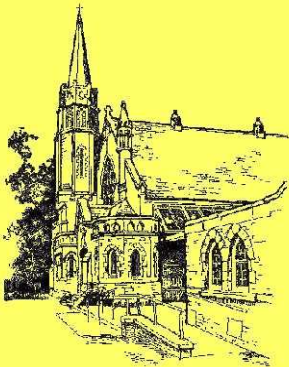
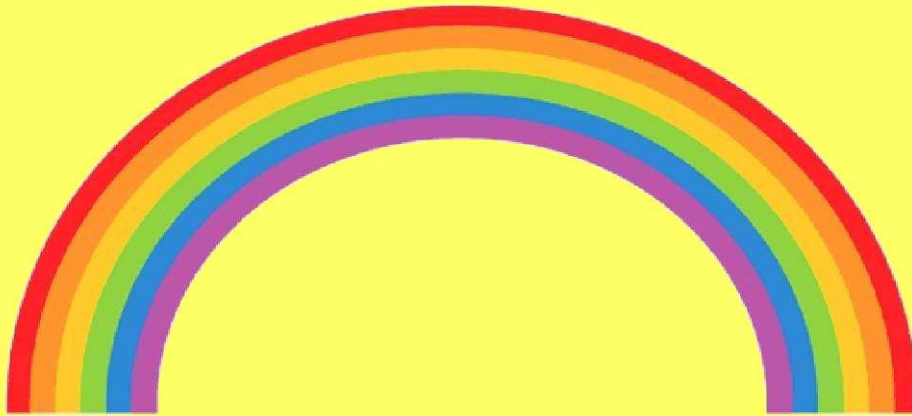


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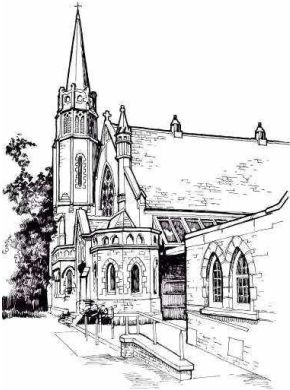
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NORMAL SUNDAY SERVICES

Check the notices for present arrangements

- 9.45 am SINGING PRACTICE
- 10.30 am MORNING WORSHIP & SUNDAY CLUB
- 6.00 pm. EVENING WORSHIP. Usually 3rd Sunday of the month

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.

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

For BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS contact Revd Jane Wild

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

A PRAYER ON THE DEATH OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Creator God

**We give thanks for the life of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.
We honour her life of service built on a firm foundation of faith and an exemplary
commitment to duty.**

Comfort those who mourn and bring peace to those in distress.

We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.



We offer our deepest condolences to all the Royal Family and to those who mourn the passing of Queen Elizabeth II

We express our gratitude for her life of devoted service to the United Kingdom and to the Commonwealth nations for her witness to the whole world through her life and faith.

Queen Elizabeth (21 April 1926 - 8 September 2022) was Queen of the United Kingdom from February 1952 until her death in 2022. Her reign of 70 years was the longest of any British monarch and the second-longest verifiable Sovereign Monarch after Louis XIV of France. At the time of her death she was Queen of 14 other Commonwealth realms in addition to the UK.

Her 70 years of service were filled with integrity, faithfulness, respect and, as appropriate, humour. Her smile and sense of humour was infectious. She had an inestimable impact on the history of the world and her death was recognised across the globe.

Queen Elizabeth II died on 8 September 2022 at Balmoral Castle, Aberdeenshire. She is succeeded by her eldest son, King Charles III.

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PASTORAL LETTER

from Revd Jane Wild

Dear Friends,

I write this at sad and momentous time in the life of our nation. I refer of course to the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. I know from our conversations just how much her life of service and her readiness to her faith in Jesus have meant to so many of you. We at Fulwood Methodist Church have paid tribute to her life of dedication as a person and Monarch and we do so again in this magazine. I know you will continue to pray for our country, for King Charles III and for the Royal Family.



I hope that many of you have enjoyed to the full whatever summer activities have been possible for you. It seems that here in the north-west we have not experienced the extremes of temperature and lack of rainfall that have affected other parts of the country. It has been a good time for many to get out and about and tore-energise.

I also know that many hold concerns about what the next few months might bring, not least with regard to household and commercial energy and the costs associated with them. By the time this magazine is published, I imagine that a new Prime Minister and Cabinet will have been able to inform us of what assistance there may be with rising prices and possible shortages of fuel and the cost of living. Right now, there is considerable anxiety and you can be assured that we are beginning to think as a Church about how we might be able to help in more practical ways.

Energy is utterly fundamental to our existence. We can easily overlook that it is a gift from God without which we would be, literally, powerless. Since September and for the next few weeks, here at Fulwood Methodist Church, we will be thinking in our worship and in our discussions about the sources of our energy, how we can all benefit and share in God's gift to us and stand in awe at all it can achieve. It is a gift we must use wisely, if we and our successors are going to live their lives to the full. All human beings, all nations must benefit for, ultimately, we are one world.

Such statements inevitably raise political, economic and technological questions. We must not shy away from them but think them through in the light of our faith and beliefs. And we must never forget that we ourselves, through our very actions, are the source of energy in and to the world – energy we should use wisely, effectively and in love. So it is fitting that very soon we will be once more celebrating Harvest, singing traditional hymns and enjoying our blessings in the old

(and perhaps some new) ways. But this time, with perhaps just a little more on our minds.

Harvest can be above all a festival of energy, a festival of God's creation and an expression of our desire to live in harmony with each other and how to live in harmony with each other is a question we must consider also with regard to the life and nature of activities in our Church. Are we using our energies there as God would wish at this time and place? We remember too the energy which God gave to the Church at the first Pentecost. All the symbols of energy which described that great moment – fire, light, wind and noise. God continues to share his gifts with us even today.

I pray that these gifts can be ours again, both individually and collectively, as we identify the new energies being displayed at Fulwood and working out, as we are doing, how best to use them. Watch out in our next magazine for more about that.

For now I pray that you will realise how we continue to be blessed by God not least at times of trouble and I pray that we can work together to share those gifts with ourselves and with others in the weeks ahead to the benefit of each other. Let us place ourselves with confidence in God's love and care.

God Bless,

Jane

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DIARY DATES

9th October 10.30am - Harvest Festival and Parade service led by
Revd. Peter Sheasby, a former minister at Fulwood.

30th October - Memorial Service. 6.00pm
Time to remember those who have lost those they love.

1st November Bible study 7.00pm

27th November - Alternative Church.

27th November - Advent 'Sunday Club' Celebration - Sunday evening.

Circuit Advent service in a venue to be confirmed. We are meeting all together with the churches across the circuit on this Sunday morning as we begin Advent to celebrate the whole people of God walking towards Christmas. There will not be a morning service at Fulwood.

The magazine is now mainly distributed by email and some printed for those without internet. Spare printed copies may be available from Willow Grove.

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This magazine is also available in large print version and on the internet at www.fulwoodmethodist.org.uk and click the Magazine cover graphic or the **Online Magazine** tab on the 2nd page.

If you have a smartphone, scan the QR-code alongside to access the site.

Copies going back to Harvest 2001 are available!

EDITORIAL

We haven't received very many memories of past Preston Guilds or seen many photos and it would also appear that only two people had memories of moving on from primary to secondary education!! However, we're still keen to hear from you and to include offerings in the next issue of the magazine.

Meanwhile, here's another idea for you to work on: it may be that we could persuade some of you to divulge 'How I Became Interested In.....' "Such as?" you might say. Well, what about knitting, embroidering, keeping an allotment or bee-keeping; growing orchids, stamp collecting or being a Girl Guide. Being a supporter of a local sports team, belly dancing even!

