying two very good stories.

We really would welcome with open arms anyone who would like to try out our group. Do come if you are interested! The dates are clearly published on the Church web site, in the Church notices or can be obtained from me (01772 863791).

*Ken Wales*



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**Anne Garsed**

## RADICAL HOSPITALITY

We are creatures of habit. That makes us comfortable and, usually, safe. We like being surrounded by the known, by our friends, our relatives. When we come into a building - our home, our place of work, our school, our Church, cafe or football ground, we use the same doors, the same routines, the same patterns of behaviour. Each Thursday morning Janet and I park our car early in the same car park in Ilkley. Usually we are one of the first there but, guess what, we have 'our own' preferred space.

Recently, the Church Council has been considering how to describe our hopes and dreams for Fulwood Methodist Church as we continue on our journey. Inspired by an address by Rev Paul Davis, Chair of the Lancashire District, they included the ambition of our being a church which showed 'radical hospitality'. Now that phrase has no settled definition; it can mean what we want it to. Not unreasonably, some members of the Church Council felt that we needed to think deeper about it and suggested that we include in the magazine some articles helping us to do just that. This is the first, there will be others and the editors would welcome thoughts and contributions. Quite obviously, a Church which displays radical hospitality is one where the members go out of their way to make others feel at home. But how might we at Fulwood do that more effectively.

First, as a joke to get us thinking, is a photo of a Church in America. Guess who the comfy seats are for?



*Church in the States unveils new full body massage pews.*

Now, assuming newcomers to the Church have found somewhere to park, what help and guidance do we give so that they are immediately at home. Put yourself in their shoes one Sunday morning when you come into Church. How could you behave differently to help them?

Next, let us suppose they have children. They might be on edge about what is accepted behaviour and what is not. One Church produced the card below which was freely available in the Church.

## OUR CHILDREN

**To the parents of  
our young children,  
may we suggest:**

- Relax—God put the wiggle in children, don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. *All are welcome!*
- Sit toward the front where it is easier to see and hear, the pastor won't mind.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service, it is important for your little ones to know what is going on.
- Sing the hymns, pray and speak the responses. Children learn by copying you.
- If you have to leave with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back if you can. Our Parlor (opposite the sanctuary) is open to you and the sermons can be heard there. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."
- Remember that the way we welcome children in Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, to Christ, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

### **To all our worshippers:**

A smile of encouragement is *a*ways welcome to parents with small active children. The presence of children is a gift to the Church and a reminder of the new life in our midst. They give us "A future full of people and hope."



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What do you think about it? Do you agree with it? Perhaps someone might like to write something similar for another group in the Church - older people perhaps?

In the editions to follow this we will try to introduce more ideas about radical hospitality in our church. We would welcome ideas from the whole Church - and thoughts from those who read this magazine but only come to the Church infrequently. About parking, signing, catering, times and styles of worship and other activities, about smiles and frowns. About welcomes and information - everything in fact.

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## THE NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD OF WALES

This event is one of Europe's largest cultural festivals. It is a competition-based festival, attracting more than 6,000 competitors and over 160,000 visitors, and is traditionally held during the first week of August every year. It is a celebration of Welsh poetry, music, drama, dance, art and crafts – and the golden rule is that every performance has to be in Welsh. For those who do not speak Welsh a free translation service is available in the main pavilion.



The venue changes every year to enable people from all areas of Wales to become involved. Hundreds of tents, pavilions and booths are erected in an open space known as the Maes (field) and more fields are needed for car parking, camping and caravan sites. Good weather is something much hoped for!

The highlights of the week, for many, are the crowning and chairing of the winning bards, when the main literary prizes for poetry and prose are awarded. Presided over by the Archdruid it's a colourful and dramatic ceremony, with prominent figures in Welsh cultural life dressed in white, blue and green druidic costumes. Flower dances, trumpet fanfares and a symbolic horn of plenty are there to greet the winners. In 1987 my husband's cousin 'Ienan Wyn' won the chair – a great honour indeed.

