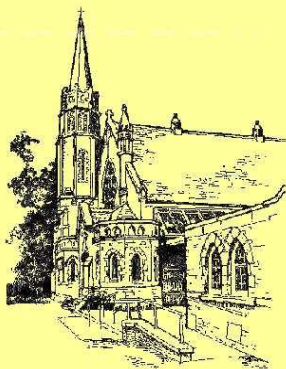


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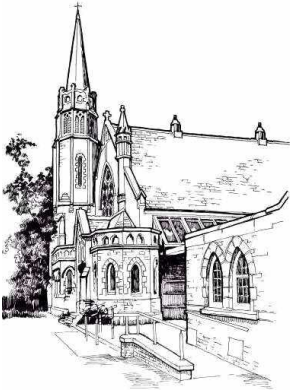
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# **PASTORAL LETTER**

## **From the Minister Revd Jane Wild**

Hello Everyone.  
It is Harvest time.

In the Old Testament in the book of Leviticus, God tells people that if they follow his ways, “I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will produce its crops and the trees of the field their fruit.”

In these very strange times, where is our Harvest? Could it be in what we have learnt to value? In the very beginning of the pandemic, if the supermarkets were to be believed, what we thought we needed was pasta and toilet rolls. Did we learn that if we are not selfish and do not panic there is enough for everyone?

Then we started to realise that we were dependent on people that we had not noticed before. NHS staff and online pickers to name but a few.

Is our Harvest this year a recognition of the contribution of all people to the working of our communities and a change in the way we value people?

As people had many of their normal activities removed, we began to re-evaluate what was important. Health, relationships and community. Is our Harvest a change of perspective that will help us to live and work together in different ways?

The writer in Leviticus also records the word of God as regulations about how to behave. In chapter 19 it says this, “When you reap the Harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your Harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the LORD your God.”

We have also learnt that restricting our activity allows our world to heal in terms of carbon footprint and perhaps not being so selfish about using resources. Who do we leave the edge of our plenty for? How do we share it? Is it the refugee, those we do not share opinions with, people who live in places we do not understand? Take some time this Harvest as we celebrate to seek the way of God in being part of a worldwide community.

*Jane*

## **FAMILY NEWS**

Lilian ‘June’ Robinson died 30th June 2020. Funeral 15th July 2020.

## **FULWOOD CHALLENGE**

You will have noticed that we have started a new activity called the Fulwood Challenge. This is an intergeneration activity. The idea is that each 6 weeks that correspond with the school half terms there are sets of activities to get involved in. If you complete them you get a badge. They are about enabling people to explore some of the Bible stories and themes in an interactive way. The first one, which we are halfway through, is the lost sheep, but you should have time to catch up.

The instructions are available on the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/2wsroad](http://www.facebook.com/2wsroad) Fulwood Church Challenge or by email from Jane Wild [jane.wild@methodist.org.uk](mailto:jane.wild@methodist.org.uk) and Janet Wales [janet.wales@gmail.com](mailto:janet.wales@gmail.com) or we can send you paper copies.

## EDITORIAL

Despite the many difficulties thrown at us by Covid-19, we hope that a goodly number of you found our special on-line Easter issue of *The Fulwood Methodist*. By the time the Summer issue was launched, also on-line, we were able to print off a limited number of copies for those Church members we know of who do not have access to a computer. Now, I am hoping, we shall be back to something like full production – and please remember: you can always catch up on back numbers of the magazine via the Church website (details on page 5).

Very many thanks to those who have supplied material for the magazine, often under trying circumstances. We hope that others will emulate them!

For our **Christmas** issue the **copy date will be Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2020**. 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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### FROM DENISE JOHNSON - OUR FAMILY WORKER

One of my favourite times of year is the time of Harvest. I grew up in Lincolnshire amidst a farming community. I was able to drive a tractor from the age of 8 - highly illegal I know but, at Harvest time it was a case of all hands on deck! My memories of that time are happy ones – being able to stay up late, tables groaning with food, people sharing produce and the churches hosting Harvest suppers where the whole community came together to eat and celebrate. Harvest time for me is a time of enormous thankfulness, a celebration of abundance and a coming together.



