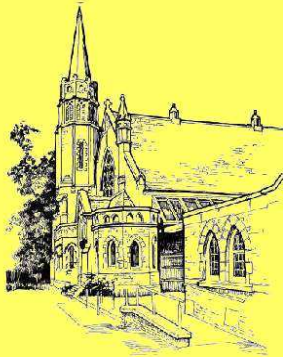


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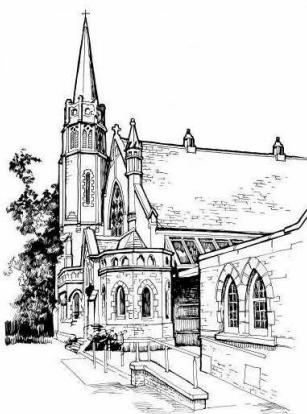
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The CHURCH MINIBUS provides free transport to and from Church on Sunday mornings. The timetable and route information are available at Church. Should you wish to make use of it please complete one of the request cards in Willow Grove.

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or contact Tel.....

EDITORIAL

It's happened again! Someone actually mentioned they'd enjoyed reading the Summer Magazine: "It was good," they said. Well, just fancy that!

I must say that I do enjoy reading through magazines from other churches, both local and far off, and I sincerely thank all those who take the trouble to bring them back. There's always something to be learnt from them.

For the **Christmas** issue the **copy date will be Sunday, 27th November**. Any contributions ahead of that date would be especially welcome. (N.B. Articles may be subject to editing.)

Roy Smith (Editor)

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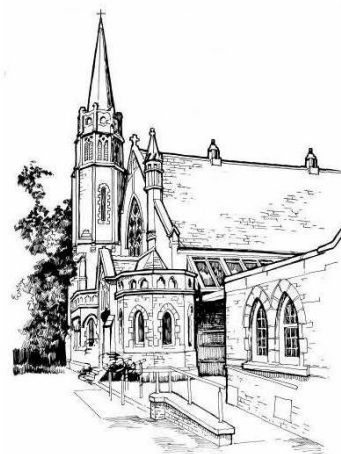


PASTORAL LETTER

from Revd. Malcolm Hickox

Dear Friends,

‘A God-centred church, actively serving others’. That has been our ‘strap line’ since the Church adopted its last mission statement in 2004/05. That statement and policy were the driving force behind the *‘Building Together’* Scheme, which resulted in the refurbished Fulwood Methodist Church Crossroads Centre being opened in 2010. Since then we have experienced the impact our adapted building has had on the Church’s mission and new opportunities have emerged that could never have been foreseen. We are known locally as a Church which not only engages with the community, but seeks to serve those in need and we rejoice that we are a diverse Christian community from very different backgrounds.



Over the last ten years life has changed at a rapid pace, particularly in churches, which is why our Methodist Circuit is carrying out a review of its resources and mission so as to develop a strategy which is relevant and sustainable. The review group will be seeking our views and so the Church Council decided that the time was right for a new Vision and Mission Statement which reflects our commitments for the next two years. The significance of that period is that by next summer I shall have completed the five years of my invitation as Minister and having had my 65th birthday in March this year I shall be ‘sitting down’ from active ministry and moving away from the area. The process for finding a successor for my appointment has already begun, but the Circuit is also seeking to recruit a full-time Youth, Children’s and Family Worker for Fulwood to take over the responsibilities Yasha held and to extend our work in that area. These appointments will be shaped by our new Vision and Mission Statement.

A new minister and lay worker will bring their own ideas, but the Church Council agreed that it was important to re-state the Church’s commitment to celebrating and deepening the faith of its members, and to reaching out to our local community with acts of witness and service. All of which is set against the background of our inter-faith and ecumenical relationships continuing to be of real significance to the well-being of our communities. At its meeting in June the Church Council adopted the following statement and agreed that over the coming months there would be a series of discussions about how it might be put into action.

The Vision

Fulwood Methodist Church - disciples of Jesus Christ, enthusiastically continuing on a journey of faith, demonstrating God’s love for all people.

The Church's Mission

The journey we are undertaking is to witness to our faith through worship and service in ways that show God's love for all people. In witnessing to the love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we are thankful for our heritage and for the gifts and resources with which we have been provided. We will be responsibly creative in adapting these to the opportunities and needs which present themselves. To that end we commit ourselves to the following:

We will

1. Renew our commitment to being part of 'a discipleship movement shaped for mission'⁽ⁱ⁾ which gives honour to Jesus Christ and to God's creation in all we do.
2. Recognise that every individual is different and yet made in the image of God.
3. Exercise 'radical hospitality'⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ in our regard for each other - children, young people and families, people at work in their various daily occupations and those with different opportunities and challenges – and warmly embrace the stranger, the newcomer and those with additional needs, continuing to offer our premises and ourselves in service.
4. Develop a variety of opportunities for worship at different times and in different styles over the whole week.
5. Emphasise well-being, development and growth and especially our need to develop our spiritual understanding and maturity.
6. Actively meet people in our community, listen to and learn from their voices, and work with them to create a more just society.

The Church Stewards believe that we are in an exciting time as we continue to build on our achievements and respond to the opportunities that are before us. I hope you will all wish to play your part and engage with the challenge to put into action our new Vision and Mission Statement.

Every blessing,



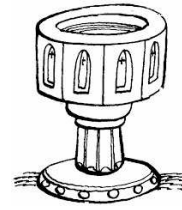
⁽ⁱ⁾ '***A discipleship movement shaped for mission***' is another way of saying that we are a movement of Christians committed to deepening our discipleship in order to be agents of God's mission, as a transforming presence in the world.

⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ '***radical hospitality***' is about inviting, welcoming, and caring for those who are strangers. It looks outwards with a love that motivates us to be open, adaptable and willing to change, in order to accommodate the needs and receive the talents of newcomers, as we reflect the gracious love of Christ, respect the dignity of others and express God's invitation to them.

FAMILY NEWS

Baptisms:

3rd July 2016 Frankie Robert Paxton



Weddings:

Congratulations to the following couples who were married in the church during the Summer:

25 th June	Craig Jones & Janette Booth
23 rd July	Khyle Whitehead & Emma Field
29 th July	Causemore Zengeni & Mwaita Mutepfa
13 th August	Darren Proffitt & Sarah Melling
27 th August	Matt Fuller & Nicola Caithness



Also to those who were married elsewhere:

2 nd July	Daniella Gallagher & Mark Wallace
28 th August	Karen Hunt & Simon Flynn

Congratulations - to Pam and Graham Johnson who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 24th July.



Examinations – our thoughts have been with all our children and young people who have been sitting exams over the summer. A number are moving on to a different stage of education and others are taking a step into a new career. We wish them all well for the future and congratulate them on their achievements.

Sickness - In the last few months a number of our church family have been unwell, several have been in hospital and some have moved into residential homes. Some have also been coming to terms with the diagnosis with a serious illness. We assure them all of our love and prayers.

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



Social Evening - Saturday 24th September

Table quizzes, general knowledge quiz and musical entertainment.

Watch out for more details

Sunday 25th September

10.30 a.m. All-age Worship (Parade Service)

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Service of Remembrance

6.30 p.m. Sunday 6th November



A service to give thanks for those who have
died in the last twelve months
and to remember others who are no longer with us,
but whose lives have touched ours.

If you wish to have a person included
in the act of remembrance
please contact: Revd. Malcolm Hickox
by email on: malcolm@hickox.fsnet.co.uk
or Tel. 01772 715134

There will also be the opportunity before the service starts
for photographs of those who have died
to be placed on the communion table.

ANNUAL ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

A most important date for your diary!

Our Annual Arts and Crafts Fair will be held this year on Saturday 22nd October from 10.30am until 3.00pm. As usual we shall be providing tea/coffee and light lunches and you can get in FREE!

Come along and watch and learn from live demonstrations of traditional crafts including cane and rush seating, weaving, spinning, creative stitching, calligraphy, quilting and wood turning etc.

There will be a wide variety of craft stalls from which to buy their wares, some old favourites and some new ones.

New for this year is our craft competition which will exercise your creative skills. We want you to make something – anything – using only recycled materials. The entry fee for this wonderful competition will be 50p for adults and 20p for children and there will be a first prize in both categories of £5.00. So thinking caps on and get creative.

Looking forward to seeing you all.



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Black to the Future 2016

Wednesday

5th October

6.15 p.m. Light Refreshments

6.55 p.m. Presentation

An event hosted by the Preston Black History Group to showcase Preston's achievers of African heritage.

For the third year, Preston's Black History Group will be returning to Fulwood Methodist Church to celebrate Black History Month, October 2016, with an event highlighting Black Achievements and Black Achievers. There will be displays to illustrate some of the contributions made to the development of humankind by people of African origin throughout history. The main part of the evening will be a presentation highlighting the achievements of Preston people who have succeeded in their individual fields, sharing some inspirational stories, which all too often have not been heard.

The event will be attended by the Mayor of Preston and other local dignitaries, as well as community heads, but all are welcome! The aim is to educate the next generation of young people from our community to value and respect their African heritage. The Preston Black History Group (PBHG) is seeking to inspire them to fulfil their potentials, hopes and dreams, sharing pride by linking them to the inspirational people we have living amongst us.

PBHG was established in 2011, although it had been in existence under several guises since 2001, with the aim of researching, preserving and celebrating Black History and Culture. It is active throughout the year, but has a particular focus in October with Black History Month, when there are a number of events. For more information, contact Jonathan Pond (0794 0736381)

or email: jonathan@prestonblackhistorygroup.org.uk

Alternatively, visit the website - www.prestonblackhistorygroup.org.uk



A FARRAGO

- I wonder how many of you spotted the announcement of the Diamond Wedding of Peter Sheasby's parents in the Methodist Recorder of 5th August?
- To celebrate a 'special' birthday Allan Smith led a family outing around the Guild Wheel, the round-Preston cycleway.
- Founded in 1876 the Mothers' Union of the Anglican Church celebrates its 140th Anniversary this year. Its founder was Mary Sumner. Being a mother of three, she was very aware of the responsibilities and feelings of inadequacy that could swamp young mothers. This was her prayer:-

*All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives possible for thee;
And every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken,
Whether through the word I speak,
The prayer I breathe,
Or the life I live.
Amen*



