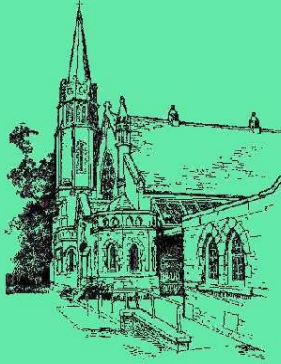


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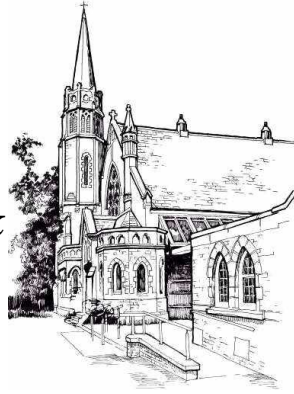
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SUNDAY SERVICES

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)*

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EDITORIAL

Sincere thanks to all who have supplied items for this issue and to everyone involved in its production and distribution.

Now here's something different in the way of appreciation for that work: we recently received a £20 donation towards the costs of the magazine – and it wasn't from a member of our own congregation, either!

The first indication that my tenure as Editor of The Fulwood Methodist could soon be coming to an end fell on stony ground! No comments, no questions; only one person asking, "Have you had any response?" However, it hasn't gone away and someone, somewhere does need to take note!!

For our **Summer** issue the **copy date will be Sunday, 9th June, 2019 at the very latest due to holiday commitments.** Items can be sent at any time ahead of that date. (N.B. Articles may be subject to editing.)

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PASTORAL LETTER

from Rev. Jane Wild

Dear Friends

During Lent we have been hearing the stories from the Bible told to us by a series of witnesses. Those people who experienced the life of Jesus; who he was; how he lived; what happened to him and how that reveals the nature of God to us. We are now at Easter when we recall again Jesus's death and resurrection. Remembering and reliving this reminds us that we are witnesses to the work of God in our lives.

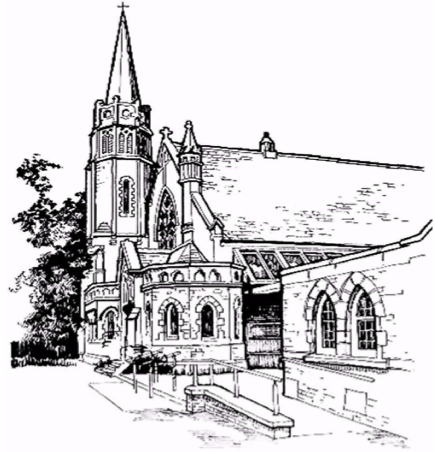
In the Bible the book called the Acts of the Apostles begins by telling the first disciples to wait: to pray for the presence and power of the holy spirit, and to find their calling and their energy from that source. Then to act. Part of our function as a church is to act as those to point to God. To worship together, yes. To serve others certainly. To pray together, definitely. We do all of this not from our own strength but guided by God.

A poem by Gideon Heugh.

We are where the divine dwells –
not in stone or marble,
but in our soft and playful bodies.

We are God's temple –
not the lavish or gilded
but the lowly and unexpected.

We are the church –
not an institution or an idea
but a rabble of flawed,
belly-laughing, mess-making,
tear-shedding, culture-shaking,
head-scratching dreamers.



After Easter, we have our AGM when we review the life of the Church. This is not just a time to talk frankly about our life together as a worshipping and serving community, but a chance to share our sense of what God is calling us to do and be; what we need to take up or put down as a group; or to rejoice in the service of individuals in specific roles during the year and give the opportunity to others to follow their call to serve in particular roles in the future.

All this we surround in prayer and I, therefore, ask that during our preparation you pray for our church; its direction and the people it serves. and share with one another the answers God gives.

God incarnate in the hearts of all your people: guide your people in the way you would have them go and challenge each of us to consider what we can offer to you in the service of prayer, skills, time and energy.

Amen

God Bless **Jane**

FAMILY NEWS

Weddings

28 Mar 2019 - Margaret Nicholson and Stuart Holmes

Funerals

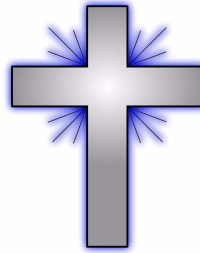
26 Nov 2018 - Bob Clarkson

27 Nov 2018 - Harold Ellison

18 Jan 2019 - Peg Worthington

28 Jan 2019 - Sarah Clayton

4 Mar 2019 - Audrey Harrison



MAY HAS COME

When fishes leap in silver streams,
And tender corn is springing high,
And banks are warm with sunny beams,
And twittering swallows cleave the sky,
And forest bees are humming near,
And cowslips in boys' hats appear,
And maids do wear the meadow's bloom:
We then may say that May has come.



(from the Blackburn Standard of 2nd May, 1896)

COMMUNITY CHOIR

We did a singalong at Sherwood Court just before Christmas, which was well received and well supported by choir members. We continue to meet every Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in the Cedar Room, taking a break during school holidays. As always, all are welcome. Being able to sing is secondary to enjoying yourself. It doesn't matter if you come once a month or very occasionally, you will be made welcome.

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A PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION

Some years ago now, shortly after the overthrow of the Ceausescu government, Janet and I were in Bucharest, the capital of Romania. The bullet holes were still on the walls of the main buildings, including the Orthodox Churches in the centre of the city. It was just before Easter and we witnessed Palm Sunday being celebrated by people who were still nervous about anyone watching what they were doing and especially if they were carrying a camera. On the streets and outside the Churches, vendors were selling or giving away huge palm fronds, not the small palm crosses which we use but cuttings of a size which out-measured the young children who were attracted to them. Beautifully decorated Easter eggs were available too.

I have thought about that day every year as Easter approaches. I am one of those people who enjoys the short interviews of well-known people or men and women of note, which appear in some magazines. They often include the question ‘what other time or age do you wish you had been there to witness?’ The original Palm Sunday is one of several I would choose if I was asked that question.

