

THE RECORD

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CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

The **Methodist** Church South Fylde Circuit
Making Disciples: Transforming Lives and Communities

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WORSHIP in APRIL

1st EASTER SUNDAY

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at The Drive Methodist Church

9.30 a.m. Activ8 Informal Easter Worship led by Revd Stephen Heath
leading into

10.30 a.m. Easter Celebration including Holy Communion
led by Revd Stephen Heath

7.00 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

8th

10.30 a.m. Revd Stephen Heath

7.00 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

15th

10.30 a.m. ALL AGE WORSHIP led by Revd Terry Hudson

7.00 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

22nd

10.30 a.m. Revd Malcolm Maymand

7.00 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

29th

10.30 a.m. Revd Stephen Heath

7.00 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven



ACTIV8

Our monthly informal service of early morning worship is on the **first Sunday of each month** at 9.00 a.m. in the south transept. A time of warm fellowship with associated activities for children.

Each month, this will be followed by a family ramble. Further details can be obtained from Bill Ellison (01253 640576) or email wfellison@outlook.com

WORSHIP in MAY

6th

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at The Drive Methodist Church

9.15 a.m. Activ8 Café Church led by Revd Terry Hudson

10.30 a.m. Richard Golding

7.00 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

13th

10.30 a.m. Revd Stephen Heath - Holy Communion

6.00 p.m. Easter Offering Service at Lytham

20th

10.30 a.m. ALL AGE WORSHIP led by Revd Stephen Heath

7.00 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

27th

10.30 a.m. Local Arrangement

7.00 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven



Sunday evenings at Fairhaven

FRESH CAFÉ STYLE WORSHIP - a time to explore faith through media, conversation and prayer. Drinks are available from 6.30 p.m. and worship begins at 7.00 p.m.

See weekly notice sheet for details



Please visit the South Fylde Circuit website, which has more details of the services and other events across the circuit.

www.methodistsouthfylde.org.uk



A word from Stephen....

Dear Friends

It has become customary now that before giving football results as part of the News a 'Spoiler Alert' is given so as not to spoil anyone's enjoyment who is about to watch the match later on in Match of the Day. Similarly following the conclusion of a series or competition, the morning after interview with the lead actor or winner is signalled so that you can postpone getting up to date with the outcome.

As we are about to celebrate the drama of Easter, with its many twists and turns, we know Jesus will prevail, light will disperse darkness, life will not be limited by death nor love by hate. The story doesn't change and yet the journey and our involvement in it does, rendering the Spoiler Alert unnecessary. All those twists and turns of the Jesus story are repeated in our lives, our church and our community day in and day out. It takes faith and courage to let God work among and within us, to recognise where he is at work and await the final transformation.

As the work begins on our building you may have seen the plans but can you picture how it will change what we do and how we do it?

As the Rev. Dr. Adrian Burdon leaves us in September, the Circuit Meeting has approved a new structure for the Circuit which will involve a different way of working. The decision is made but now we have to take it forward and make it reality by September.

During Lent each of us has been challenged to see God more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly. Easter is not the end of the journey but the transition from training to everyday living. These next six months will require faith and confidence as we trust him to transform our church and our Circuit, may we allow God to work in us and through us.

Remember what the angel said to the women at the empty tomb, "Do not be frightened! He goes ahead of you!" (Mark 16:6&7)

I look forward to meeting with you and the risen Christ at Easter and sharing the exciting journey thereafter.

Peace
Stephen



EASTER SERVICES AT CHURCH ROAD

25 March Palm Sunday

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Judith Smith

29 March Maundy Thursday

7.30 p.m. A service of Reflection including Holy Communion led by Rev Stephen Heath

30 March Good Friday

11.00 a.m. Ecumenical Service at The Drive Methodist Church

1 April Easter Day

9.30 a.m. Activ8 Informal Worship which will enter into the Easter experience of those searching for the Risen Christ and lead into the Morning Service and Holy Communion starting at 10.30 a.m. concluding at 11.15 a.m.

