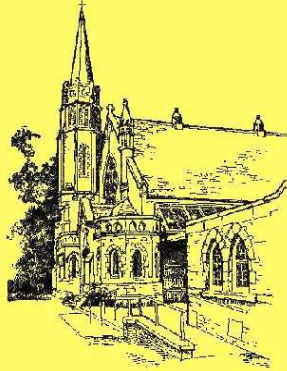


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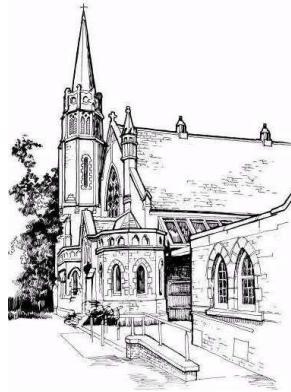
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If you need any help, or have any concerns, please contact

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or contact Tel.....

EDITORIAL

Very many thanks to all who have contributed material to this issue and thank you too to all who bring back other folks' church magazines. Some even arrive by the carrier bag load! I know I say, "There's always something to be learnt from them." So what do I learn? Better ways of doing some things for a start – and also ways in which not to do things.

From the latest batch I've learnt that there's a small village near Salisbury named Lover (honest!); that one church has changed the name of its Toddlers' Club to Squeals On Wheels and that another church has extended its 'open for refreshments' to include a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon – because they consider that's a time when some people feel most alone. All interesting stuff and matters to ponder.

For the **Christmas** issue the **copy date will be Sunday, 19th November, 2017**. 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 Rev. Jane Wild

Dear all,

As I write, I am watching the swallows gather on the telephone wires for their annual migration near the house we are visiting. It is quite a spectacle and is one of the wonders of creation. British swallows spend their winter in South Africa: they travel through western France, across the Pyrenees, down eastern Spain into Morocco, and across the Sahara. Some birds follow the west coast of Africa avoiding the Sahara, and other European swallows travel further east and down the Nile Valley. They return to Europe in April and May. Migrating swallows cover 200 miles a day, mainly during daylight, at speeds of 17-22 miles per hour. The maximum flight speed is 35 mph. How they navigate this distance is the subject of speculation. What is clear is that migration is a hazardous time and many birds die from starvation, exhaustion and in storms.



Harvest is a time of celebration traditionally when we look to thanking God for the amazing things that grow and the great gifts of creation. We celebrate things that we know about, the growth of food, plants and animals and the mysteries of creation, like the migration navigation of swallows.

We rejoice that it is all from God. Psalm 104:14-21 puts it like this. *“You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart. The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the rabbits. You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.”*

It is right and proper at harvest that we celebrate the bounty of creation. The difficulty we have as Christian people is that we are aware of the places and situations where harvest means something different. Just as the miracle of migration has the risks of survival so the bounty of God’s creation has a vulnerability for many of the world’s population. A good or bad harvest is literally a matter of life and death.

So we face a situation where we hold together celebration with concern, prayers of thanksgiving with petition for the suffering, learning about the joy of abundance and education about the needs of others. Through these things we grow to be better stewards of the glory of God’s world.

God Bless,

Jane

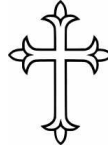
FAMILY NEWS

Births: 31st July to Laura & Craig Curtis
Henry James, a brother for Megan

6th August to Amy & Martin Taylor
Harry James, a brother for Megan
(yes - the names are correct!)



Deaths: 14th July Andrew Heggie
9th August Vincent Osbourne



Sickness: In the last few months a number of our church family have been unwell, several have been in hospital and others continue to experience serious illness. We assure them all of our love and prayers.

Congratulations: Two members of the magazine production team, **Roy Smith**, our Editor, and his wife **Dorothy**, celebrated their 55th (Emerald) wedding anniversary on 11th August and **John Butterworth**, who does the magazine computer layout, reached his 'threescore years and ten' on 30th August. Unfortunately, he had to give up his minibus driving. (More driver volunteers would be welcome!) Also, on 9th September, **Joyce and Allan Clarke** celebrated their 65th (Blue Sapphire) wedding anniversary!

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

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A MESSAGE FROM REV JANE WILD

Thank you to everyone at Fulwood Methodist for the warm welcome. The greetings and ‘nibbles’, as someone described the incredibly generous hamper, have sustained us through lots of dust and unpacking. We are now looking forward to getting to know you all and putting faces to some names.



Thank you Jane, Stuart, Grace Verity and Hope

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THANK YOU

Richard McClay, the Caretaker at Fulwood for the last few years, has recently moved back to Donegal in Ireland. He says - “A big ‘Thank You’ for all the good wishes and gifts I received from everyone at FMC. I was very touched by the kindness and best wishes.”

He has been replaced by Derek Walmsley who lives locally.

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NW BLOOD BIKES VISIT

Earlier this year Fulwood Methodist Church Women's Fellowship enjoyed a visit from NW Blood Bikes. Amanda, a representative from Blood Bikes, gave us an interesting insight into the work that they do for the NHS in transporting emergency supplies of blood, human tissue, drugs and other medical supplies between hospitals within our region. The Blood Bikers are all volunteers and are on call twenty four hours a day.