- 21st October will see the 50th anniversary of the Aberfan disaster and we'd like the people of Wales to know that other parts of the UK have not forgotten.
- Other folks' magazines and weekly news sheets have come from Abingdon (Oxon.) Trinity Methodist/URC; Bamber Bridge & Trinity (Gregson Lane) Methodist Churches; Canterbury Cathedral; Central Methodist Church, Preston; Christchurch Methodist/URC, Ilkley; Christ Church, Fulwood; Christ Church, Southport; Fulwood URC; Kingston Methodist Church (Surrey); Oakworth Methodist Church (Worth Valley); St Annes on Sea Parish Church; St John's, Lytham; both Church Road Methodist & The Drive Methodist Churches, St Annes; St Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale; St Paul's, Warton; Witney (Oxon.) Methodist Church; plus three from Germany, from the area south of Koblenz on the River Mosel: Bad Ems/Nassau, Cochem and a whole group of villages from Beilstein to Valwigerberg!
- There's a huge collection of British parish church guides housed in the Pitts Theology Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA (currently 10,042 of them)! They're searchable via WorldCat (www.worldcat.org) or via Emory's online catalogue (www.tinyurl.com/hgdtwck)

THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

- Just as we in Britain use the red poppy as a symbol of remembrance, so French people use the blue cornflower and German people use the blue forget-me-not.
- West Lancashire now has an eight and a half mile themed walk, The War Horse Route, which focuses on the Ormskirk-Lathom-Burscough area. Around 215,000 horses and mules were imported into Canada Dock, Liverpool; they were moved to Ormskirk by train and then by road to the Lathom Park Remount Centre. Further details at www.lbmhs.co.uk/remount-history
- Running at the National Railway Museum, York, at present is an exhibition telling the forgotten story of the ambulance trains used to evacuate sick and injured soldiers on an unprecedented scale. For further details go to www.nrm.org.uk
- In September 1916 a new British weapon entered the war: the Landship – which came to be nicknamed ‘tank’ (because its parts were shipped to the front in crates marked ‘water tanks’ to conceal their true purpose).
- Publishing firms Pen & Sword and the History Press are each releasing a series of books about towns in the Great War.



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THE SOLDIER'S KISS

Only a dying horse, pull off the gear
And slip the needless bit from frothing jaws.
Drag it aside there, leave the roadway clear,
The Battery thunders on with scarce a pause.

Prone by the shell-swept highway there it lies.
With quivering limbs as fast the life tide fails,
Dark films are closing o'er the faithful eyes,
That mutely plead for aid where none avails.

Onward the Battery rolls but one there speeds.
Heedless of comrade's voice or bursting shell
Back to a wounded friend who lonely bleeds
Beside the stony highway where it fell.

Only a dying horse. He swiftly kneels.
Lifts the limp head and hears the shivering sigh,
Kisses his friend while down his cheek there steals
Sweet pity's tear, "Goodbye, old man, Goodbye".

No honours wait him, medal, badge or star,
Though scarce could war a kindlier deed unfold.
He bears within his breast more precious far,
Beyond the gift of kings – a heart of gold.



Henry Chappell

(used in 1916 to accompany a painting that had been commissioned by the Blue Cross to highlight the plight of horses facing the terrors of war).

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NOT ONLY NOVEMBER

Instead of uniform, maybe just skin of a deer,
For weapons he carried only a club or a spear,
An up-to-date squaddie, overburdened with gear,
They had one thing in common: stark battle-ground fear.

At Crecy, Corunna, Cambrai, Cassino or Caen
The same gut-wrenching terror afflicted every man.
They quelled it by fortitude, fury – or prayer
Urgent pleas to the Lord when the death-threat was there.

From battle-axe, arrow, land-mine or grenade,
Cries to the Almighty for protection were made.
There were no agnostics when shrapnel was flying.
Now think of the others, the grieving and crying.

In mansion or cave, in palace or humble abode,
Peasant or princess, in fashion or painted with woad.
Their hurts were those felt by the ones left alone,
Their wounds pierced as deeply as in their men's flesh and bone.

No stretcher-bearers for them, no aid-post to care,
For their anguish at seeing the empty chair.
Or the dread he returned to them blinded or lame,
Different prayers were offered, but the need was the same.

Not from a parson or priest, not from family nor friends
But the comfort that only from Heaven descends:
The Lord's all-healing hand bringing them solace and peace,
From both fear and from grief He grants blessed release.

And yet still it goes on, somewhere every day;
Mankind seems unable to find another way
Of dealing with power-lust, envy, anger or greed,
God grant men the wisdom they lack to succeed.

Brian Sumner

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We have to live in the present moment, because we can do nothing about the past
and God is doing everything about the future.

Rev. George MacDonald

Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about
remedying them – every day begins the task anew.

St Francis de Sales



NOEL CHAVASSE

Three times a Hero!

The city of Liverpool has had many famous sons and daughters throughout its colourful history coming from all walks of life. It has had its heroes too. One such was Noel Chavasse, a doctor and soldier who fought and died in the First World War, as did so very many men. The special thing about Noel, however, was that he was the recipient of the Military Cross and the Victoria Cross twice! He was the only soldier in that war to receive two VCs. Only three men have ever been honoured in this way.



The family was of French origin coming over to England in the early eighteenth century. Noel was born in Oxford and Noel's father Francis came to Liverpool with his wife Edith and seven children to take up the position of bishop. Noel was an extremely talented young man. He was a prize winning academic and qualified as a doctor. Athletically gifted, he played rugby and took part in the 400 yards race in the 1908 Olympic Games, running alongside his twin brother Christopher.

In 1913 he joined the 10th Battalion of the King's (Liverpool) Regiment – a kilted territorial battalion known as the Liverpool Scottish. His letters home at the outbreak of war show an eagerness to get into action. This changed as the war progressed and he found himself part of the full horrors of trench warfare. In June 1915, near Ypres, he was awarded his first medal, the Military Cross. The next year found him on the Somme on July 1st, the first day of that terrible battle. Later that month and for two consecutive nights he went out into no man's land to tend the wounded. Injured himself he was able to save the lives of twenty wounded men and for this bravery in the face of imminent death he received his first Victoria Cross.