What would it have been like on the first Palm Sunday? The accounts in the three Synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) are remarkably similar. I am in no doubt that this was an actual historical event. Many have tried to recreate the scene in paintings, e.g. Norman Adams, or have attempted to present the scene in terms of our own culture. Dinah Roe Kendall (copies of both we will try to have on display in Church over the Easter festival). There are others too of which you may know.

But I wonder? What was it like to be there? Our view of a huge



Norman Adams - 'Christ's entry into Jerusalem' from the Methodist Modern Art Collection © TMCP, used with permission. www.methodist.org.uk/artcollection

crowd I suspect would be rather different from that in Jerusalem (although maybe not in Rome where the Coliseum held tens of thousands of people). And still I wonder, the sights, the smells, the noises, how did the word spread? And especially, amidst the rejoicing and acclamation that we read and sing about, was there any fear or apprehension? However big the crowds, had these people any inkling of the drama that was about to unfold? And what about the premonitions of the disciples and other followers of Jesus? They were in the know, so to speak, but could they foresee the consequences? Great crowds, a journey on a donkey, cloaks strewn on the road ahead, palm fronds being waved and great shouts of 'Hosanna'. So much to think about and so much to find out if we could rewind time.

But, in the end, what matters is not the historical detail. Interesting as it would have been to be there and to have witnessed what went on. What matters, for me, are two things. Jesus, steadfastly, whatever the cost, setting out on a short journey which he knew, I am sure, could only end in one way and yet with hope, faith and determination in his heart. And a group of people, no matter how many and how knowledgeable, determined too to walk with him and to receive him, with joy.

Ken Wales

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OBITUARIES

Audrey Harrison

21 January 1930 to 20 February 2019

Audrey, as many of you will know, was an incredibly kind and selfless person. As a young working woman she went without lunch everyday until she had saved enough money to take her parents on a week's holiday to Blackpool. She spent her working life as a secretary, eventually retiring from being the personal assistant to the deputy director of Social Services.



Her love of the church meant that alongside her working life, she spent many hours as church secretary at Central Methodist Church in Preston for Tom Jenkinson and his successors. A natural progression meant that she became secretary to Michael Wearing during his time as Chairman of the District and of course latterly she and her husband both worshipped here at Fulwood. After her husband passed away in 2001, she surprised everyone with her strength and resilience. She played the piano for the Women's Fellowship, took her turn on the church rota at RPH on the Welcome Desk, sang in the choir, was a Communion Steward and a Pastoral Visitor.

Audrey was incredibly proud of her daughter Gill, two wonderful grandchildren and her great grandson Zachary. She will be sadly missed.

Peg Worthington

29 July 1925 to 27 December 2018



Born in Bolton as Margaret Smith, but as a child she was called Peggy. One or two still called her Peggy, but everyone else knew her as Peg.

As a child Margaret lived in places such as Blacon near Chester, Newcastle and Orpington. She passed her 11+ while at school in London in 1936 and won a place at Chiswick County High School, only to be told that the family were moving to Silloth in Cumbria. Relocation to Blackpool followed, where her dad was working on the Derby Baths and promenade. After that there was a move to Ireland where she lived for a time in Limerick and Dublin.

Limerick was also where Peg's love of music was nurtured. Her music teacher at school recognised that she had a good soprano voice and encouraged Margaret to express her love of music through singing. He gave her voice tuition after school

and encouraged her to apply to join the Dublin Operatic Society which she did in 1941. Unfortunately she was unable to take up the place.

She joined the WRNS and was accepted for training on 20th May, 1943 at HMS Eaglet, a naval land base in Birkenhead. It was at HMS Eaglet that Peg met her husband-to-be, Hugh. HMS Eaglet also provided an opportunity for Peg to appear on stage, sometimes with Hugh, who had been a choir boy in his youth.

By the end of the war Peg's parents had decided to settle on Merseyside and rented a house in Wallasey. Peg was confirmed on 1st July 1945 at the Presbyterian Church in Egremont on the Wirral and married to Hugh in the same church on 14th July in the same year. Later, their two children Malcolm and Lesley were baptised at Egremont.

Housing was difficult after the war, so when Hugh returned to work in Preston, Margaret stayed on the Wirral with her mother and father. She and Hugh eventually moved to Guttridge Memorial Methodist Church, with which there was already a Worthington family connection.

She took a position as a telephonist at the GPO in Market Place, Preston, on 26th September, 1949 and continued as a telephonist after the exchange moved to Moor Lane, until it closed down in 1976. After leaving the GPO, Peg took on another part-time post in 1977 with the Lancashire Area Health Authority in the General Office at Sharoe Green Hospital.

Peg's final house move was to Stoney Butts in Lea, where she and Hugh spent many happy years. Hugh died in 1993. There was some concern in the family that Peg might not survive long without his guidance and support. But survive she did, for 25 years.

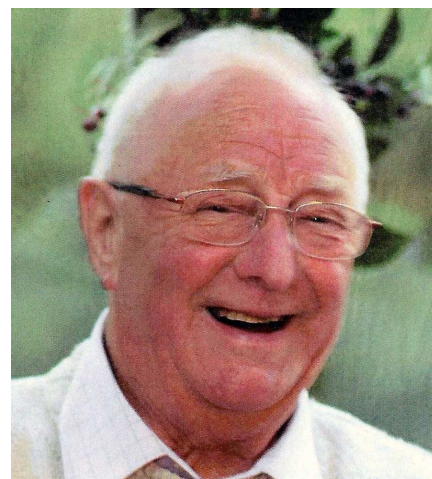
A loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, she always said that she didn't want to be a burden to her children and remained a fiercely independent person to the end. She will be deeply missed .

Robert James (Bob) Clarkson

16 July 1931 to 9 November 2018

Bob met Eileen in 1949. In 1952 he began his National Service and served in Trieste, Germany and Korea .

