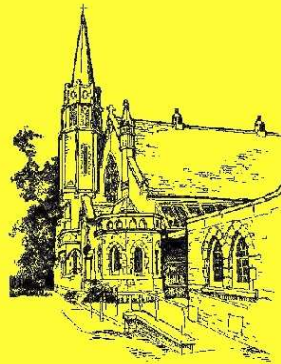


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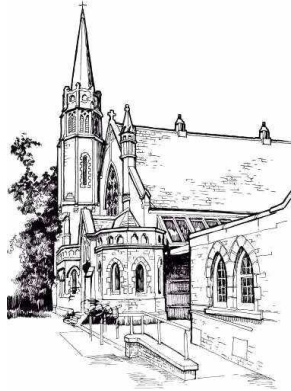
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## SUNDAY SERVICES

9.45 am SINGING PRACTICE

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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.

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

## EDITORIAL

When the magazine has to be prepared in high summer, with people forever coming and going, it's almost guaranteed to turn out to be something of a hotch-potch – and that's what you have here! Nonetheless, I hope that you'll find something of interest within its pages.

Included in the Editorial of the Spring issue was the idea of running a 'What Did You Do In The War, Dad?' – particularly with the anniversary of D-Day in mind. I'm aware that some people had been discussing it - but no one, so far, has come up with anything! Accordingly, I've decided to take the lead, start the thing off and see what transpires.

For our **Christmas** issue the **copy date will be Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**. Any contributions ahead of that date would be especially welcome. (N.B. Articles may be subject to editing.)

P.S. John Haslett's 'Morris Dancers and Rose Queens' books were the sources of the archive newspaper quotations.

**Roy Smith**  
(Editor)

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# PASTORAL LETTER

From Rev Jane Wild

Dear Friends

The Methodist Church has appointed 2019 to 2020 the Year of testimony.

The suggestion is that we focus on recounting our experiences of discovering and encountering God. and that we remember to tell those stories.

We experience God in all sorts of ways and “If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way” (1 Peter 3:15-16, NLT).

This needs some preparation. It asks that we think about how we first learnt about God and Jesus. Some of these question you may like to pray about are:

- What our reactions were and how that changes over time?
- How our lives are affected by knowing that we are loved by God and in what ways has this changed us?
- What motivates us now and what challenges us as we live as the people of God?
- Even though my life still isn't perfect, how does knowing Christ help me deal with that fact?

All of these things are affected by our trust in the God of Grace who asks us to trust in the love that he offers and love others in response.

I pray that throughout this year we may practise and share our testimony to the work of God.

Two other things that will be happening in our Church life are a worship review and prayer prompts.

## ***Worship review***

Over the next few months the Worship Preparation Group are going to be asking some questions about worship. Some of these will be about what enables you to worship and what hinders you. Some of the questions will be about more practical things: is it at the right time, place and style? We are trying to assess where the gaps are and what we need more of.

One suggestion from our young people, that we are going to explore, is a series of Café Church style services in the New Year. This will be a trial of three services over three months as the morning worship. There will be opportunities for more traditional worship on the same Sunday. If you would like to be involved in the planning of these services, please let me know.

## ***Prayer prompts***

Watch the notices from September 1<sup>st</sup> for prompts to prayer and action. It will be a new section linked to the theme for each Sunday to help us act and reflect during the week.

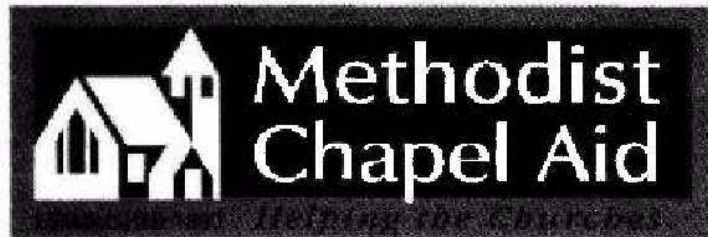
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***Jane***





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# NEW CIRCUIT MINISTERS

At the end of the present church year, the Circuit said goodbye to two of our ministers, our Superintendent, Rev Mark Slaney, who has moved to be Chair of the Scotland District, based in Perth; and Rev Andrew Webb as he moves on to become Superintendent in Skipton.



In their place we welcome Rev Karen Le Mouton from Sark and Rev Janet Titterton from County Durham. Below are details we have received from them both.

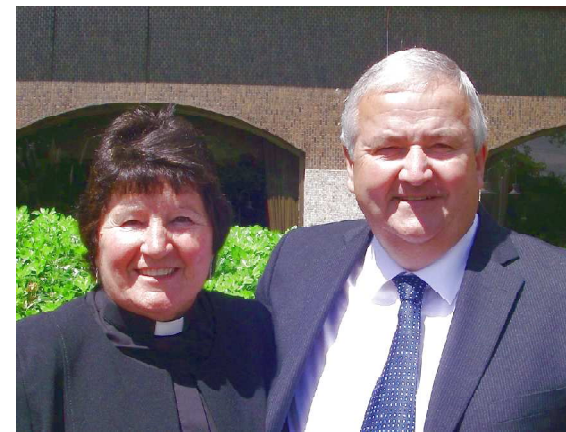
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## From Rev Karen Le Mouton

“Greetings from Sark.