There's a very wide variety of interests in any group of people. Our problem is in persuading you to be forthcoming about it. Your contribution needn't be anything lengthy: a few lines would be equally as acceptable as a more encompassing piece. Just give it a go!

Finally, our sincere thanks to all who have contributed to this issue. Your efforts are much appreciated, especially when holidays may have been taking up your time at this season of the year. .

The copy date for our **Christmas** issue will be **Sunday, 20th November**. Any material in advance of that date would, of course, be most welcome. Please do remember that articles may be subject to editing.

Roy Smith (Editor)

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WHEN WE'RE WEARY

When we're weary or distressed
And the future looks obscure,
Give us strength to believe
That your promise is sure.

Take away those anxious fears;
Keep us mindful of your way;
With the power of your love
Help our faith day by day.

Lord we praise your holy name
And give thanks for evermore;
May your spirit come down
As we kneel and adore.

Author unknown
found by *Mavis Fletcher*

FAMILY NEWS

Baptisms

Arthur Cunningham,
Freddie Whittake,

Elenor Dean,
Archie David Seed.

New Church members

Isabelle Hibberd,
Hope Wild

Olivia Parkinson,
Daniel Adepoju.

Wedding Celebration

Kristie Legg and Ben King.

Deaths

Kath Williams
Ron Whiteford
Vera Snailham



We continue to pray for the families

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COMMUNITY CHOIR

Slowly but surely our numbers are coming back post Covid, but mainly due to new members from outside of our church. We have sung at both the Jubilee gathering as well as the Hoe Down which, along with the AM Club, was a fund raiser for the church. We are hoping to sing at one of the residential homes before Christmas if it can be arranged.



Dave Topping

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POEMS/VERSES

Happy Birthday to you,
To Jesus be true.
God bless you and keep you,
Happy Birthday to you

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How heavy the rain falls,
Watering and wetting everything through.
Don't go out!
As you could end up with a drenching too!

Bev Deeming

A FARRAGO

There have been changes at the AM Club: Ray Armstrong has stepped aside and the Officers now are Dave Topping (Treasurer) and Roy Smith (Secretary). As ever, the new programme covers a very diverse range of interests.

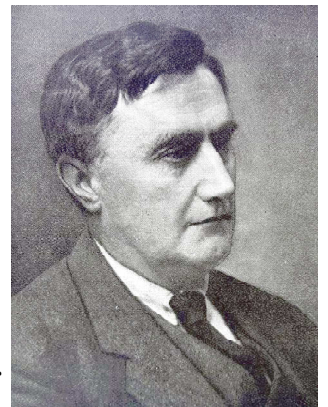
New members would be most welcome. No annual membership fee; simply pay as you go.

I wonder if you looked at the Lancashire Post's photo '*Newcomers Are Ordained*' taken at Blackburn Cathedral in early July? You may have noticed that two of those people were scheduled to be working at nearby St Cuthbert's Church: Rev Liz Gethin and Rev. Martin McDonald. We welcome them to the area and wish them well in their work.

You may also have seen the two-page article in the Lancashire Post of 2nd August, describing Martin's spiritual journey and the work he will also be undertaking at the Royal Preston Hospital.

The ordination service was Bishop Julian's final one before retirement.

12th October this year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams. Not only was he a composer of great note but he was also a renowned collector of folk songs and tunes, many of which he recycled for classical, brass and choral arrangements. As examples: the tune for the grisly *The Murder of Maria Martin* became the tune for *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*; that for *The Ploughboy's Dream* you will recognise more easily as *O Little Town of Bethlehem* and that for *Our Captain Calls* was used for *To Be A Pilgrim*.



Ralph Vaughan Williams

We're always pleased to receive copies of magazines, newsheets and visitor guides from other churches. This time around we've done well and received copies from the Isles of Scilly Methodist Circuit; from St Helen's, Waddington with St Catherine's, West Bradford; from St Andrew's, Slaidburn with St Andrew's, Tosside; from St Peter & St Paul's, Bolton-by-Bowland; from Chatburn - a newsletter which serves both Christ Church & the village Methodist Church and from the Central Methodist Church, York.

We also regularly receive a copy of the magazine from our twinned Evangelische-methodistische Kirche in Recklinghausen, Germany. This is available to read in English from a link on the front page of our church website, www.fulwoodmethodist.org.uk

A REVIEW OF 'ALTOGETHER' WORSHIP AT FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Throughout the Methodist Church, both nationally and locally, groups are taking the post-pandemic opportunities to review their hopes and dreams for development. At Fulwood we are looking again at all our current worship and services and this involves a review of our 'altogether'/intergenerational worship. A small group of people (names at the end of the article) have met to kickstart this project but we are hoping to be joined by many others!



At the moment, once a month we have 'Altogether' or 'All Age' Worship which we try to make a welcoming, inclusive, less formal way to worship together. We are fortunate that our services are planned creatively to enable a wide range of participation. It is a challenge to meet the expectations of such a disparate group but with goodwill and some "give and take", the possibilities are exciting. So, we are encouraging everyone to share ideas, tell us what you enjoy, things we might try, ways to break down barriers and make us a big family who listen to each other, pray and learn together remembering that each of us is a beloved child of God with our unique gifts to share.

If you have not already done so, please take the opportunity to fill in this on-line survey, <https://tinyurl.com/bdem3e94> or use the QR code below from your mobile and let us know your thoughts. (Ask Janet Wales for a paper version if you prefer.) We are also hoping to follow up the responses with some small group discussions so that we can understand more clearly the range of views felt by the whole church family.

Darren Arnold
Mavis Fletcher
Janet Wales
Lindsay Walton
Hope Wild
Rev Jane Wild.



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God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.

Max Lucado

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Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than to look back.

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S WORK

The summer activities are now over, and it is back to the weekly/monthly activities. So, what has happened? We have again had about 100 children/adults come through the doors during the holidays taking part in colouring, cake, coffee & chat sessions, we have watched Peter Rabbit and Peter Rabbit 2 on the big screen and have three baking sessions making 'Minion' cupcakes, custard cream biscuits & bourbon biscuits. The older Youth group took the minibus to St Annes beach where they ate fish and chips and played games.



There was also a visit to Beacon Fell for the 'Messy Church' group for a walk where we saw some very tiny frogs before finishing off with our packed lunches.



The Toddler group has also met during the holidays with a coffee morning style set up which is much appreciated by the parents/carers and made chaotic by the children! We continue to work with a large group of youngsters in Sunday Club and have had our second breakfast church for all to join in.

Moving forward at the time of writing this I am looking forward to see some of our youngsters become members of our church and also to take an active part in organising and delivering a service.

We are taking 4 youngsters from Fulwood and another 16 from across the circuit to 3Generate at the NEC Birmingham (more about this in the next issue). We have secured funding to buy some new puppetry equipment and hope to set up a puppetry group for all starting soon. This can then be used for worship, in schools, care homes and across the circuit.



Darren Arnold

FROM DENISE JOHNSON

Our Pastoral Worker

At this time of year we begin to feel the nip in the air, the change in views in our gardens or in parks around us, the hedgerows laden with berries and fruits. Leaves change colour and the earth begins to “wind down” for the cooler months. I always feel a sense of some sadness at the passing of Summer but also welcome the cooler crispness of Autumn.



This Autumn will be an anxious time for many as we look at our energy bills and wonder whether to turn on the heating or not. To have warmth is essential for us to live well and to keep healthy. As church and community can we offer support to those who will be cold in their own homes in the coming months. The Methodist Church have offered a few ideas around supporting those in energy poverty.