The following year the Liverpool Scottish were struggling through mud and rain, attempting to capture a German strongpoint during what became known as the battle of Passchendaele. Noel had found an abandoned dug-out which seemed an ideal shelter in which to treat the wounded. A German shell came through the back door of the bunker killing and wounding all the occupants. Captain Chavasse (as he was known) was badly wounded in the stomach but continued to care for his men. However, his luck ran out and two days later he died from his injuries. For this second display of compassion and courage he received his second Victoria Cross. He was buried in the military cemetery at Brandhoek. He was only thirty three years old and engaged to be married.

Noel's twin brother Christopher and brothers Bernard and Aidan were also commissioned in the army; Aidan was a fighting soldier, Christopher was a padre

and Bernard was a doctor too. Christopher and Bernard both also won the Military Cross and survived the war. Christopher became Bishop of Rochester while Bernard was sadly killed in a car crash in the 1940s. Aidan, the fourth youngest brother was assumed dead. Injured on patrol near Ypres, he had to be left behind as daylight approached. When the rescue party arrived the following night he was no longer there!. His grieving mother clung on to the hope that he would one day return and so his name was not added to the 1920s memorial to the dead in Liverpool Town Hall. It was not until the 1990s that the family finally added his name to the 13,000 fallen.

It took a little while for the city to publicly acknowledge their double VC giving the Beatles a statue first! There is now a Chavasse Park, a blue plaque on the family home in Abercromby Square and a rather grand statue of Noel tending a wounded soldier. His name is remembered at Liverpool University where he studied, at Liverpool Cricket Club and at Sefton Harriers.

A fellow soldier who had been with him on the day he died commented “Gee” he did work! I was beginning to think he was not human, because nothing made him flinch or duck. The first wound that he received was in the head and all he did was take off his hat, put a bandage on his head and carry on. This he did all day and all night until the next wound he got, in the side, did for him”. He also added that a VC was too small for such a man.

The regimental history of the Liverpool Scottish sums up his legacy thus. “The memory of Noel Chavasse may be on his tombstone, on a memorial somewhere, but the true memory of him is in the hearts of the men he was looking after, the men of the Liverpool Scottish”.

Barbara Hothersall

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CENTENARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME

This year we have commemorated the Centenary of the 1st day of the Battle of the Somme, which was the worst day in military history in terms of casualties. I have to confess that having visited the Battlefields with pupils from Archbishop Temple School on three occasions, I learned a lot about WW1; but the last trip which I led with nine adults, including some church members, had a much more profound effect on me.

The fact that we were able to visit places that the pupils were unable to see, such as the cells and the Execution Post at Poperinge and some of the sites off road, was particularly



sobering and made this year's TV coverage even more poignant. The recent TV programme 'Both Sides of the Wire' also highlighted the terrible mistakes made by the Allied leadership, giving rise to the phrase "Lions led by Donkeys"

On every one of my tours, I laid my Remembrance Cross at the grave of Private Singleton, who was one of the Lancashire Regiment which suffered so drastically at Sunken Lane on the first day of the battle. He lived at Nottingham Road in Deepdale and I often question whether he has family still in the area and if they know of his grave. There is a famous photograph taken at Sunken Lane and when I see it, I wonder if he is one of the faces on it.

On Remembrance Day we should remember not only the brave young soldiers who lost their life in battle, but also those who suffered what we now know as Traumatic Stress and were cruelly executed for their fear, mistakenly believed to be cowardice. We should also pray that one day we will see the futility and wrong of the wars and conflicts that still go on in the world and learn to accept and live with our differences.

We will remember them, we will remember them.

At the setting of the sun and the break of every day.

They gave their lives that we

Should have our liberty.

So every day they'll know that we will remember them.

David Topping

POPPIES

Once more the poppies dance upon the breeze.
A bright red carpet lay across the field.
Picturesque upon the eye to please.
A mask to cover all that war could yield.

No more hardship, a consequence of war.
The stench of futile death amongst the mud.
No more they'll see the skylark swiftly soar,
Or take up arms because they're told they should.

Row on row like statues set in glory.
Pristine gravestones reflected in the sun.
Each and everyone a different story
Of a Father, Uncle, Brother, Son.

Once more his current thoughts may falter.
Scarred in his mind the Pals who ne'er returned.
Sadly he knows that some things never alter.
Once more he knows that lessons won't be learned.



David Topping

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MINIBUS DRIVERS

This September, David Topping did his last minibus run, picking up and taking home members of the congregation who rely on this service. This is because our insurance company will not insure drivers over a particular age. Recently we had six regular drivers; we are now down to five and two more will have to stop in about a year's time.

We are therefore in desperate need of more drivers. CAN YOU HELP? Do you know anyone who might be able to help? The more drivers, the less often they are needed and there is more scope for substitution when a particular driver, or drivers are away.

This free scheme has been operating for many years and it would be a great shame if it could not continue for many more years to come. At present, we have 11 members who are regularly picked up and for most of them, it is their only means of getting to church. PLEASE HELP.