Steve and I are looking forward to coming to Lancashire and serving you in Bamber Bridge and Longridge.

We were both born in Jersey and will shortly be celebrating our 31st wedding anniversary. We enjoy walking, cooking, reading, having friends over and



travelling. We are looking forward to exploring Lancashire and being able to access other activities like going to the theatre and the cinema.



Steve and I look forward to getting to know you and working with you as, together, we continue our journey of faith as individuals and

as a church community. God bless.”

*(You may remember Karen from her appearances on the TV series ‘An Island Parish’)*

## From Rev Janet Titterton

“We are looking forward to making the move from west Durham To Preston and getting to know you all.

We are Rev. Janet, husband Barry, son Jonathan (who may or may not be joining us in Preston) and cocker spaniel Wesley. We also have an older son, James, who lives in Leeds with his wife Eleanor. I am from Gateshead originally and met Barry almost 40 years ago at Loughborough University. For 30 years we made our home in Derby and Derbyshire. When I candidated in 2012 I was sent ‘home’ to Durham to train and was then stationed in Spennymoor, where I have been a minister for five years.



Barry has now given up his engineering career to become a house-husband. He enjoys long walks with Wesley and is looking forward to exploring the beautiful Lancashire countryside. He is also great with computers and is going to have to get into gardening now that we have a lovely Manse garden to care for.

When I'm not working I enjoy music and singing, TV and jigsaws. We both enjoy occasional trips to the cinema or theatre.



Jonathan is currently unemployed and has some interesting hobbies, including historic re-enactment, military history and playing in a brass band.

Wesley is extremely friendly and high-energy; please let us know if you don't like dogs and we will keep him out of your way.

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## CIRCUIT PASTORAL NEWS

As I write this, there are changes going on all around us. Children are preparing for changes at school, or even beginning new schools or colleges. New Ministers and Lay Workers are arriving and settling in across Lancashire and beyond. Gardens are becoming sleepy and harvests are being gathered. Trees are changing colour and autumn will soon be upon us.



As I began my job as Pastoral Worker back in September 2018 (goodness, how time flies), I was given two trees as gifts. One was made of twisted copper wire and quartz the other was made of driftwood. Why trees I wondered? As I settled into work and looked at what was happening in the Preston Ribble Circuit I could see such a lot of great pastoral work happening and heard lots of stories about challenges and hopes from Pastoral Visitors. There were deep roots in place, historical ways of doing things and practices – a great foundation. There were tired branches that needed to rest. There were, and are, exciting new shoots of green leaves searching for the light.

It is an exciting time to be involved in pastoral work as I work in a circuit that is exploring its future growth and development. The work of God rarely stands still; change happens – gardens and trees change and this is sometimes unsettling. As we support those around us we remember that we are doing this out of a deep rooted love for them, which comes from our faith in God.

The trees continue to sit on my shelf as a reminder of the depth of God's love, the transformational power of God's love and the constancy of God's love.

I look forward to being more present at Fulwood Methodist Church and working alongside the ministry of Jane and Darren to offer pastoral care and support. Should you need to get in touch my contact details are:-

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*Denise Johnson*

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## CHURCH MAGAZINE REQUEST

It would be greatly appreciated if any items for the Church Magazine could be submitted to the editor by the due copy date, which is printed in the previous issue. There is always a lot of preparation in finding suitable pictures, checking sources, copyright issues, etc. It then needs to be checked for errors and missing items and then compiled into a suitable order, before printing about 400 copies, which can take at least a couple of days. The magazine always has to have a multiple of four pages to make up the booklet and we don't know till near the end if we need more, or to cut something. All this can total up to about 40 hours work! Please therefore send any material to Roy Smith, our editor, either by hand or email to [rdkdancer@gmail.com](mailto:rdkdancer@gmail.com)

Thank you, **Roy Smith** (editor) & **John Butterworth** (computer layout)



## SUMMER OF FUN

During the holiday period we have held nearly 4 weeks of activities for families to attend. These included coffee, cake and chat sessions, family film time showing films like 'Mary Poppins Returns', 'Dumbo' and 'Paddington 2'. We held an 'Arty Party' which saw lots of different ways to make art! We even went on an adventure making crafts such as binoculars, safari hats, meeting snakes and mermaids along the way and eventually leaving in a space rocket!

Next up was a Superhero party where training was given before making capes and masks and many more crafts. A ladies' pamper night was enjoyed by a few; the ladies able to use face masks, paint their nails, put on tattoos and colour their hair whilst enjoying watching a film with pizza and a chocolate fountain. We finished the activities with a summer disco which had plenty of great tunes and disco lights along with food! I think the most successful events were the film evenings where a mixed audience watched 'The Greatest Showman' and 'Mamma Mia 2'. These films went down so well that it may be worth repeating on a regular basis as a social evening. I would like to finish by saying a big thank you to all those who helped me at the events; without you this summer couldn't have happened. Thank you.



*Darren*



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## RECKLINGHAUSEN

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## CALLING INSTRUMENTALISTS

So that we can add variety to our worship we would like to gather any instrumentalists together to see what we can do. If interested email [mavis@sunnyhill6.com](mailto:mavis@sunnyhill6.com) or tel. 01772 655939. With the help of Keith and Jane Brooks we can write parts to suit the level of expertise. We have set aside two mornings to meet, Saturday 21st September and 12th October at 9.30am -12.00 noon in the hope we may be able to play something at Christmas.



