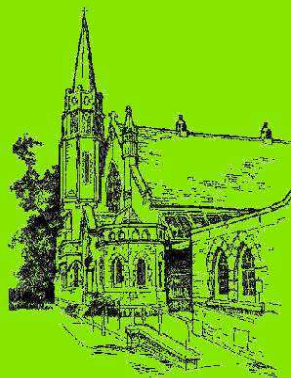


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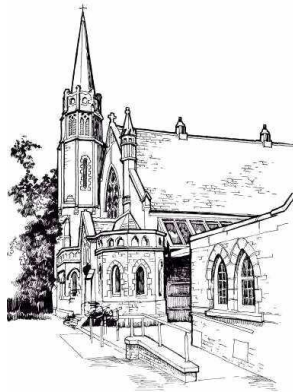
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SUNDAY SERVICES

9.45 am SINGING PRACTICE

10.30 am MORNING WORSHIP & SUNDAY CLUB

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

The CHURCH MINIBUS provides free transport to and from Church on Sunday mornings. The timetable and route information are available at Church. Should you wish to make use of it please complete one of the request cards in Willow Grove.

6.30 pm. EVENING WORSHIP. With every 2nd Sunday of the month from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm SPACE - Multiplex Worship and Discipleship here at Fulwood for the whole circuit. (*See weekly notices for details*)

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

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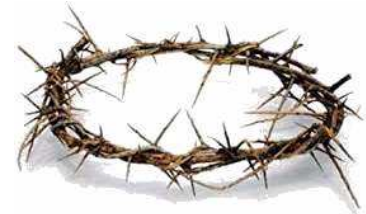
from Rev Jane Wild

Dear Friends

As we prepare for Easter, we hear that one of our larger supermarkets “...makes Easter” by providing all the things that you need. Easter eggs, table decorations, food, gifts, crackers, (of the kind normally associated with Christmas). Apparently they are becoming very popular, as are toys instead of Easter eggs for the health conscious parent.

This set my imagination into overdrive - What would one put in an Easter cracker or sell as a toy?

- Fix-your-own-man-on-a-cross toy.
- A rock with angels and a Jesus that pops out when you press a concealed button.
- A cross, a means of execution.
- A whip or crown of thorns, some folded bloody grave clothes.
- A beaten and scared man.
- An empty tomb.



Surely I have the wrong end of stick. I suspect that the crackers and toys actually centre round eggs, chicks, flowers, and chocolate.

What a huge gap between the commercial world /culture we inhabit and our celebration in Church. (Although none of the things mentioned are intrinsically bad)

Our greatest celebration of the year is that of the Resurrection. Here we see hope where there is darkness, life in the face of death, the promise of an unending relationship with God. It is epitomised in believers sharing a meal together, having been to the depths of the denial and abandonment of the Holy week events.

It should be celebrated, but cannot and should not be sanitized or be put in the form of a commercial cracker to decorate a table.

We have a transformational message for the world and an offer of life, our challenge this Easter is to proclaim it.

Take time to join for some of our Easter and Holy Week services and even invite someone to come with you.

May the Blessings of God be with you,

Jane

HOLY WEEK & EASTER at Fulwood Methodist Church

Palm Sunday 25th March

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev Jane Wild

6.30pm Evening Worship led by Mrs Sue Davies

Holy Week

Mon 26th March 7.00pm to 7.30pm - Reflections

Tues 27th March 7.00pm to 7.30pm - Reflections

Wed 28th March 10.30am - Wednesday Communion

Wed 28th March 7.00pm to 7.30pm - Reflections

Maundy Thursday

29th March 6.00pm - Simple meal and Service in Oak Hall

A chance to eat and worship together,
with parts of the service while we eat.

Good Friday

30th March 9.30am Messy Church

10.30am Coffee and hot cross buns

11.00am Good Friday Reflection

Easter Day

1st April 6.30am Sunrise service on Beacon Fell

8.30am Communion - followed by Easter breakfast
Led by Rev Jane Wild

10.30am Easter Communion
Led by Rev Jane Wild



FAMILY NEWS

BAPTISM

4th February - Jemimah Rose Fletcher



WEDDING

16th December - Jonathan Sykes and Rebecca Manning



FUNERALS

19th December - Jean Smith

21st December - Fred Simmonds

29th December - Margaret Phillips

4th January - Helen Earnshaw

8th February - Doreen Chesworth



CONGRATULATIONS

11th February - John & Ellen Gregory
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DOREEN H. CHESWORTH

A LIFE IN METHODISM

11th Nov 1918 - 18th Jan 2018



Born on 11th November 1918, the last day of the first world war and brought up in Manchester she attended the Acacias Primary school followed by Levenshulme High School for Girls. Both schools still exist to this day. To quote my aunt Sybil who attended the same schools and now aged 94 lives in St. Annes “She was good at everything, exams, sport, music and drama”. Brought up in a staunch Methodist household, she had an older sister Evelyn who died a few years ago aged 90 and a younger sister Muriel who died aged 4 of diphtheria.

She met my father at Cromwell Grove Methodist Church, Levenshulme when his father Rev Stanley King Chesworth became minister there. Their courtship began when she was 16 and he was 17. Only yesterday (7th March 2018) whilst sorting through some of Mum’s old papers I came across a moving poem he had written for her when she was 17. On leaving school she worked for several years at the Refuge Assurance Company head office in Manchester.

Their courtship was a long one, students at Hartley Victoria College were forbidden to marry before completing their studies, then the war started. My father was an army padre stationed in Belgium and France, my mother a corporal in the ATS. They married as the war was coming to an end in April 1945.

So began her life as a Methodist minister’s wife, a role she took very seriously. Starting with 5 years in Mirfield near Dewsbury, then moving to Leyland for 5 years, on to St. Annes for 7 years, Fulwood for 11 years and then a further 5 at Wigan, and 4 at Brinscall. She took a very active part in all the churches, chairing meetings local and national, organizing and hosting events, she played the piano at services, sang at functions and fed countless young people at various manses.

In retirement she spent a very happy 25 years up in Brampton, Cumbria where she enjoyed the relative tranquility of the local country church at Corby Hill. She read the Methodist Recorder every week from cover to cover.

The wider family all met together on Saturday 11th November 2017 for a grand 99th birthday party with all the great-grandchildren. She had a marvellous time.



Central to her life was a strong faith, a belief in the good people have within them and a desire to help those in need. She could be determined but not stubborn, single minded but not blinkered. Their marriage lasted 63 years until my father's death in 2008. Through thick and thin she remained a stalwart in my life and the lives of my father, my brothers and our families.