Come for either service or stay for both. They will be linked through Easter stations and refreshments.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

DECEMBER

- 3rd Loving birthday memories of Marion Holland
- 10th Loving memories of Glenda Thompson
Birthday memories of Jennifer Porter
- 24th Treasured memories of Claire Berwick
In loving memory of John & Clarice Hughes from Margaret Wrigley
Loving Birthday memories of a dear husband Arthur, and of my son, David Milnes, from Myrtle

JANUARY

- 11th Birthday memories of Mrs Gladys Ball
Treasured memories of John from Barbara, Caroline & Samantha
In memory of Stanley, Fred and Annie Richmond
- 18th Mr & Mrs P. Harrison in loving memory of their parents
Loving memories of Derek Rigby
- 25th Loving memories of Len Wild from Joan, Steven and family

FEBRUARY

- 18th Anne & John Mayes in memory of Anne's parents

MARCH

4th Birthday memories of Gordon Porter

11th Loving birthday memories of Ross Wells
Audrey Porter, Wedding Day memories of Gordon

18th Birthday memories of Michael from Valerie

25th Loving memories of Muriel Maddox
Birthday memories of Arthur Nicholson.
Loving memories of Margaret Richmond, Wilfred & Dorothy
Lowe

CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you to thank everyone who helps with the arrangement and distribution of flowers each week. After Sunday morning service the flowers are given to the sick, bereaved or someone who might appreciate them. If you know of anyone who might appreciate some flowers one week, please have a word with Elaine Watts.

Any contributions to church flowers should be sent to the Flower Secretary, Miss Elaine Watts, Flat 10, Fellborough Lodge, 195 St. Annes Road East, Lytham St. Annes, FY8 3HF, telephone 01253 722302. Please make cheques payable to Church Road Methodist Church Flower Fund and include the wording for any dedication which can be inserted in the Church Record.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Names of departed loved ones may be entered in the Book of Remembrance, on the day when loved ones are especially remembered. Please complete the details on one of the slips in the Church Foyer and hand to one of the Stewards if you would like a name to be included.



THELMA MORRIS
EVELYN ETHERINGTON
JOAN DUCKWORTH
AUDREY FRODSHAM
ERNEST FISHER
ALICE BESWICK
PAULINE CLARKE
PETER NASH
JOSEPHINE MARGARET BRICE



*"Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won."*

Death is nothing at all.

It does not count.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
Nothing has happened.

Everything remains exactly as it was.
I am I, and you are you,
and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by the old familiar name.
Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.

Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was.
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.
What is this death but a negligible accident?

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,
somewhere very near,
just round the corner.

All is well.

Henry Scott-Holland (1847 - 1918), Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, London

AUDREY FRODSHAM - A Life well lived



We were all saddened to learn of the death on New Year's Eve of Audrey Frodsham, a loyal and hardworking member of Church Road for nearly forty years. As a tribute, here is an edited version of the words of her sister, Sylvia, on the occasion of the thanksgiving service for Audrey's life:

Audrey was born in Audenshaw, Manchester and grew up in the fellowship of Beswick Methodist Church. After leaving school, she studied at secretarial college and started work with an insurance company. Sadly, her mother suffered a stroke when Audrey was twenty and she took on the role of caring for her younger brother, Philip and sister, Sylvia, whilst still continuing to work.

Audrey married in 1956 and to start with continued to live in Manchester, later moving to Solihull and Glasgow. One of the highlights of her career was when she was appointed Personal Assistant to the office manager at British Eagle Airlines, then Britain's second largest independent airline. This enabled her to travel to many places in Europe and also to Rio de Janeiro for the Mardi Gras.

Life changed for Audrey in 1970 and in 1972 with the arrival of Simon and Edwina. In the next few years, happy and fulfilled, she devoted herself to family life. Sadly, Audrey and her husband later divorced and she moved to Lytham to be near her retired father, Sidney, then a member at Church Road. She found friendship and support in the life of Church Road and became involved in many activities, including in study groups, as a Church Steward and of course, as editor of this magazine, a position she held for over 30 years. She also worked as the receptionist at King Edward VII School, where her combination of efficiency and understanding was greatly appreciated by students and staff alike.