During the last few months we have been distanced and we are hopeful of more opportunities to be together safely soon. In the distanced lives that we have been living there have still been abundances. There has been an abundance of sharing – offers to do people's shopping, sharing food (and initially toilet rolls!), telephone calls and printed services. There has been an abundance of community life – getting to know our neighbours a bit more; clapping together on Thursday nights and chatting afterwards; groups being set up to monitor the lonely. There has been an abundance of love - ensuring everyone is included, checking in on each other, talking about how we are feeling, genuine conversation. These abundances have been heart-warming to see and be a part of. More than anything in this life we are called to love and love in abundance. Give it all that you have. Love much and love often.

Grace and Peace to you all.

*Denise*

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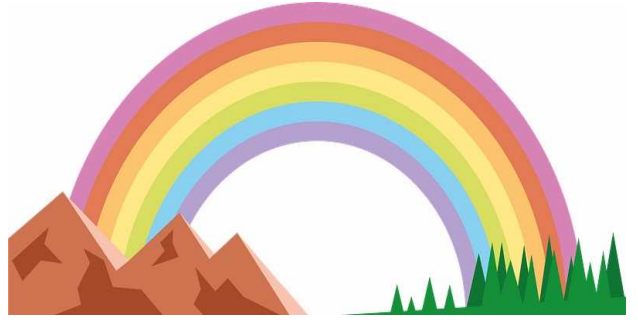
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## THE RAINBOW

We have all seen illustrations of rainbows in house windows, in newspapers and magazines during the 'lockdown' due to Covid-19. They were, and still are, a symbol of Hope and God's promise.

At the end of July, a friend wrote to me from Warwickshire. She has been knitting rainbows and sent one to me with the following interpretation of how they remind her of God's promises:-



**RED** – the blood of Jesus shed for us.

**ORANGE** – the golden glow of Resurrection Day, bathing the world in light.

**YELLOW** – Jesus is the light of the world.

**GREEN** – creation in all its glory: trees, flowers, fields, fruit, vegetables.

**BLUE** – the seas, rivers, streams, lakes and all their content.

**INDIGO** – reminds us God is always with us in the dark times of life. He is there guiding, comforting, restoring.

**VIOLET** – Jesus promises eternal life to those who put their trust in Him.

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## LEARNING TO SAY 'THANK YOU'

Harvest Festival is a big thank you time: a time of year when for years, those who relied on local farming were thankful for the food that the earth provided and to God for taking care of them.

Today, for most of us, food comes already picked and packed from a supermarket or the delivery van, not our own fields – so perhaps it's even more important now to remember that our food comes from God's creation, to thank God and everyone who harvests and prepares it for us.

### **Saying thank you to God at Harvest Festival**

Check out the Harvest Festival services near you. Most churches hold a Harvest Festival service in the Autumn, though this year things are a bit different. If you can, look for Harvest Festival services online. Families can get involved in decorating the church and in taking gifts to the special service. Schools often get involved too – it's a good opportunity to talk together about thankfulness.

### **A way to pray for farmers**

Lots of fruit and veg at the supermarket now has the name of the farmer printed on the container. You can put a sheet of paper up in your home with "Thank you, God, for our food" at the top, and then your child can cut and stick the names of all the farmers onto the rest of the sheet every time you go shopping.

When you eat, you can say, "Thank you, God, and (all the names) for our food!" (Then finish by thanking those who cooked and will clean up the meal.)



### **Thank You For ...**

Thanking God and those who make our food can help us remember to be grateful for the other good things in life. Maybe at bedtime you and your child can take turns thinking of things to be grateful to God for – from the profound to the very silly!

Or maybe you can finish each day by thinking about all the people you met that day and thanking God for how they help you: the bin man who clears up your rubbish, the lady at the shop who helps you find what you need, the toddler group leaders who sing and cut up bananas, the man on the bus who helped with your pushchair, the doctors looking after Granddad.

There's a lot to be thankful for every day.

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## HOLE IN MY BOOT – HOLE IN MY LIFE!