He and Eileen were married in March 1955 and Bob went back into the building trade. Their daughter, Lynn was born, followed by Peter and Diane. Unable to work on building, because of the weather, Bob got an indoor job at Leyland Rubber Co., and then Leyland Motors, where he remained until he took redundancy on health grounds in 1989.



The family moved from Walton le Dale to a bigger home in St. Thomas's Road in 1963 and the family became bigger with the birth of Andrew and Ian. Bob learned to drive and having a car meant it was easier to get out as a family and also to go on holiday, going camping and to holiday camps.

After moving to Greystock Avenue in 1987, Bob enjoyed many happy hours pottering in the garden and on holidays with Eileen. Bob has always been proud of his family and was pleased to welcome grandchildren when they came along.

Bob belonged to Guttridge Memorial Methodist Church for many years until it closed in 2013 and then transferred to Fulwood, where he settled in happily and attended church, the men's AM club and Welcome Wednesdays for lunch with Eileen each week. His last illness was short and he passed away in hospital on Friday 9th, November. Although it was sudden, he was surrounded by loved ones and went very, very peacefully.

Margaret Clarke

Died 12th December 2018 aged 87

Born at Roemmarsh in Yorkshire, the youngest of 3, Margaret worked during her life as a secretary in solicitors, as a school secretary and a clerk to magistrates. She went dancing in Scarborough in the early '50s and met Kenneth, who was to become her husband. He died in 1991. She travelled around the world with Kenneth, who was in the Civil Service, in Germany, Singapore and Yorkshire from 1967, until forced out in 1971, after which the family moved to Preston

Married at 27, she was a widow for 27 years. Margaret was an accomplished cook and raised £100's with her baking. She was also a seamstress, DIY enthusiast, she loved her garden and sitting in the shade of the garage.

Much of her time was spent with family and regularly she walked dogs for the family, even though she did not have one herself. Although family was important she also grew an extended family of people who welcomed her in.

Her passion, however, was swimming 100 lengths a day; she would even walk to the swimming pool in the snow to do her swimming and was known to swim in the sea.

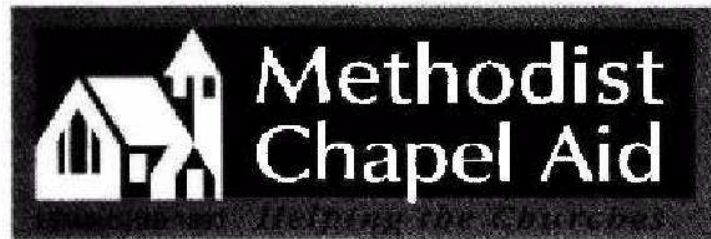
Margaret was like a barometer to her families' life, gave them values, success and emotional guidelines. She will be missed.



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All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it; they will not last for ever. If going wrong, they can't last long either.

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Our numbers for the Escape Group (7-11 years) are about 40 and the Youth Group (11+) are about 35, these groups aren't from the same school but from different, an equal mix of boys and girls, different races all playing and talking together. We have in the past year had 4 15/16-year olds ask to come and volunteer as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award, and so grateful was one set of parents that they gave the group a donation towards funds.

But what I think makes this club something the church should be proud of is the amazing voluntary staff that help run it week after week without moaning! And yes, we do have problems that have to be dealt with, it's not perfect! But the youngsters love it and keep coming back and it keeps them safe and off the streets. We owe a great deal to our volunteers so please thank them, pray for them and if you want to become part of a great team, talk to me.

Darren



Easter Family Activities

Tuesday 9th Apr 10.00am -12noon – Colouring, craft, coffee, cake & chat

Thursday 11th Apr 2.00pm - 4.00pm – Film Time

Tuesday 16th & Thursday 18th Apr 10.00 - 12noon

Christian Easter craft time, stories, art & activities, plus lots more

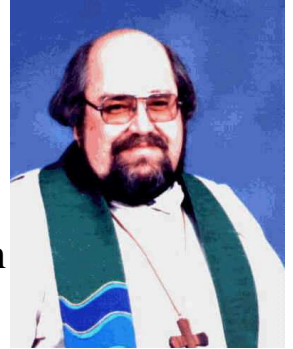
Saturday 20th April 10.00am -12noon Easter baking session, join us in making yummy Easter treats

(please sign up on list in Willow Grove for catering purposes)

Help is also needed to run the events, so please see Darren if you can support.

A FARRAGO

- Did you spot the photo of our Christmas tree in the Methodist Recorder, 4th January, and the abundance of presents you donated for distribution by Methodist Action North West?
- Since the change of ownership of Abbot Hall at Kents Bank (Grange-over-Sands), it has become Lambert Manor.
- Some of you will recall the pulpit exchange back in the 1990s between our Rev. Stephen Poxon + Myrtle and Pastor Keith Schmuck + Diane of Manchester, Pennsylvania. Mel, the wife of Keith & Diane's son Jeff, has died very suddenly and we are being asked to hold them all in our prayers. The shock has hit the whole family very badly, and not least her identical twin sister Mary.
- St Dunstan is the patron saint of goldsmiths and silversmiths (as well as blacksmiths and bellringers). His feast day is 19th May and that is why the date year on hallmarks run from 19th May one year to 18th May the next, and not the calendar year.
- Other folks' magazines and weekly news sheets have arrived from Arnside, Methodist Church; Birkdale, St James & St Peter; Fulwood Christ Church; Fulwood URC; Grassington Congregational Church; Isles of Scilly Methodist Circuit; Lytham Methodist Church; Parish Church of St Annes-on-Sea; Penwortham St Leonard's, Preston Central Methodist Church; St Annes, Church Road Methodist Church; Solihull Methodist Church; Warton St Paul's; Wigan Methodist Circuit + The Penwortham Magazine and we thank all who've taken the trouble to bring these in.
- On a regular basis we also receive a copy of the magazine from our twinned Evangelisch-methodistische Kirke in Recklinghausen, Germany.