Raymond Chesworth

BIBLE

They lie on the table side by side,
The Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
One is well-worn and cherished with pride,
Not the Bible, but the TV Guide!
One is used daily to help folks decide;
No, not the Bible, but the TV Guide.
As the pages are turned, what shall we see?
Oh! What does it matter? Turn on the TV.
So they open the book in which they confide,
No, not the Bible, but the TV Guide.
The word of God is seldom read,
Maybe a verse before they fall into bed.
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be;
Not from reading the Bible, from watching TV!
So then back to the table, side by side
Lie the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
No time for prayer, no time for word,
The plan of salvation is seldom heard.
But forgiveness of sin, so full and free
Is found in the Bible, not on TV.



from J. John & Mark Stibbe

DONALD TALBOT

Donald was born in Great Harwood and, due to losing his sister when young, was essentially an only child. However, it was still a happy childhood. He became a choirboy at the local St John's Church and he attended school in Great Harwood and then Accrington. He became involved in the Scouts, reaching the heights of King's Scout, and later became a member of the Rover section.

When he met Marjorie he said that he had found "the best wife and best friend." They married at St James' Congregational Church, Blackburn, and in time had Jill and Ian. Donald's work with BT took the family to Staffordshire, where he lectured at the BT Training School, before a move back north to Preston in 1974 - just before a change of school for Jill.

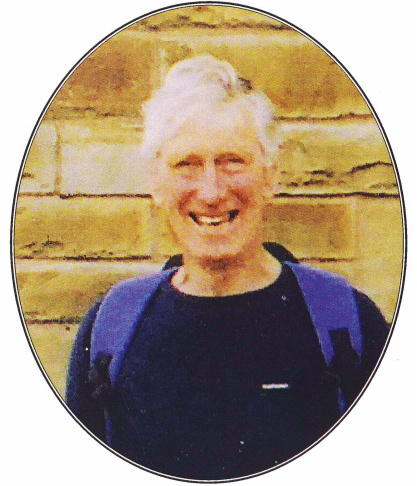
Donald was a runner in the days when it was not the popular activity it is today, and was a member of the renowned Clayton-le-Moors Harriers. He competed in the Yorkshire Three Peaks Race no less than 21 times; he completed the Lake District's Bob Graham Round - involving a distance of 66 miles and 27,000 feet of ascents and descents; he competed in the 1st Orienteering Competition in this country, organised by the S. Ribble Orienteering Club, and ascended all Scotland's Munros. He was also a long-standing member of the Rucksack Club. Marjorie spent much time waiting for a muddy Donald to come off the fells! However, she was not left at home all the time: they walked The Pennine Way together, finishing it on her 50th birthday. It was one of the best trips they had. When they were out walking together it was not unknown for Marjorie to say, "Slow down, you're not with John Sheppard now!"

When at work Donald regularly went out at lunchtime for a run, inviting colleagues to join him - and he did manage to encourage some to take up running and fell running. Work was the means to an end; an interruption to the running. When out with a group of friends once, Donald said, as they faced the expanse of the countryside, "This is all mine!" It wasn't necessarily about winning trophies but enjoying what he was doing. It was in the hills that he found himself and God.

On one occasion he teased Mike, Jill's husband-to-be, that he could marry his daughter if he could beat him in a fell race. That never happened, but the two still married.

In later years Donald came to enjoy the research involved in discovering his family's history. Looking at it from the perspective of an engineer, he searched for the facts: the story behind them has been left for Jill and Ian to finish. He found links back to 1066 and he also discovered a John Talbot who had defended Castillon - which had to be a good excuse for a visit to France.

Donald was affable; good humoured; possessed a wide smile and, most importantly, had the gift of kindness. There couldn't have been a better husband, father and friend.



Due to lack of space, this obituary was held over from the Christmas issue.

JEAN SMITH

Born in Stretford, Manchester of a Scottish father and English mother, she lived there as a child. During the war she worked in the Land Army and drove a tractor, but when she drove it into ditch they didn't trust her again! When she met her husband in Prestatyn she moved to North Wales. They had two children, Michael and Carol. She next started training to be nurse, then worked as a housekeeper.

In 1965 they all moved to Australia where they lived for 8 years. They built their own house there. On returning to England they lived in Blackpool, near Jean's mother.

She and Frank separated and Frank died just before they were divorced. Later she met and married her second husband Harry. They married at Guttridge Methodist Church and she also attended the Free Methodist Church with him.

While she worshipped at Guttridge Methodist Church she was very supportive and always helped in the kitchen. She did the Alpha Course and when that finished she attended the weekly Bible studies. She also enjoyed the Ladies' Fellowship. She loved singing and had a good voice. While able, she enjoyed the keep fit classes.

Her great joy was holidays. She went all over and particularly liked Llandudno and Bispham. When she was no longer able to travel far she went regularly to stay at the same place in Blackpool. There she became almost like a member of the family where she stayed.

She enjoyed reading, crosswords and knitting for charity; was a volunteer at the Hospital and worked at the Age Concern charity shop. She was quiet and pleasant, but did not like to be seen as a sweet old lady! Jean loved to talk about her two grandchildren and three great grandchildren She was sad that she was not well enough to attend the family wedding in March. Jean always kept up a connection with the church wherever she was and practised her faith.

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FREDERICK DAVID SIMMONDS

1921 - 2018



Frederick David Simmonds was born on 14th April 1921 at Golders Green, North West London to Elsie Frances and David Frederick Simmonds.

He moved to Hartfield, Sussex in 1926 and attended the village school until 1935 and started work as an apprentice electrician at C. Gillit & Sons, Eden Bridge, Kent. Whilst living in Hartfield he attended the Parish Church, was in the Cub Scouts, rang the church bells and was in the choir along with his father. He was confirmed by the then Archbishop of Canterbury

In 1938, when his parents moved to Harrogate in Yorkshire, Fred went to live with his Grandmother and his Uncle Noel Wright in Kingsbury, north west London. There he continued to work as an electrician with L. W. Frost in West Hampstead.

Eventually he went to Harrogate to live with his parents and worked as an electrician locally. Fred played cricket with his Dad. He was also a keen cyclist and belonged to cycling clubs in Harrogate.

With the outbreak of World War 2 he continued to work as an electrician until 1940, when he volunteered for the R.A.F. He worked on aircraft of 12 Sqdn and then overseas in India (Cawnpore) at 327 M.U. where he remained until the war finished and he was demobbed.

After the war he came to live in Preston and married Mary at St. David's Church in 1949. He worked as an Electrical Engineer for the Electricity Board (Norweb) until retirement at the age of 60. During this time he was responsible for the management of the supply network in Preston and latterly was a member of the team designing the network for the embryonic Central Lancashire New Town.

Tony Pettit was a work colleague of Fred's at Norweb and a member at Fulwood Methodist Church. He was instrumental in Fred becoming a member as a result of an invitation to a Wednesday Club meeting.