I have just returned from holidaying in Anglesey. It was wet, windy, and cold, not what you expect in August. It was a strange holiday due to restrictions imposed by our friend Covid19. I think we must have looked like aliens as it seemed we were the only people wearing face masks in shops and supermarkets etc. Lots of places were still closed or only taking advanced bookings, so we had lots of drives, dog walking and finding garden centres for drinks. On the Wednesday, Jack and I decided to go for a long walk around the area where we were staying. We walked on pathways, over fields and then ended up on a rocky beach, stopping outside the Sea Zoo where I needed to check my boot as it started to feel a bit uncomfortable, I took it off and realised the seam had split, which was OK and would be OK! Well, that is what I thought! About 200 metres later across a muddy field, the boot decided to split more and let water in. Then through a gate we went, and the boot gave up!

My boot had fallen apart and I was about 3 miles away from our cottage. What was I going to do? I ended up by tying the boot lace around, trying to keep the boot together, it was very uncomfortable, but what else was I going to do!



So now a long journey back, which was getting more uncomfortable due to a large blister on my big toe! – I started to reflect on the journey this boot had been on and realised I have had these boots for just over 30 years! Now you know why they split. They've been on lots of holidays, walked a fair few miles over various terrains and must have plenty of tales to tell! My reflection then led to Jesus; Jesus walked the earth for over 30 years, just like my boot. I know he didn't have a pair of boots, probably walked in sandals and probably had more than one pair over his years, but what stories would those sandals tell? What journeys did they take that we do not know about? They would have walked over rocky paths, sand and other terrains. Did they walk on water? If only sandals/boots could talk what would we know now about Jesus' journeys and life and our life story?

My other reflection on the journey back was about our current situation. I have a big hole in my life by not working. I miss the hands-on work, the interaction with the kids in Sunday club, OMG, Escape & Youth Club and Toddler Club to name but a few. I miss going to the school to take assemblies and talk to classes about Jesus. Yes, I've been able to do sessions over the internet, but it's not the same and I know you all probably feel the same. We do now start to see light at the end of the tunnel, that things might be able to move forward soon, but that doesn't mean we



won't be scared. However, I trust God will guide us along the journey, just as I trusted my boots to take me on my journey. On the final few metres back, another thought came to me; we as a church cannot say we can't change. We have changed the way we do things, some for the better, some not. We now have a whole range of changes to go with what we do, so we can no longer sit in church meetings saying it won't work or we can't change. We have changed and we will continue to change, but we still need to be grounded in our love for each other and God. Hope to see you soon, take care.



*Darren Arnold*

Youth, children & family worker

PS. The old boots have been binned and a new pair are being worn in!

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## USING ONE'S TIME

I'm sure I'm not the only one who's been using some of their unexpected free time to catch up on jobs that have been waiting to be done for a long while – especially sorting through many, many photographs; a great deal of old paperwork; magazine cuttings and books.

In my jaunt into the past I also came across a half-forgotten copy of 'The Methodist School Hymnal' printed, I would guess, about 100 years ago. This is a reminder of my Great Grandad Nelson's time as an organist at Woodplumpton Methodist Chapel and browsing through it was both fascinating and instructive.



*Former Woodplumpton Methodist Church*

Oh! What memories came bubbling up as I worked my way through the Action Songs section. They took me back to days of being a scholar then a teacher in the Sunday School at St Margaret's, Ingol. Yes, it was Anglican, but a Mission Church in what Prestonians knew as 'Hen Cabin Island' and about as Low Church as one could reach in the Anglican order of things. Using material from Nonconformist sources was commonplace with us!

'Down Came the Raindrops on a Cloudy Day' and 'Hear the Pennies Dropping' really took me back and I recall humming through them in readiness for Sunday afternoons, along with others such as 'The Church's Door Stands Open' and 'Jesus Wants Me For a Sunbeam'. Whenever I was going through the tune for 'Jesus Loves Me, This I Know' my Dad would tease me by singing 'Jesus Loves Me, This I Know - So Does Ragtime Cowboy Joe'!!

In some places the book almost falls open automatically at favourite and well-used hymns. There the pages are not only well-thumbed, but badly discoloured by sunlight where the book has obviously been left open for long periods on the piano or the harmonium Great Grandad had at his home.