If those dates are no use to you please contact Mavis in any case so we know what our talent pool is. There will be other occasions to meet and try out possible pieces. It could be good fun!

*Mavis Fletcher*

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## COMMUNITY CHOIR

We will return from our Summer break on 11th September. New songs are planned and we shall also be preparing for the ‘What’s Appening’ church event on 5th / 6th October. (See notices) If we can get extra interest, we hope to do something different with our choir on that Saturday. All are welcome. A happy face is more important than a good voice!



*Dave Topping*

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## SO WHAT’S NEW?!

“We trained hard.....but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up in teams, we would be re-organised. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by re-organising – and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralisation.”

*Extract from the writings of the Roman, Petronius Arbitor, Governor of Bythia, who committed suicide in A.D.65, having fallen foul of Tigellinus, favourite of Nero*

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When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows, like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to know,  
“It is well, it is well with my soul”.

*Verse from a hymn (Horatio Spafford)*



## A FARRAGO

- In response to the enquiry in our previous issue, Veronica Frost reports several more pieces of useful ‘rehab.’ equipment – in the possession of FMC members - being added to her list. Make that the first port of call before spending money!!
- As a result of deliberations at this year’s Methodist Conference, Rev Richard Teal – who has been Chair of the Cumbria District since 2008 – was elected President-Designate for the Conference of 2020 and Carolyn Lawrence was elected Vice-president Designate.
- For anyone particularly interested in long-distance walks, you might like to consider the newly-established North Wales Pilgrim’s Way. It’s way-marked and covers 135 miles. It begins at Basingwerk Abbey, Greenfield, on the edge of the Dee estuary, not far from Holywell. You can collect a Pilgrim’s Passport from the Visitor Centre at the start of the route and stamp it to record your pilgrimage at churches along the way as you head for Bardsey Island, off Aberdaron at the tip of the Lleyn Peninsula.
- For those who would like to take in a few hills along the way there’s an alternative section (the Slate Route I think it’s called) which turns inland from Bangor and goes via Llanberis and Penygroes before joining the ‘lowland’ route again at Clynnog Fawr. For more information go to [www.pilgrims-way-north-wales.org](http://www.pilgrims-way-north-wales.org)
- We welcome Christ Church’s new curate, Liz McLean and her husband Aaron to the neighbourhood.
- Other folks’ magazines and weekly news sheets have arrived from St. Asaph Cathedral, N. Wales; St. Beuno’s, Llanycil, Bala, N. Wales (home of the ‘Mary Jones World’ exhibition); St Mary’s, Bideford, Devon; Brahma Road Methodist Church, Ipswich; Central Methodist Church, Preston; St George’s, Duster, Somerset; Christ Church, Fulwood; Fulwood URC; the Benefice of Wholemeal, Richmond, N. Yorks.; Isles of Scilly Methodist Circuit; St John’s Methodist Church, Llandudno; St Margaret’s (‘The Marble Church’), Bodellwyddan, N. Wales; Lavington URC, Bideford; Oakworth Methodist Church, Keighley; Penistone & Thurlstone Team Ministry which links the parishes of Carlecotes, Midhope, Oxspring, Penistone & Thurlstone; Penwortham St Leonard’s; Two Valleys Parish News (for Cartmel Fell, Crook, Crosthwaite, Helsington, Underbarrow, Winster & Witherslack in the S. Lakes area); Warton St Paul’s and the Wesley Church Centre, Chester.
- John & Linda Butterworth returned from holiday in Brittany with a treasure trove of church notices and publicity brochures – some of them in English: Dol de Bretagne – St Samson Cathedral; Fouesnant les Glenan; Josselin – Basilica Notre

Dame du Roncier (Our Lady of the Brambles); Malestroit – St Gilles; a group of 7 parishes centred on Ploermel; Quimper – St Corentin and Tregastel - St Anne.

- On a regular basis we also receive a copy of the magazine from our twinned Evangelisch-methodistische Kirke in Recklinghausen, Germany.

We thank everyone for taking the trouble to keep us well supplied.

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## **PRESTON & DISTRICT BAND OF HOPE UNION**

Grand Open Air Festival, Saturday 27th August, 1892

“.....it was a pretty sight, and was witnessed by thousands of people, who flanked the streets along the whole route from the Waggon Works (which was the rendezvous) to the North End Football Field. The procession which was headed by the band of the West Yorkshire Regiment, was composed of members of the various Bands of Hope in Preston, who appeared in character sketches, representing the seasons, noted personages in history and fiction, and emblematical groups, the chief centre of attraction being the Harvest Queen, with her retinue of maids of honour and pages. Many of the dresses were very appropriate and beautiful in design, and the profusion of flowers and plants with which some of the luries were decorated added greatly to the general splendour of the procession. The events on the North End football ground included the crowning of the harvest queen, the presentation of loyal subjects, May-pole and Morris dances, feats of bicycling and swordsmanship, ambulance demonstrations, military drill, &c, which were interspersed with temperance songs rendered by a large choir, with band accompaniment. A very successful entertainment was brought to a close with the National Hymn.”