Thank you

CLIMBING THE MUNROS

Back in 1891 when Sir Hugh Munro catalogued all the mountains in Scotland over 3,000 feet, little did he think that in years to come so many people would take up the challenge of climbing them all. He did not manage to complete them, the first person to do so being the Revd. A. E. Robertson in 1901. The number has varied a little from the original list, as mountains have been re-surveyed, but the current total is 282.

A few people have completed them in a continuous expedition, the first to do so being Hamish Brown in 1974, but most, like us, have climbed them gradually over the years. We never set out to 'do the Munros' originally. In our 'younger days', mostly spent rock climbing we had both done a few, including the famous Cuillin Ridge on Skye, which we had both completed in a day in the same summer, two weeks



apart, before we knew each other. There are 10 Munros on the ridge and include the only Munros which require some real rock climbing skills. I wouldn't particularly want to be doing those now! When we started our family, climbing gave way to walking but the opportunities for big expeditions to Scotland became fewer. During this period we bought the Scottish Mountaineering Club book with details and pictures of all the Munros for the coffee table and dreamed of doing more. We thought we had it made when all three children were in the two County Youth orchestras and their residential Easter and Summer courses gave us the opportunity to kick-start the trips to Scotland again, continuing as time became our own again without children and finally as retirement started. Then in the last few years we have realised that time will not wait and the twinges in ankles, knees and hips will not be going away! So we have been making a determined effort and in the last two years have climbed around 50 of them, so that the end is definitely in sight, probably for next year.

We have climbed some in winter and some in summer, but latterly our crampons and ice axes have not often had an outing. We never set out in very bad weather, but in Scotland you have to be prepared for anything, and anything is what you often get! Because many of our earlier trips to Scotland were quick trips, we tended to do the more accessible hills first, which has meant some fairly strenuous expeditions in the last few years to access the more remote hills - of which there are many. The expeditions tend to be longer now anyway as we have become slower!

We have taken bikes with us for several trips as it is possible to cycle along estate roads to get closer into the mountains. On the way down it is great to have the bikes to do the last stretch. We have backpacked in to a few places to either wild camp or stay in a bothy, before climbing the peak(s) the next day. This year saw our only expedition that started by boat - to take us along Loch Mullardoch to do two peaks at the far end. After an extremely hot day, the boat came back to fetch us in the evening and as we sped back down the loch, we could see rain clouds starting to release their water on the hills and the thunder and lightning arrived a bit later.

Why bother you may ask - well 'because they are there' is as good an answer as any, but also they have taken us to some fantastic places in Scotland which few people visit and which I wouldn't have missed for the world. We have seen incredible views and experienced magical days in God's truly beautiful world. Have we always enjoyed it - well no! There have been some atrocious days in terms of weather, there have been days when we have seen nothing all day, there have been days when the legs did not want to move, or worse when the mind would not focus. We have retreated without reaching summits on at least two occasions, once in a white-out and once because of high winds, and had to return in better weather. But without those days, would we really appreciate those extra special days?

Ones that stand out in my mind include one of our few trips with the children when we did the whole of the Ben Lawers ridge above Loch Tay. It was Steve's 50th birthday and we carried a cake to the main top of Ben Lawers. Then, because it



was his birthday, the girls could actually be persuaded to continue and complete the ridge of five Munros. It was a fabulous day in August and we had a great meal at the Ben Lawers hotel when we got down. I remember a golden summer's day as a single girl doing the most northerly Munro, Ben Hope, with a friend and another golden day in May or June with the

gorse a vibrant yellow as we climbed The Slioch above Loch Maree just after we were married. In recent years we made it by boat over to Knoydart - a peninsula only accessible by boat from Mallaig (or by a long walk in) and which feels like an island, with no traffic. Based in Inverie, where the local people have bought out the previously unpopular landlord and run the estate as a community venture, we had two long days doing the three Munros there. Just this year we cycled in to the base of Ben Alder to wild camp and do Ben Alder and its partner peak the next day. The weather was fantastic and the walking impressive. In the middle of the night I

stumbled out of the tent to find a herd of deer grazing nearby and looking up could see the stars we rarely see in our overlit cities. In June we were in Glen Affric to do three peaks including probably the most remote - Ben Fhionnlaidh. We spent the first four hours in thick cloud walking in along a boggy stream and then up a boggy coire to a col. It was only when we eventually reached the col that we emerged into brilliant sunshine and continued a fantastic ridge walk with cloud on either side below us, which only cleared much later in the day. I could go on.

Some peaks are isolated, others are usually climbed in twos or threes, or occasionally fours. Some, like Ben Nevis, we have climbed several times by different routes. They are all different, though some are more memorable than others. Over the years we have seen interesting rock and snow & ice formations, myriad plants and flowers, many deer, birds of prey, ptarmigan, mountain hare (in both summer and winter coats), otters, and just this last time we saw 2 adders. Some days we have had the hills completely to ourselves and on other days met several people en route to very remote peaks. Whatever the particular experience, I will always treasure the memories of those days in the mountains.

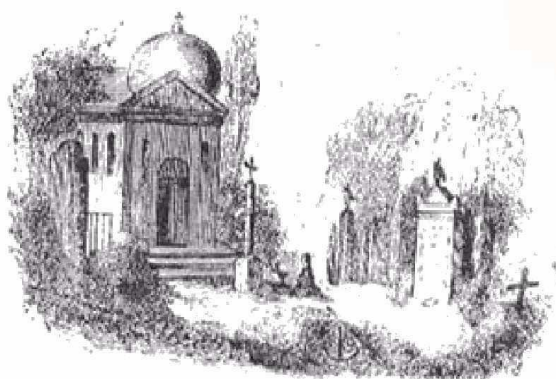
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ST WILFRID - EVANGELIST AND MONASTERY BUILDER

The kingdom of Northumbria in the years 633/634 AD was a centre of Irish Celtic learning and religion, centred around the abbey of Lindisfarne. Sometime during these years a son was born to a nobleman, who became one of the most powerful churchmen in Anglo-Saxon England and who, amongst other deeds, was instrumental in changing the course of Christianity in these islands.