What made the afternoon especially entertaining for the members was when Amanda contacted one of the motorcycle team to inquire if he was available to make a visit to our Church on his bike. We were pleased to learn that he was able to come and

demonstrate the various aspects of the bike to the ladies present and agreed to be photographed in front of the building. One or two of the members were pleased to be allowed to sit on the bike with the sirens blasting forth and with blue lights

flashing! Passing traffic was bemused by the event and must have wondered what was taking place.



This event was certainly one of the highlights from the Women's Fellowship Programme of the past year. Blood Bikes rely entirely on donations towards the running costs and purchase of the bikes, including

temperature controlled boxes and the fuel used. NWBB is a non-profit making charity and receives no central funding or payment for services, not even out-of-pocket or fuel expenses.

Muriel Crossley

For Jesus there are no countries to be conquered, no ideologies to be imposed, no people to be dominated. There are only children, women and men to be loved.

Henri Nouwen, Dutch Priest

When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that, when you die, the world cries and you rejoice.

Cherokee saying

ANDREW HEGGIE

1957 - 2017

Andrew was born on July 24th 1957, in Benwell in the West End of Newcastle upon Tyne, the only child of Kath and Arthur Heggie. Three years later, in 1960, the family uprooted and moved across the country to Blackpool so that Arthur could take up a job with ICI. Kath soon established contact with Bispham Methodist Church and Andrew was enrolled in the Sunday School, where he encountered a certain Liz Ellison as his primary department teacher. Fifty plus years later Liz again found herself giving Andrew pastoral care as one of our hospital chaplains. Andrew was a very quiet, tall lad, with bright ginger hair, who was quick on the uptake and never had to be told twice what to do.

Aged eleven, he went to Montgomery High School in Blackpool and left when he was sixteen to work in a garage. From there he joined the Tom Smith equipment hire company and then when he was 20 or 21 he went to work in the research laboratory of the UK Atomic Energy Authority. With changes on the horizon for the authority, Andrew moved to GEC Plastics in Warton, where he stayed for two or three years, before getting a job as a process worker with British Nuclear Fuels, where he was to remain for the next 25 years, before retiring.

It was in 1980 that Judith arrived at the UK Atomic Energy Authority, having completed her computer science course. She and Andrew soon became acquainted and it wasn't long before they started going out. They were married in 1984 and moved from Blackpool to Fulwood. Laura was born in 1989 and then six years later she was joined by Emily, born in 1995. When Emily came of an age to join the Rainbows the family started their association with Fulwood Methodist Church, choosing our Rainbow Guides for Emily.

Having grown up through the Scouts in Blackpool and developing a passion for outdoor activities, Andrew offered his services to the 6th Fulwood Scout Group at Christ Church, later becoming Venture Scout Leader and then part of the Preston and District Scout Fellowship and the Scout Association Support Unit. Andrew's Scouting activities took him to the Moor Crag Water Activity Centre on Windermere, where he gained his dingy sailing instructor qualification. Sailing Wayfarer dinghies was to become a family activity, but with Andrew's love of fun and sense of humour he developed a bit of a reputation and it became a standing joke that even though he was a great sailor, anyone who went out with Andrew was going to get wet! Andrew was also a keen wind surfer and loved walking and climbing. Exploring, travelling to new places and enticing the family to join him was all part of this action man's life. In fact, Andrew's philosophy was that going to work was purely to fund holidays and that you couldn't ever not have a holiday booked!

To Andrew, holidays were considered adventures, but life was also an adventure, which had to be lived to the full. These adventures led the family to a range of activities, often to the distress of Judith as she watched the girls experience

many a hairy moment - like seven-year-old Emily attempting ski jumping in the Alps, Andrew guiding 'coasteering' and cliff jumping in Wales, and Laura nearly fainting on the final ascent of 'Half Dome' in Yosemite, California. Laura only realised that these activities weren't standard adult behaviour when telling other people about them afterwards, because her dad never showed any fear.

Another of Andrew's traits was his use of friendly insults as terms of endearment. To him most people were 'midgets', but his family were most frequently the butt of his humour. However, he never left any of them in any doubt that they were his pride and joy. Andrew certainly enjoyed life and lived it to the full, but when diagnosed with a terminal illness, the way he faced the prospect of death demonstrated that he discovered something quite profound about the nature of life, something which gave him courage, assurance and a calmness that was remarkable. In his final days, the hospice gave Andrew all the physical comfort and care he needed for a peaceful end to his life, but Andrew also discovered a deeper peace which was not shattered, but was deepened by his illness.