*Lancashire Evening Post, August 29th, 1892*

Bands of Hope were a regular feature of church life, especially Nonconformist churches. Their aim was “...to spread the principles and secure the practice of total abstinence, particularly amongst the young.” I wonder if any of you possess family heirlooms connected with attachment to one of these groups?

The Waggon Works stood on Strand Road and eventually became the site of the Dick, Kerr engineering works.

## SUSANNA WESLEY

It is said that behind every good man is a good woman! That was certainly the case with John Wesley. However, in his case the lady in question was his mother, Susanna. She was the 25th child of twenty five born to Samuel Annesley and his wife Mary on 20th January 1669, in Spitalfields in London. Her father was a Dissenter or Nonconformist, a Puritan who had refused to join the restored Church of England at the restoration of the Stuart monarchy. She was an intelligent child, received a good education and learned from the many scholastic visitors to her father's house. One of which Samuel Wesley, she was later to marry. At the age of 12 or 13 she took the decision to leave her father's church and she joined the Church of England.



Susanna and Samuel Wesley married on 11th November 1688, and they had nineteen children, losing nine of them in infancy. Samuel became the Vicar of Epworth in North Lincolnshire. Their life together was not without difficulties. They fell out over the question of royal politics. Although both of them were Tories, Samuel supported William III; Susanna, the deposed king, James II. This argument brought about a separation, leaving Susanna to manage her growing family alone. Throughout their married life they were short of money and on two occasions Samuel was imprisoned for debt. Samuel was not overly popular as a pastor and the family suffered damage to property and livestock by some of the locals. On February 9th 1709, the rectory burned down in a serious fire which almost took the life of their son John. He was rescued by a neighbour and he saw his deliverance as God's work. He would refer to himself as "a brand snatched from the burning".

Susanna was very concerned about her children's education. She adopted a regime which she felt would help each child learn, mature and develop Christian character. Their formal education began the day after their fifth birthday, when they would be taught the alphabet. They all studied Latin and Greek; received a classical education, with their mother spending time with them individually, and by all accounts they were lively and intelligent.

In 1711 when Samuel was away, he left behind a Mr Inman as a replacement minister. He was not at all popular and church attendance dwindled. Susanna began to organise evening gatherings for her family where they sang hymns, prayed and Susanna would read a sermon from her husband's library. Soon word spread and these gatherings extended to neighbours and beyond. She had written to Samuel to explain what she was doing, but Mr Inman had also written complaining about



Susanna's activities causing Samuel to suggest to his wife that she discontinue these services, or perhaps she find someone else to read the sermons. She steadfastly refused on both counts!

Towards the end of his life Samuel continued to work on his 'Magnum Opus', a dissertation on the Book of Job, which he hoped would assure his family financial security, but sadly this was not to be the case. He died on April 5th 1735 and once John had paid off his debts, Susanna was left with very little. She went to live with a daughter and then in 1740 she moved to London to the centre of John's ministry, when by now the Methodist Church was flourishing. Susanna ended her days in peace and without the financial worries that had dogged her life. She died on July 23rd 1742.

Undoubtedly, it was their mother's influence that had shaped both the lives and work of John and Charles Wesley. Susanna wrote many letters, meditations, scriptural commentaries and work for her children's education. She was a devout and very loving mother and she nurtured her children in the Christian faith. Not only was she mother to some remarkable scholars in her sons, she was indeed mother to a church.

*Barbara Hothersall*

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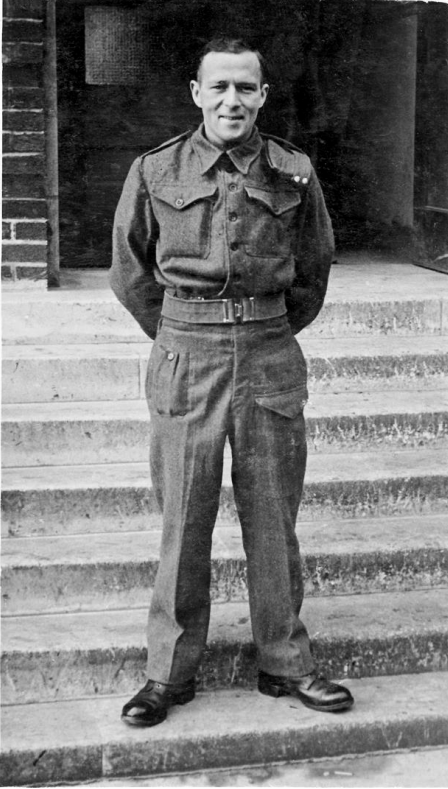
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## WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE WAR, DAD?

Walter Smith, my Dad, was born and bred at Croston: a somewhat smaller village then than it is now. In other words he was a 'woolly back' from the West Lancashire Plain who'd probably never been any further afield than Southport or (on one occasion) Blackpool!



*February 1943 - Ballykinler, N.Ireland*

His Soldier's Service & Pay Book indicates that he was enlisted at Preston on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 1943. His basic training was done first of all in Northern Ireland and then at Luss, on the banks of Loch Lomond. Foreign travel or what?!