One of the most dramatic and sorrowful events in Eisteddfod history was the award of the 1917 Chair to the poet Ellis Humphrey Evans (bardic name 'Hedd Wyn') for the poem 'Yr Arwr' (The Hero). When announced, the crowd waited for the winner to stand up – but no one did. It was then announced that Hedd Wyn had been killed the previous month on the battlefields in Belgium. That Eisteddfod was, and still is, referred to as the Eisteddfod of the Black Chair – the chair having been mantled in black.

My own Eisteddfod involvement is of taking part in the Schoolchildren's Pageant in 1959 in Caernarfon, and again in 1978 in Cardiff when my own children took part in the opening ceremony. Over the last number of years my friend and I have volunteered as stewards – a job we thoroughly enjoy.

The first week in August every year is the spirit and sound of Welshness and to Welsh people it is a celebration of who we are.

***Beryl Thomas, Trinity Methodist Church, Gregson Lane***

*(We are very grateful to Beryl for providing this article – with St David's Day very much in mind. We wish her well as she prepares to return to the Caernarfon area.) This year, the Eisteddfod takes place on Anglesey in August.*

*[www.eisteddfod.wales/anglesey-2017](http://www.eisteddfod.wales/anglesey-2017)*

# THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

Some while ago we received a magazine from St George's Memorial Church, Ypres (now Ieper), Belgium. The tower of the building was originally designed to house a peal of English change-ringing bells – although the necessary bells were never installed. Fund-raising has begun (£195,000 is the target) to install a commemorative peal of eight bells, to be cast by John Taylor & Co. of Loughborough.



A set of sixteen Victorian handbells, which belonged to a First World War veteran, has also been donated and they are to be restored by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry before also being housed in St George's.

“The home nations are united over Poppygate, with plans to make a joint appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport so the annual issue over ridiculous FIFA sanctions for honouring the war dead can be resolved definitively.” (*Daily Mail*, Sat. 4/3/2017)

“At home again – for the last time before I go back to the unmitigated hell of ‘the spring offensive.’” (*Siegfried Sassoon 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1917*)

March 1917 saw the founding of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC).

The early part of 1917 saw a number of its ships sunk and the USA eventually declared war on Germany on 6<sup>th</sup> April. The first American troops arrived in France on 26<sup>th</sup> June.

The convoy system for merchant ships was introduced by Britain in May of that year. Also in May horse racing stopped, followed by county cricket and league football.

In June a ban on throwing rice at weddings, and feeding to birds, was introduced because it was too precious as a food.

“Watching a big boat which was steaming along the horizon, I realised that protesting against the prolongation of the war was about as much use as shouting at the people on board that ship.” (*'Memoirs of an Infantry Officer' – Siegfried Sassoon*)

Popular songs published in 1917 included:- The Bells of St Mary; The Darktown Strutters' Ball; For Me and My Gal; Give Me the Moonlight, Give Me the Girl; Over There; Little Sir Echo and Mademoiselle From Armentiers.

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*Susan Carter*

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Silently bright stars appear,  
In silence velvet night draws near;  
And silently God enters in  
To free a troubled heart from sin.  
For God works silently in lives,  
And nothing spiritual survives  
Amid the din of a noisy street,  
Where raucous crowds with hurrying feet  
And blinded eyes and deafened ear  
Are never privileged to hear  
The message God wants to impart  
To every troubled, weary heart.  
For only in a quiet place  
Can man behold God face-to-face!  
Be still, and know that I am God.

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## CHANGE IN THE YEAR

It is the first mild day of March,  
Each minute sweeter than before,  
The redbreast sings from the tall larch  
That stands beside our door.  
There is a blessing in the air,  
Which makes a sense of joy to yield  
To the bare trees and mountains bare;  
And grass in the green field.



*William Wordsworth*

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It doesn't matter where you live, as long as you live where you are.

Today's mighty oak is yesterday's little acorn that held its ground.



## SPRING

Sound the Flute!  
Now it's mute.  
Birds delight  
Day and Night;  
Nightingale  
In the dale,  
Lark in Sky,  
Merrily,  
Merrily, Merrily to welcome in the Year.



Little Boy  
Full of joy;  
Little Girl,  
Sweet and small;  
Cock does crow,  
So do you;  
Merry voice,  
Infant noise,  
Merrily, Merrily, to welcome in the Year.