Audrey faced many challenges in her life, raising two teenage children on her own and experiencing much sadness in the premature death of her daughter, Edwina. Her

strong Christian faith, nurtured in her youth in the Methodist church in Beswick and celebrated here at Church Road, was a great support to her. Always positive and cheerful, an avid Manchester United supporter, Audrey simply loved life and people! Throughout, her Christian commitment was there for all to see. As a sister, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and valued friend, she reached out to so many people. Audrey's was indeed a life well lived.

A Tribute to My Dear Friend -

Many people can claim friendship with Audrey Frodsham, she was a very warm and outgoing person.

We became friendly when I arrived as a new member of Church Road thirty years ago. We went to many social and musical events and to 'singles' dances. She also joined my family for many social occasions and was regarded as one of the family.

Audrey was a truly committed Christian and lived her faith by being involved in many aspects of church life.

I never heard her utter a wrong word about anyone, she had the grace to see the good in everyone. I know that I am a better person for having known and loved her. She was a special person and will be very sadly missed.

Thank you, Audrey, for being my friend.

Myrtle Peplow.

APPRECIATION

Sylvia and the family of Audrey Frodsham wish to thank Church Road Methodist Church for all the kindness, love, prayers and expressions of sympathy during their sad loss. We would also like to express our gratitude to the Revd. Stephen Heath for his care, prayers, help and unwavering support at the hospital on New Year's Eve and in the subsequent weeks. . Sylvia and family are also most grateful that the love for Audrey was reflected love, which was additional support at this difficult time.

Thank you, Sylvia Dibble

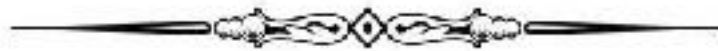
THE LAST SUPPER - LOVE ONE ANOTHER

John's gospel records that at the Last Supper, Jesus took the step of washing his disciple's feet.



After this act of humility and service, Jesus said: " You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you should also do as I have done to you

John 13 : 13-15

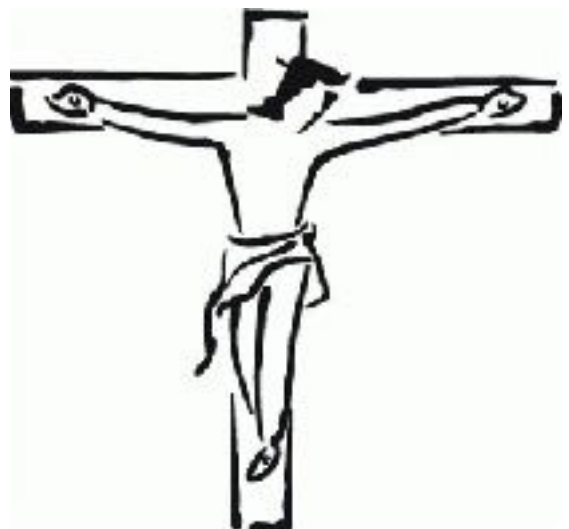


THE CRUCIFIXION – WAS NEVER LOVE LIKE THINE!

Then they led him out to crucify him.....and with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

Mark 15:20

*Endless scenes of wonder rise
from that mysterious tree,
crucified before our eyes
where we our maker see;
Jesus, Lord, what hast thou done?
Publish we the death divine,
Stop and gaze and fall and own
Was never love like thine!*



Charles Wesley

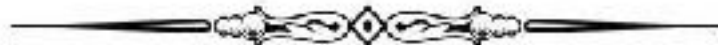
CHRIST IS RISEN!



After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.....the angel said to the women, do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised!"

Matthew 28: 1-2

HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!



EASTER VIGIL

**Holy Saturday - 31 March 2018
from 4.30-5.30pm at
The Drive Methodist Church, St Annes on the Sea**

A Service of reflection between Good Friday and Easter Day.

**Prayers and Reading for Easter
and the lighting of the Easter Candle**

Special Music by the Choir.

Service led by The Rev Dr Adrian Burdon

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 20 May

Pentecost Walk of Witness 3.00 p.m. from St Annes Bandstand and service at Fairhaven Lake at 4.00 p.m.