Then followed a long train journey to Aldershot in Hampshire. As the train chugged down the West Coast Line, what thoughts he must have had passing through Leyland, Balshaw Lane (Euxton) and Coppull stations: his home territory.

At Aldershot it was decided that he was to become a Sapper in the Royal Engineers. Soon he was on the move to various satellite camps such as Liss, Bordon and Longmoor for a variety of specialist trainings. At Longmoor the Army had its own railway and there, for instance, he learnt the niceties of laying railway track. I still have the exercise book containing his appropriate notes and diagrams.

He was next moved to London Docks to become, in effect, a sailor in a soldier's uniform, learning how to handle tugboats. This was a very specialised skill, restricted to just two companies of the Engineers, and was obviously part of the forward planning for D-Day, although they didn't know it at the time.

Dad and his pals were accommodated in the Bermondsey area and the local public baths was where they not only washed and bathed regularly but – in many cases – learnt to swim by the age-old Forces method of simply being thrown into the water at the deep end!

This skill of handling tugboats was to be used in the days following D-Day when sections of the two



*Early summer 1944 – Isle of Wight (?) Dad on right, always happiest with his hands covered in grease and oil!*

artificial Mulberry Harbours were to be towed across the Channel to St Laurent (Omaha Beach) and Arromanches (Gold Beach). Some of the sections were huge, ungainly, six thousand ton concrete caissons and, even in fine weather, took some handling. As it happened, the D-Day landings took place in weather conditions only just about good enough and they quickly deteriorated over the following days. Little wonder that some of the sections sank in transit!

Naturally, several thousand tons of concrete and steel could go down very quickly – and so could the attached tugboat! This is what happened to Dad and some of his pals on one of their trips, but fortunately they were rescued by a Canadian destroyer. As this ship had its own programme to keep to, Dad and his pals charged about the Channel for the next few days until they could be dropped off at some convenient point.

I have very little information as to what happened next, apart from knowing that he landed in Normandy and was based in the Arromanches area for some while: I assume working on the Mulberry Harbour. Certainly he was also witness to some horrendous sights in the aftermath of the Battle of the Falaise Gap – although he never went into any detail - and got wildly drunk on calvados, the spirit distilled from cider by wily Norman farmers.

He was then moved on to Belgium, as proved by the postcards he sent home, including the soldiers' favourite of the little boy in the Brussels fountain!!

It was a busy time and he was next being inoculated against typhus, cholera, TAB and TT (see below \*) before setting sail on a huge tank landing craft: destination the Far East in preparation for the invasion of Japan.

I was never told anything about the first part of the journey but he clearly recalled sailing around the coasts of India, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), Burma (Myanmar), Malaya (Malaysia) and on to Singapore. He had some fascinating memories of these countries and their peoples and, best of all, by the time they reached Singapore the war had ended.

The problem then was how to get back home to England for the authorities were totally overwhelmed by the numbers of Services personnel concentrated in that area. However, Dad discovered that he could achieve this quicker by volunteering to act as a steward on board a Europe-bound ship, rather than waiting for the wheels of officialdom to churn. Without hesitation he signed up to serve on



*September 1945 - Bengal, India*



a Dutch liner bringing back some of their people who'd been caught up in the conflict in the Dutch East Indies (Indonesia).

I don't recall seeing him very often during his time in the Army. When he did arrive home on leave it was usually at dead of night; he always brought a brown tin box crammed with chocolate and sweets, saved from his ration. I also remember him bringing home large packs of leaf tea and a number of leather articles from India. These were grand in their way but the biggest prize of all was a leather football – totally unobtainable in this country at the time – and what a lot of friends I suddenly had!!

For a country boy he'd certainly become an international traveller in a very short time – and one other point to note: the Second World War may have ceased in the summer of 1945, but Dad was only discharged on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1946.

*Roy Smith*

\* TAB vaccine. A combined vaccine used to produce immunity against the diseases typhoid, paratyphoid A, and paratyphoid B. TT vaccine for Tetanus.

*We hope that YOU will now help us continue this series. No matter how brief the memories may be, they would be very welcome.*



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## BEAUTY FOR BROKENNESS

If our recent 'Songs of Praise' service had been held two months ago, I wouldn't have chosen this hymn. Whenever it's been chosen for a service it's been in an 'All Age Worship' and I've played it on my cello as part of our 316 Band. Usually I've moaned because it's printed on 3 pages in Mission Praise with lots of page turnings back and forth. Eventually I even wrote out the bass line on manuscript paper to make it easier to read and play continuously. Consequently when concentrating on my line of music, which is furthest from the words, I'd never had opportunity to read them properly.

Then a few weeks ago I joined our band's singers to help out and sang it for the first time - I was blown away by the words. It talks of the suffering of the vulnerable in society, the need to value skills and the plight of our beautiful world all often caused or amplified by our thoughtless, careless and greedy behaviour in the past and especially now.

We could all benefit from reading this hymn regularly as we look at the first photo of our beautiful earth from space and realise we are all in it together and with God's help we can effect changes for the good.

*Veronica Frost*



*V4*

Rest for the ravaged earth  
Oceans and streams.  
Plundered and poisoned  
Our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness  
Carelessness, greed.  
Make us content with  
The things that we need.

*Chorus*

Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray.  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain.  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame.