Little Lamb,  
Here I am;  
Come and lick  
My white neck;  
Let me pull  
Your soft Wool;  
Let me kiss  
Your soft face:  
Merrily, Merrily, we welcome in the Year.



**William Blake**

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*"I love friends, I want more friends. I love smiles. That is a fact.  
How to develop smiles? There are a variety of smiles.  
Some smiles are sarcastic. Some smiles are artificial - diplomatic smiles.  
These smiles do not produce satisfaction, but rather fear or suspicion.  
But a genuine smile gives us hope, freshness. If we want a genuine smile,  
then first we must produce the basis for a smile to come.  
On every level of human life, compassion is the key thing."*



**The Dalai Lama**  
*submitted by Helen Frost*

## BEATITUDES FOR THE ELDERLY

Blessed are they who understand  
My faltering step and palsied hand.  
Blessed are they who know that my ears today  
Must strain to catch the things they say.  
Blessed are they who seem to know  
That my eyes are dim and my wits are low.  
Blessed are they who looked away  
When coffee spilled at table today.  
Blessed are they who, with a cheery smile,  
Stop to chat for a little while.  
Blessed are they who never say,  
“You have told me that story twice today”.  
Blessed are they who know the way  
To bring back good memories of yesterday.  
Blessed are they who make it known  
That I am loved, respected and not alone.  
Blessed are they who know I am at loss  
To find the strength to carry the cross.  
Blessed are those who ease the days  
On my journey home in loving ways.



*Anon*

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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 Chris our Lord.

*St. Benedict*

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Are you wrinkled with burdens? Come to the church for a facelift.

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*Mark Twain*

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With the greatest respect	You are an idiot	He is listening to me
That's not bad	That's good	That's poor
That is a very brave proposal	You are insane	He thinks I have courage
Quite good	A bit disappointing	Quite good
I would suggest	Do it or be prepared to justify yourself	Think about the idea, but do what you like
Oh, incidentally / by the way	The primary purpose of our discussion is	That is not very important
I was a bit disappointed that	I am annoyed that	It doesn't really matter
Very interesting	That is clearly nonsense	They are impressed
I'll bear it in mind	I've forgotten it already	They will probably do it
I'm sure it's my fault	It's your fault	Why do they think it was their fault?
You must come for dinner	It's not an invitation, I'm just being polite	I will get an invitation soon
I almost agree	I don't agree at all	He's not far from agreement
I only have a few minor comments	Please rewrite completely	He has found a few typos
Could we consider some other options	I don't like your idea	They have not yet decided

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The March wind roars like a lion in the sky,  
 And makes us shiver as he passes by.  
 When winds are soft and the days are warm and clear,  
 Just like a gentle lamb, then spring is here.





## ABOUT EASTER OFFERING

Each year, the Methodist Church holds an Easter offering dedication service organised by 'Methodist Women in Britain'. The tradition of the Easter Offering dates back to 1883 when women in Manchester collected £32 from 'Christmas pennies' at family gatherings on Christmas Day at lunch for Missionary work overseas. In March 1884, the London Districts distributed Easter envelopes and collecting bags asking for a penny a head and just over £100 was collected.



From this success, the idea grew and by 1900 the amount totalled £1,655. In 1903 Easter offerings were extended to all country chapels. 'Let us bear in mind,' they wrote, 'the importance of the "Littles" '.

Through gifts great and small, the Easter Offering has become a significant feature of the World Church. In 1986, the Bicentenary year, it totalled nearly £200,000. Throughout the country, effort focuses on the annual envelope collection for the Fund for World Mission through the Easter Offering and the associated service of dedication.