Wilfrith, (later Wilfrid of York) as other saints of the Celtic church before him, was educated at Lindisfarne becoming a monk. Being of noble birth he had close ties with the court, which was to prove a mixed blessing to him throughout his long life. Feeling that Lindisfarne had become somewhat insular in its outlook, he left and went first to Canterbury and then on to Rome. Here he studied scripture and canon law under the archdeacon Boniface. On his way back to England he spent three years in Lyons and on his return he was given the abbey of Ripon by Alhfrith, the son of King Oswiu. Here he established the Rule of St Benedict and followed customs favoured by the Roman church such as the method of calculating Easter. It was his oratory at the Synod of Whitby that pushed forward the cause of the Roman church over the older Celtic church and the church established by Columba and his followers on Iona thus was doomed to become history.



Alhfrith elected him as bishop of York but because none of the Celtic bishops were acceptable to Wilfrid (due to their allegiance to the old church) he went to France to be consecrated at Compeigne. However, he stayed away too long and on his return Alhfrith was no longer in power and his father King Oswiu had appointed another scion of Lindisfarne, Chad, in his place. Wilfrid retired to Ripon but not for long: three years later Theodore the Archbishop of Canterbury deposed Chad and Wilfrid was reinstated. The following years brought him power, influence and wealth. He enjoyed the favour of King Egfrith and his Queen Ethelreda and obtained large endowments of land for his churches. His church at Hexham was considered to be one of the finest north of the Alps. He had a lavish lifestyle with a large household. His diocese extended from the Wash to the Forth with York as its centre. This situation, however, was not to last! Success breeds envy and resentment and Wilfrid's ostentatious lifestyle collected much criticism. Also, perhaps, his somewhat misguided encouragement of the Queen to leave her husband and become a nun had made him unpopular with that gentleman. During the years 678-81 Egfrith and Theodore went over Wilfrid's head and without his consent, they divided the Northumbrian diocese into four. Wilfrid felt he had been unjustly deposed and made history by being the first Anglo Saxon bishop to take

his case to Rome. On his way to put his case he spent a year preaching in Frisia, thus beginning the first such mission on the Continent. The Pope ordered his restoration on condition that, with a local council, he appoint two new bishops.

His return to Northumbria was not a successful one. King Ecgfrith refused to accept the Pope's decision and Wilfrid found himself imprisoned for a spell, only being released when he agreed to leave the kingdom. Wilfrid took himself off to the last stronghold of paganism in the land; Sussex, where he preached and set up a monastery in Selsey until his reinstatement by Theodore and his return in 686. He was never very far from controversy as a series of disputes broke out with Alfrith, the new king of Northumbria over endowments and the status of the monastery at Ripon. Wilfrid retired into the kingdom of Mercia where he acted as bishop of Leicester and founded several more monasteries. However, trouble and discord seemed to be following him. In 703 a synod in West Yorkshire decreed that he resign his see of York, accept virtual disposition and confinement and give up his monasteries. Again Wilfrid appealed to the papacy and again he was vindicated. He returned in 705 having agreed to surrender his see of York to John of Beverley. He retained full Episcopal control of Hexham and his monasteries and he died in 709 at his monastery at Oundle in Northamptonshire. His considerable fortune was left to four causes, offerings to Roman churches (to the last he was an opponent of the old Celtic religion), to the poor, to his followers who had shared his exile and to his abbots 'so that they could purchase the friendship of kings and bishops'. It was his belief that this was the best way to secure the continuity of the monasteries.

His cult was centred on Ripon (where he is buried) and Hexham. Dispute and division pursued him into the tenth century when there was a division of his cult with the translation of his relics being claimed by both Canterbury and Worcester. His feast day is 12th October.

Without doubt he was a great orator and evangelist both in England and overseas. St Willibrord the patron saint of Holland was his pupil. He was a great builder of churches and monasteries, bringing the Benedictine Rule to England. He was a patron of the arts. His fortitude and persistence in the face of his opponents was amazing and his devotion to the Roman church and his belief in the supremacy of the papacy over local and secular interests was absolute.

This position, at a time when the rulers of the various Anglo-Saxon kingdoms expected their bishops and priests to put secular interests first, was extremely courageous. Some extremely important and influential churchmen have come out of the north of these islands and St Wilfrid was certainly one of them.



RIPON CATHEDRAL

Barbara Hothersall



What is it?

It is a circuit project, developed through Central Methodist Church offering a welcoming, safe and confidential space for people to talk and for someone to listen. People will meet with a trained listener who will not interrupt, advise or judge but will use skills in listening to encourage the speaker to find their own way forward.

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Why is listening so important?

We live in a busy world; conversations extend to the length of a tweet; we tire quickly and long for space to breathe, talk, be heard. Many of us are crying out “help no-one is listening to me.” When we are listened to we feel respected, valued, significant, empowered helped and affirmed

Where, when and how can someone access One2One Listening?