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REFLECTIONS FROM THE COP 24 CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE IN KATOWICE, POLAND, DECEMBER 2018

In December 2018 I was part of a 35-strong CAFOD group who went to the climate summit in Poland. CAFOD and Christian Aid have campaigned on climate change for many years, having seen its devastating effects on poor communities and the difficulty it creates for development work.



COP24·KATOWICE 2018
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Whilst climate change now affects us all, it is largely the poor and marginalised who suffer the worst effects, although they have contributed least to the problem. It is a matter of JUSTICE which we Christians cannot shirk.

We went to Poland for two main reasons: firstly to counteract all the industry lobbyists and the nations such as the USA and Saudi Arabia who just wanted “business as usual”; secondly to educate and motivate ourselves to speak authoritatively on the issues.

The need for radical action is urgent. Two months before the conference, a new report from the scientific panel, the IPCC, set out the action needed to prevent catastrophic climate change. It is sober reading. We must cut our CO₂ emissions 45% by 2030 and be ‘carbon neutral’ by 2050 to have any hope of limiting warming to 1.5°C. It is not impossible, but will require immense political, economic and social changes.

So what were the highlights?

1. The March for Climate Justice - carrying placards with humorous, but hard-hitting messages calling for action. The thousands of riot police, armed with riot shields, tear gas, plastic bullets and batons were totally bemused by our peaceful call to action.
2. Meeting the CAFOD partner from Samoa who was also one of the negotiators for the Pacific Islands. He was exhausted from several days of negotiation and angry at the indifference of some oil-producing nations to the plight of his homeland in the face of rising sea levels. He and other delegates had seen our march at the height of their despondency and had been inspired.
3. Meeting Archbishop Skworc of Katowice. The Polish government has little interest in climate change and Katowice is at the heart of its coal industry. Yet the Archbishop, who is chair of the Polish bishops, has been outspoken on the

A COUPLE OF EASTER THOUGHTS

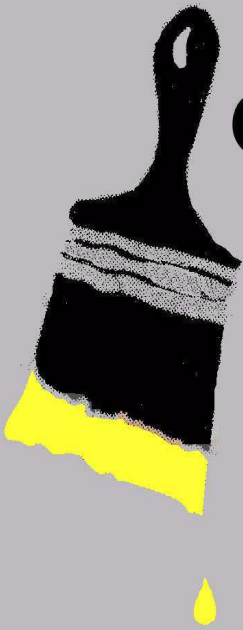
What a shock! On the bus in Jerusalem was the name of its destination: **'GOLGOTHA'**. I knew all about the gospel accounts of the crucifixion and tried to forget such a place still existed. I could just hear the driver shouting, **"Golgotha – all change."**

The time of the crucifixion really was a time of **all change**. Jesus, by his great sacrifice, opened up a new way of life, a new beginning. Problems come to each of us but however small or large, we can bring them to the cross. If we are willing to draw near to Jesus and let him take control, then we can make the **'all change'** and discover the joy, strength and peace He so freely gives.

There is a legend about a bird which sings just once in its life, more sweetly than any other.

From the moment it leaves the nest it searches for a thorn tree and doesn't rest until it has found one. Then, singing among the savage branches, it impales itself on the longest, sharpest spine. Dying, it rises above its own agony to out-carol the lark and the nightingale.

One superlative song, but the whole world stills to listen and God in his Heaven smiles, for the best is only bought at the cost of great pain – or so says the legend.



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However in recent years Traidcraft has been running at a loss. Two years ago a new CEO was brought in to try and turn things around. He had previously turned round GEPA the German equivalent of Traidcraft. By this autumn it seemed that this was too late and Traidcraft was set to close its doors by Christmas. (Not surprising in the current economic climate, where even the likes of House of Fraser, Debenhams and M&S are all struggling and with Brexit uncertainty.) Just before Christmas, however, a rescue package was put in place, which means that Traidcraft will not disappear completely, but has resurfaced in a new very much slimmed-down version. Returning the business to profit will involve a simpler range of products, including fewer crafts.

This is wonderful news for all of us who have supported its mission over the last 35 plus years. We know that its mission is still not over and that fighting poverty through trade remains a lifeline for so many. None of us wants to let down the producers who have sold their products through Traidcraft over many years.

To make Traidcraft's continued mission possible, they will need to retain the support of the churches – YOUR support. Please pray for Traidcraft's future and please support them through your purchases. Thank you.

Anne Garsed

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We ourselves might feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop. *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.

Martin Luther

Worry is the dark room in which negatives can develop.

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

When we are young, we have our hopes and dreams, our plans for the future, and ideas about what we would like to do. One thing is for certain however, we do not know the road we will travel, nor where our steps will take us. For a decade or so after the end of the Second World War, this was the situation for a generation of young men. Whatever their situation in life, if they were hale and hearty, sooner or later they would received a call from Her Majesty's Armed Forces to enlist in one of the services, in order to do their National Service. They may have a preference for which one, but that was not guaranteed, they would go where they were sent and so it was for a member of our congregation.

Jeffrey Heaton was born in Blackburn, where he and his late wife Brenda worshipped and were married at Derby Street Methodist Church. His family were much involved with the church, his Mother being Sunday School Superintendent and his aunt a leading light in the church's concert party. On leaving school Jeffrey was apprenticed to the firm of W.H.Smith (the electrical contractors, NOT the famous stationers). Having served his time and qualified as an electrical engineer, he joined the R.A.F. and so began an exciting and rewarding period of his life. In 1955 he was posted to RAF Seletar in Singapore and worked in the maintenance unit, working on searchlights and air-sea rescue equipment until 1957.

He attended the Sunday services at the camp and when a visiting preacher issued an invitation to the congregation to come and visit his flock, Jeffrey accepted and thus began his association with the Trafalgar Leprosy Home. The island of Singapore had always been a busy trading centre and through it had passed commodities and peoples of all kinds and with them they brought the devastating disease of leprosy. In 1926 the Silva Home (later renamed the Trafalgar Home)

was built and all leprosy sufferers were sent there. By all accounts it was a pretty grim place with high walls, barbed wire, guards and within, families were broken up and segregated. For obvious reasons visitors were few. Eventually a cure was found for leprosy and the home closed in 1993 and people were rehomed elsewhere.