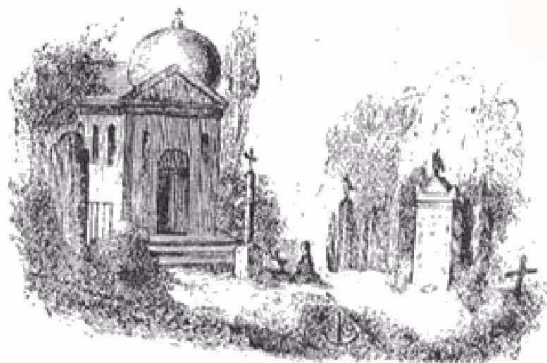
It was clear from the many people who attended the Service of Thanksgiving for Andrew that he was held in high regard and that his friendship and service to others was much appreciated. His untimely death, aged 59, has taken from us a very special man, but his influence on other people will not be forgotten.

Martin's

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GREETINGS FROM SEATON SLUICE!



We are enormously grateful to everyone who contributed to our leaving gift, sent us cards and took part in the wonderful services on our last Sunday with you. The last five years have been a deeply enriching experience, out of which we have forged some great relationships, travelled together through the highs and lows of Church life and been privileged to share the joys and sorrows of many people's lives.

Our last Sunday with you was certainly an emotional time, but we felt uplifted by the love and sense of worship. Our friends who joined us were full of praise for the quality of the music and the singing! We are so grateful to all who contributed to an inspiring day. The last few weeks are all a bit of a haze with attempts to complete all the work deadlines, the packing of our possessions in Fulwood, the Farewell Services and the move, and then work on the new house (decorating and gardening). At the moment, it feels a bit more like a dislocation than a relocation, but in the midst of all the changes we have been conscious of the thoughts and prayers of folks at Fulwood.

We should explain that at the moment we are not actually living in Seaton Sluice, but staying with Christine's parents in Gateshead, due to the fact that our new home is not habitable yet! The building work is progressing well, a loft conversion having been completed and a start made on a ground floor extension and the re-arrangement of living rooms. All being well we should be moving in by the end of October and ready to receive visitors.

We'd be pleased to see anyone who's passing this way, the Church Stewards have our address.

Malcolm & Christine Hickox



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SUPREME CHAMPION! Great Eccleston Show

I've been a member of Fylde Heddles and Treadles Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers (you may have seen some of us spinning at the Craft Fairs at Church) for more years than I care to remember. I have been entering skeins of wool, knitted clothes and toys in the handicrafts section at Great Eccleston Agricultural Show for almost as many years with moderate success. However, this year is the first time



I have been lucky enough to win the accolade of Supreme Champion in Handicrafts.

The entry which won the prize was a Shetland Lace shawl made from hand-spun silk and cashmere; fine enough to fit through a wedding ring. I was pleased and very surprised to win as the shawl wasn't only judged against other items submitted by Guild members but by all the other handicrafts such as quilting, dressmaking etc., and there was a very large number of entries. This is the first time I have left the show carrying a trophy – well actually a tray – and a rosette. I have to hand the tray back next year, but I keep the rosette!



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MUSIC EVENTS AT FULWOOD

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Last year's event was hugely popular when Jeff and friends from Blackburn came to share another singing workshop with us. The event is for anyone who loves to sing. No experience necessary - just a willingness to join in and have fun.

In the evening the male voice group Maelstrom and the ladies group Decibelles, who are part of the Blackburn choirs, will entertain us and we hope that those who were at the workshop will once again be able to join in a couple of the concert items.

The workshop will cost £12 and this includes a ticket for the evening concert whilst the concert tickets for those who just want to enjoy a super evening will be £8. Accompanied children no charge.

If you missed the concert last year, you missed a treat! Just ask those who did come! All the money raised will go to Methodist Action NW for their work with the homeless.

The other music treat, for more experienced singers this time, is a return visit of **John Rutter**. This is an event organised by the Association of British Choral Directors and will be at Fulwood Methodist Church on April 28th next year. There will be booking forms available from October onwards and I shall make sure we have some at church for those keen to come. Do please tell your musical friends about both of these events.

Mavis Fletcher

THE AUTUMN OF LIFE

What a wonderful time if life's autumn, when the leaves of the trees are all gold,
When God fills each day as He sends it with memories, priceless and old.
What a treasure-house filled with rare jewels are the blessings of year upon year,
When life has been lived as you've lived it, in a home where God's presence is near.
May the deep meaning surrounding this day, like the paintbrush of God up above,
Touch your life with wonderful blessings and fill your heart brimful with His love.