Trained listeners will be available at Central Methodist Church on Mondays and Thursdays between 10am and 1pm starting 3 October. The listeners are volunteers who have completed professional listening training from nationally recognised Christian organisation Acorn Healing Foundation. They will have been recruited and trained to best practice to ensure confidentiality and safety for all users. People can drop in to Central and see if there are spaces available or they can book online using our website or by telephone.

For more information...

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RECKLINGHAUSEN CHURCH

During their caravan holiday in Holland and Germany this year, John and Linda Butterworth visited our twin church in Recklinghausen.



Unfortunately there was no one present in the building and Sven, the minister was also away. John did take a couple of photos of the church. One shows the street where the church office is situated and the church is in a courtyard down a passageway on the left of the building. Sven lives in a flat to the left of the entrance. It is situated in a very smart street near the town centre. A copy of the Summer magazine was left for them.

‘ACTION FOR CHILDREN’ CYCLE CHALLENGE

Many thanks to all who sponsored Michael and Kelly Butterworth in their recent cycle challenges for ‘Action for Children’, who Kelly works for at their head office in Watford. They cycled a total of 260 miles in three rides, ending with the London ‘Ride 100’ which finished on The Mall in front of Buckingham Palace. Fulwood raised a total of £236.25 towards their target of £750, which they exceeded by raising more than £900.



Thanks again Fulwood.

WHO'S THIS MYFANWY?

So there we were, on a Wednesday morning in August, sitting in the Willow Grove and drinking coffee. Behind some sunglasses we spot Mavis.

"Hello Mavis."

"Oh! Hello. Have you seen Malcolm?"

"I think he's in the church."

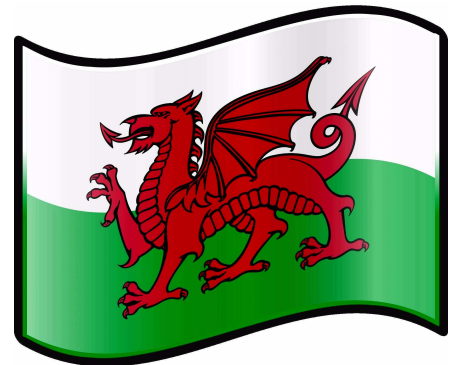
"Right: I need to speak to him about the hymns for the wedding on Saturday."

...and from that brief remark my mind went off at a tangent, or - more correctly - on a total roam around! Wedding. Ours. In August (as a teacher it had to be fitted into my school holiday time). Service. Hymns. A favourite hymn. 'Love Divine All Loves Excelling' – to 'Blaenwern'. Welsh tune. Holiday in South Wales. Swansea. Attending a practice evening of the Morriston Orpheus Choir. Rehearsal for a concert at Cardiff and also for a local wedding. Bride demanding 'Myfanwy' be included. A favourite Welsh song with her (and with a great many other brides too!). A very evocative tune, but do many of them actually know the words? We were fortunate in that someone handed us a beer mat that night: on it both the Welsh words and an English translation. As the man said: "If they knew what the words meant, they might not be quite so keen on having that sung at their wedding!" Here's the first of the three verses:-

*Pa ham mae dicter, O Myfanwy,
Yn llenwi'th lygaid duon ddi?
A'th ruddiau tirion, O Myfanwy,
Heb wrido wrth fy ngweled i?
Pa le mae'r wen oedd ar dy wefus
Fu'n cynnau 'nghariad ffyddion ffol?
Pa le mae sain dy eiriau melys,
Fu'n denu'n nghalon ar dy ol?*

Translated that's...

*Why is it anger, O Myfanwy,
That fills your eyes so dark and clear?
Your gentle cheeks, O sweet Myfanwy,
Why blush they not when I draw near?
Where is the smile that once most tender
Kindled my love so fond, so true?
Where is the sound of your sweet words
That drew my heart to follow you?*



Pretty sad stuff, don't you think, especially in view of the event?!!

It goes on:-

*What have I done, O my Myfanwy,
To earn your frown? What is my blame?
Was it just play, my sweet Myfanwy,
To set your poet's love aflame?
You truly once to me were promised,
Is it too much to keep your part?
I wish no more your hand, Myfanwy,
If I no longer have your heart.*

*Myfanwy, may you spend your lifetime
Beneath the midday sunshine's glow,
And on your cheeks O may the roses
Dance for a hundred years or so.
Forget now all the words of promise
You made to one who loved you well,
Give me your hand, my sweet Myfanwy,
But one last time, to say farewell.*



I suppose it ranks alongside brides of a bygone age avidly requesting 'Eternal Father Strong To Save' and 'Fight The Good Fight'!!

All you need do now is rummage through your collection to see if you have a CD of Welsh male voice choirs; there's a very good chance 'Myfanwy' will be on it.

Roy Smith

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Throughout the Summer months our numbers have dropped a little as expected, with holidays and the attraction of outdoor activities on lighter evenings. We are, however, reverting to weekly rehearsals as we prepare for Autumn and the Festive season.

We welcome new and re-visiting singers both male and female of any age and promise a warm welcome combined with a fair amount of laughter to all. We are particularly looking for any musicians, even if this is only on an occasional basis, as this will lighten the burden on our existing team.

We alter the night we meet from week to week to accommodate those with a regular commitment on a particular night and our sessions usually last about 75 minutes. If you or any of your friends outside of the Church family are interested please don't hesitate to contact me or any choir member.