By the time Jeffrey arrived families were allowed to live together, but the facilities were very poor and the help these unfortunate families received was from volunteers. The priest welcomed Jeffrey and seven others to St Luke's church and they visited again for a carol service. The home had no music and no organ and after a discussion with the priest Jeffrey and his small band decided to find one, not



St Luke's Church at Trafalgar House



Residents

an easy task with no money! They scoured the music shops of Singapore eventually finding a Chinese shop owner who was prepared to give them an old one, provided he could have a plaque to say he had donated it! Delivery of the organ was arranged through RAF Transport. The next problem to be faced was finding someone to play it and Jeffrey agreed he would do it. They had no music and the only hymn Jeffrey could play without music was

Onward Christian Soldiers. No one knew the words and there were no hymn books. In the following weeks the teachers, all volunteers, taught the children the chorus and from then on every service began with Onward Christian Soldiers, until they acquired hymn books and music.

Jeffrey and his friends wanted to do more for the children, so they organised a trip to the seaside. A local bus company took them there, the staff at Trafalgar house laid on a picnic and gifts were found from various sources. It turned out to be a wonderful day with ice creams and boat trips which must have been magical for children who had been forced to live very secluded and confined lives



Picnic party

As time went on the parents became more involved and were very interested in the men and their lives in England. On one visit Jeffrey had to tell them that his time in Singapore was over and he was going home. He was overwhelmed to receive on his last visit, a copy of Hymns Ancient and Modern. Inside it says 'Presented on Palm Sunday 1957 from the congregation of St Lukes, Trafalgar Home, Singapore'. Jeffrey returned home and resumed his ordinary live as a civilian and eventually came with Brenda to live in Preston, where he worked for BNFL. He still has his hymn book and his RAF bible, his photographs and, of course, all his happy memories of two years helping to brighten the lives of the leper hospital families of Singapore.

Barbara Hothersall



Jeffrey Heaton

PS. If you wish you read more about Trafalgar Home, speak to Jeffrey, or I can give you a copy of the information he gave me.

FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

SITUATIONS VACANT

1. Welcome Wednesdays (contact Pam Johnson)

Help is required for preparing meals in the kitchen together with waiting on serving lunches, washing and tidying up. A commitment every week is not required and offers of help on a rota basis would be welcomed. The session runs from 10.00am to 1.00pm, with lunches served from noon. Help is also required on the 'New to You' stall.

2. Coffee rota on Sunday mornings (position vacant, interim contact Margaret Squire)

The rota works on a 7 week cycle. Some members of the team prepare and serve tea/coffee prior to the morning worship and some serve after morning worship. The teams will be responsible for tidying and washing up after worship and the role is a good way of getting to know people a little better.



3. Flower arranging rota (contact Muriel Crossley).

The rota generally works on a 6 week cycle. One of the team arranges the flowers in church in a pedestal, bowl or vase, whichever they prefer. The display is normally done on a Friday or Saturday prior to the Sunday service. The arranger will purchase the flowers (and be reimbursed from Church funds!) and on some occasions be advised of the colours required and the amount to spend. If you would like to have a try we will be willing to welcome you and give you plenty of help.



4. Flower distribution rota (contact Sue Whiteford)

This rota generally works on an 8 week cycle. We need more deliverers! One of the team will be responsible after morning worship to split the flower display(s) into bunches, the number required and recipients being advised by the Pastoral Secretary. The bunches are then delivered to recipients. On special occasions appeals are made for additional helpers!

5. Church Cleaning (contact Sue Penrith)

This rota works on a 6 week cycle. Teams will be responsible for cleaning the worship area of the building – all equipment, cleaning solutions and guidance are provided. It takes roughly 1 hour and the time the cleaning is done is up to you and your team. Again a good way to get to know people better and ensure our buildings are spick and span!

6. Church Stewards (contact Margaret Squire)

Church stewards form a vital party of the Church leadership team. The role involves working with our minister and visiting preachers for morning and evening services, representing the stewards at church meetings, Church Council and also some Circuit Meetings, as well as playing an active part in all areas of church life.

7. Communion Stewards (contact Pauline Kirkham or a Church Steward)

Communion stewards are responsible for preparing the elements prior to worship, ushering the congregation for communion during the service and clearing up after the service. There is normally one communion service per month in the morning and one in the evening. The teams work on a rota basis, usually four in a morning service and one in an evening. A good way to get involved and get to know people better.



8. Who let the Dads Out? (contact Darren Arnold)

This event is on the third Saturday of the month and is led by Darren from 10.00am to noon. It is an opportunity for dads and their children to meet, chat and play. Help is required to prepare bacon butties and other savouries and drinks in the kitchen so Darren can be free to mix with Dads.



9. Christmas Fair co-ordinator (contact John Ferris)

This is a once a year event and we need an enthusiastic person to co-ordinate the various groups and activities so we have a well organised and successful fair.

10. Hospital Help Desk (contact Ann Done)

This is an Ecumenical project and support is required at the Help Desk at Royal Preston Hospital. The monthly rota operates on a team basis and shifts are 2 or 4 hours on weekday evenings from 4.00pm to 6.00pm and 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Most sessions have one adult and one student volunteer. Training is provided on the job.



11. General catering (contact Margaret Squire)

As a church we have a very active social diary which often involves providing catering. We are looking for new members to join the team. Full training will be provided.

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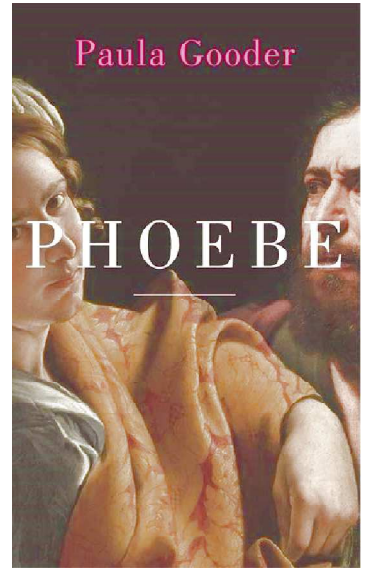
Don't shine so others can see you. Shine so that, through you, others can see.