Saturday 9 June

Church Gift Day Coffee morning

Sunday 10 June

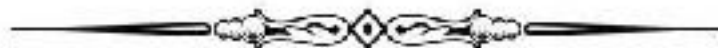
Church Anniversary - Preacher Rev Gary Hall

Sunday 5 August, 6.00 p.m. at Lytham

Circuit Farewell Service to Rev Dr Adrian Burdon. The preacher will be the Rev Nick Wells (Vicar of St Cuthbert's Lytham).

Saturday 13 October, 6.00 p.m. at Fairhaven

Revd Sylvester Deigh will feed back on his Sabbatical experience



Yesterday we were crucified with Christ;
today we are glorified with him.

Yesterday we were dead with Christ;
today we are sharing in his resurrection.

Yesterday we were buried with him;
today we are waking with him from the sleep of death.

Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389)

DOES GOD ANSWER PRAYER?

Earlier this month I was diagnosed as having Ramsey Hunt Syndrome. To put you in the picture a little, this syndrome is the result of the shingles virus affecting the nervous system. In my case it attacked the nerves on the left side of my face. As well as problems with my ear and eye I had more than one problem with my mouth. The following is about one of them -

For nearly two weeks when I cleaned my teeth it was almost impossible to spit. It got to the point where every time I went through this process I thought 'when I can spit I'll be ok!' On the Thursday afternoon of the second week I had just made a pot of tea when the doorbell rang. I opened the door to find a very welcome Stephen. We had a cuppa, a good chat and then Stephen offered to pray. In his prayer he mentioned the problems with my mouth.

On the Friday morning when I cleaned my teeth, miracle of miracles I could spit! I said 'Thank You, Thank You, I'm OK'. Then I got a bonus, I could now manage to drink from a cup without a straw. 'I'm OK' had excelled itself.

Doesn't this prove we have an answer to the question above? I believe so.

Audrey Dent

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Joseph M. Scriven (1819-1886)



GENERAL CHURCH MEETING 2018

**Tuesday 10 April at 7.00 p.m.
followed by a meeting of the Church Council at 7.45 p.m.**

This joint meeting is open to everyone and is an opportunity for people to review what's happened in the life of the church and our plans for the future.

The formal business of the General Church Meeting is when we appoint the senior steward and the team of church stewards for the coming year. It is also when representatives are appointed to the Church Council and to the Circuit Meeting.

Nominations are invited for two church stewards and for up to six representatives to the Church Council. **Nominations should be made in writing to our Minister, Stephen, not later than the 3 April 2018.**

Nomination forms are available at the rear of the church. They can be completed by anyone who is entitled to vote. Those nominated should be members of the Methodist Church and be asked for their consent before they are formally nominated.

If you would like more information please contact Stephen or the Senior Steward Linda Butcher.

The Church Council meeting that follows will formally consider matters of current business. Everyone is welcome to make comment on the agenda items, but voting will be restricted to appointed members of the Church Council.

EUROPEAN GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

On the 25 May 2018 the new European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) becomes law and we as a church will need to comply.

This affects how we gather, store and destroy personal data. In order to comply with the law we will need to ensure we have developed a Privacy Policy and consent to hold personal information.

We do not have to have everything in place by May 2018 but we do need to be doing as much as we can to prepare for it and to ensure we have everything in place to demonstrate we are complying with it as soon as possible thereafter.

To that end we will be carrying out a mapping exercise so we know what information we hold, how it is stored and if there are any actions we need to take to meet the requirements of the law.

More information will be given at the General Church Meeting. If you would be willing to help in this process or require more information please speak to our Minister Stephen



LYTHAM ST ANNES PENTECOST WALK OF WITNESS

SUNDAY 20 MAY 2018

at Fairhaven Lake

2.45 p.m. Lytham Churches walk from
Lytham Lifeboat Station

3.00 p.m. St. Annes Churches walk from St. Annes Pier Bandstand
Ansdell churches can join either walk

Join together at Fairhaven Lake at the Spitfire Monument at 4.00 p.m.

Bring your own picnic

CIRCUIT ARRANGEMENTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2018

As many of you will already know, our Superintendent Minister, Revd Dr Adrian Burdon will be leaving the Circuit in August and unfortunately, the Circuit has been unsuccessful in securing a new Superintendent for September 2018.