**PROVIDING SPACES WITH
RESPECT, DIGNITY & WARMTH**



One suggestion is offering a Warm Space which is described below:

A warm space is simply somewhere people can come inside and get warm. Keep it simple: work out what you are in a position to offer and offer that. If you can only make cups of tea and coffee and provide some biscuits, that is good enough. If you can offer a bowl of soup or a warm snack as well, great. If you can provide a couple of simple activities to keep people occupied while they are there, e.g., a couple of newspapers or magazines, board games, books and so on, then that is helpful. Having one or two people available to simply be a listening ear may also be a great gift.

Set your space up as informally and comfortably as possible. People need to feel welcome and comfortable. If you have comfy chairs or sofas available, make use of them; if not, put chairs in circles around tables or coffee tables. Be aware, though, that some people may wish to sit on their own, so make sure some spaces make that possible rather than every table being expected to take 4-6 people. Think about having a designated quiet/silent space.

Make sure you have someone on the door to **welcome everyone** who comes in and lets people know what is available, how the space works and so on. (It could be helpful to have the same people wherever possible to build relationships with people).

We may wish to think about Warm Spaces and also consider the following advice, again from the Methodist Church.

Talk to people who may need the provision. We can often make assumptions about what people need and when it needs to be provided. If you have contact with local people who may well need this kind of provision - maybe through regular groups in your building, a food bank, or through other local organisations - ask what would be helpful, what would make a space feel welcoming, and what time would be most beneficial. You may have limitations about when you can offer the space, due to volunteer availability and other activities in your building, but where you can offer a choice, do so. People living with the challenges of financial hardship, poverty and destitution often have very few choices available to them and feel unheard. Asking and listening can go a long way to reducing some of the indignity associated with poverty.



As we seek to support those around us this Autumn and Winter may we know God's blessing and may we become the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

Denise Johnson



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Stuart Black

REDUCE, RECYCLE, REUSE TO HELP BEAT THE COLD THIS WINTER

You may remember that the knitting group 'The Knitwits' yarn bombed the tree outside church to convert it into a knitted cross for Easter. Well the 'coat' has been removed, dismantled into more manageable pieces, repaired, washed thoroughly and the plan is to make it into 3 blankets. One has been completed and the other two are in production.



We have been making blankets over the years and donating them to the Women's Refuge in Preston, but this year we have a different plan for them. As you all know it's going to be a very difficult winter for many people because of the soaring energy prices. In our small way we want to help by donating blankets to people so they don't have to choose between heating and eating. The

plan is to advertise them outside church and invite people in to collect one. So far we have completed 15 blankets and more are in production, but if we are to have enough to meet the possible demand the Knitwits need some help.

Can you knit or crochet a strip which will make up a striped blanket? Or can you knit squares with 6 inch sides (we have a fool proof pattern for getting them all the same size)? Or can you crochet granny squares? Again we have instructions.



We also need people to sew / crochet the strips and squares together. We have a lot of wool, which has been donated and spare needles and crochet hooks for people to borrow.

Veronica Frost

If you can help please speak to *Jan Astley* (07930 23324) or *Veronica Frost* (07742910292)

WELL DONE, SUE!!

Readers of the *Lancashire Post* will tell you that at the very recent Preston Sports Awards event the **Lifetime Achievement Award** (Sponsored by the Flower Bowl Entertainment Centre, Barton Grange) was presented to **SUE PENRITH of Preston Swimming Club** – and also of Fulwood Methodist Church.

The event paid tribute to those who have shown commitment, had achieved performance at the highest level and had made a real impact over the past year.



A SEASONAL RECIPE

.....to use up some of those Bramley apples you've been given.

APPLE BUTTER (Quick version)

6 apples: peeled, cored and sliced.
Quarter of a cup of brown sugar.
One and a half teaspoons of cinnamon.
Quarter teaspoon of ground cloves.
Quarter teaspoon of allspice.
1 cup of cider.



In a large pot combine apples and cider. Cook until very tender and thickened, mashing thoroughly as it cools down.

Puree or press through a sieve.

Return to pot and add brown sugar and spices.

Simmer until thick and of spreading consistency.

Approx. time: 1 hour.

(From a Canadian friend.)

REGARDING THE HOEDOWN....

.....Dr Julia Christensen of Germany's Max Planck Institute affirms that dancing not only boosts your muscles and balance, it can even increase the size of your brain.

FMC - THE FIRST 50 YEARS

After sixty years of hopes and dreams, careful planning and enthusiastic fundraising, the Fulwood Wesleyan Methodist Church became a reality when the first foundation stone was laid in July 1911 and when just over a year later on September 26th 1912 the completed church was opened and dedicated by the President of Conference.

The years between 1912 and 1937 were eventful years. There was the Great War, a world wide depression, the rise of new political movements, here in Britain the General Strike of 1926, three kings and two coronations, not to mention the beginnings of technological developments that were to change the way we live.

These years were eventful for Fulwood Methodist Church too. The First World War began not quite two years after the church opened and the presence of soldiers at the nearby barracks brought large congregations, three hundred or so, and the church showed kindness and support to these men. After the war, however, numbers declined sharply to around seventy. Nevertheless work with young people continued to develop and in 1926 when the building debts had been cleared work began on the Sunday School



building which had been part of the original plan. The foundation stone was laid in February 1928 and the building opened the following year, providing more places to meet. In 1932 came the union of the Primitive, United and Wesleyan Methodists and the church then became simply Fulwood Methodist Church, as it is known today.

Throughout the 1930s the church was engaged, as so often, in fundraising, this time to clear the Sunday School debt, but much more was happening in the life of the church. There were men's meetings, activities for young people, a ladies group, an excellent choir and a drama group. Plays and concerts were put on in the circuit. But the church was also there for the community in the difficult days of the depression, providing food and other necessities to the needy, and the young people delivering Christmas parcels.

There was indeed much to celebrate by the Silver Jubilee in 1937.

Throughout its first quarter century Fulwood Methodist Church had had no minister of its own, being regarded as a branch of Moor Park, but increasing numbers throughout the 1930s led to the decision that the church should have its

own minister, and the Rev. A. E. Folles became Fulwood's first minister in September 1939. That month also marked the start of the Second World War. The church contributed much to the war effort. Evacuees from London and Manchester came to live in Fulwood and attended the Church and Sunday School. The Church premises were also used as a day school. The county council set up a library in one of the rooms, known for many years after it was no longer used as such as The Library. Another room was the base for teams of fire watchers, with a Fulwood team on duty on Friday nights. ARP wardens would call at the church for supper. Throughout all this work with the young people continued. A Youth Centre put on classes in drama, folk dancing and handicrafts, and there was table tennis and badminton. Cub and scout, brownie and guide groups were established in 1942, as Miss Enid Singleton described for us in the last issue of the magazine.

Unsurprisingly there was more fundraising in the immediate post war years, this time to pay for a new organ, which was acquired and dedicated in 1951, the year before the 1952 Preston Guild, the first for 30 years and a cause of much excitement. Church members of all ages were involved in the preparations for the event and took part in the processions.

The Youth Fellowship continued to thrive throughout the Fifties, with some members helping to take services, or going on to become local preachers or ministers. Other activities were developed. The Women's Fellowship, which was

established in 1945, continued to contribute much to the life of the church. An Over 60s Club was set up in 1955, and a few years later a Sunday morning crèche for young children to allow parents to attend morning services. These were also active and productive years for the choir, who in 1961 won the Lancashire County Choral Festival for Church Choirs.

There were further improvements to the decoration and structure of the building in the last years of the decade. In 1958 the oak cross was suspended above the communion table, and the church was redecorated and carpeted in time for the Golden Jubilee.

Fulwood Methodist Church had much to be proud of in 1962.