After Mary's death Fred continued his involvement with Church life, cleaning the church and for a period of time as a Pastoral Visitor.

Fred's interests included photography and walking with both the church and the Ramblers. After his retirement he continued to meet with a group of his fellow retired engineers, they called themselves the 'Last of the Summer Wine'.

It was through the church that Jean and Fred first met. Jean was also a member of the Ramblers and it was through their common interests that their friendship grew, leading to their wedding in 1988. Fred swiftly became a part of Jean's family. As Fred had not had a family with Mary it was a new experience to be presented with a ready-made family, but he soon threw himself wholeheartedly into this.

Fred and Jean enjoyed caravanning in this country and abroad and continued to enjoy walking and attending the Institute of Electrical Engineers lectures and lunches. They both had a great passion for eating out.

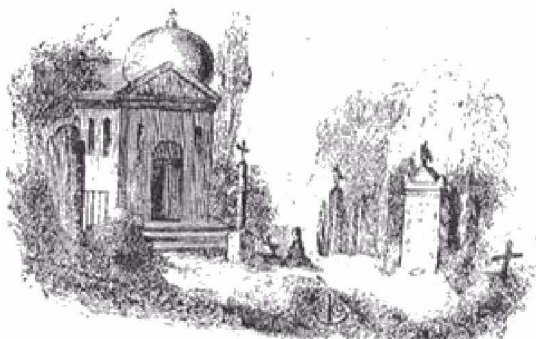
In April 2012 Fred, Jean and the family were sufficiently fortunate to holiday in Kent and spend time with Fred's family. This was to be Fred's last holiday. We felt this was a particular blessing as he went on to break his arm and subsequently his hip, which resulted in him having to go in to care in Brooklands Care Home on Black Bull Lane. Following further illness he moved to Sherwood Court and later Greenfields where he spent his final years.

Martin's

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MARGARET PHILLIPS

2nd June 1928 - 14th December 2017



Margaret was born in Llanidloes, in mid Wales, the only child of John and Elizabeth Jones. John worked for the Post Office and Elizabeth was in service as a housekeeper. Sadly, just before her 5th birthday, Margaret's father died of TB and Elizabeth decided to move back to her family home in Tywyn, on Wales's west coast.

When Margaret left school she refused to go to college because she felt her mother could not afford to support her. Instead she got a job as a lab assistant at the Rocket Research Establishment, down the coast at Aberporth near Cardigan. Here, in the last years of the war, she met her future husband David, or Dai as she called him. A teenage bout of rheumatic fever had prevented him joining the armed forces but at the end of the war he was able to train as a teacher. When David completed his training in 1948 they married, moving first to Liverpool and then south to High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire where, fed up with living in digs but unable to afford to buy a house, they bought a small caravan and parked it on ground rented from a local garage and they lived there for a time with their daughter Sue.

However, David became seriously ill with heart failure and was sent to Oxford for pioneering valve surgery. Fortunately, he made a good recovery but understandably his health remained a major concern for Margaret. So, never being one to leave things to chance, in the late 1950's she became an early adopter of healthy eating habits. Protecting David from chest infections was another priority for her, once she had read about the anti-bacterial qualities of cider.

Aside from this, she was a keen gardener, landscaping, planting and maintaining a large terraced garden. Her love of flowers and shrubs stayed with her throughout her life, even when latterly she could no longer remember all their names. When she wasn't gardening, she occupied her time with the Guardian cryptic crossword and was a skilled knitter. Unlike many women of her generation,

she returned to part-time work when Sue started school and teaching herself to type enabled her to move from shop assistant to office work; she spent many years as a clerk/receptionist for the Careers Service.

Margaret and David retired from work when Victoria, their granddaughter, was about 18 months old and moved to Preston, They settled in quickly and well - Margaret said she felt more at home in Preston than she ever had in Wycombe - the weather was more like Wales and the people were much friendlier. They then began attending Fulwood Methodist Church.

When David died in 1993 Margaret said it felt as though she had lost part of herself. Nevertheless, self-pity was not part of her character and she rapidly resumed regular church attendance and joined the Women's Fellowship. The friendship and support she received were invaluable. Over the years, she became the Fellowship secretary, a pastoral visitor and also rode 'shotgun' on the minibus, assisting the driver by opening and closing the heavy minibus door and making sure everyone got on and off safely. The first sign of the memory loss that affected her in later years was her gradual withdrawal from these activities as her confidence waned.

However, a couple of years ago, after a fall resulting in a broken hip, Margaret needed to move into a residential home and the excellent care she received at Penwortham Lodge, plus the social interaction with staff and other residents greatly improved her general well-being.

Sue Burt

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HELEN EARNSHAW

30th June 1919 - 16th Dec 2017

Helen was born in Preston, the sixth child of Anne and Henry Kelly. She recalled a happy childhood in a noisy, busy home. Her mother was from a Welsh Baptist family and her father was a Roman Catholic. The family was brought up in the Catholic faith.

Although the family was large and money was short, Grandma Kelly was always able to feed any visitors who called and the house was known as a place of good food, laughter and happiness.

Although Helen's school life was short, she enjoyed History, English - particularly reading and poetry - and music. She was a keen member of the school choir and her proudest moment was



to be chosen to travel with the choir to a competition in Manchester and sing a solo, 'Ave Maria'.

After leaving school Helen worked for a short time at Dick Kerr's lamp works in Strand Road as a glass blower, but soon secured a position as a Receptionist and general assistant to Dr and Mrs Guyer in Waterloo Road, Ashton.

At the age of 18 years, Helen met my father Norman. He was the third of four brothers, Robert, William, and Clifford, and was from a devout Methodist family. They started meeting in secret because they knew that due to their different backgrounds, their relationship would not be favoured by either of their families.

At the outbreak of the 2nd World War in September 1939 Dad volunteered to join the Forces. He was sent to Lincolnshire. In January 1940, Dad was granted three days home leave and they married at Ribbleton Avenue Methodist Church, Preston on 11th January. While her husband was away, Helen moved to live with Grandma Earnshaw and on 7th December 1942, their son Norman was born. In 1946, Helen, Dad and baby Norman moved to their first home together in Skeffington Road, Preston. When Dad was demobbed in early 1948, there was great celebration and life returned to some normality.

After her marriage Helen went to work in the Pattern Room at Horrockses Mill on Stanley Street, Preston. In 1954, Helen and Dad moved the family to Lostock Hall. Dad managed to buy a Ford Prefect motor car which enabled them to visit their families regularly. They also began to enjoy trips to Blackpool, Southport and Lytham, and also Beacon Fell. Every trip out included lunch or tea, or at the very least, cream cakes or ice cream!