C. S. Lewis

BOOK CLUB

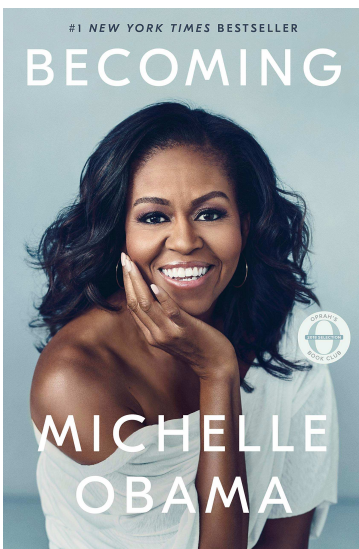
The Book Club is in good health, but it continues to miss you! Perhaps it is time you gave us a try!!

For the rest of our early 2019 season we have three sessions arranged. One will have already taken place by the time this magazine is available. That is, we will be talking about Paula Gooder's book 'Phoebe' just before Easter. This is a novel about one of the many women who played a major role in the early Church, acting as an assistant to and messenger from Paul. The novel seeks to recreate some of her story but almost uniquely the book has a second part which gives a lot of background information about the early Church and presents it in a very accessible way. Paula Gooder, a lay person and a distinguished academic, has been appointed recently to an important post at St Paul's Cathedral in London.



Our theme during this period is women and their influence, past, present and future. We started off by reading Mary Beard's short book Women and Power. Many of you will know of Mary Beard from her television work presenting series on the classical world of Greece and Rome, of which she is a leading scholar. Her interest in this book is in trying to describe from her standpoint the many examples in classical history when women had something important to say or do and were denied that opportunity inevitably by men. Her's is not a feminist rant (although she holds strong opinions) but rather a concern for the future of all humankind and a belief that we need to find ways in which people of all gifts can express their views and influence what happens. It is a beautiful read and merits the time of anyone who wants to think about this a little more.

Of course, Phoebe was one person who could have been referred to in Mary Beard's book but she is only one of the many female followers of Jesus whose role as friends of Jesus himself and later in the early Church seem to have been downplayed by those who wrote the gospels and the letters in the new testament. It is a fair question, to ask why that might have been and scholars are increasingly asking and seeking to answer that question.

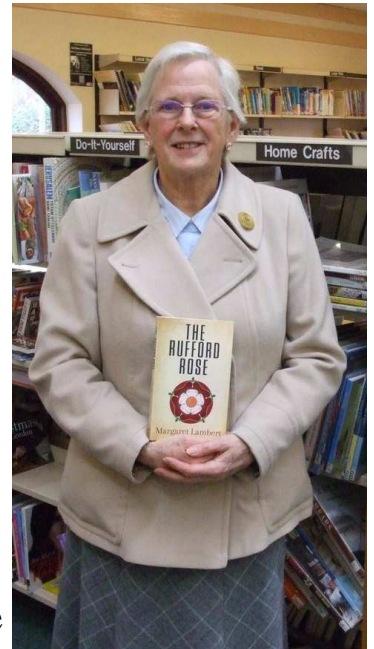


We will continue with our reading in this vein. Next up, after Easter, is Michelle Obama's book 'Becoming' in which she tells the story of her life so far including her years alongside her husband, Barack, in the White House. Our meeting will be held at 7.30 (after Messy Church) on Tuesday 14 May. Then, at the same time and also after Messy Church, on 2 July we will be talking about a book

written much closer to home. Many will know Margaret Lambert, who has lived in north Preston for, I think, all her life, and we are going to read a book which she has recently written and had published called 'The Rufford Rose'. Margaret is going to join us at the meeting and no doubt we will hear much about her reasons for writing the story and costs and joys she experienced in doing so. So our theme of looking at women who have been able to express their voices will continue as we discuss these two very different books

At that July meeting we will determine our programme for the rest of the year so if you have ideas please come along and express them..

Everyone is welcome to our meetings which we think are friendly and stimulating. Not everyone who comes has read the books we are discussing but they usually can find something to contribute from their experience of life. All that we ask is that everyone is tolerant of our consumption of biscuits and cake, and they are welcome to join us in that pursuit if they wish.



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WANTED SINGERS, MUSICIANS OR SOUND ENGINEERS (OR ALL OF THEM)...

The Church worship band, aka '316' (there is a reason for that – can you work it out?) has been playing in morning worship for a few years now. We've grown from a small group of relatively inexperienced people to our current gathering and we'd like to think that we add something different, lively, thoughtful, and exciting to the services we support with our music and singing. We're always very keen to look at worship songs of any genre and try to "make them our own". This can be a fun affair... It usually involves creative use of instrumentation, always some really nice harmonies and can result in very interesting arrangements that suit our resources but sometimes are some distance from the original music.



We've grown comfortable in each other's company. We all have an interest in music, of all genres, and work with each other to get the most from our collective abilities. We have different individual levels of ability. Some of us are 'classical' musicians who prefer a written score and others are happy with less formal notations. Sometimes, we have, let's say, "disagreements" over the style / rhythm / beat (delete as applicable!), but those are healthy discussions that you'd expect in any musical group. The important thing is that we don't fall out – and, I can safely say, that has never happened in all the years we've been together...

The 'heart' of the band is undoubtedly the members as a collective. There are no divas or prima-donnas amongst us – teamwork is essential. We have access to the technical knowledge which is so important in terms of the equipment and wiring that connects everything to the mixing desk and generates the balance of sound. You might consider this the 'brains' of the band – without that bit working properly, nothing else is right.