Libby Stone

HOGHTON FOLK DANCE CLUB



Hoghton Folk Dance Club meets on Tuesdays, 7.30pm till 9.30pm at Hoghton Village Hall Ample carparking space

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RAMJS

Ribbleton Avenue Methodist Junior School

It has been a very busy summer term for the RAMJS Team with SATS, trips, Leaver's activities and probably most importantly a full 2 Day Ofsted Inspection. We are ecstatic to have maintained our Good status following the gruelling process and suprisingly, enjoyed having the opportunity to show the inspectors our exciting new curriculum and the inclusive, life changing experiences we are delivering to our amazing pupils.

At RAMJS, it is our mission to provide 'Brighter futures built with Ambition, Courage and Respect; filled with Love, Hope and Faith.' and we feel that our Ofsted Inspectors gained a fantastic insight into life at RAMJS

The Inspectors noted that:

- "Pupils feel happy and safe in this school. They have positive relationships with staff and feel nurtured and cared for. Leaders have high expectations for pupils' learning and behaviour."
- "Leaders' ambition for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), is reflected in the school's values. Pupils know and understand these values and follow them with pride."
- "Pupils learn about different faiths and cultures. They are respectful of difference and understand the importance of treating everyone equally. Leaders have designed a wider curriculum to instil confidence in pupils. This helps to prepare pupils for the next stage of their education."
- "Pupils enjoy the opportunity to take part in outdoor learning. They like learning about hiking and using compasses and coordinates. Pupils told inspectors that they like being in the fresh air and painting 'jars of nature'. This helps pupils to gain wider experiences and take pride in their local environment. Pupils are keen to keep the school grounds free from litter. They learn how to become responsible citizens"



The latest Ofsted report follows a successful Siam's Inspection (Nov 21) in which school was also graded Good. As a school it is wonderful to have our hard work recognised. The RAMJS family are dedicated to doing 'All we can!' to give the children of Ribbleton an exciting, child focussed curriculum that develops both the academic and emotional needs of every child. We place experiential learning at the heart of everything we do. At RAMJS, on top of our exciting Topic based

curriculum, every child has weekly access to Outdoor Learning, specialist music and specialist ICT lessons as part of our core offer. We also have PNE coaches in school at lunchtime to make sure that play is fun, purposeful, and engaging.

The children at RAMJS are passionate about making the world a better place and have set themselves challenges to improve the school environment by recycling, reducing food waste and litter picking as well as undertaking Random Acts of Kindness, like making gift bags for the wonderful residents of Sherwood Court Care Home and The Knowle Care Home. We welcomed inspirational speakers such as author Onjali Rauf, Chris Lubbe (Nelson Mandela's bodyguard) and Byran from The JJ Effect into school because we believe that knowledge is power, and our children are empowered to use this knowledge to do 'All they Can!'



Chris Lubbe talks to the children



Every child at RAMJS goes on regular, funded school trips which are focussed on developing the worldly experiences that may transform life chances and it is safe to say that Ribbleton Avenue Methodist Junior School is one big, loving family where we help each other, children and adults alike, to flourish and grow. We like to include lots of information on our school website and

Facebook pages but if you would like a taste of what life is like at RAMJS, these pictures tell a thousand words!

kindest Regards

Fran Nickson (Headteacher)

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No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

Aesop

There is no duty more obligatory than the repayment of kindness.

Cicero

Help me to be cheerful when things go wrong, persevering when things are difficult and serene when things are irritating.

Anon

The crossword on page 24 in this edition might be just a little easier in part, at least if you were to read what follows! Just occasionally a Google search on the internet throws up a treasure. It is worth all the adverts and the trivia when that happens.

I had that rewarding experience just a few weeks ago when I discovered on Facebook a group and a website called Blog Preston. I will be visiting it regularly in future. This time, I found a delightful article written by Daniel Burt about Joseph Livesey.

We have been granted permission from Blog Preston to reproduce this article here. I heartily recommend their Blog and this article in particular!!

Ken Wales

JOSEPH LIVESEY

People often say to me: “You must be fun at parties,” which is baffling, because I genuinely am not.

In this though, I like to think I’ve found a kindred spirit in one of the 19th century’s most notable progressives, the founder of Teetotalism and Preston’s very own Joseph Livesey.

Born in 1794, Joseph Livesey predated Charles Dickens but was raised in conditions that could only be described as Dickensian. He was orphaned at the age of seven and from a young age worked with the “incessant action of every muscle required for weaving” in a damp River Ribble adjacent cellar that left him “with seven years of chronic rheumatism in my lower joints”.



Joseph Livesey

Typically for someone of his class, Livesey lacked a formal education. However, the lack of formal education made Livesey crave knowledge with uncommon zeal. He wrote: “Whilst thousands of costly volumes lie dormant, unopened and unread by their owners, the backless volume of a borrowed book was read by me with eagerness.”

The eagerness to learn at a young age, almost to the exclusion of all else, set a precedent for his later life. It was frequently observed that the time he dedicated to self-education left him little time for more ‘frivolous amusement’. That said, some of the more common forms of amusement for the boys at the time were ‘fighting parties’, which I’m assuming is just fighting on a larger scale, so I can’t personally blame him for sticking to marbles.

Livesey bemoaned the lack of educational opportunities afforded to the working class, and despaired at what he perceived as their seeming acceptance of the lack of education. However, this wasn’t simply some 19th century keyboard

warrior we're talking about here – in his later years, Livesey set up a Sunday school teaching the fundamentals of reading and writing. He also set up a mechanics institute and was pivotal in establishing the Institute for the Diffusion of Knowledge (which we now know as UCLan).

It's important to note that, for the majority of his life, Livesey sold cheese. Of his many great services to the people of Preston, supplying them with cheese stands perhaps as tall as any. I'm actually eating cheese from the bag as I write this, if I'm being honest. However, the reason it's so important Livesey was a cheese merchant and that this meant he travelled across Preston and its surrounding areas frequently and, wherever his cheeses took him. He noticed squalor, suffering and distress of the poor, which he claimed stemmed from alcohol abuse.

It wasn't an unreasonable conclusion to reach; in many areas of 19th century Preston, a Venn diagram of alcohol consumption along with alcohol abuse would have been a near perfect circle. This problem was far from isolated to northern mill towns; across the waters in the Americas it was estimated that the average male over 15 was consuming almost seven gallons of alcohol per year and, as a result, the temperance movement against alcohol consumption was rapidly gaining pace.

Livesey set up his own temperance movement in 1832. Livesey's movement was founded on a more puritanical ethos, with total abstinence being the only acceptable form. One of his followers, Richard Turner, was asked about abstinence and he stuttered 'T-T-T Total'. As a result the movement adopted the name Teetotalism, I'm assuming in a sense of solidarity as opposed to just taking cheap shots at the afflicted.

Livesey's movement was a great success, the ideals of teetotalism were embraced by several nonconformist churches and are still adhered to today. He gave a great many speeches and took frequent tours in a 'Teetotal car' that made trips into surrounding towns, holding meetings and spreading the word. At one time, so effective were the methods that a chaplain at the house of corrections said: "This was the sixth assizes (at Lancaster) at which there had not been a single case of felony from Preston". Now, I don't have time to fill in a freedom of information request form regarding crimes in Preston to draw a modern parallel in 2021, but I imagine there's been at least one committed in the last six days.

However, I believe it was the murderous sentient robot Ultron from the Marvel comics that said: "Everyone creates the thing they dread" and the Temperance movement ran afoul of two 19th century schools of thought. First, while Livesey



might have rejoiced at the smallest Act of Parliament curtailing the selling of drink in England, the gathering pace and influence of laissez faire capitalism meant brewers, distillers, hooch smugglers, cider fiddlers and mead alchemists were never wanting for business. Second was a pushback against the puritanical nature of Teetotalism by liberalist thinkers espousing individual liberty. The Temperance Movement rejected the idea of drinking, even in moderation, meaning even those who'd suffered nothing more than a mild hangover their entire lives were as culpable as those who'd Gin and Tonic their way into a 20-man brawl at 2.00am on Church Street. The lack of distinction between the two was viewed as needlessly polarising. Noted liberals of the 19th century, including John Stuart Mill, had spoken out against the idea of legislating against vice in any way; Mill himself described it as a "Monstrous Theory".