Some of these favourites of his are largely forgotten but others such as: 'Tell Me the Stories of Jesus', 'For the Beauty of the Earth', 'Children's Voices Ever Singing', 'Fill Thou My Life', 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus', 'Rock of Ages' and 'O Jesus I Have Promised' are still familiar and some such as 'All Hail the Power of Jesu's Name' (to the tune Diadem - of course!); 'Jesu, Lover of My Soul' (to the tune Aberystwyth); 'Tell Me the Old, Old Story'; 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus'; 'When We Walk With the Lord' and 'I Need Thee Every Hour' can still be very stirring.

What a trip down Memory Lane. No wonder it takes such a long time to 'rationalise' one's memorabilia!!

*Dorothy Smith*

## WHAT A COINCIDENCE!

Someone trawling the internet picked up on the back numbers of our church magazine, particularly for 2015 when we featured the life of Bletchley Park during the Second World War. You may recall that two members of our congregation (Gwen and Dorothy) had worked there as two minor cogs in the very large code-cracking team and had shared their memories with us.

As an addendum I had invited a friend, Ann Viner, to write about her life there - after the war, when part of the site had been converted to a Teacher Training College for young ladies.

The person who had spotted this latter part of the story recalled that her mum Jean had been a student at Bletchley and it turned out to be at the same time as Ann. The two had been good friends but, as can happen, they'd lost touch with each other. Accordingly we received an e-mail from Jean asking us to put her in touch with Ann, which we have now done and are waiting a reply.

It's gratifying to feel one has been able to help.

*Roy Smith (Editor)*

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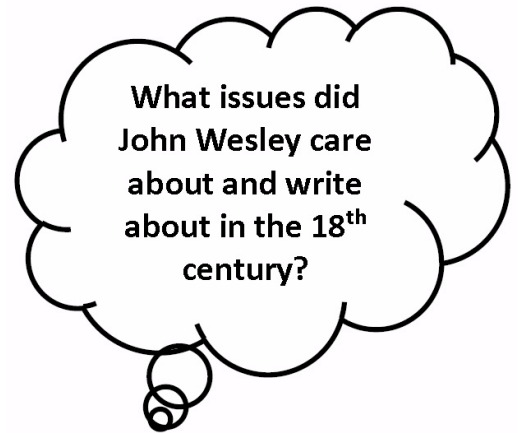
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The heritage of the past is the seed that brings forth the harvest of the future.

*Wendell Phillips*

## JOHN WESLEY'S MANIFESTO

1. Reduce the gap between rich people and poor people.
2. Help everyone to have a job.
3. Help the poorest, including introducing a living wage.
4. Offer the best possible education.
5. Help everyone to feel they can make a difference.
6. Promote tolerance.
7. Promote equal treatment for women.
8. Create a society based on values and not on profits and consumerism.
9. End all forms of slavery.
10. Avoid getting into wars.
11. Share the love of God with everyone.
12. Care for the environment.



What issues did John Wesley care about and write about in the 18th century?

John Wesley – in his own words

1. Be ye ready to distribute to everyone, according to their necessity.
2. Wickedly, devilishly false is that common objection, ‘They are poor only because they are idle.... Find them work.... They will then earn and eat their own bread.’
3. How many are there in this Christian country that toil, and labour, and sweat... but struggle with weariness and hunger together? Is it not worse for one, after a hard days labour, to come back to a poor, cold, dirty, uncomfortable lodging, and to find there not even the food which is needful to repair his wasted strength?
4. Beware of that common, but accursed, way of making children parrots .... Regard not how much, but how well, to what good purpose, they read.... The end of education.... [is to] help us discover every false judgement of our minds, and to subdue every wrong passion in our hearts... [and] to understand as much as we are able .’
5. I continue to dream... [of the time when the potential of] each person can be unleashed.
6. Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion?
7. May not women as well as men bear an honourable part..... yield not to the vile bondage any longer. You, as well as men, are rational creatures. You, like them, were made in the image of God.’

8. In seeking happiness from riches, you are only striving to drink out of empty cups. And let them be painted and gilded ever so finely, they are empty still.
9. Let none serve you but by his own act and deed, by his own voluntary action. Away with all whips, all chains, all compulsion!... Do with everyone else as you would he should do to you..
10. War: What farther proof do we need of the utter degeneracy of all nations from the plainest principles of reason and virtue? Of the absolute want, both of common sense and common humanity, which runs through the whole race of mankind?
11. The world is my parish.
12. Lead us beyond an exclusive concern for the well-being of other human beings to the broader concern for the well-being of the birds in our backyards, the fish in our rivers, and every living creature on the face of the earth.