*(From the magazine of the Linacre Methodist Mission,
Litherland, Liverpool)*

A FARRAGO

- At the Methodist Conference 2017: elected as President of the Conference was the Rev. Loraine Mellor and as Vice-President, Jill Baker. Those designated to follow them in 2018 are the Rev. Michaela Youngson and Bala Gnanapragasam.
- Epworth Old Rectory (birthplace of John Wesley) has recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of the building being open to the public.
- We welcome to neighbouring St Cuthbert's Church a new Curate: Rev. Shahriar Ashrafkhorasani.
- Those who frequent Central Methodist's Olive Grove Coffee Bar will tell you that the Minister, Sue Griffiths, was married on Saturday, 26th August. She will be moving on to a new appointment in the summer of 2018, after 8 years at Central.
- If ever you're planning a summer visit Norfolk there's an Open Churches Week in early August each year, with over 600 historic churches waiting to welcome visitors. You may be surprised and delighted at what you find – including special exhibitions and the opportunity of climbing to the tops of innumerable towers.
- Meanwhile, neighbouring Suffolk is developing a series of Angels & Pinnacles trails, helping you plan 'unforgettable days out around some most amazing churches.' For details visit the new website at www.angelsandpinnacles.org.uk For those not familiar with East Anglia's heritage of churches: the Middle Ages were a time of great prosperity, based on wool production and its export to Europe,- especially to the ports of the Hanseatic League. Local 'wool barons' expended large amounts of their money on local churches, turning them into mini-cathedrals and the quality of the workmanship truly has to be seen to be believed.
- Other folks' magazines and weekly news sheets have come from Acomb Parish, York; All Saints, Walcott, Norfolk; Anchorsholme Methodist Church, Blackpool; Bramford Methodist Church, Ipswich, Suffolk; Central Methodist Church, Preston; Christ Church, Fulwood; Church Road Methodist Church, St Annes; Exeter Cathedral; the churches of St Mary, Redlynch & St Birinus, Morgans Vale (Salisbury area); Fulwood URC; Haxby Methodist Church, York; Heartsease Lane Methodist Church, Norwich; Highcliffe Methodist Church, Dorset; Ingol Methodist Church; the Isles of Scilly Methodist Circuit; St Andrew's, Trowse, Norwich; St Leonard's, Penwortham; Oakworth Methodist Church (Worth Valley); Our Lady & St Edward's RC Church, Fulwood; Rhuddlan Parish & Community, N. Wales; St Giles & St Nicholas, Sidmouth; St Mary's, Troston, Suffolk; St Michael's, Teignmouth; St Nicholas's, North Walsham, Norfolk; St Paul's, Warton; St Peter's, Great Livermere, Suffolk; St Peter & St Paul's, Salle (pronounced 'Saul'), Norfolk. There was also an order of

service for an Ordination of Deacons at Durham Cathedral and community magazines from Lostock Hall, the Great Eccleston area and from Trowse Village, Norwich. We also had 6 from France: Arras Cathedral; St John Baptist, Arras; Limoges Cathedral; Notre Dame de Rocamadour; Sarlat (Dordogne) and the Parish of St Pierre in the Loire Valley, covering the villages of Behouard, Epire, La Possonniere & Savennieres – and just to show how small the world appears to be sometimes, Dorothy & I know a French family who live in La Possonniere!

A CHINESE PROVERB

If there be righteousness in the heart
There will be beauty in the character.
If there is beauty in the character
There will be harmony in the home.
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There will be order in the nation.
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There will be peace in the world.
If there is peace in the world
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THE TROUBLEMAKER

Five hundred years ago, in a town in Germany, a man walked up to an important building and pinned a notice on the door. A simple act on the face of it but this was to turn the Christian world on its head, cause a veritable earthquake of sermons, religious writings and a lot of blood to be spilt. The place was the German town of Wittenberg, the building was the church and the pinner-up of the notice was a monk and priest called Martin Luther. The notice, which was the catalyst for all the upheavals to follow, was the list of Luther's 95 Theses, a scathing indictment of the Church's practice of selling indulgences to raise money. One simply paid out a certain amount to the Church and your sin was forgiven; no mention of repentance or penitence was involved and certain sections of the Catholic Church gained a considerable amount of money from this practice. The selling of indulgences was just the beginning as Luther went on to attack the general corruption he perceived within the church.



Martin Luther

Who was he, this firebrand, who changed history and what sort of person was he? He was born the son of a copper miner in Eisleben. In 1501 he went to the University of Erfurt, graduating four years later. Interested in the study of the Scriptures and attracted to the monastic life he spent three years at the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt and was ordained a priest. A year later he became a lecturer at the University of Wittenberg and from 1512 until his death was the Professor of Biblical Exegesis. He has been described as reckless, brilliant, prejudiced and self-doubting and he was certainly a man of courage to take on the power and might of the Church. Naturally the 95 theses caused something of a stir and opponents were quick to respond. The Dominican priest Johann Tetzel, who had been the subject of Luther's accusations, published a set of counter theses and publicly burned Luther's. Luther's students retaliated by burning Tetzel's theses and thus battle commenced. In 1518 Luther was supported by Phillip Melanchthon, professor of Greek at Wittenburg and a colleague. Melanchthon was to become Luther's successor to the leadership of the Reformation movement after Luther's death. The archbishop of Mainz who it is believed had personally benefited from the sale of indulgences, initially ignored Luther's appeal, hoping, no doubt, that it was all a storm in a teacup and that Luther would simply lose interest and go away. Pope Leo X who had also initially ignored the disturbances summoned Luther to Rome to account for himself. Wittenburg University and the government in the shape of the Elector of Saxony then became involved and the situation escalated. Luther then extended his criticism to include the papal system and the doctrines of the Catholic Church as a whole. His supporters included the Dutch scholar Erasmus. A papal bull containing

41 theses was issued against him which he promptly burned before a crowd of academics, students and citizens in Wittenberg. Germany was now in a state of unrest and the Emperor Charles V summoned Luther to appear before the first Diet (national assembly) at Worms. On his return to Wittenberg he was arrested by order of the Elector and kept in what would today be called protective custody. He spent the time composing yet more theses and translating the scriptures.