Singing the Faith - 693  
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## SHOULD YOU BE VISITING YORK .....

.....then do keep your eyes open for the hidden gem of St. Sampson's church: that is, if you can claim to be an Over 60 - or are being accompanied by one! It's a redundant medieval church now serving as a social centre and it boasts the cheapest food prices in the city. You'll find it in Church Street, just off Market Place in The Shambles area. What could be more central than that?

The centre is open 10.00am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. Hot and cold drinks, snacks and light lunches are available; dine indoors or out in the garden. Daily newspapers are available for you to read; a short service is held in the Chapel at 12 noon on the first and third Wednesdays of each month and there is occasional musical entertainment too.

It is one of the very few churches dedicated to St. Sampson, a 6<sup>th</sup> century bishop



connected with Wales, south west England, Guernsey and Brittany. Having stood derelict in the 1960s, St. Sampson's took on its new role with help from the Archbishop of York, the York Civic Trust, the Hayward Foundation, the Youth Opportunities Programme, the three Rotary Clubs of York, the three Round Tables of York, and other benefactors and local voluntary organisations. It was opened by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1974, as shown by a plaque inside the building. There is a small paid staff, but a huge amount of work, particularly on the catering side, is done by volunteers.

St. Sampson, an archbishop of York, was supposedly installed by King Arthur's uncle, Ambrosius Aurelianus after repelling a force of Saxon raiders in the 5<sup>th</sup>C. The original church dated from the 14<sup>th</sup>C or 15<sup>th</sup>C but was largely rebuilt in the 19<sup>th</sup>C. It still retains its 15<sup>th</sup>C wooden door. Inside it retains its arcade of octagonal pillars and pointed arches separating the nave from the side aisles. Above is a lovely beamed ceiling with gilded bosses.



With rising costs and a dwindling congregation, the church was declared redundant in 1962. It stood empty until the Archbishop of York felt there should be somewhere warm and dry for the city's retired people to gather. With the help of the York Civic Trust it became a social centre and meeting place for the over 60s.

If you do pay it a visit, let us know your impressions.

**Roy Smith**

Additional information and photos from [wasleys.org.uk/eleanor/churches/england](http://wasleys.org.uk/eleanor/churches/england)



## CHURCH FAMILY GROUPS

When Rev Jane suggested we might like to sign up to join a “Family Group” we did so not really knowing what we might be letting ourselves in for, or with whom we’d be matched. A number of people signed the sheet and Jane put us into groups.

Our group consists of Ted and Janet Lowes, Marjorie Talbot, Mary Fox, Judith Harvey, Veronica Frost, Cyril Leeke, Dorothy Cuthbert and Barbara Hothersall. Our first get together was in February to try to work out what we wanted to do, when to do it and how. We felt we wanted to meet socially or for a specific outing, at least at first, to get to know each other a bit better. We all knew each other by sight and some were long-standing friends or relations, and we soon discovered over coffee at The Ginger Bistro on Broadway, that only two are original Prestonians. We range from Cumbria, the North East, other parts of Lancashire and the Midlands to extreme Southerners, but have all lived in Preston for many years and have made our spiritual home at Fulwood. Some members don’t drive anymore and some are less confident than others to drive greater distances from home. We chose that venue as everyone could either walk or catch a bus or drive to it.

So far we haven’t all made it to each of our get-togethers, but each time has seen a core of members who’ve enjoyed each other’s company. Apart from the initial meeting for coffee, seven of us drove to Barton Grange in June to visit the new arena complex. We learnt about the curling and some want to go back to watch the teams practising on a Thursday morning. Maybe some might have a go??

Our other visit in August was to Lytham Hall to walk round the gardens, especially the new Kitchen Garden. Again, we all enjoyed it and my dad Cyril managed to get to this one in the sunshine. We delighted in the plants of God’s creation and the influx of butterflies. One of the other visitors told us they were Painted Ladies which arrive in droves about every ten years. Obviously we had to try the coffees, cakes and lunches, which we can recommend. I was the only one who’d been before and it was decided that we’d like a return visit, possibly in the autumn, to make a tour of the hall.

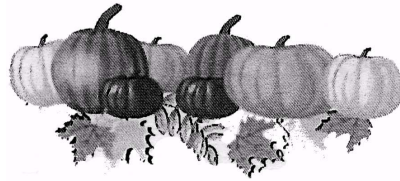
Speaking personally I think being in the group has made me aware of ‘checking’ if our group members are at church and asking if not. Incidentally nearly all of us were at the excellent concert organised by the Women’s Fellowship in the summer.



*Veronica Frost*



# AUTUMN HARVEST



There is a special time of year  
That means so much to me,  
It is the time of harvest...  
God's presence here I see;

*From apples slowly ripening  
In orchards green and fair,  
To pastures where alfalfa  
Blooms so sweetly there.*

As I labour in the vineyards  
I know God has been here too,  
For the vines are heavy-laden  
With grapes of purple hue.

*Now the time has come to harvest  
The fields of golden grain,  
God's bounty overflowing  
From every fertile plain.*

The haystacks now are ready,  
In rows the bundles stand,  
They await the farmer's wagon  
God bless this fruitful land.