Submitted by *Mavis Fletcher*

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# CHRISTMAS CARDS SENT TO MY DAD, CYRIL LEEKE by his family, Dec. 1944

I think these are very unusual, as each member of the family, who was at home, drew a picture rather than writing a message or letter. The only one who didn't send one was his sister, Ena, who must have been away at the time. Dad was an LAC (leading aircraftsman) stationed in India in at least 2 Repair and Salvage Units (R.S.U) The first was near Nagpur and the second, where these were redirected to, was near Calcutta. He was moved to Burma and I think he received a Burma Star.



His job was to service and repair planes that came to the unit - often the mail plane which flew in once a week. He mainly worked on Dakotas. There could occasionally be damaged planes to repair too, but not many.

As a person interested in natural history, he was delighted by all the new animals he saw especially the birds. We have a photo of him and a few friends holding a python, and he was lucky enough to see the Himalayas on at least one occasion.



He tells a tale of kicking and nearly tripping up over a small stone in the grass which was the Centre of India monument at Nagpur. Nagpur is the geographical centre of India. This was actually the GTS (Great Trigonometrical Survey) bench mark done in 1907. Dad couldn't believe that the centre of India was only marked by such a small stone. There is a taller pillar now to mark the spot, but I can't find out when that was built. He is adamant it wasn't there when he was!!



## PHOTOS OLD AND NEW!

The top three photos on this page, taken during Cyril's wartime service in India, have been enhanced and coloured by the My Heritage website.



*Cyril probably took the photo*



*Cyril in the dark shorts*



*Cyril is on the left*



*Pillar and Stone at the Centre of India Monument at Nagpur.*



*Veronica Frost*

# PRESTON REPAIR CAFÉ

*Bringing the community together to reduce waste, learn new skills, provide volunteering opportunities and begin important conversations about climate change*

Repair cafés have popped up all over the place in recent years. The closest to Preston is Chorley Repair Café, which opened last year, but watch this space, Preston's own repair café will be opening soon, following government guidelines of course!

## What is a repair café?

Volunteer repairers, often a mixture of professionals, such as mechanics, electricians and amateur repairers, come



together on a regular basis to

offer free repairs to local people. While your clothing/ toaster/ garden rake/ lamp/ favourite vase... is being mended, you get to watch and even join in, meaning that you can learn important new skills and possibly be able to mend your next broken item yourself.

There is often a 'tool table' as well so that people who know how to mend something but don't own the right tools can come and mend at the café without having to buy their own hammers and drills and sewing machines.

## What are the benefits?

Mending your belongings instead of throwing them away and buying replacements is a great way to lower your carbon footprint. Every new item we buy costs carbon to produce and transport, so the less we buy the better for the planet and the less we send to landfill. If you're unsure how to mend something yourself, a repair café is the next best thing. It's also a great way to save money!

## Is it really free?

Most repair cafés operate on a voluntary donation basis, meaning if you bring an item for repair you can choose to donate a couple of pounds to help cover the running costs, but you don't have to pay anything at all. This is great for people who find it difficult to afford the usual costs of mending their possessions.

## Is it safe?

Volunteers either have qualifications or experience, or are working alongside experienced repairers to learn new skills. Members of the public will need to place their trust in the repairers, but if something cannot safely be mended, the repairer will say so.



## Sounds great! When and where is the Preston Repair Café going to open?

Climate Action Preston is going to open Preston's repair café in partnership with the Larder on Lancaster Road. During the pandemic, there will be a queueing system and only one or two repairers at a time, so we're starting small, but we will build up slowly as government advice changes. We're in the planning stages at the moment, but the first session should take place before October half term. Email:

*climateactionpreston@gmail.com* to be kept up to date, or if you'd like to offer to volunteer as a repairer or an organiser/assistant. Details will also be shared on Climate Action Preston's facebook group [www.facebook.com/groups/736606606812872/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/736606606812872/) and website: <https://climateactionpreston.home.blog/whats-on>

See you there soon!