Helen started work at Gooby's, a ladies fashion shop in Preston. She loved her work there as it gave her access to lovely clothes and the latest fashions. Helen later moved to work at L&G Modes.

In 1967 Helen and Dad moved to Stour Lodge, Fulwood. It was the scene of regular entertaining with countless dinners and parties and they enjoyed 26 happy years there together. Helen continued to live there another 16 years until 2009.

Helen was a devoted Nana. All three grandchildren enjoyed many happy times with Nana who preferred playing games and baking to housework! With the children she baked countless apple pies, coconut macaroons, and Eccles cakes, and spent hours playing board and card games. Her handbag always contained some new pennies, a pack of cards, small toys and lots of chocolate and sweets.

In 1991 Helen and Dad celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a large party, but sadly two years later Dad died at the age of 73 years.

Helen was bereft at Dad's death and missed him greatly, but she continued to enjoy life to the full into her 80's. As Helen got older, her memory began to fade. At the age of 90 she could no longer manage to live an independent life and moved

into Abraham House in Ashton. Dementia eventually slowed her down. I thank them for their care and kindness during the last 8 years.

She lived life to the full
She loved her garden
She loved the birds and
She loved flowers.
She loved music and had a large collection of music cassettes,
but her favourite singer was Elvis Presley.
She loved people,
She loved her family and friends,
She loved fun and laughter, cakes and chocolate, dancing and singing,
and above all, being happy.

Hilary Banks

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PRAYERS

Be light O Lord, to our eyes, music to our ears and contentment to our heart. Be sunlight in our day, food at our table and rest to us in the night. Let us rejoice to be about your business and let us live to your praise and glory, now and forever. Amen

John Cosin
1594-1672



The love of Christ surround us
The light of Christ lead us
The peace of Christ fill us
The power of Christ aid us
The joy of Christ thrill us
The presence of Christ be with us forevermore

A Celtic prayer

May He support us all the day long,
Till the shades lengthen
And the evening comes,
And the busy world is hushed,
And the fever of life is over,
And our work is done
Then in His mercy may He give us
A safe lodging, and a holy rest and
Peace at the last



John Henry Newman
1801 - 1890



At **3Generate 2017**, children and young people had the opportunity to speak out on a variety of issues that mattered to them.

Here is a summary of what was said: They want a church that keeps God at the centre is not afraid always takes action is relevant is about togetherness is an inclusive and safe space has children and young people involved in all aspects of its life.

A church community that keeps God at the centre:

Where we do what God asks us to do - love each other.

Where prayer and engaging with the Bible are central.

Where sharing our faith stories is encouraged and valued so that we grow closer to God.

Is not afraid:

To step out in faith and trust God.

To lead the way on issues of injustice and social action.

To have difficult conversations on challenging topics.

Always takes action:

By sharing inspiring stories of action and change.

By challenging injustice.

By engaging politically e.g. in the debate around nuclear weapons.

By praying for and responding to those in need e.g. supporting Foodbanks.

By caring for the environment e.g. using less plastic.

Is relevant:

Where people are equipped to engage with, and respond to, current issues.

Where worship is engaging.

Where modern technology is used effectively.

Where we work towards being environmentally friendly and sustainable.

Is about togetherness:

Where adults value and support young people.

Where better relationships are built, through conversations and questions, leading to acceptance, kindness, understanding and mutual respect.

Where we learn about and understand other faiths.

Is an inclusive and safe space:

- Where all are welcomed, respected and accepted.
- Where we celebrate uniqueness and difference.
- Where we can have safe, open-minded conversation.
- Where there is support for those with mental health issues.
- Where we can be still, rest and connect with God.

Has children and young people involved in all aspects of its life:

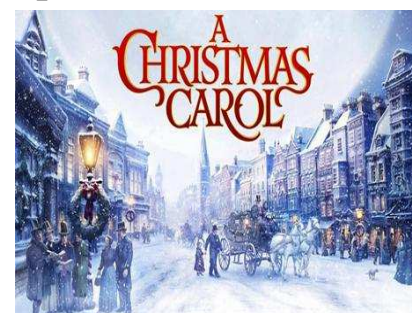
- Where we are trusted.
- Where there are opportunities for us to lead.
- Where our voice is heard and responded to.
- What do you think? and ... What do you want from Church?

Darren Arnold

A LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Mr Wales,

I am writing to thank you for organising, once again, a trip to the Bolton Octagon Theatre. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance of ‘A Christmas Carol’ and have not stopped talking about it.

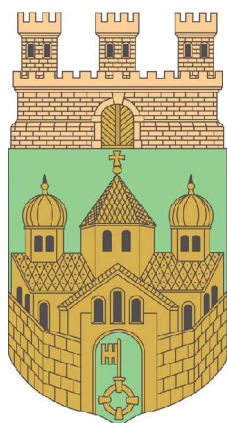


It was a wonderful experience for all the children involved as the majority have not been to a theatre before, let alone been so close ‘to the action’.

Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity.

J. Alexander-Steele
Headteacher
Ribbleton Avenue Methodist Junior School

RECKLINGHAUSEN



Thirteen members of our church are proposing to visit our twin church in Recklinghausen from 26th to 30th May. We are delighted that four people will be visiting for the first time including our Minister, Rev. Jane Wild and her daughter Verity.

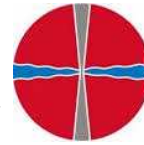
Travel arrangements are almost complete. We are all looking forward to meeting new friends and renewing acquaintances with those we have met before.



CIRCUIT STRATEGY

As you will be aware, the Preston Methodist Circuit has been looking to the Future.

This article spells out the recommendations and the things that have been and will be happening.



**Preston Ribble
Methodist Circuit**

Worshipping Community:

The Circuit should create a new Plan for Worship and Discipleship which renews our commitment to relevant, high quality worship and responds to the opportunities for mission in our churches.

Discipleship:

The Circuit should offer further opportunities for individuals and groups to explore their spirituality and discipleship. This could include house groups, faith development courses, Bible studies, retreats, spiritual direction and mentoring.

Pastoral Ministry:

The Circuit should restate its commitment to pastoral ministry in relation to both faithful members and those in need of hospitality, care and prayer in our wider community.

Mission in our Communities:

The Circuit should act as an effective 'steward' of God's resources (people, money, skills, buildings) in a small number of bold mission opportunities for a 3-5 year period. Each church should articulate a Plan for Mission including the vision and resources required as a response to this Circuit Strategy.

Leadership:

The Circuit should redesign the Circuit Ministry team with a blend of 5 full time ordained and 6 full time lay roles to be in place from September 2018. This will mean recruiting 4 additional lay roles. The Circuit should also strengthen lay leadership within the Circuit Leadership Team to respond to the challenges the church is facing.