*I hear the wild geese calling,  
They know its time to go.  
Soon they'll be flying southward  
As their flocks in numbers grow.*

Walking through the cornfields  
As the sun sets in the west,  
I see a rainbow forming  
O'er this soil that Heaven blessed.

*Now the autumn leaves are falling  
As the pumpkins orange grow,  
And the harvest moon is shining  
On the stubbled fields below.*

The barn doors are now open,  
Gently swinging wide,  
To welcome all the harvest  
That God helped place inside.

*Every silo now is bulging  
And each one has his reward,  
But we must all remember  
To thank our blessed Lord*

***Author unknown***

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When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

***Deuteronomy 24:19 New International Version***

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He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

***Luke 10:12 New International Version***

## DUTY VERSUS DEVOTION

I've always felt sorry for Martha,  
She thought she was doing her best;  
She knew that her guests would be weary,  
In need of a meal and a rest.

In Proverbs we're told, "A good woman  
Is busy from morning till night  
Providing for all in her household,"  
So Martha had got that bit right!

I wonder if Mary had always  
Been inkling her duties to shirk?  
Was her choice really due to devotion,  
Or a natural aversion to work?

If so, I can understand Martha,  
Frustrated and bothered and hot,  
Really needing some help from her sister,  
If only to stir up the pot.

If Mary had helped just a little  
They both might have sat at Christ's feet,  
Or they could have invented the sandwich  
By serving up bread and cold meat.

I suppose what Christ's trying to teach us,  
Is to learn that we rightly should choose,  
Sometimes duty's best left till tomorrow,  
Lest a wonderful blessing we lose.

But I still think it's rather hard judgement  
As for others she busied herself,  
And I still feel quite sorry for Martha,  
For I'm a bit of a Martha myself!



*Sue Harrison*

## I DARE TO PRAY

I dare to pray: Lord let the world be changed,  
For I long to see the end of poverty;  
I dare to pray: Lord let the rules be changed,  
For I long to see trade bring justice to the poor;  
I dare to pray: Lord let my life be changed,  
For I long to bring hope where good news is needed.  
In the strength of your Spirit  
And inspired by your compassion,  
I make this promise to work for change  
And wait confidently for the day  
When you make all things new.



*Peter Graystone*  
(Christian Aid)

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## WHAT IS SUCCESS?

Success is speaking words of praise,  
In cheering other people's ways.  
In doing just the best you can,  
With every task and every plan.

It's silence when your speech would hurt,  
Politeness when your neighbour's curt.  
It's deafness when the scandal flows,  
And sympathy with others' woes.

It's loyalty when duty calls,  
It's courage when disaster falls.  
It's patience when the hours are long,  
It's found in laughter and in song.

It's in the silent time of prayer,  
In happiness and in despair.  
In all of life and nothing less,  
We find the thing we call success.

*Anon*

## BILLY BOY

Billy Bligh  
Lost an eye,  
(Sadly missed)  
To a fist.

Nose awry,  
With a twist.  
Same as eye,  
Same fist.

Moral's clear  
All I can hear,  
So I say,  
Run away.

If you do  
It may ensue,  
Just for fun  
He'll outrun.

*Brian Sumner*

## THE WATER CURE

Sometime when you're feeling important,  
Sometime when your ego's in bloom;  
Sometime when you take it for granted  
You're the best-qualified in the room;  
Sometime when you feel that your going  
Would leave an unfillable hole,  
Just follow this simple instruction –  
And see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water,  
Put your hand in it up to the wrist;  
Take it out – and the hole that's remaining  
Is a measure of how you'll be missed!  
You can splash all you please as you enter,  
You can stir up the water galore.  
But stop! And you'll find in a minute  
That it looks just the same as before.



There's a moral in this quaint example:  
Just do the best that you can.  
Be proud of yourself – but remember:  
**THERE IS NO INDISPENSABLE MAN!**

*Saxon White Kessinger*

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## (For.....) SUNDAY SCHOOL DANCING

Rev. J. L. Scudder, a Congregational pastor of Jersey City, USA, has been preaching the duty of dancing. He regards it as wholesome and proper, and a graceful amusement that is suitable for Christians, and quotes Scripture references to dancing with a sublime indifference to the fact that dancing, so-called, of the East is such as could not offend the veriest Puritan, since even at a wedding the men and women not only dance separately, but entirely apart from one another, while even a Puritan might agree with his statement: "If your dancing is of such a character that you can glorify God in its performance, dance all you please. Dance so as to maintain your self-respect and purity of the heart."

But, perhaps, lovers of dancing will not be quite so ready to agree with the restrictions he advocates for their favourite amusement – that they should never dance after 11pm, that a man should "hold his partner at a respectful distance," and that women should avoid what is mistakenly called "full dress" – costumes which might pass muster in Central Africa, but are sadly out of place in Christian civilisation.

By way of proving that he practises what he preaches, this liberal pastor took part in a united excursion of the Methodist and Congregational Sunday schools, when a string band was provided on the boat, and in spite of the protestations of the Methodist minister the young people danced all the way to a popular resort, danced all the while they were there, and danced all the way back again.