We're very fortunate. We have access to, and the use of, equipment and gear that many churches simply don't have and / or aren't able to provide. Some of the things we use belong personally to band members and some of it belongs to the Church. Live music these days relies on this sort of equipment and it's fair to suggest that young budding musicians and singers are often challenged by the sheer cost of accessing the gear that is necessary and required.

We don't believe that 'our equipment', whoever physically owns it, should be our exclusive playground and we are very happy to offer it to any other musicians

or singers who feel they can benefit from it and support music in worship, be that by being part of 316 or as part of a fresh group.

So, here's the deal:

As a group, we've been together for a long time. That is a good thing in the sense that we feel as though we know what we're doing collectively, are comfortable with each other and find it relatively easy to learn new tunes and to experiment with music we are given or choose to play. But, it can be a bad thing as well. Comfort can create complacency.

Perhaps others would like to feel they'd like to get involved with 316 but are unsure about how best to approach us? Maybe others would like to form their own group or band? Modern day worship has a definite place for any genre!

We want to really encourage anyone who would like to offer their musical skills to the church. So, there is an open and permanent invitation to anyone who likes to sing (we'd love a strong male singer!) or anyone who plays ANY instrument and who feels they'd like to come along to one of our rehearsals and to play or sing with us.

If you'd like to explore forming your own group, whatever the genre, let's talk - remember our pledge around use of equipment.

This can be however YOU want it - if you're a budding or experienced (or somewhere in between!) singer or musician, and feel as though you would enjoy playing music in church, either with us or as part of a different group, then please find a way that works for you.

And..... remember the 'brains'..... If your interest is sound engineering, we can find a place for you.

Whatever your thing, you'd be made very welcome and given every encouragement.

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DOORS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH?

At our last AGM, the issue of the doors at the back of church being open was raised and we agreed to look at the decision again and assess where we were.

We talked about the pros and cons at the Church Council, the Stewards and the Church Family meetings and took into consideration the comments made at the AGM.



Pros -

- The crèche has established its home in the Palm Grove room, which allow parents to see and hear worship.
- Opening the doors reduces the temperature in the worship area considerably; this is very noticeable at funerals.
- It is relatively quiet in church before people enter at the moment and it would become noisier if people entered from the back doors.
- It would require more stewards if we were to have the main doors open; we struggle for numbers even now.
- More people say it is good to be welcomed into the Willow Grove, than object.
- There is much value in the social aspect of coffee and conversation before a service, with space for some to be quiet by moving to the worship area.

Cons -

- It is over-facing for new people entering by the Willow Grove.
- They do not know how to enter the worship space.
- The noise of people chatting can be intimidating.
- From the outside, the main doors are the obvious entrance and people may think the church is closed.
- The noise from the crèche is detrimental to worship
- Some latecomers find it uncomfortable entering the church at the front.

Jane

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Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3: 5-6

Doubt is not always a sign that a man is wrong; it may be a sign that he is thinking.
Oswald Chambers, Scottish Evangelist

LEADING AN ACTIVE LIFE IN LATER YEARS

*Maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle can seem daunting as we get older but there are lots of easy ways to stay independent and active. Here are some helpful hints and tips from the **Royal College of Occupational Therapy**:*

Listen to your body; Aches, pains and stiffness are not an inevitable part of getting older. If you begin to notice changes in your health talk to your GP. Have your hearing, vision, teeth and gum health checked regularly to maintain a good quality of life.

Keep active: Hobbies and activities that keep our mind and body moving are essential to our health and wellbeing. They provide stimulation and routine and the opportunity to connect with other people and the wider community.

Stay independent: Consider what support you currently have and what you might need in the months and years to come. There is equipment available that can make your life easier. You can also get assistance with the more mundane jobs, leaving you time and energy to enjoy the activities you love.

Prevent falls: Remove or secure hazards such as loose rugs and check that there are clear pathways in all rooms, hallways and staircases. Use non-slip polish on hard floors and use a non-slip mat in the bathroom.

Improve lighting: Make sure rooms are well lit, especially the hallway and stairs as eyesight tends to deteriorate as we get older.

Rearrange the living space: Are rooms set up to meet your needs? For example is the kitchen organised so that the equipment and utensils you commonly use are within easy reach?

Consider seating: If you are having difficulties getting on and off certain chairs or seats, including the toilet, there are things you can do. You may need more height, the seat to be firmer, an armrest or rails to help push or pull yourself up.

Visit the Royal College of Occupational Therapists www.rcot.co.uk to get advice on how to find an occupational therapist on the NHS, or to access details of independent occupational therapists.

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- Make changes to stay safe in your home.
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- Continue with valued roles, such as caring for others.

*Rachel Imms
Lecturer in Occupational Therapy (UCLan)*

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THE WISDOM OF THE NOT-SO-YOUNG-ANYMORE

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.
3. I finally got my head together: but now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.
5. If all is lost, where is it?
6. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
7. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
8. Only time the world beats a path to your door is when you are in the bathroom.
9. If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees.
10. These days I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter..... I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what am I here after!



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DAYS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Wash Day

Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead.



Tuesday – Ironing Day

Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others.



Wednesday – Mending Day

O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others.



Thursday – Cleaning Day

Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart.



Friday – Shopping Day

O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love.



Saturday – Cooking Day

Help me, my Saviour, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness.



Sunday – The Lord's Day

O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart as my honoured guest so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.



JUST ONE

One song can spark a moment,
One flower can wake a dream,
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.
One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame a goal.
One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room.
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.
One step must start a journey,
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.
One voice can speak with wisdom.
One heart can know what's true.
One life can make a difference,
You see, it's up to YOU!