Ministry to children and young people in our churches:

There is an urgent need for the Circuit to establish which churches are able to continue to resource and develop ministry for children and young people through junior church/fellowship and youth groups. This will be supported by the proposed children and family workers but needs congregational commitment for the future.

One to One Listening Spaces and Training Ministry:

The Circuit understands these listening spaces are a vital piece of its missional and pastoral ministry and resourcing. Therefore the Circuit and churches strongly

encourage every Pastoral Visitor and Lay employee to attend the 'One2One Listening For Life' course as a way of providing training and support for pastoral care.

Schools work and SPLAT:

The Circuit should continue to encourage links between ministers/children and family workers in local schools, especially our two Methodist Schools, Cuerden Church School and Ribbleton Avenue Methodist Junior School. The Circuit should maintain its financial commitment to SPLAT for the remainder of the current 3 year period. (2017-2019)

Interfaith:

The Circuit should endorse a continuing commitment to interfaith dialogue in the City, maintaining activities relating to Preston Faith Forum and the annual interfaith week. The Circuit should hold further discussions with the District about the potential to recognise and resource this commitment on a wider Lancashire basis.

On the basis of this recommendation, this is what has been happening - Circuit plan has been revised from December 2017 including new patterns of evening worship (with shared services, local arrangements, 'SPACE' (Circuit monthly multiplex services 'SPACE' began on January 14th 2018, attended by approx. 100 people and missional priorities for occasions such as Homeless Sunday). All Messy Church services are included on the Plan.

Circuit meeting has accepted recommendation for 1 full time Lay Minister with a formal role for the development of pastoral ministry. The job description is being prepared by CLT in advance of recruitment process.

Further 'One2One' listening training events are scheduled.

All churches have received the Strategy and the specific recommendations relating to each church. These remain under active consideration. Each church provided an initial response to the Strategy at the November 2017 circuit meeting. During 2018 each church will be invited to articulate its Plan for Mission and share this with CLT and Circuit Meeting.

Proposals for ordained and lay ministry contain ambitions for mission to children, young people and families. Further mission planning is underway for West Preston.

Ordained ministers who will have new responsibilities for churches from September 2018 are planning visits to their new churches during Spring 2018.

Lay ministers are to be employed with roles that are being worked on at the moment. Draft proposals were developed during the Autumn of 2017 and formal recruitment is expected to start in April.

Please continue to pray for the mission of the circuit and all of those involved in the planning and implementation of these exciting changes.

Circuit and Strategy Group

A FARRAGO

- As you will be aware, Billy Graham died on 21st February. He's been variously described as -
“a man credited with preaching to more people than anyone in history”;
“a Christian superstar”; “the most influential preacher of the twentieth century”;
“God's Ambassador” and “God's Machine Gun” (from the speed he delivered his message).
Did any of our readers ever attend one of his meetings when he visited this country? Would you like to tell us about it?
- Earlier in February people were marking a century since the passage of the Representation of the People Act of 1918. This gave (some) British women the right to vote in democratic elections for the first time in history. Others had to wait another ten years.
Then in the March issue of Cumbria magazine a writer claimed that “Nowhere in the country were women more proactive in campaigning against male dominance than here in the North West.”
Is there anyone reading this who had a relative (male or female) who was actually involved in the struggle? The best I can do is to recall female relatives, growing up as young women in the early twentieth century, without the prospect of having the vote - but I don't know of any becoming involved in public protests.
- Up-coming Circuit Choir Practices:- Weds. 21st March (7.00pm at Fulwood Methodist Church); Tues. 22nd May (7.00pm at Penwortham Methodist Church); Tues. 3rd July (7:30pm at Penwortham); Tues. 4th September (7.00pm at Penwortham). Contact Ian (01772 257621) or Jason (07871 273721) for further info.
- Our neighbours at Christ Church are looking forward to May when (subject to clearances) their new Vicar should be arriving.
- It was announced in late December that plans have been submitted by the Community Gateway Association for 13 affordable homes on the site of the old Brookfield Methodist Church at Ribbleton.
Also work is forging ahead on converting the old Fishergate Baptist Church into a bistrot (how does that differ from a bistro?) while the old Emmanuel Church - “with redevelopment opportunities” - still awaits a buyer.
- On 1st November BBC-TV's 'Flog It' was broadcast from South Yorkshire and, as an interlude, it featured the Sheffield Philharmonic Choir “.....singing some pub songs!” Paul Martin should be thoroughly ashamed of his poor research.

They were giving a selection of Sheffield Carols - which may well be sung in pubs but 'Hail Shining Morn' would hardly be thought of as a pub song!

- Perhaps some of you noticed the coverage given by the Methodist Recorder of 2nd February to the launch of 'Soul Man'? This is a new initiative to help male service personnel and their civilian colleagues talk openly when dealing with life's big issues.

On the accompanying photograph you may well have recognised Colonel Philip Harrison, Commander HQ 42nd Infantry Brigade and HQ North West.

The launch took place at the Armed Forces' Chaplaincy Centre near Andover in Hampshire.

- Other folks' magazines and weekly news sheets have come from Brownedge St. Mary's RC Church; Central Methodist Church, Preston; Christ Church, Fulwood; Church Road Methodist Church, St Annes; Fulwood URC; the Isles of Scilly Methodist Circuit; Lytham Methodist Church; St Leonard's, Penwortham; Oakworth Methodist Church; St Oswald's, Burneside near Kendal; the Anglican Church of Paphos, Cyprus, St Paul's, Warton and St Michael's, Tilehurst, Reading.

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THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

In early 1918 there was an acute shortage of food. Rationing was extended and queuing became a way of life. Two meatless days a week were to be observed. Accordingly there was a big rise in the demand for allotments where people could produce some of their own food. Preston was an early leader in this scheme, providing 700 plots from parks and public land.

New inventions in the kitchen included powdered soup, fish sausages, vegetable pie and stewed nettles!

On 1st April 1918, the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps merged to become the Royal Air Force.

During the weekend of 19 - 20 May 2018, 10.00am - 4.00pm, the National Trust invites people to 'Songs on the Summits' of Brandreth, Great Gable and Grey Knotts in the Lake District. This is a commemoration and celebration of the twelve fells gifted to the NT as a First World War memorial by the Fell & Rock Climbing Club. The NT also intends lighting a beacon on the top of Scafell Pike on Armistice Day, Sunday 11th November.

The Spanish 'Flu pandemic, the worst ever recorded, killed somewhere between 25 and 100 million people worldwide. The port of Glasgow was the first place in Britain to record the 'flu in May 1918. It swept across the country in three waves and this first one was comparatively mild. A much more devastating wave was to follow in the autumn of that year and a moderate one in early 1919.