In 1522 he was released and called back to Wittenberg in order to make a stand against the lawlessness on one side and the tyranny on the other. During this year he attacked Henry VIII of England on matters of the sacraments and a short while later he and Erasmus fell out. In 1525 they engaged in attacking one another in print. By this time Luther had well and truly put himself outside the Catholic Church and he married Katherine von Bora, a nun who had left the convent life. In 1529 at Marburg he took on Zwingli and his fellow Swiss theologians where he strongly maintained his views about the Eucharist. In 1530 the Augsburg Confession, a statement of faith which was the first of the Protestant Confessions, was drawn up marking the culmination of the German Reformation. Luther died in his home town of Eisleben and was buried in Wittenberg.

Protestantism spread rapidly through Europe but it did not have an easy passage. Many countries including these islands were riven with religious strife and sectarianism still exists. Countries went to war to try to re-establish the Roman Catholic faith or to defend the Protestant one.

Luther's is quite a story! He was learned and well read, his literary output was prodigious and he used the printing press as a weapon in what became a war of words with the Catholic church and other reformers with whom he disagreed. He was obviously charismatic and his public debates drew larger and larger audiences. No-one could doubt his courage. He passionately believed that only God could forgive sins and that all Christians had the right to read the scriptures for themselves. In 1524 he met with the English scholar William Tyndale who was later to lose his life for publishing Bibles in languages other than Latin.

I do not suppose Luther set out to divide the Christian church and change the world but the time was ripe for reform and the 95 theses lit the flame. Luther and others like John Calvin who followed him saw what was wrong with the church at the time and had the courage and conviction to speak out regardless of any personal risks. Centuries later, John Wesley also took on the religious establishment when he felt it was needed. Martin Luther is indeed the father of the Protestant faith.

Barbara Hothersall

What we desire our children to be, we must endeavour to be before them.

Andrew Combe

We should all swap problems; everyone knows how to solve the other guy's.

Anon

UPDATE FROM THE FARRELLS

Greetings from northern Switzerland, near the really pretty traditional town of Baden, home of the thermal baths.



So far so good here, although it does still feel a lot like holiday. The weather has been lovely and we've been to the local 'Freibad' (outdoor pool) a huge area for swimming, sunbathing and playing. We have also been out to a lake not far away and spent the afternoon at a campsite there; swimming and playing in the park. Our house is on the edge of a hill, with a vineyard on it, producing local wine (which, you will be surprised to hear, I haven't tried yet!) It's a stunning place to walk and you can see all the way to Zurich and the mountains beyond from the top of the hill.

We have fabulous neighbours and there are loads of children around - all of whom speak at least a little English, which is nice for us before we start school/German lessons in August. One of the neighbours brought us cold beer within 15 minutes of us arriving on the first day. Another brought watermelon when the movers came (it was so hot that day!) and had the girls over for lunch. There's a playground at the end of the road and it's completely normal to let the girls go along together (ideally with the others while they don't speak German) so they have been enjoying that bit of independence. It has given us some time to get organised. It's fab because they were used to playing outside with the neighbours in Highrigg Drive and it's a cul-de-sac here as well. In some ways it's quite similar- we generally know where they are because we can hear them!

The children have started school, where they did a lovely welcome ceremony for all the new starters. They all walked out with music playing through arches held by older children and the headteacher welcomed them (in German! So we didn't understand much) and they sang the school song complete with actions. At the end all the new children (I think there are 4 or 5 classes in each year group so it's a big bigger than





Broughton Primary!) were handed a sunflower to keep. It was lovely! Especially with the vineyard and forest on the hill as a backdrop to the playground..... it really is stunning on a sunny day. They seem to like school generally and so far they are all doing half days, so it's a pretty gentle start, albeit with quite a bit of homework! However we do get to go to the pool quite often, so that's ideal.

Lots of love to all..... oh! and last, but not least, I have finally sorted out a grown-up email address which is *sarahfarrell2017@gmail.com*. I will still check my 'bellacoops', but it gets SO clogged up with rubbish that I often miss things, so please use the new one for greater efficiency.

I hope all goes well with the new

Ministerial team. Prayers for them as they settle in.

Zum Woll! (Cheers)
Sarah & family xxxxx

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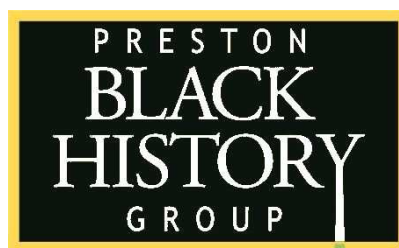
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BLACK TO THE FUTURE 2017

An event to showcase Preston's achievers of African heritage.