*Sonia Phillips*

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### HARVEST HOME (extract)

Your hay is mow'd and your corn is reap'd,  
Your barns will be full and your hovels heap'd.  
Come, boys, come; come boys come,  
And merrily roar out our harvest home!

#### *Chorus*

Harvest home. Harvest home,  
And merrily roar out our harvest home!

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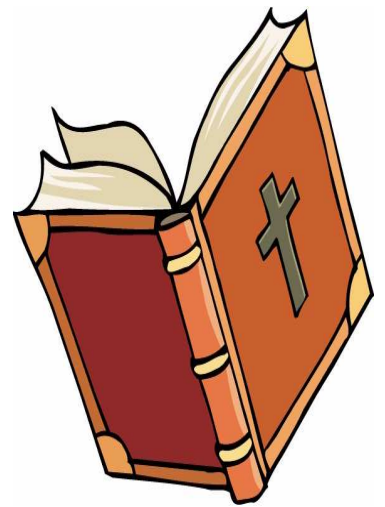
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## THE OLD TESTAMENT

In **Genesis** the world was made by God's creative hand;  
In **Exodus** the Hebrews marched to greet the Promised Land!  
**Leviticus** contains the law: holy, just and good;  
**Numbers** records the tribes enrolled – all sons of Abraham's blood.  
Moses, in **Deuteronomy**, records God's mighty deeds;  
Brave **Joshua** into Canaan's land the host of Israel leads.  
In **Judges** their rebellion oft provokes the Lord to smite;  
But **Ruth** records the faith of one well pleasing in His sight.  
In **First** and **Second Samuel** of Jesse's son we read;  
Ten Tribes in **First** and **Second Kings** revolted from his seed.  
The **First** and **Second Chronicles** see Judah captive made;  
But **Ezra** leads a remnant back by princely Cyrus' aid.  
The city walls of Zion **Nehemiah** builds again;  
While **Esther** saves her people from the plots of wicked men.  
In **Job** we read how faith will live beneath affliction's rod;  
And in the **Psalms** are precious songs for every child of God.  
The **Proverbs** like a goodly string of choicest pearls appear;  
**Ecclesiastes** teaches man how vain are all things here.  
The mystic **Song of Solomon** exalts sweet Sharon's rose;  
While Christ the King and Saviour the rapt **Isaiah** shows.  
The warning **Jeremiah** apostate Israel scorns;  
His plaintive **Lamentations** their awful downfall mourns.  
**Ezekiel** tells in wondrous words of dazzling mysteries;  
While kings and empires yet to come, **Daniel** in vision sees.  
Of judgement and of mercy **Hosea** loves to tell;  
**Joel** describes the blessed days when God with man shall dwell.  
Among Tekoa's herdsmen **Amos** received his call;  
While **Obadiah** prophesies of Edom's final fall.  
**Jonah** enshrines a wonderful type of Christ Our Risen Lord;  
**Micah** pronounces Judah lost – lost, but again restored.  
**Nahum** declares on Ninevah just judgement shall be poured.  
A view of Chaldea's coming doom **Habakkuk's** visions give;  
Next **Zephaniah** warns the Jews to turn, repent and live.  
**Haggai** wrote to those who saw the Temple built again;  
And **Zechariah** prophesied of Christ's triumphal reign.  
**Malachi** was last who touched the high prophetic chord;  
Its final notes sublimely show The Coming Of The Lord.





## **WHAT IF...? IMAGINING OUR GREEN AND FAIR RECOVERY.**

*Free online events organised by volunteers in the  
North West Friends of the Earth network.*

We know that the planet is in trouble because of climate change and we know that we have an unequal society, which means that crises like climate change and coronavirus impact; some much worse than others.

But what if we could change all that? What if individuals and communities could work together to build a more positive future for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren?

We can.

Friends of the Earth volunteers from cities across the North West (including at Climate Action Preston) are putting together free online events weekends to share exactly what we can do to start building back better.

The event first took place in August and all the sessions were recorded. From *What if... we create food fairness for all?* to *What if... our homes were ultra energy-efficient?* There's plenty to get your teeth into and you can access it all for free here: [northwestfoecag.wordpress.com](http://northwestfoecag.wordpress.com). Jam packed with speakers from a wide range of projects, initiatives, charities and businesses, *What If...?* inspires ordinary people to consider what they could do to change things in their communities, homes, workplaces and schools.