It's easy to see how Livesey's rhetoric might galvanise some but isolate others. If we look at a passage from his monthly newsletter the *Staunch Teetotaller*, it begins: "I don't intend on this occasion to dwell on the horrible effects of national intemperance." The letter then goes on to reference "slayings going on daily in the drinking system, broken hearts and domestic wretchedness, bankruptcy of the middle class, poverty of the poor, crowding of the workhouses, prisons and asylums, sinking of vessels or the burning of cities." And remember, this was him specifically not dwelling on alcohol...

While the Temperance Movement found enormous success and Livesey remained an unwavering and energetic spokesman for teetotalism, towards the end of his life the number of public houses in Preston had increased to around 460.

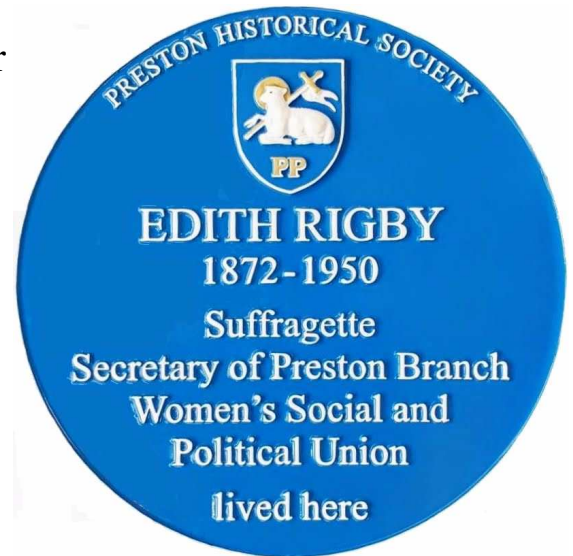
Joseph Livesey died in 1884 aged 90 – however death is but an inconvenience for the truly committed and in his will, he left a provision that every household in Preston should receive a free copy of his Malt Liquor Lecture, in which he maintained that "there is more food in a pennyworth of bread than in a gallon of ale". Livesey left a significant and lasting legacy, with the streets lined in the thousands by mourners. He can rest easy knowing that where his Temperance Movement failed to fully dismantle the pub industry, successive governments' alcohol duties and unscrupulous brewery leasing arrangements have done the job for him.

So, there you have it, the next time anyone suggests Preston's only cultural touchstones are Nick Park and the guy who wrote *Brimful of Asha* who studied here for a while, you can point them in the direction of Joseph Livesey. I've only been able to give the broad-strokes of his social activism and the massive impact he's made, so raise a glass (of water) to a great man.

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BLUE PLAQUES: THE TRAIL CONCLUSION

We leave the Catholic College plaque and continue along Winckley Square to house number 8. Here is the plaque commemorating Preston's most famous suffragette Edith Rigby. Born Edith Rayner and daughter of a surgeon, from an early age she was aware of the social and economic inequalities of many of her father's working class patients. She married a doctor Charles Rigby just before her twenty first birthday. She was passionate about social reform and the lives of domestic servants, women and girls. In 1899 she founded St Peter's School so girls could continue education beyond the age of eleven and in 1906 she formed a branch of the Women's Labour League in Preston. Her exploits as a suffragette are legendary; breaking windows, throwing black puddings at MPs and burning down the holiday home of Lord Leverhulme are just a few!



For our final plaque on the trail, we carry on down Winckley Square passing East Cliff on the right, towards the entrance of Avenham Park on Ribblesdale Place. On number 13, the Vicarage for Preston Minster, is a plaque dedicated to Robert and Edmund Harris. Robert was the vicar of St George's Parish Church and headmaster of Preston Grammar School. He was also involved in a long campaign for the creation of a free library and museum in Preston. His son Edmund, upon his death, left £300,000 for the creation of a trust to support several ventures in the

town. His Harris Bequest which is still in existence created the Harris Institute, the Harris Technical School (now part of the University), the Harris Orphanage and, of course, the Harris Library And Museum.

This is the end of the Blue Plaque Trail, but I know for certain there are other plaques dotted about and in the next issue we shall cover some of them. If you know of any, please tell me as your knowledge of our city is very likely to be more extensive than mine. Thank you.

Barbara Hothersall

INTRODUCTION TO WORD PUZZLES

In this edition of the magazine there are two word puzzles. I was challenged after the Preston street names crossword, to create a puzzle based upon the names of Preston pubs. Well, that proved a bit tough for an amateur! And I did wonder how it would go down in a Methodist Church magazine!!

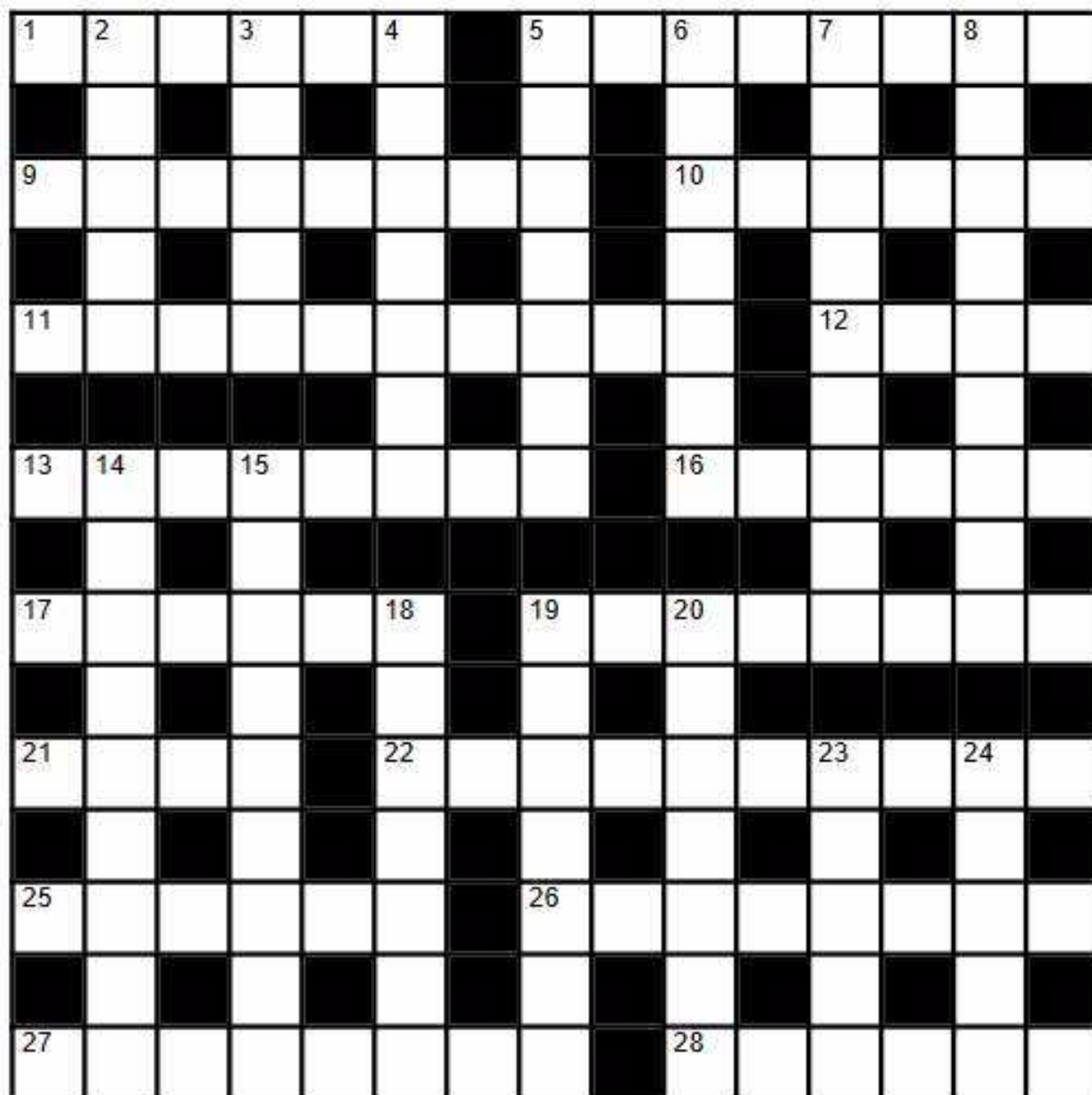
So here is a compromise...and a bit of light relief elsewhere. In this magazine you will find a wordsearch containing the names of 19 pubs! Each one of them also serves lemonade and mineral water, or so I am assured.