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QUESTIONS THAT PUZZLE

- Can you cry under water?
- Why is someone IN a film but they are ON television?
- In a cinema or theatre, which arm rest is yours?
- In the word scent, is the 'S' silent or the 'C'?
- Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
- Why isn't a fireman called a waterman?
- Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by lorry SHIPMENT?
- Why is it called 'rush hour' when traffic moves at its slowest then?
- How is it that noses RUN and feet SMELL?
- If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

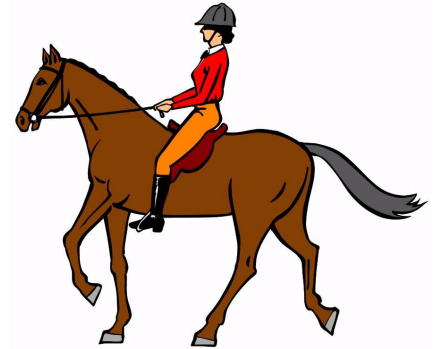


IDEAS

I am really old and very decrepit,
So I thank the Lord for imagination.
It means I can be young and ever up for it,
Enjoy every field of recreation.

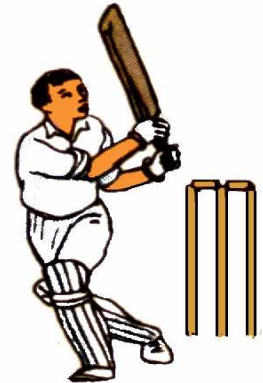


I can imagine myself an active lad,
I run and jump, I climb and swim.
I get fagged out, but it makes me glad,
To be healthily full of vigour and vim.



To walk in the freshness of new laid snow,
Ride on horses, in planes and trains,
Triumph on stage in many a show,
Ascend the peaks and roam the plains.

I wield my bat to make runs galore,
Take bags of wickets by blistering speed,
Crash over the try-line again to score,
Earn great applause for every deed.



I star in parts I've never played
Write poetry fit for a laureate,
Construct the finest models made,
All perfect as one can create.

I hate to walk in the cold of the shade,
My aim will be to indulge in a treat,
A crossing thus will need to be made,
Onto the sunny side of the street.



I'm sure you'll laugh at these things in my mind,
But I've no alternative relaxation,
Without hesitation these words I find:
"Praise the Lord for imagination."

Author unknown

THEATRE VISITS

WEST SIDE STORY

The Royal Exchange Manchester - Thursday 16th May 2019 (matinee) £59.50

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Bolton Octagon - Wednesday 12th June 2019. (matinee) £39

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Liverpool Empire - Saturday 29th June 2019 (matinee)

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DEAR UNCLE

Theatre by the Lake - Keswick - Wednesday 21 August (Matinee)

£45 (or £25 for a day trip only)

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LLANDUDNO DAY VISIT

September 2019 – Date TBC
dates, prices and details to be confirmed.



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THE LADYKILLERS

Theatre by the Lake - Keswick - Wednesday 30 October (Matinee)

£45 (or £25 for a day trip only)

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YORK TRIP

Sunday 24th November 2019 - for 3 nights / 4 days

Expressions of interest being taken for this trip.

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LES MISERABLES

The Lowry - Saturday 16 May 2020 (matinee)

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For further information and to register your interest,

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DIARY DATES

APRIL

Tuesday 9th	7.00pm	Book Club
Friday 19th	5.00 - 7.00pm	Good Friday Messy Church
Sunday 21st	10.30am	Easter Day
Tuesday 30th		Planning Messy Church

MAY

Tuesday 7th	7.00pm	Alphabites
Saturday 11th	9.30am	Representative Synod
Sunday 12th	After morning service	Annual General Church Meeting
Sunday 12th	12.00pm	OMG
Tuesday 14th	5.00 - 7.00pm	Messy Church - 'Jesus calls us all'
Tuesday 14th	7.30pm	Book Club
Saturday 18th	10.00am - 12.00noon	'Who Let The Dads Out?'
Saturday 25th	9.30am to 1.00pm	Farmers' Market
Thursday 30th	TBA	Ascension day Circuit service

JUNE

Tuesday 4th	7.00pm	Alphabites
Sunday 9th	10.30am	Pentecost
Sunday 9th	12.00pm	OMG
Saturday 15th	10.00am - 12.00noon	'Who Let The Dads Out?'
Tuesday 18th		Planning Messy Church
Wednesday 19th	7.30pm	Circuit meeting
Tuesday 27th to 4th July		Methodist Conference in Birmingham

JULY

Tuesday 2nd	7.30pm	Book Club
Tuesday 2nd	5.00 - 7.00pm	Messy Church - 'Jesus calls us'
Sunday 14th	12 noon	OMG 'Summer Fun for all'

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It is not the number of books you read, nor the variety of sermons you hear, nor the amount of religious conversation in which you mix, but it is the frequency and earnestness with which you meditate on these things, till the truth in them becomes your own and part of your being, that ensures your growth. *F. W. Robertson*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday

9.45 am Singing Practice (Cedar Room)

Tuesday

10.00 am	Men's AM Club (fortnightly)	Graham Johnson
2.15 pm	Women's Fellowship (weekly)	Muriel Crossley
5-7.00 pm	Messy Church (half-termly) for families	Delma Whitman
7.00 pm	Alphabites (monthly fellowship)	Margaret Holmes
7.00 pm	Book Club (monthly)	Ken Wales

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
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Thursday

7.00 pm	Knitting Group (Copper Beech Room)	Veronica Frost
7.15 pm	Table Tennis matches	Alan Smith
8.01 pm	Ladies After 8 group (fortnightly)	Barbara Hothersall

Friday

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

FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Monday

6.00 pm	Beavers (6 - 8 yr)	Fiona Jackson
7.00 pm	Cubs (8 - 10½ yr)	Karen Smalley

Tuesday

7.00 pm	Scouts (10½ - 14 yr)	Chris Thomas
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
6.15 pm	Brownies (7 - 10 yr)	Diane Bird
7.30 pm	Guides (10 - 14 yr)	Hannah Jones

Friday

6.30 pm	Escape (7- 11 yr)	Darren Arnold
8.00 pm	Youth Club (Secondary School age)	“ “

Sunday

10.30 am	Sunday Club	Janet Wales
12.30 pm	OMG (2nd Sun of month for years 5 to 8/9)	Wendy Bennett

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