The book *From What Is to What If* by the founder of the Transition Towns movement, Rob Hopkins, was the motivation behind the event. He showcases positive, community-based projects from around the world which already exist and help to lower carbon, tackle the effects of climate change and bring people together.

Our events aim to do the same on a local level. By watching the August sessions, you can find out all sorts of interesting and useful things, like how to measure and improve your own carbon footprint using Giki Zero [www.zero.giki.earth](http://www.zero.giki.earth) what Preston City Council is doing to promote community wealth and what ‘doughnut economics’ look like.

Our next *What If...* is coming on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October and will be bigger and better. As well as tons of new sessions for people interested in helping the planet, we’ll have a kids’ session about helping hedgehogs with some very special guests, a session for parents hoping to raise children in an environmentally friendly way and an invitation-only session for councils and businesses. Some other sessions will include:

What if... we go wild? What if... we all grow? What if... money wasn’t an issue?

And don’t miss *What if... shopping helped us build a fair future?* with Fulwood Methodist’s Anne Garsed.

Plus many, many more.

Free registration for the October event will open soon so that you don’t miss a thing, but you can just ‘turn up’ (click on the session links) on the day without registering, so pop 10-11<sup>th</sup> October in your diary and keep an eye on the *What If...?* website: [northwestfoecag.wordpress.com](http://northwestfoecag.wordpress.com) for the registration details.

Even if you can’t make it to the live sessions that weekend, you’ll be able to watch the recordings on catch up too.

Email: **Sonia Phillips** at [climateactionpreston@gmail.co.uk](mailto:climateactionpreston@gmail.co.uk) for more information.



## WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER

We fill our fridge and freezer with good things from the shops,  
With oven chips and runner beans, with prawns and English chops.  
Our fridge is overflowing, the freezer's full as well,  
We thank you Lord for freezers which store our food so well.

Sainsbury, Asda, Tesco, Iceland and Aldi too –  
For frozen food and all our food our grateful thanks are due



But what about the millions who starve on far-off land?  
How can they sing God's praises with empty up-turned hands?  
So we, with all our riches must give to those in need  
And gladly keep on giving – that's gratitude indeed.

Praising, caring, sharing: Lord teach us how to give  
Till all are fed with daily bread and starving people live.

*Anon*

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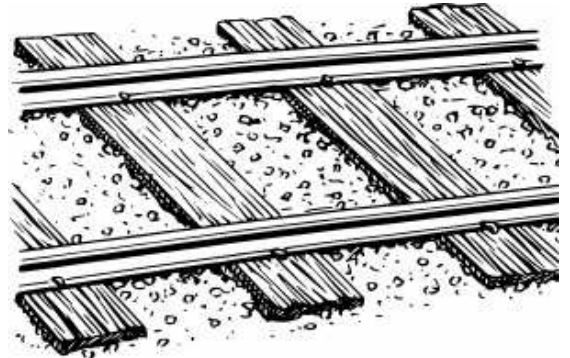
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## THE SPIRITUAL RAILWAY

The line to Heaven by Christ was made,  
With heavenly truth the rails are laid;  
From earth to Heaven the line extends,  
To life eternal where it ends.

Repentance is the station then,  
Where passengers are taken in;  
No fee for them is there to pay,  
For Jesus is himself the way.



God's word is the first engineer,  
It points the way to Heaven so dear;  
Through tunnels dark and dreary here,  
It does the way to glory steer.

God's love the fire, his truth the steam,  
Which drives the engine and the train;  
All you who would to glory ride,  
Must come to Christ, in him abide.

In first and second, and third class,  
Repentance, Faith and Holiness;  
You must the way to Glory gain,  
Or you, with Christ, will not remain.

Come then poor sinners, now's the time,  
At any station on the line;  
If you'll repent and turn from sin,  
The train will stop and take you in.

*from a tombstone in the south porch of Ely Cathedral*

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### ONE LINERS!

- We don't change God's message – His message changes us.
- We take for granted the things we should be giving thanks for.
- To get out of a difficulty, one usually must go through it.
- God's retirement plan is out of this world.
- The best vitamin for a Christian is.....B1

## GRANDMA AND THE FAMILY TREE

There's been a change in Grandma, we've noticed her of late,  
She's always reading history or jotting down some date.  
She's tracking back the family, we'll all have pedigrees.  
Oh, Grandma's got a hobby, she's climbing Family Trees.