And this time a concise crossword (not a cryptic one) is below. You might gain some assistance by reading another article in this magazine on page 20 about an important and still effective social reform programme which has its origin in Preston in the early nineteenth century.

Enjoy.

Ken Wales

CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Young lady (6)
- 5 Never touch a drop (8)
- 9 Six-shooter (8)
- 10 Something to be smoked (slang) (6)
- 11 The County Palatine (10)
- 12 They entertain children, mostly (4)
- 13 Someone not to be trusted (8)
- 16 Along with 4 down, a Preston social reformer (6)
- 17 Make spruce (4,2)
- 19 Tried to stop happening (8)
- 21 Black animal near the traffic lights (4)
- 22 Practice of going without (10)
- 25 Wanders off (6)
- 26 Refreshing soft drink (8)
- 27 Goes backwards (8)
- 28 Describes something which gyrates (6)

Down

- 2 A space where things happen (5)
- 3 Someone who puts up with a lot (5)
- 4 Along with 16 across, a Preston social reformer (7)
- 5 Sort of dog (7)
- 6 Oscar thought it important to be this (7)
- 7 Music at the start of performances (9)
- 8 A gaseous fuel (9)
- 14 How to do things correctly (9)
- 15 Sweet, mild apple originated in New Zealand (5,4)
- 18 Lauds (7)
- 19 Awaited in anticipation on A- level day (7)
- 20 Person whose lost a bit, or more (7)
- 23 European form of Ernest (5)
- 24 Apple-based alcoholic drink (5)

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A BURNING QUESTION

Do you have a niggling question at the back of your mind? When I was young, this was mine.

If you leave Earth on a rocket and keep going further and further, would you eventually hit a brick wall and what is on the other side?

What is your 'Burning Question'?

John Butterworth

RECOLLECTIONS OF BROWNIES IN THE 2010s

On the Thursday following my 5th birthday, my Mum took me along to the Fulwood and Cadley Primary School hall to attend my very first Rainbow's meeting. The session was taking place at the school whilst the Fulwood Methodist Church was undergoing renovations. I don't remember a lot about what we did but my mum tells me that I always came home exhausted from playing sports and team games, full of songs and arms piled high with various craft projects based on the weekly theme.

Two years later, on turning seven, I was very excited to move up to Brownies. Meetings were in the Church and we had more space and better facilities. Many of the girls from my class at Queen's Drive Primary School joined the Brownie pack and we had a lot of fun together. My 2 best friends Mei and Beth also signed up and each week we would go to one of our houses for tea and get lifts home, following our Mums' carefully organised rota, which we stuck to all the way through Brownies, Guides and even into Rangers. We probably did that tea rota for around 10 years and always looked forward to our Thursdays together.

As I had moved up to Brownies in December, I received my new uniform as a Christmas present from my Grandma and Grandad. My Grandma was disappointed to find that the smart brown cotton dresses, neckerchiefs and bobble hats were no more. But when she saw the soft yellow T-shirts with grey, yellow and white striped sleeves and cheerful Brownie logo on the front, the comfy brown leggings, good for scrambling around and adventuring in and the warm yellow gilet with lots of pockets for treasures and tissues, she was



easily converted to this new up to date version of the uniform. Even more so when she saw how delighted I was to receive it, especially with the addition of my 39th Fulwood Methodist Division ribbon and my Lancashire rose badge sewn onto the shoulder by my Mum.

That yellow gilet is still in my wardrobe today and is covered with 61 different badges. Each one a representation of a new skill learned, an adventure undertaken, an activity completed or a target achieved. A small snapshot of all the opportunities I was lucky enough to be able to participate in as a member of the Brownies. Some of these badges include; Circus

performer, Communicator, Crime Prevention, Healthy Heart, Computing and Writer. Other badges represent community events such as Preston North West Thinking Day and a selection of badges for activities completed in the Guild Year.

Although the uniform has changed, many aspects of a Brownie meeting remain the same. We still have groups called Sixes and they are currently called the Imps, Elves, Pixies and Gnomes. I was originally a Gnome but was pleased when growing numbers meant that I had to become a Pixie as that is also the name of my dog!

At the start of the meeting, each Six skipped around a toadstool, singing their song. An example of this is,

‘Imps have fun they always say, Helping others every day.’

Next we would complete some activities based around whichever badge we were working towards. Then we might play some games and sing some songs in a big circle. After that we would recite the Brownie Promise and Law and pass the ‘Squeezie’ round before we went home. The ‘Squeezie’ consisted of linking our Pinkie fingers and passing a secret squeeze around the circle until Brown Owl said ‘Stop.’ The Brownie who it stopped on would ‘Bring the Squeezie’ back the following week.

Looking back now, I can see how these games and activities brought us all together and gave us a sense of belonging and being a part of something.

Enrolment into Brownies was and still is an important part of the sense of belonging and has probably not changed a lot over the years. I can remember there being a mirror on the floor and the Sixer span me round and round, saying ‘Twist me and turn me and show me an Elf, I look in the water and there I see,’ to which I had to say ‘myself!’ Then we skipped around the circle to Brown Owl so I could make my promise which I had practised all week;

**“I promise that I will do my best,
To be true to myself and develop my beliefs,
To serve the Queen and my community,
To help other people and to keep the Brownie Guide Law”**

Some of my best memories as a Brownie have to be the Pack Holidays at Waddow Hall and Guy’s Farm. We would spend weeks getting ready to go, making plans and checking equipment lists. One of the most important decisions was selecting which obligatory Teddy Bear came along to join the fun and checking we had enough batteries for our torches so that we could find and share our midnight feasts. In reality though, we were always so exhausted after well organised days completing obstacle courses, grass sledging, gyro-cars, archery, the crate challenge, helping to serve food (always including Angel Delight), washing up, then evening walks, that we generally gave the leaders some peace and quiet and a good night’s sleep.

10 years after becoming a Brownie and 12 years since joining Rainbows, I am still a member of the Guiding Association, attending Rangers sessions on alternate Thursdays along with my friends Mei and Beth, who have continued the journey alongside me. Although College and work commitments mean that we sadly, no longer follow the tea rota!

Last year, I signed up to help out at Brownies every week and have recently gained a Young Leader qualification along with the official title of 'Squirrel!' Aspiring to become an 'Owl', I am now working towards my Adult Leader Award. Through attending planning meetings and organising Brownie evenings and activities, I have continued to develop and grow as a person, learning new skills, making new friends along the way whilst 'giving back' to the Guiding community. I will always be grateful for the many varied experiences and happy memories I have gained since first walking through that door as an excited but slightly nervous 5 year old Rainbow.