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O Thou who art the breath of Life, flowing in all creation,
May the light of your presence fill the universe.
Your way of being come, your desire be done,
In this and all realms of existence.
Bring forth the nourishment and insight we need for this day.
May forgiveness of self and others be our lived reality.
Liberate us from all things that bind us and deliver us from all unhealthiness
For you are abundant life, creative unity and glorious harmony,
Through all time and beyond. Amen

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FALL, LEAVES, FALL

Fall, leaves, fall: die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day,
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.

I shall smile when wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow:
I shall sing when night's decay
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GOD ONELINERS

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited – until you try to sit in their pews.
A lot of church members who are singing “Standing on the Promises” are just sitting on the premises.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the Church.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

Quit griping about your Church, if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

I don't know why some people change Churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Peace starts with a smile.

If the Church wants a better leader, it only needs to pray for the one it has.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

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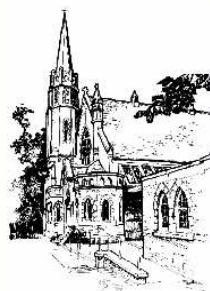
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£36

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DIARY DATES

September

Tuesday 20 th	5.00 p.m.	Messy Church
Saturday 24 th	10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Farmers Market
" "	7.30 p.m.	Harvest Social
Sunday 25 th	10.30 a.m.	Harvest Festival
Monday 26 th	9.30 a.m.	Property Group
Tuesday 27 th	7.30 p.m.	Worship Planning
Wednesday 28 th	7.00 p.m.	Youth Leaders Forum

October

Monday 3 rd	7.30 p.m.	Church Life Group
Wednesday 5 th	6.15 p.m.	Black History Group Celebration
Saturday 8 th	10.00 a.m. – 12.00	Winter Pansy Sale
Monday 10 th	7.30 p.m.	Church Outreach Group
Tuesday 11 th	7.30 p.m.	Pastoral Visitors / Magazine Distributors Meeting
Saturday 22 nd	10.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Craft Fair
Tuesday 25 th	7.30 p.m.	Church Council

November

Saturday 5 th	9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Table Top Sale
Sunday 6 th	6.30 p.m.	Service of Remembrance for those who have died
Sunday 13 th	10.30 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday Parade Service
Tuesday 15 th	5.00 p.m.	Messy Church
Saturday 26 th	10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Farmers Market

December

Saturday 3 rd	10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Christmas Fair
Sunday 11 th	10.30 a.m.	Gift & Toy Service

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday

9.45 am Singing Practice (Cedar Room)

Tuesday

10.00 am	Men's AM Club (fortnightly)	Allan Clarke (718547)
2.15 pm	Women's Fellowship (weekly)	Muriel Crossley (716973)
5-7.00 pm	Messy Church (half-termly) for families	Delma Whitman (709181)
7.00 pm	Alphabites (monthly fellowship)	Margaret Holmes (726964)
7.00 pm	Book Club (monthly)	Ken Wales (863791)

Wednesday

10 till 1.30	Welcome Wednesday - food, activities, games and New2U stall
10.30 am	Midweek Communion with prayers
7.30/8.00	WoW (monthly Women's Group) Sarah Farrell (379464)

Thursday

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

Friday

9.30 am	Toddlers' Club (under 5s & parents/carers) Janet Porter (462808)
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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)	Steve Williams (07734824011)
7.00 pm	Explorer Scouts (14 - 18 yr)	Operated by Scout District (#)
7.00 pm	Scout Network (18 - 25 yr)	Operated by Scout County (#)
	(#) Contact Nick Penrith - Group Scout Leader (07826442936)	

Thursday

5.45 pm	Rainbows (5 - 7 yr)	Jayne Myatt (718217)
6.15 pm	Brownies (7 - 10 yr)	Claire Richardson (728853)
7.30 pm	Guides (10 - 14 yr)	Allison Allcock (703571)

Friday

6.30 pm	Escape (7- 11 yr)	c/o Church Administrator (718741)
8.00 pm	Youth Club (Secondary School age)	“ “ “

Sunday

10.30 am	Sunday Club	Janet Wales (863791)
4.00 pm	OMG (monthly for years 5 to 8/9)	Wendy Bennett (860965)
4.00 pm	BGs (monthly for year 8/9 upwards)	Christine Hickox (715134)

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No Fix – No Fee

Fixed price repairs from £30 plus parts

Home assessment of [problem](#) – free to Preston area

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Computers built to your specs/bespoke systems

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Training (from £25):

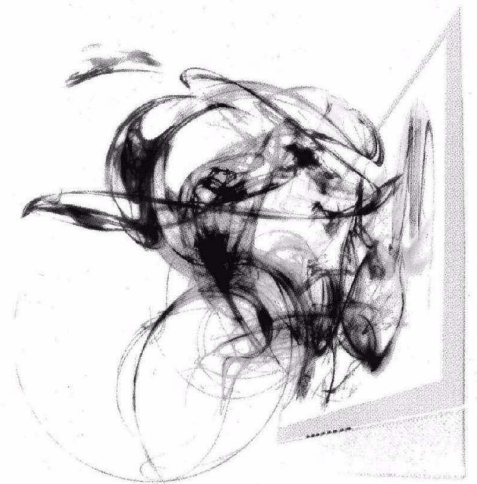
One hour, half-day or full day training in:

Internet and/or Email

Microsoft Word and other Microsoft Programs

Multimedia - creation of photoCD,
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Getting the most out of your computer



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