*(Preston Guardian, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1898)*



## (.....and against!) OBJECTING TO DANCING

The Churchtown Co-operators object to dancing – and so does the Rev. F .B. Meyer, whose mission in Southport is still vividly remembered. Addressing a meeting of Free Churchmen of North and West Lancashire at Preston last week, the President of the Free Churches said, "To allow anything like dancing at social gatherings in Sunday schools is a perfect scandal. It is a shame for School teachers to put up mimic stages and train their scholars to dress up and act a pantomime show. Kissing ought never to be allowed upon church premises.

If I were a pure, sweet girl, I would keep my lips and my cheeks for the man to come along who is my predestined lover. Every pure maiden should reserve herself for her future husband, and if I were a young fellow I would not marry a young girl who made herself so cheap. I would rather shut up every church in England than allow 'drop the handkerchief' and 'kiss in the ring' under their auspices. I would never mingle Jesus Christ's pure, simple, and holy religion with that which is full of the world, the flesh, and the devil. I am not a sour old Puritan, I enjoy a laugh and a romp. The things I have spoken of are demoralising and hurtful to Christianity."

*Southport Guardian, July 6<sup>th</sup> 1904*

**EMAIL - from GOD To YOU Date: ANYTIME**

Today I will be handling ALL of your problems for you. I do NOT need your help. So, have a nice day. I love you. GOD.

PS and remember, if life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do NOT attempt to resolve it yourself, kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. I will get it in MY TIME. All situations will be resolved, but in MY TIME,

All situations will be resolved, but in MY TIME, not yours. Once the matter is placed in the box, do not hold on to it by worrying about it. Instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in your life NOW. If you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair, there are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege. Should you have a bad day at work: think of the man who has been out of work for years. Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return. Should you grieve over the passing of another weekend; think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children. Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk. Should you notice a grey hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine. Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful. There are those who don't live long enough to get the opportunity. Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember, things could be worse. You could be one of them!



Should you decide to tell this to a friend? Thank you. You may have touched their life in ways you will never know!

NOW, you have a nice day.

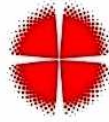
**GOD**

*Our thanks to **Janice Taylor**, who first brought this to our attention; and to **Norman Farnworth**, editor of the Midge Hall Methodist Church's magazine, who kindly supplied it.*

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I am not what I might be, I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I wish to be, I am not what I hope to be; but I thank God I am not what I once was and I can say with the great apostle, "By the grace of God, I am what I am."

*John Newton*



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## DIARY DATES

### SEPTEMBER

Monday 9th	7.30pm	Church Life meeting
Saturday 14th	9.30am	Representative Synod, Venue Poulton
Wednesday 18th	7.30pm	Circuit Meeting at Ingol
Saturday 21st	9.30am - 12.00 noon	Music Morning, come and play your instruments in preparation for Christmas
Sunday 22nd	10.30am	Harvest Festival
Thursday 26th	10.45am	Bible Study 85 Victoria Road
Saturday 28th	9.30am - 1.00pm	Farmers' Market

### OCTOBER

Tuesday 1st	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Black history event
	7.00pm	Alphabites
Thursday 3rd	2.00pm	Outreach
Weekend 5th & 6th		'What's Appening' event Come and find out about groups and activities at Fulwood
Tuesday 8th	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Messy Church - Ruth
Saturday 12th	9.30am - 12.00 noon	Music Morning, come and play your instruments in preparation for Christmas
Monday 14th	11.00am	Communion Service at Springfield Manor Gardens
	7.30pm	Church Council
Thursday 17th	2.00pm	Service at Sherwood Lodge
Thursday 31st	10.45am	Bible Study 85 Victoria Road

### NOVEMBER

Monday 4th	11.00am	Communion Service at Springfield Manor Gardens
Tuesday 5th	7.00pm	Alphabites
Thursday 7th	2.00pm	Service at Sherwood Lodge
Tuesday 19th	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Messy Church - Joseph
Thursday 29th	10.45am	Bible Study 85 Victoria Road

### DECEMBER

Saturday 7th	10.00am - 2.00pm	Christmas Fair
Thursday 19th	Time TBA	Lancashire Sings Christmas (Radio Lancashire)

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### Sunday

9.45 am Singing Practice (Copper Beech Room)

### Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

### Wednesday

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

10.30 am Midweek Communion with prayers

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

### Thursday

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

7.15 pm Table Tennis matches Alan Smith (07943 406021)

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

### Friday

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

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

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

### Tuesday

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

### Thursday

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

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

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

### Friday

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

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

### Sunday

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

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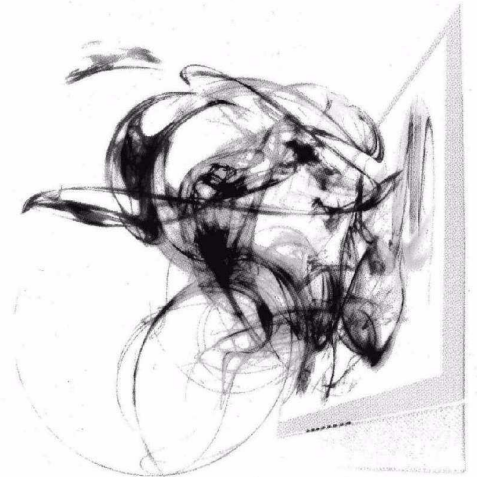
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