THE SOLDIER

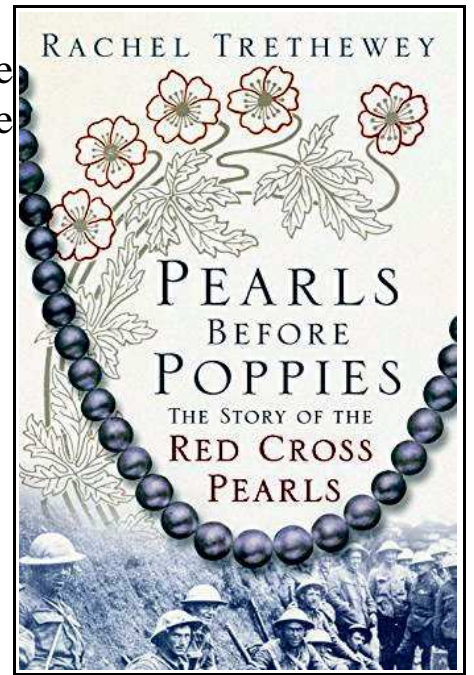
If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is forever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by the suns of home.
And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.



by Rupert Brooke
1887 - 1915

MORE - WAR TO END MORE WARS

One hundred years ago in February 1918, Lady Northcliffe, wife of the newspaper baron, appealed to the women of Britain and the Empire to donate a pearl to the British Red Cross in memory of a life lost or changed forever by the war. The appeal gained extraordinary momentum and nearly 4,000 pearls flooded in from across the world. The pearls were made into 30 necklaces, which were auctioned at Christie's - the appeal raised nearly £100,000. The story of the Red Cross Pearls has been told in a new book by Rachel Trethewey, 'Pearls before Poppies'.



The British Red Cross saw one of the largest humanitarian responses in its history last year and this year is reviving its Pearls For Life Appeal to help support people in crisis throughout the world, and to mark 100 years since the original campaign changed lives in the wake of World War I.

The charity is calling on people across the UK to show their support for the appeal by donating an item of jewellery, to be auctioned by Christie's. To find out more, or to give to the appeal, email: pearls@redcross.org.uk.

Donations will go towards the British Red Cross's life-saving work around the world.

There is an interesting article in a recent Daily Mail that gives a long history of the original appeal. On your computer type <https://tinyurl.com/yancu237> to read it.

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We can do no great things - only small things with great love.

Mother Teresa

You never touch the ocean of God's love as when you forgive and love your enemies.

Corrie ten Boom

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill

Of all earthly music, that which reaches farthest into heaven is the beating of a truly loving heart.

Henry Ward Beecher

Love looks through a telescope, envy through a microscope.

John Billings

Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.

Jim Elliot

KEEP UP THE CAROLLING!

This past Christmas, as is our tradition here at Fulwood, a good number of choir, community choir and budding choristers, young and not so young, gathered on the evenings of 18th and 19th December to sing carols to members of our community living in local homes. On the Monday we visited Oxford House, Sherwood Lodge and Preston Private Nursing Home when around 18 of us sang what seemed like all the carols in the Christian Aid Christmas Carol Songbook! We even stretched to 4 part harmony with some and a good number of the residents requested their favourites and sang along.



On the Tuesday evening our numbers were healthy again and we visited Brooklands Care Home, Moor Park House and Derby Lodge where again we sang our hearts out and were warmly welcomed by residents and staff. On both evenings it was good to meet up with our friends from Fulwood who are being cared for in these homes and Jane, our minister, has started monthly services at Sherwood Lodge, so our links continue to grow. I would like to conclude by thanking Sue Penrith for her energetic contribution over many years in organising the visits with the homes. Alan Smith has now taken over the baton and I will assist him in recruiting the singers - get practising, the more the merrier and only 8 months to go!!

John Ferris

COMMUNITY CHOIR

We continue to meet on a weekly basis, but have now elected to make it on Wednesdays @7.00pm. We were happy to take part in the Christmas Carol Service as well as singing at the Christmas Fair. In addition to this we entertained the people who regularly attend Welcome Wednesday when a Saturday Social Evening was held in January. This was well received and we hope to stage another event at the beginning of May.



With a regular attendance of between 15 and 20 we welcome anyone to join us and we have a particular need for more male singers. The only criterion is that you enjoy singing, no need to be a good singer, but you will need to enjoy a bit of fun as well.

We concentrate mainly on popular songs, songs from the shows and are always trying something new from Abba to Beatles to Lloyd Webber and all between. If you feel that this may be for you come along and join us we can guarantee a warm and friendly welcome to all.

The Community Choir have so far donated £120 to Church funds.

Dave Topping

BOOK CLUB

We have had a good winter session and it has been great to have new members join us. If you are interested in what you read here, please come along to one of our future meetings. A warm welcome and, usually, chocolate biscuits await.

We marked the festive season by having a really interesting discussion of Charles Dickens' novel *A Christmas Carol*. We were thrilled that the group was joined for this meeting by one the younger folk in the Church who is studying this novel at secondary school.

It was interesting to hear several different views of the significance of this tale. Some people hold the view that this is a landmark story in English literature and a real turning point in the way people came to observe and celebrate Christmas. For others, it was the various film versions which had penetrated the deepest. Indeed, we took in a clip from the *Muppet* movie, for light relief.

In early January, the group met again, this time to share our thoughts about a much more recent novel *Conclave* by Robert Harris. Many of his books are fictional accounts of actual historical events but this book is set in the near future, or maybe the present, as it tells a fascinating story about the election of a Pope. If you have not read any of Harris's books, we strongly recommend them and this one especially if you are interested in the Church and the motives which drive people to behave as they do. The governance of Methodism seems much less complicated than that of the Roman Catholic Church, but we have our moments too!

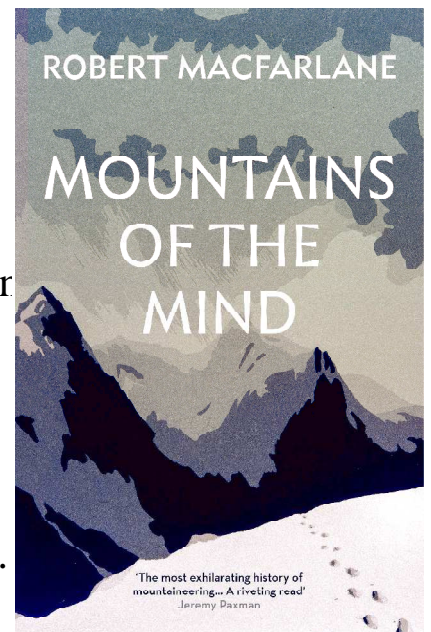
By the time you are reading this we will have gathered again, this time to think about a book by a modern theological writer, Paula Gooder, who has shared her thoughts about what *Heaven* means for us today. We agreed this would be a good book to read and discuss during Lent. A number of us recently visited the British Museum to see an exhibition based on religious artefacts from different faiths and we will be hearing from them too.