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THE OLD TESTAMENT IN A NUTSHELL

In GENESIS the world was made by God's creative hand,

In EXODUS the Hebrews marched to greet the Promised Land.

LEVITICUS contained the Law, Holy, Just and Good,

NUMBERS records the Tribes enrolled – all sons of Abraham's blood.

Moses, in DEUTERONOMY, records God's mighty deeds.

Brave JOSHUA into Canaan's Land the host of Israel leads.

In JUDGES their rebellion oft provokes the Lord to smite;

But RUTH recalls the Faith of one well pleasing in His sight.

In 1st and 2nd SAMUEL of Jesse's son we read;

Ten Tribes in 1st and 2nd KINGS revolted from his seed.

The 1st and 2nd CHRONICLES see Judah captive made;

But EZRA leads a remnant back by princely Cyrus' aid.

The City walls of Zion NEHEMIAH builds again,

While ESTHER saves her people from plots of wicked men.

In JOB we read how Faith will live beneath afflictions rod,

And in the PSALMS are precious songs for every child of God.

The PROVERBS like a goodly string of choicest Pearls appear;

ECCLESIASTES teaches man how vain are all things here.

The mystic Song of SOLOMON exalts sweet Sharon's Rose

While Christ the King and Saviour the rapt ISAIAH shows.

The warning JEREMIAH apostate Israel scorns

His plaintive LAMENTATIONS their awful downfall mourns.

EZEKIEL tells wondrous words of dazzling mysteries,

While Kings and Empires yet to come, DANIEL in vision sees.

Of Judgement and of Mercy HOSEA loves to tell

JOEL describes the blessed days when God with Man shall dwell.

Among Tekoa's herdsmen AMOS received his call;

While OBADIAH prophesies of Edom's final fall

JONAH enshrines a wondrous type of Christ our risen Lord.

MICAH pronounces Judah lost – lost, but again restored.

NAHUM declares on Ninevah just judgement shall be poured.

A view of Chaldeans coming down, HABAKKUK'S vision gives;

Next ZEPHANIAH warns the Jews to turn, repent and live.

HAGGAI wrote those who saw the Temple built again;

And ZECHARIAH prophesied of Christ's triumphant reign.

MALACHI was last who touched the prophetic chord;

Its final notes sublimely show the Coming of the Lord.



THE BOOK CLUB

Just for a change - here is some information about our next three meetings (that is, for the remainder of the calendar year) rather than a description of what we have been doing! If any or all of these events interest you do come along. All meetings are held at Church.

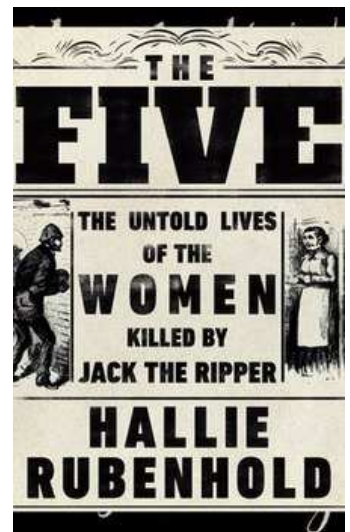
Tuesday 11 October at 7.00pm

This will be a detective themed evening. It will consist of three elements although the order we take them in is to be determined.

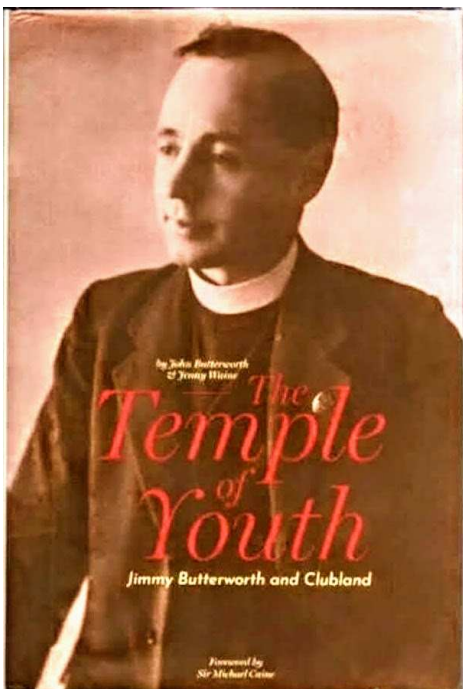
1. Our good friend Michael Halewood, of Halewood Books, will join us and share his deep knowledge of Conan Doyle and the activities deriving from Baker Street - Sherlock Holmes, in other words. As you will know from his bookshop window he is a bit sold on this detective!!

2. We ask you to bring along if possible and tell us about your favourite detective novel of any period - just for interest and perhaps to whet our appetites.

3. We will ask about how important it is to know just a little about the social setting of any detective novel. Is it more than just the plot, in other words? Those who have the time and inclination are invited to that end to read *The Five; The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper* by Hallie Rubenhold. Don't worry if you think this isn't for you - it really is a book about the world in which these poor women lived rather than about their tragic life and death. Should be a good session.



Tuesday 15 November at 7.00pm.



This meeting will take a similar shape but the theme this time will be Biography.

1. We have invited John Butterworth (yes, another one), and Jenny Raine to the meeting. They are Fulwood residents and have recently researched, written and published a book called *The Temple of Youth*. This recounts the life and work of Rev. Jimmy Butterworth, who in the middle of the last century founded a movement called Clubland which had a profound impact on the lives of many young people in Methodism, not least in central Lancashire including Preston.

NOTE - Both are at 'Tuesday at Two' on 1st Nov.

Most of you will by now have copies of their beautiful book, donated generously by them. If not, ask Ken or Janet for a copy free of charge. (01772 863791)

John and Jenny will talk to us about their work, about the work of Jimmy Butterworth and Clubland and about the highs and lows of researching and writing biography.

2. Similar to last time, we invite you to introduce us to a biography which has been special to you. For whatever reason - maybe you knew the person, maybe it was all a complete surprise to you and opened your eyes to another world or perhaps it was a beautifully presented book. Whatever, come along and surprise us.

Tuesday 13 December at 7.00pm

This will be our Christmas meeting. As things stand, nothing is planned beyond drinks and goodies, so get your thinking caps on. If you don't, you know your fate! It will be a Christmas literary quiz devised and presented by Ken – remember last year's? There may be that anyway.

A reminder - at our October meeting we will have a read books table where you can offer and give your recommendations to others. And take theirs. Any left on the table will be offered to the Church bookstall.

Happy reading!

Janet and Ken

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TAKE A BOW, LEYLAND METHODIST JUNIOR SCHOOL

The men couldn't do it, so the women had to show them how!!

During and since the playing of the Women's European Football Cup – won by the English Lionesses - much has been made of, "I was never allowed to play football at school," or some similar complaint. When it is repeated time and again, most folk begin to regard it as gospel truth without any exceptions.

Obviously it is true in very many cases, but equally it does not apply to all and I have yet to hear much true acknowledgement being given to those schools and members of staff who showed more enlightenment.

On a local level, therefore, let us congratulate Leyland Methodist Junior School for being one of the exceptions. My granddaughters were pupils there and as they're now 27 and 24, you can work out how long ago that was. They may not have appeared in the School XI, but it was recognised that they, and other girls too, had footballing skills and were also sufficiently robust to join in with the lads on the playground. At the request of the boys they even had a special dispensation for it!!

The girls were also encouraged to join the local Euxton Girls FC, who did receive some recognition for their work during the early Eurocup broadcasts, by the way. Both girls have moved on, firstly through local ladies' teams, and now represent Chester Ladies (Ashley) and Darwen FC Ladies (Maxine). So you see, in a roundabout way, it might be claimed that a local Methodist school has played its own small part in developing the pyramid of women's football.