Poor Grandpa does the cooking and now, or so he states,  
That worst of all, he has to wash the cups and dinner plates.  
Grandma can't be bothered, she's busy as a bee  
Compiling genealogy - for the Family Tree.

She goes down to the courthouse and studies ancient lore,  
We know more about our forebears than we ever knew before  
The books are old and dusty, they make poor Grandma sneeze,  
A minor irritation when you're climbing Family Trees.

The mail is all for Grandma, it comes from near and far,  
Last week she got the proof she needs to join the DAR.  
A worthwhile avocation, to that we all agree,  
A monumental project, to climb the Family Tree.

Now some folks came from Scotland and some from Galway Bay,  
Some were French as pastry, some German, all the way.  
Some went on west to stake their claim, some stayed near by the sea,  
Grandma hopes to find them all as she climbs the Family Tree.

She wanders through the graveyard in search of date or name,  
The rich, the poor, the in-between, all sleeping there the same.  
She pauses now and then to rest, fanned by a gentle breeze  
That blows above the Fathers of all our Family Trees.

There were pioneers and patriots mixed in our kith and kin  
Who blazed the paths of wilderness and fought through thick and thin.  
But none more staunch than Grandma, whose eyes light up with glee  
Each time she finds a missing branch for the Family Tree.

Their skills were wide and varied, from carpenter to cook  
And one, Alas!, the record shows was hopelessly a crook.  
Blacksmith, weaver, farmer, judge, some tutored for a fee,  
Long lost in time, now all recorded on the Family Tree.





To some it's just a hobby, to Grandma it's much more,  
She knows the joys and heartaches of those who went before.  
They loved, they lost, they laughed, they wept, and now for you and me  
They live again in spirit, around the Family Tree.

At last she's nearly finished and we are all each exposed.  
Life will be the same again, this we all supposed!  
Grandma will cook and sew, serve cookies with our Tea (herb)  
We'll all be fat, just as before that wretched Family Tree.

Sad to relate, the Preacher called and visited for a spell,  
We talk about the Gospel, and other things as well,  
The heathen folk, the poor and then - 'twas fate, it had to be,  
Somehow the conversation turned to Grandma and the Family Tree.

We tried to change the subject, we talked of everything  
But then in Grandma's voice we heard that old familiar ring.  
She told him all about the past and soon was plain to see  
The preacher, too, was nearly snared by Grandma and the Family Tree.

He never knew his Grandpa, his mother's name was...Clark?  
He and Grandma talked and talked, outside it grew quite dark.  
We'd hoped our fears were groundless, but just like some disease,  
Grandma's become an addict - she's hooked on Family Trees!

Our souls were filled with sorrow, our hearts sank with dismay,  
Our ears could scarce believe the words we heard our Grandma say,  
"It sure is a lucky thing that you have come to me,  
I know exactly how it's done, I'll climb your Family Tree!"

*Author unknown*



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**(Under normal circumstances)**

### **Sunday**

9.45 am Singing Practice (Cedar Room)

### **Tuesday**

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

### **Wednesday**

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

### **Thursday**

7.00 pm	Knitting Group (Copper Beech Room)	Veronica Frost
8.01 pm	Ladies After 8 group (fortnightly)	Barbara Hothersall

### **Friday**

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

## **FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

### **Monday**

6.00 pm	Beavers (6 - 8 yr)	Fiona Jackson
7.00 pm	Cubs (8 - 10½ yr)	Karen Smalley

### **Tuesday**

7.00 pm	Scouts (10½ - 14 yr)	Chris Thomas
7.00 pm	Explorer Scouts (14 - 18 yr)	Operated by Scout District
7.00 pm	Scout Network (18 - 25 yr)	Operated by Scout County

### **Thursday**

5.45 pm	Rainbows (5 - 7 yr)	Jayne Myatt
6.15 pm	Brownies (7 - 10 yr)	Diane Bird
7.30 pm	Guides (10 - 14 yr)	Hannah Jones

### **Friday**


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

### **Sunday**

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

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