Further meetings are being planned based upon the following books:

- 22 May - *Mountains of the Mind* by Robert MacFarlane.
(a modern history of our fascination with high places)
- 3 July - *Jonah* from the Old Testament.
- 4 Sept - *Life in the Garden* by Penelope Lively.
(and a sharing of favourite passages about gardens and plants).
- 9 Oct - *Priam's Gold* by Caroline Moorhead.
(the story of the discovery of the treasures at Troy)

Dates and times will appear in future Church notices and on the Church website. If you want to know more please give me a ring on 01772 863791.

Ken Wales



MAINTAINING INDEPENDENCE & QUALITY OF LIFE

Sometimes older people think that it is alright to struggle with things, “it’s just part of getting older”. Whilst we can’t stop the aging process, we can attempt to make improvements to the environment, or change the way we do things to improve efficiency, safety and perhaps reduce pain. Occupational Therapists (OTs) are specialists in assessing for and prescribing compensatory aids and adaptations. This can range from small aids (helping hand/cutlery) to larger items (commode / wheelchair) to adaptations (ramps/level access showers). OTs can also educate on the best techniques for daily tasks and how to find and choose additional support.



Transfers. The key element for transferring on/off furniture is the height. Are you finding it takes extra effort and struggling, or for example leaning on the sink to get off the toilet! There are options to help. The most common areas of difficulty are on/off the toilet, chair/sofa, and in/out of bed. If these moves are difficult, it can cause stress on the joints, pain and sometimes result in falls. It might be time for you to do something about it.

- Anyone with significant or multiple difficulties should contact Lancashire County Council adult social care directly on **0300 123 6720** and answer their eligibility questions; note there are prioritisation criteria.
- Anyone with routine/non urgent issues could request a referral via their GP for a community OT assessment.
- If you have a district nurse or therapists involved already, they can provide advice and may be able to offer some equipment to help - just ask.
- I advocate using the **Disabled Living Foundation**, who are a national charity that offer impartial advice, information and training on a wide variety of equipment for independent living. www.dlf.org.uk They have a helpline, fact sheets and the nearest store is in Manchester.
- Should you wish to purchase compensatory equipment yourself, there are lots of mobility shops around who can offer advice and carry stock items. Be aware that prices via the internet can be more competitive for example looking at the website - www.completecareshop.co.uk
- Anyone wanting to seek private OT assessment could look for a private occupational therapist via www.rcot.co.uk

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Age UK 0300 303 1234 www.ageuk.org.uk/lancashire/our-services Offer a range of advice including benefits and entitlements, housing, hobbies and more; support and services including exercise classes, computer lessons, nail care and shopping and domestic help. They have specific tailored support following a hospital admission.

Rachel Imms

A member of the Fulwood Methodist congregation

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WELCOME SATURDAY

On Saturday 20th January we held our first Welcome Saturday social event. Following on from the success of Welcome Wednesday, it was felt a Saturday evening social event would fill the role of radical hospitality. Somewhere safe to meet friends and make new ones and enjoy each other's company. Like any good social event food and singing are always a good starter. So we stepped out in faith and booked our Community Choir, who didn't disappoint and gave us a variety of songs from the shows, which went down tremendously well with everyone. Ken Black had kindly set up some appropriate lighting which made our surrounding more atmospheric.



John Ferris very gallantly stepped in with his guitar at late notice, as 'Elvis' look-a-like had broken his foot, and sang a number of songs, getting a request for Abba numbers. (great stuff).

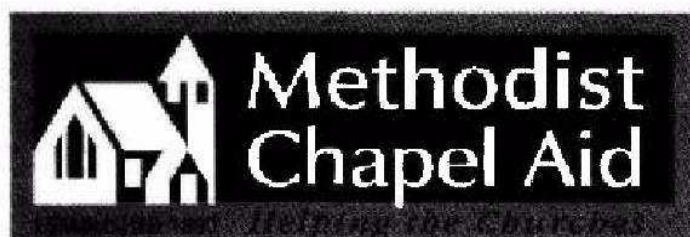
We had a quiz which Dave Topping organised for us, along with silly games and some more traditional table games. Our karaoke wasn't as successful as we would have liked, however Verity and friends joined in and raised our game. A few people ventured on to the floor and danced the night away!

This was all topped off by a great supper by Martin and Sue, ably assisted by Dot, Janet, Laura and Bran.

So having made the leap I am pleased to say the evening was a qualified success and certainly something to build on. Having requests for another, we have set a date of Sat 5th May 7.00pm - 9.30pm. See you there.

Edna Armstrong

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PANCAKES GALORE!

There was an excellent turn out on the evening of Shrove Tuesday when sixty folk, young, not so young and getting on a bit, gathered in Willow Grove to enjoy freshly cooked pancakes. On arrival, numbered tickets were dispensed by Mike Ellis, the counterfoil of which was delivered to the kitchen. It was an extremely efficient system. When our number was called out, we collected our pancake which was served to us by Hope and Verity. There was a table covered with various fillings including sugar, cinnamon, lemon, mango and exotics such as Nutella and for those with a savoury preference, ratatouille and cheese. This table was overseen by Beryl Hoyle, Margaret Holmes and Moira Black. A range of soft drinks was served by a very efficient and suitably attired waiter in the shape of Steve Anyon,



The kitchen was a hive of industry. Janet Lowes made the batter, the Rev Jane and Pam O'Brian cooked the pancakes which were served up by Annette Ellis. Sue Penrith fulfilled the role of maid of all work!

Meanwhile Darren had organised various games and activities for the children and there were quizzes and puzzles for those who did not wish to crawl about the floor! Oh, and also seeing how high you could toss a pancake.

There was a mixture of folk of all ages from church and families from the Toddler Club and everyone mingled together. The young mum who was sitting with Jackie Clarke and me commented that it was wonderful to have her pancakes cooked for her because at home she usually ate when everyone else had finished!

There was sufficient batter for second pancakes if required and Jane said they had cooked about 105. Verity acted as Mistress of Ceremonies and read out the answers to the quiz which was about pancakes, naturally.

Almost £70 was raised after expenses which was then made up to £100 and donated to Christian Aid. It was a very enjoyable evening and the pancake consumers were more than pleased to give the entire team a round of applause.

Barbara Hothersall

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

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

Every day is like a suitcase - some people pack more into it than others.

THE EVENING LIGHT

In the quiet of the evening
When the world is lulled to rest,
I find wonderful contentment
For I put aside my quest,
I forget the day now ended
And the things that came to be,
For the magic peace of silence
Has taken hold of me.