Will the contributions of such schools and teachers ever be properly acknowledged, even by some of the so-called pundits when they appear on TV? And is there any hope that the local media will get around to giving coverage to the activities and results of the numerous ladies' teams in our area?

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GROUP

Domestic Abuse – What is it?

I thought it would be a good idea to cover each of the forms of abuse one by one, I will be covering three forms in this addition, - Coercion, we like to feel that we make our own decisions but in an abusive relationship that is not always the case. The definition of coercion is the ‘practise of persuading someone to do something by using force or threats. We should only do the things in life that we feel comfortable with not because someone wants us to. Coercion is about control, if this is happening to you it is a form of domestic abuse.



Next, we will look at Physical Abuse, the definition is ‘when someone hurts or harms a person on purpose,’ this includes hitting with hands or objects, slapping and punching. Another person should never hit another person it is wrong and abusive and is used as another form of control.

And finally, we look at Psychological abuse which affects us emotionally, it includes constant criticism and manipulation, you feel as though you are never good enough. It is used to install fear, you become isolated because you lock yourself away and you have no self-esteem, nobody should make you feel as though you are not good enough or loved.

Thank you
Cheryl

If you require support, you can speak to either –
Cheryl Arnold – Steward
Sue Penrith – Pastoral
National Domestic Violence Helpline 0808 2000 247

I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again. ***William Penn***

Don’t stop doing things because you are growing old, because you’ll only grow old if you stop doing things. ***Thora Hird***

Two children were watching their Grandmother reading her Bible. “Why does she do that?” whispered one. “I expect she’s studying for her final exams,” said the other.

RULES FOR DANCING

Perhaps those who attended the recent Harvest Hoedown will be interested in this look back to the days of their ancestors!

1. *Admittance 50 cents, refreshments included.*
2. *The music to consist of a fiddle, a pipe and tabor, a hurdy gurdy (N.B. No chorus to be sung until dancing is over).*
3. *No lady to dance in black stockings – nor must she have her elbows bare.*
4. *Every lady to come with a clean linen handkerchief with her name marked.*
5. *To prevent spitting, no gentleman to chew tobacco or smoke.*
6. *No gentleman to dance in a greatcoat unless his under one be torn.*
7. *No lady to dress her hair with tallow candle, nor must she have a bunch of hair sticking up, top of her head.*
8. *Leather small clothes, except newly washed, are forbidden as they might soil the ladies' gowns – and to prevent tearing the planking, no gentleman to dance in nailed shoes or boots.*
9. *No whispering to be allowed: if anyone shall be found to make insidious remarks about anyone's dancing, he or she shall be put out of the room.*
10. *No scissors or gimlets are to be brought either by ladies or gentlemen unless their pockets are whole.*
11. *No gentleman to appear with a cravat that has been worn for more than a week or a fortnight.*
12. *Long beards are for bidden, as it would be very disagreeable if a gentleman should happen to put his cheek beside a lady's.*
13. *Those ladies who have not white cotton stockings and black Morocco shoes will not be admitted under any pretence whatever. Two old ladies will be provided to examine all who enter.*
14. *No lady must appear with a veil on, even if it be turned aside, as the gentlemen will not have an opportunity of looking at their faces distinct.*
15. *No gentleman must squeeze his partner's hand, nor look earnestly upon her; and furthermore he must not even pick up her handkerchief, provided it were to fall. The first denotes he loves her, the second he wishes to kiss her, and the last that she makes a sign for both.*
16. *For distinction sake, the master of the ceremonies is to wear a red coat, buff small clothes, black stockings, green shoes and a furtout. The word of command is, "Tumble up ladies!"*

(From *The Boston Weekly Magazine*, 29th October, 1803)

PRAVERS & REFLECTIONS

Your life is like a toy:
It breaks along the way.
You put it back together again
And take it day by day.

Bev Deeming

He makes me happy when I am sad;
He makes me glad when I am mad.
He understands my language,
O God so kind and true.
Thankfully I have got you.

Bev Deeming

The Father who created me
With eye benign beholdeth me;
The Son who dearly purchased me
With eye divine enfoldeth me;
The Spirit who so altered me
With eye refining holdeth me;
In friendship and love the Three
Behold me when I bend the knee.

From an old Celtic prayer

Take time to think, it is the source of power.
Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to play, it is the secret of staying young.
Take time to be quiet, it is the opportunity to seek God.
Take time to be aware, it is the opportunity to help others.
Take time to love and be loved, it is God's greatest gift of all.
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.
Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream, it is what the future is made of.
Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth.

From Trinity Methodist Church, Royton

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Mid September to mid October is the time of year when many churches hold their Harvest Festivals. Corn dollies (sometimes seen at craft fairs) were traditionally fashioned from corn taken out of the final load of the harvest.

Hiring – or ‘Mop’ – Fairs were held on Michaelmas Day (29th September). It was also known as Goose Day and Nottingham still holds an annual Goose Fair. There’s a song too about *Towersey Goosey Fair*. (Towersey is in Oxfordshire.)

Children were warned not to pick blackberries after Michaelmas because the Devil would have spat on them – or done something even worse!

The autumn is also a time for Conker Championships and Southwick near Oundle will be holding the annual World Championships on 9th October.

On 29th October at Southwell Minster, Nottinghamshire, they’ll be holding the Bramley Apple Festival of Food & Drink. This harks back to 1809 when young Mary Ann Brailsford planted a few apple pips in her parents’ garden. The cottage was later bought by a local butcher, Matthew Bramley, in 1846, and the apple trees were obviously thriving. They caught the eye of a local gardener, Henry Merryweather, who asked if he could take some cuttings and market the apples. Bramley agreed, on condition that they carried his name. A blue plaque at 75, Church Street, commemorates this. To mark the bicentenary of the apple some years ago, an appropriate stained glass window was installed in the Minster.

To follow all this, of course, we then have late October/early November with the high jinks of Hallowe’en, All Saints Day, All Souls Day (with Souling or Soul Caking – a variation on carol singing) Mischief Night, Bonfire Night, The Lord Mayor’s Show on the second Saturday in November and Remembrance Day.

The final Sunday of the Church Calendar, before Advent begins, is still remembered by some as Stir Up Sunday. This was the day when everyone in the family would take a turn at stirring up the Christmas pudding mixture and making a wish.

Roy Smith



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A HYMN FOR HARVEST

The red of the sunset at the end of the day;
The pale yellow moon light reflects from the grey;
The spectrum that dazzles a rainbow's display;
These are the colours of God.

The green of the valley as it sweeps to the hill;
The pine in the forest so tall and so still;
So lush and so fertile our lives to fulfill;
These are the colours of God.

The bright golden cornfields that glow in the sun;
Deep blue is the ocean to where rivers run;
All there from creation when life was begun;
These are the colours of God.



Dave Topping

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday

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

Tuesday

- 10.00 am AM Club (fortnightly) Roy Smith
2.00 pm Tuesday at Two (fortnightly) (formerly Ladies Fellowship) Barbara Hothersall
5 - 7.00 pm Messy Church (half-termly) for families Delma Whitman
7.00 pm Bible Fellowship (monthly) 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
7.00pm Community Choir Dave Topping

Thursday

- 2.30 pm Knitting Group Veronica Frost

Friday

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

Saturday

- 10.30 - noon Who let the Dads out? (monthly) Darren Arnold

FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Monday

- 5.45 pm Beavers (6 - 8 yr) Fiona Jackson
7.00 pm Cubs (8 - 10½ yr) Dave Killingback

Tuesday

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

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 - Hoping to restart soon)

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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