The two continuing Presbyters, Stephen and Revd Sylvester Deigh, are both in the third year of their appointments and their appointments will be reviewed in the summer of 2019. In the meantime, there is money within the circuit budget for ordained staff that can be re-allocated to pay for support for lay workers.

The Circuit meeting has therefore agreed that for the period 2018-20, Rev Paul Davis, Chair of Lancashire District, will be appointed as Titular Superintendent of the South Fylde Circuit, with pastoral Charge of the six churches being allocated as follows :-

Rev Sylvester Deigh - Fairhaven, Lytham and Kirkham

Rev Stephen Heath - Church Road, Freckleton and The Drive

It is also intended that the Circuit creates two ministry teams comprising a Presbyter, Lay worker (paid part-time), Supernumerary(ies) and lay people to provide effective pastoral care and to develop mission and ministry appropriate to the local situation of each church. Each team will work together under the leadership of the Presbyter with Pastoral Charge. The detail of how this will work will be for each ministry team to decide. The lay workers will be seconded from a District Team, which has been created to cover Mission and Ministry vacancies

The incoming Superintendent Minister will continue to have overall responsibility for the Chaplaincy to Older People, and the Project Support Group will be chaired by him or his nominee. Other than this, Chaplaincy to Older People, the post currently held by Richard Golding, is not affected by the new arrangements and the funding for the project and staffing arrangements will work alongside the work of the Circuit Churches and be supported by them.

These changes will clearly affect the way in which we work as a circuit and bring additional responsibilities for Stephen and Sylvester. We pray for support and understanding for our Presbyters, Supernumeraries and Lay Workers as these new arrangements take effect.

Prior to the new arrangements taking effect in September, Revd Sylvester Deigh will be on sabbatical leave from 16 April to 16 July 2018.

Development News



Those who are able to attend church will know that we have now vacated the Church Centre and closed down the Kitchen, Parlour and Restaurant areas and we are now holding all our activities in the church.

We are very grateful to Keith Hall who, with Joan Edwell, has helped us downsize, declutter and take this big step of living on a much smaller footprint. Thank you to everyone for the time and effort made to achieve this but especially Keith who has spent many an hour measuring, recording, moving things and planning all of this.

We had expected by the time of writing to be able to say all contracts are signed and work has begun but this is not the case. We are waiting for completion of the sale of the Land which requires the agreement of The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. This is expected to happen any day now and then the contractors will begin to secure the site and commence the work of demolition and then the building of our new Community Hub, all due for completion in September 2018.

During the period of construction, we will only have access to the church itself and most of our organisations and activities have made plans to use this space. There will inevitably be some disruption during construction and until all the planned storage areas have been created, there will be items of equipment visibly stored in the church. Every effort will be made to minimise the impact on our worship and to screen stored items during

worship services, but please be understanding whilst the works are in progress.

We can now begin to plan for September and beyond. The foodbank and Wesley's Café will be returning when the works on the church have been completed and we look forward to a formal opening and dedication of the redeveloped premises in October. We ask that you will continue to pray for all aspects of the Development, that it may go smoothly and when completed it will create a Centre for the community where people discover the love of God in word and deed.

We will continue to update people through the weekly notices, Facebook and the website.

Looking Back

The closure of the newer Centre buildings marks a big milestone in the history of Church Road. Here John Mayes tells us about the need for bigger premises in the 1950's and the ambitious fundraising needed at that time:

As early as 1944 it had been recognised that Church Road's "post-war" problem was to be the rehousing of the Sunday School; and the Sunday School Council decided, after a very successful Anniversary in May that year, to invest £30 for a "new school". The Trustees followed their lead and the Sunday School Rebuilding Fund was opened.

In 1955 the 750,000 Pennies Scheme was launched to raise the £30,000 required to build a Sunday School extension which would include a Main Hall with stage, and Primary and Beginners' Rooms. They certainly needed the new premises as a photograph on the 1955 Anniversary shows over 200 children and young people and almost 40 teachers!