Worries leave my mental storehouse
Just like birds upon the wing,
And deep inside my heart I find
A tender song to sing,
As the great big ball of fire
Sinks into horizons blue,
There is beauty sent from heaven
That my eyes are blessed to view.

I believe God made the evening
So that man could realise,
The reason for his being here
Beneath the tranquil skies,
So whenever I am able
In the evening light I pray,
To gain the strength I need to face
The cares that come with day.



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And surely you will find
A measure of real pleasure,
On the shelf marked 'peace of mind'.

Gloom is there a plenty,
But its value must be curbed
Let it lie beneath the counter
And remain there undisturbed.

Long before the final check out,
The incentive's there to see....
Seek the shelf marked 'happiness',
It's on offer and it's FREE.

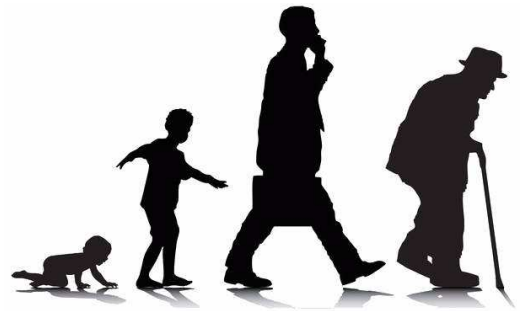


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DIFFICULT THINGS TO DO

To break a bad habit,
To love an enemy,
To think logically,
To admit ignorance,
To withhold judgement,
To grow old gracefully,
To persevere without haste,
To wait without impatience,
To suffer without complaint,
To know when to keep silent,
To be indifferent to ridicule,
To concentrate in the midst of strife,
To endure hatred without resentment,
To fraternise without losing individuality,
To serve without compensation, commendation, recognition.



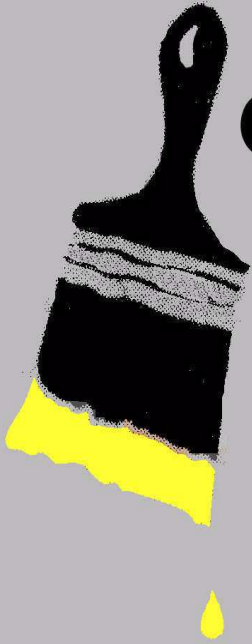
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Gerald played at full-back for the school;
A big, strong boy with a kick like a mule.
In one game he stopped; his lace was undone.
“Tie it up, lad, the game’s going on.”
Gerald stooped and tied his lace,
Took one step - and fell flat on his face.
That’s what happens when one lace is tied
To a lace from the boot on the other side!



Brian Sumner

OOPSS!

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea.
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write,
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite,
It’s rarely ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it:
I am shore your pleased two no
It’s letter perfect in its weigh,
My chequer tolled me sew!



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Saturday 9th June

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Thursday 21st June

DAY VISIT TO ILKLEY

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and to see top class tennis at the pre-Wimbledon tournament.

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Wednesday 11th July

DAY VISIT TO KESWICK

to include optional visit to see

'Single Spies' by Alan Bennett.

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Fri & Sat 7th and 8th September

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and visit National Memorial Arboretum

at Stoke-on-Trent on the return journey.

Accommodation (bed and breakfast at The Crowne Plaza) and travel are currently estimated at £160 per person with a £52 supplement for a single room.

Optional dinner in the hotel would be an extra £25. The theatre ticket will be extra (prices to be confirmed) and the admission cost to the Arboretum will vary according to your requirements.



Look at www.fulwoodmethodist.org.uk/events/theatrevisits.htm for full details and late additions and changes to these plans.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

Wed 21st 7.00pm Book Club

Sat 24th 9.30am Farmers' Market

Sun 25th 10.30am **Palm Sunday** Worship led by Rev Jane Wild

Mon 26th 7.00pm to 7.30pm - Reflections

Tues 27th 7.00pm to 7.30pm - Reflections

Wed 28th 10.30am - **Holy Week** Communion

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Mon & Tues 26th and 27th Easter Adventure Holiday Club

Thur 29th 6.00pm - **Maundy Thursday** Simple meal and Service in Oak Hall

A chance to eat and worship together,
with parts of the service while we eat.

Fri 30th 9.30am **Good Friday** Messy Church

10.30am Coffee and hot cross buns

11.00am Good Friday Reflection

April

Sun 1st April **Easter Day** Sunrise service on Beacon Fell

8.30am Communion - Led by Rev Jane Wild followed by Easter breakfast

10.30am Easter Communion led by Rev Jane Wild

Tues 10th 7.00pm Alphabites. Meal and Bible study

Mon 16th 7.30pm Worship Planning

Sat 28th Come and Sing with John Rutter (fully booked)

May

Tues 8th 7.00pm Alphabites. Meal and Bible study

Sat 12th 10.00 to 12.30pm Spring Plant Sale

Tues 15th 5.00pm Messy Church

Tues 22nd 7.00pm Book Club

Sat 26th 9.30am Farmers' Market

June

Tues 12th 7.00pm Alphabites. Meal and Bible study

July

Tues 3rd 5.00pm Messy Church

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday

9.45 am Singing Practice (Cedar Room)

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

10.30 am Midweek Communion with prayers

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

Thursday

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

7.15 pm Table Tennis matches Alan Smith (07943 406021)

8.01 pm Ladies After 8 group (fortnightly) Sue Whiteford (864478)

Friday

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

FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

7.00 pm Scouts (10½ - 14 yr) Chris Thomas (07545 869326)

7.00 pm Explorer Scouts (14 - 18 yr) Operated by Scout District

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

Thursday

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

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

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

Friday

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

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

Sunday

10.30 am Sunday Club Janet Wales (863791)

4.00 pm OMG (monthly for years 5 to 8/9) Wendy Bennett (860965)

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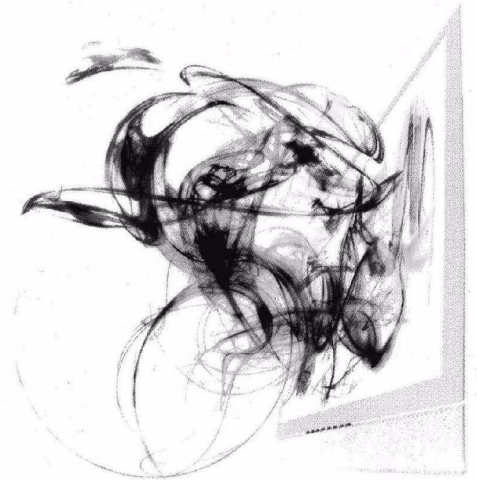
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