This reflects the long history of commitment to overseas work by the women of Methodism, and the recognition that local specific relationships with overseas projects and World Church in Britain partnerships are given broader meaning by a national focus. The theme and service are different every year.

via *Ann Done*

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## DRIVING ANALOGIES

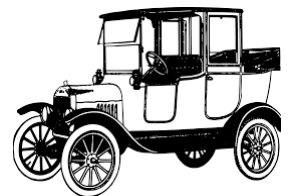
**Ignition:** This speaks of the Holy Spirit, which ignites us to follow Jesus

**Accelerator:** When we trust the Lord we should then start to serve him

**Fuel:** We cannot go anywhere without this. Our fuel is prayer and worship.

**Clutch:** Grasp tightly to the Lord every day of our lives.

**Gears:** We must not be neutral in our faith or stay in low gear. We must progress through the gears and know more of Jesus and how to serve him.



**Indicators:** We should let others know where we are going, we should let them know that we serve Jesus through our words and deeds.

**Brake:** Put a stop to things before it is too late – a lack of forgiveness for others, gossip, ill temper. We must also stop to take time to pray and be with God.

**Lights:** Let your light shine so that people may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.



**Demister:** When the road isn't clear and we aren't able to see clearly, turn to God for guidance.

**Mirrors:** We are all made in God's image. Let us mirror Him in compassion and love for others. Let us also recognise God in other people and afford them respect.

**Wipers:** God will wipe away all our sins, if we confess them and seek repentance, and set us free.

*Anon*

## DIARY DATES

### APRIL

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Finance Group
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>		Holy Week Labyrinth
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Meal and Communion
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Messy Good Friday Activities
	11.00 a.m.	Good Friday Meditation
	11.30 a.m.	Preston Passion Play
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 a.m.	Sonrise Service on Beacon Fell
	8.30 a.m.	Easter Communion
	9.30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10.30 a.m.	All-age Easter Communion
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Farmers Market
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	Easter Offering Service - Penwortham

### MAY

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>		Plant Sales
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Property Group
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Church Life Group
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>		Christian Aid Week begins
	10.30 a.m.	Parade Service
	11.45 a.m.	General Church Meeting
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>		Christian Aid Lunch at Fulwood
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 – 7.00 p.m.	Messy Church
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Farmers Market
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m.	Service for Healing & Wholeness - Ashton

### JUNE

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 p.m.	Youth Leaders Forum
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Parade Service
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Church Council
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Circuit Meeting

### JULY

Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 – 7.00 p.m.	Messy Church tbc
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Parade Service
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>		Farewell Services for Malcolm & Christine Including Church Lunch
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Finance Group

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### Sunday

9.45 am Singing Practice (Cedar Room)

### Tuesday

10.00 am	Men's AM Club (fortnightly)	Allan Clarke (718547)
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) Sarah Farrell (379464)

### Thursday

7.00 pm	Knitting Group (Copper/Beech Room)	Veronica Frost (717415)
7.15 pm	Table Tennis matches	Alan Smith (07943406021)
8.01 pm	Ladies After 8 group (fortnightly)	Sue Whiteford (864478)

### 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 (07545869326)
7.00 pm	Explorer Scouts (14 - 18 yr)	Operated by Scout District (#)
7.00 pm	Scout Network (18 - 25 yr)	Operated by Scout County (#)
	(#) Contact Nick Penrith - Group Scout Leader (07826442936)	

### Thursday

5.45 pm	Rainbows (5 - 7 yr)	Jayne Myatt (718217)
6.15 pm	Brownies (7 - 10 yr)	Claire Richardson (728853)
7.30 pm	Guides (10 - 14 yr)	Ellie Sedgewick (07913922344)

### Friday

6.30 pm	Escape (7- 11 yr)	c/o Church Administrator (718741)
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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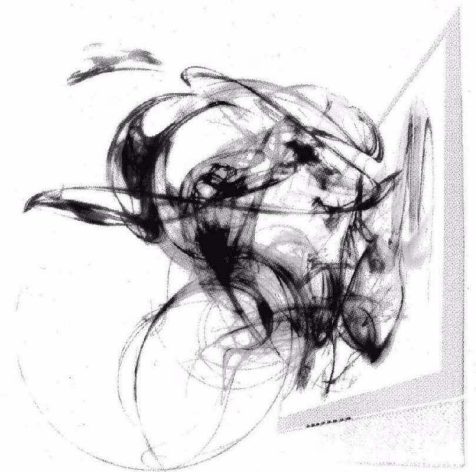
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