Wed 4th October, 6.15 pm. at Fulwood Methodist Church

Preston Black History Group is hosting an event, Black to the Future 2017, to celebrate Black History Month, October 2017. The event will highlight Black Achievements and Black Achievers. Our displays will illustrate some of the contributions made to the development of mankind by people of African origin throughout history. The achievers we present are local people who have succeeded in their individual fields and will share their inspirational journeys with you. All too often these stories have not been heard. Every October we take the opportunity to celebrate our community.



The reason why we chose this celebration for 2017 Black History Month is to highlight these achievements. We seek to educate the next generation of young people from our community to value and respect their African heritage. We want to inspire them to fulfil their potentials, hopes and dreams, sharing pride by linking them to the inspirational people we have living amidst us.

The evening will be held on Wednesday 4th October and will begin at 6.15pm with light refreshments and networking. The presentations will start at 7.00pm. The venue for the evening is Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street Road, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 8EA.

The event will be attended by the Mayor of Preston and other local dignitaries as well as community heads and many interested members of the community.

October is Black History Month when we put on a number of events to educate, celebrate and explore our African heritage. This year there are events planned throughout October. Information can be found on the calendar on our website www.prestonblackhistorygroup.org.uk or contact **Jonathan Pond** on 0794 0736381 or email: jonathan@prestonblackhistorygroup.org.uk

Preston Black History Group became a fully constituted group in 2011, although the group has been in existence under several guises since 2001. We formalised our group to work towards our aims of researching, preserving and celebrating Black History and Culture all year round. We focus attention on Black History Month and help to publicise events organised throughout the community so that they are accessible to all.

Researching, Preserving and Celebrating Black History and Culture -
A SHARED HISTORY FOR ALL

EDINBURGH FRINGE BECKONED FOR EMOTIONAL LANCASHIRE WW2 PLAY

Members of The Church of England in Lancashire and Lancashire Methodist Church District followed in the footsteps of Peter Cook and Dudley Moore; Stephen Fry; Tom Stoppard; Derek Jacobi and a whole host of other famous names who have performed at the Edinburgh Festival's famous Fringe.

A short play, **'Home Front / Front Line'**, written by Rev. Canon David Banbury from Leyland, who is the Church of England Diocese's Parish Mission Support Leader, was the reason for the week-long run this August in Scotland's capital city.



Home Front/Front Line, produced in association with Blackburn Creative Arts group was a 50 minute emotionally-charged look at life in World War 2 through the eyes of a young couple, Lizzie and Tom, who served their country in the Women's Land Army at home and on the front line abroad.

The Fringe appearance came about after a conversation between David and a friend of his who had seen the play and thought it was ideal for the Fringe.

After some serious prayer, the decision was made to make the approach to the Fringe organisers. They agreed straightaway. Costs – including accommodation for the actors – were met through the generosity of local churches in Edinburgh.

David said: "I'm absolutely thrilled we have been able to take the play to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. It's amazing to think that a lad who failed English at school should end up writing a play that appeared at such a famous event!

We have already performed the play in a number of churches as part of 1940s weekends across Lancashire and Greater Manchester and people who see it find it to be a heart-warming and moving story, with a clear Christian message at the heart of it. Taking our little show on a big new adventure to the Fringe was an amazing opportunity to share the play with a much wider audience."

Kirsty Gwyn-Thomas, from Buckshaw Village near Chorley, played the part of Lizzie, and said: "Home Front/Front Line tells the extraordinary events of WW2 through the lives of two ordinary people. My character is a young woman who goes from a dull office job to helping to run a farm in wartime. The play highlights the massive changes that happened in peoples' lives during the war."

Paul Critchley, a Methodist Minister in Poulton-le-Fylde, who played the part of Tom, added: "I found it a very moving story and playing Tom, whose life is



totally changed by the war, was a great privilege. Being able to perform at the Fringe is a thrilling development we couldn't have anticipated when we started out."

The story of Lizzie and Tom is based on diary entries, letters and official historical records from the Durham Light Infantry, and the stunning multi-media presentation seeks to celebrate love, commitment and faith in the face of separation, hardship and conflict.

David Banbury also wrote 'Brothers in Arms,' a deeply moving play set during the First World War and produced by The Church of England in Lancashire and the Lancashire Methodist Church District. That play tells the remarkable story of identical twins Noel and Christopher Chavasse, sons of the then Bishop of Liverpool, who served together with great distinction on the Western Front in World War 1. It toured Lancashire in 2015 and 2016 and further dates are booked later this year.

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“DULCE ET DECORUM EST”

by Wilfred Owen 1917

The following poem graphically describes a gas attack in the trenches. The expression “dulce et decorum est pro patria mori” roughly meaning “it is sweet and honourable to die for your country” and taken from the Roman lyrical poet Horace, is described by Owen, in the last line as “The old lie”.

Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge,
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.
Men marched asleep. Many has lost their boots,
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame; all blind;
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots
Of tired outstripped Five-Nines that dropped behind.

Gas! Gas! Quick, boys! – An ecstasy of fumbling,
Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time.
But someone still was yelling out and stumbling,
And flound'ring like a man in fire or lime....
Dim, through the misty panes and thick green light,
As under a green sea, I saw him drowning,

In all my dreams, before my helpless sight,
He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.

If in some smothering dreams you too could pace,
Behind the wagon that we flung him in,
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,
His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin;
If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,
Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud
Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues,
My friend you would not tell with such high zest
To children ardent for some desperate glory,
The old Lie; Dulce et decorum est
Pro patria mori.



Wilfred Owen

Owen was shot and killed on November 4th 1918, while leading his men across the Sambre Canal at Ors. He was 25, and the news reached his parents on November 11th, Armistice Day.

THE PRAYER OF OUR LIVESEYS

Lord, give me a place in the world's great fight,
The fight for the good and true;
A place where the wrong outrivals the right,
And there's a soldiers work to do.

First, help me to stifle the things within,
That power and skill unnerve;
Make staunch my soul in the face of sin,
Nor suffer my will to swerve.

Then help me grapple this drink-caused wrong,
That baffles the good and true.
With a white-hot heart and a tireless soul,
And a far hope ever in view.

Hold fast my gaze to that gleaming height,
Lest urged by reproach of applause,
I battle more from lust of fight
Than love of a Christ-like cause.

Yet show me the worth of the next small hill,
As well as the distant peak;
Instruct me when to wait and be still,
And when to stand forth and speak.

Give patience, Lord, for a steady trudge
Through the league-long dust and heat;
And a dogged faith that will not budge,
Come victory or defeat.

Make strong my heart, and tender as strong,
Prayer-tempered and toned for the fight:
With love for the man who monstrous wrong
I loathe and must dare to smite.

And when with earth and its strife I'm through
Let me leave it a safer place,
With a clearer field for the good and the true,
And the Kingdom of Love and Grace.



H H Barstow.

*(This poem looks back to the Temperance Movement and Teetotalism
which had its beginnings in Preston)*

THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

- In 1917 the firm of ‘Ambrosia’ was set up in Devon, producing dried milk for the troops in the trenches and to feed undernourished infants. As you’ll probably know from tins in your kitchen cupboards, the firm’s still in production, occupying the same site but employing far more staff, supporting many more dairy farmers and worth much more financially.
- One hundred years ago, in late September, the most decisive phase of the Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele) began.
- A photo of the Bible that saved the life of Private Lemuel Thomas Rees – by stopping a shell fragment – during the Battle of Passchendaele, is featured on the latest set of stamps issued by the Royal Mail.



- Remember the Tower of London display of ceramic poppies? A similar sculpture ‘Poppies: Wave’ is on display at the Naval Memorial, Plymouth Hoe. Each poppy represents a British or Colonial life lost in the First World War. The sculpture has already been seen in Southend, Cardiff, Hull and Derby. It will be in Plymouth until 19th November.

Poppies at Hull Maritime Museum

- From 26th November the Museum of the Cambrai Tank will be open. Further details at www.tank-cambrai.com

WINDY NIGHTS

Whenever the moon and stars are set,
Whenever the wind is high,
All night long in the dark and wet,
A man goes riding by.
Late in the night when the fires are out,
Why does he gallop and gallop about?

Whenever the trees are crying aloud,
And ships are tossed at sea,
By, on the highway, low and loud,
By at the gallop goes he
By at the gallop he goes, and then
By he comes back at the gallop again.



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THE CROSS IN MY POCKET

I carry a cross in my pocket,
A simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian
No matter where I may be

This little cross is not magic,
Nor is it a good luck charm,
It isn't meant to protect me
From every physical harm.

It's not for identification
For all the world to see,
It's simply an understanding
Between my Saviour and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or key,
The cross is there to remind me
Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds, me too, to be thankful
For my blessings day by day,
And to strive to serve Him better
In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder
Of the peace and comfort I share
With all who know my Master
And give themselves to His care.

So, I carry a cross in my pocket,
Reminding no one but me
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life
If only I'll let Him be.



Verna Mae Thomas

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully
administering God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

There are two ways of spreading light: to be a candle, or the mirror that reflects it.

Edith Newbold Wharton

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

State of Mind (a national Rugby League mental well-being charity) and Methodist Action North West (a housing charity) both have close links with Fulwood Methodist Church.

On Saturday 14 October, several events are being organised by the two charities, with the Church's help, to raise awareness and funds.

At 11.00am a coach will leave to visit Oldham Coliseum to see the very funny and popular play 'UpNUnder' by John Godber. We will then return and, if you wish, you can stay (or come along) to an evening of information and fun and a hotpot supper (being hosted by UCLAN) starting around 6.30pm.

Tickets are £40 (coach and theatre only), £50 (all events) or £10 (evening only).

Bookings can be made through Methodist Action North West – 07749576296. Or simply ring Sharon (see theatre visit group page). Please inform others in your family who might be interested – PNE are away!

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90th BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Today, Dear Lord, I'm 90, and there's much I haven't done.
I hope, Dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 91.
But then, if I haven't finished all I want to do,
Would you please let me stay awhile? Until I'm 92?

So many places I want to go, so very much to see
Do you think that you could manage to make it 93?
The world is changing very fast, there is so much in store
I'd like it very much to live until I'm 94.

And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay 'til 95.
More rockets and jets will be up in the air, so around I'd like to stick
and see what happens to the world, when I'm 96.
I know, Dear Lord, it's much to ask, and it must be nice in heaven
but really Lord, I would like to stay until I'm 97.

I know, by then, I won't be fast, and sometimes, will be late.
But, it would be so pleasant to be around until I'm 98.
I will have seen so many things, and had a wonderful time,
So, I'm not so sure that I'll be willing to leave at 99.

I'm 100, Lord, my mind is sound, I like it here... I can still walk around.
My time is limited, this I know and someday, I will have to go.
I'm not real greedy or guided by fears,
but I want to see what happens in the next few years.
I'm sure you've heard this plea before
But, I promise to be packed at 104.....

maybe.....



Author unknown

Old age is golden, or so I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder, as I crawl into bed,
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My glasses on the table until I get up.
As sleep dims my vision, I say to myself:
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?
The reason I know my youth is all spent?
Is my get-up-and-go has got up and went!
But, in spite of it all, I'm able to grin
And think of the places my getup has been!



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I have a little satnav, I've had it all my life.
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It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive..
"It's thirty miles an hour", it says, "you're doing thirty five."
It tells me when to stop and start and when to use the brake.
And tells me that it's never ever safe to overtake.
It tells me when a light is red and when it goes to green.
It seems to know instinctively just when to intervene.
It lists the vehicles just in front and all those to the rear
And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.
I'm sure no other driver has so helpful a device,
For when we leave and lock the car it still gives its advice.
It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught.
So why don't I exchange it and get a quieter sort?
Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed,
It washes all my shirts and things and keeps me warm in bed!
Despite all these advantages and my tendency to scoff,
I do wish that, once in a while, I could turn the flipping thing off.



"No thanks father...I'm driving."

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Saturday 23 rd	9.30 – 1.00 pm	Farmers' Market
	7.30 pm	Harvest Concert – Preston Concert Band
Sunday 24 th	10.30 am	Harvest Festival & Parade Service
Tuesday 26 th	5 - 7.00 pm	Messy Church

October

Tuesday 3 rd	7.00 pm	Alphabites
Wednesday 4 th	6.15 pm	Black History Group Celebration
Saturday 7 th	10.00 am	Pansy Sale
Tuesday 10 th	10.00 - 3.00 pm	ALL TOGETHER NOW - A national audio / visual conference (see advert on page 11)
Saturday 14 th	10.30 – 3.00 pm	Craft Fair
Monday 23 rd	7.30 pm	Church Council meeting

November

Saturday 4 th	9.30 am	Table Top Sale
Tuesday 7 th	7.00 pm	Alphabites
Sunday 12 th	10.30 am	Remembrance Sunday & Parade Service
Sunday 19 th	Final date for items for the Christmas magazine	
Saturday 25 th	9.30 - 1.00 pm	Farmers' Market
Wednesday 29 th	7.30 pm	Circuit Meeting

December

Saturday 2 nd	10 - 2.00 pm	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 5 th	7.00 pm	Alphabites

January 2018

Saturday 27 th	2.30 - 5.30 pm	Come & Sing + Evening Concert at 7.30pm
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April

Saturday 28 th	TBA	John Rutter - Come and Sing day
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Tuesday

10.00 am	Men's AM Club (fortnightly)	Ray Armstrong (718800)
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 (07719843543)

Thursday

7.00 pm	Knitting Group (Copper Beech Room)	Veronica Frost (717415)
7.15 pm	Table Tennis matches	Alan Smith (07943406021)
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6.15 pm	Brownies (7 - 10 yr)	Claire Richardson (728853)
7.30 pm	Guides (10 - 14 yr)	Ellie Sedgewick (07913922344)

Friday

6.30 pm	Escape (7- 11 yr)	Darren Arnold (07811775825)
8.00 pm	Youth Club (Secondary School age)	“ “ “

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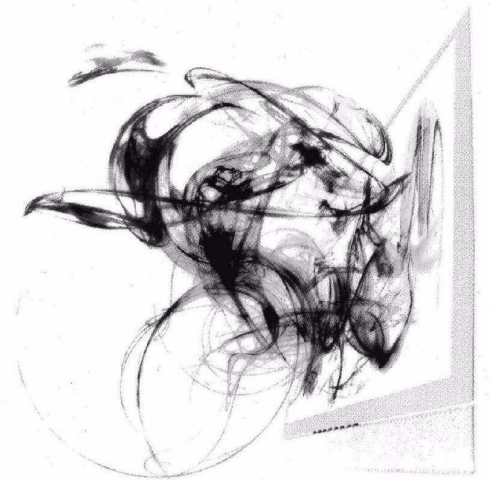
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