If the project was ambitious, so were the means. I can recall selling little perforated bricks from a book at sixpence each to family members and their friends and, in March 1956, going to the Parish Rooms, on my way home from school, where the three-day "Penny Bazaar" had opened. Then, on a wet St. Swithin's day that year the first sod of the development was cut by my grandfather, who had attended Sunday School at Church Road in the 1880s and was still playing an active part in Church life.



Mr J.W Mayes, John's grandfather, cutting the first sod for the Sunday School extension on 15 July 1956. With him are Revd Ted Herron, the Minister, and Mr Harry Hollows, Church Steward.

On September 1st, the foundation stones were laid by Joseph Hollas, of Lytham, a great benefactor of this Circuit, and the Minister, Rev. E.W.H. Herron and on Saturday, 29th June 1957, the new extension was opened by the Sunday School Queen, Catherine Eyre. (now one of our Church Stewards, Catherine Peak!)

Launching the fund-raising appeal of 1955-56 Ted Herron had written: "Sometimes a situation arises in which a great possibility of progress is to be discerned; but the meeting of that situation presents so many difficulties, that those who face it feel that they can do nothing about it. Not so at Church Road. With the inspiration of our faith that this is God's will for us, and with further confidence of seeing the fulfilment of our hopes within sight, let us give ourselves whole-heartedly to our task." These words are as appropriate today, as we move forward to meet the needs of our neighbourhood and community in the twenty-first century.

John Mayes

Changing Times

Less than 20 years after opening of the new Sunday School, fundraising started again to meet a challenging £50,000 target to build extra accommodation for a Day Care and Community Centre. This opened in 1975. Later, the premises were extended even further to meet the growing needs of the day care service.

But times moved on, changing patterns of social care demanded more professional management which led to increasing costs. Newer ways of providing care for older people in their own homes, with their own



budgets, meant declining income for traditional day care services. Sadly, the Day Care Centre closed in 2014.

Happily, new opportunities for outreach are presenting themselves and this redevelopment of our site will provide us with much improved multi-use facilities to accommodate the Foodbank and Wesley's Café, as well as space to develop projects in support of our mission to transform lives and communities. The premises will be more financially sustainable, easier to run with reduced maintenance costs. In addition, ten affordable housing units will be provided.

Thirty years ago, we celebrated our centenary and the opening of the original mission hall in 1888. It is fitting that in 2018, this historic part of our site is being retained as an integral part of our redevelopment and will continue to be central to our work at Church Road.

FINAL OPEN AFTERNOON – A time for nostalgia



On Sunday 14 January, we enjoyed an afternoon of nostalgia, remembering all the varied events and activities that had taken place in the Church Centre – Sunday School Pantomimes, Gilbert & Sullivan, amateur dramatics, as well as the many youth activities such as Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Cabin Boys, and Boy's Brigade.



Church Road Methodist Open Day 14th January 2018



Mr John Hutchinson, sign-writer, with the plaque to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone for the Church Centre and Sunday School

Many people with previous associations with Church Road came along to share in the fellowship of the afternoon, including former member John Hutchinson, from Leyland, whose sign writing skills produced the plaque commemorating the laying of the foundation stone in 1956.

All in all, a fitting occasion to mark the good times enjoyed in our buildings.

SIX COUNTIES SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

**– 400 MILES IN 4 DAYS - TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHURCH ROAD
METHODIST CHURCH AND TRINITY THE HOSPICE IN THE FYLDE –
12 - 15 JULY 2018**

Our big fundraising event this year will be **The Six Counties Cycle Ride**, which will raise money for our church and Trinity the Hospice in the Fylde. Preparations are progressing well for the ride. We currently have 12 riders and there are places for more riders but please let us know as soon as possible so that we can range accommodation, shirts etc.



It is hoped everyone will get involved, (no not riding!!), but being there to cheer the cyclists off and welcome them home, to get sponsors and encourage the riders as they train. Sponsor forms and details of the Just Giving page will be available in May.

Please remember this venture in your prayers and support our cyclists.

OTHER FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We are thrilled to be able to say a huge “thank you” to everyone, as with your support, we have raised nearly £4,000 over the past 9 months!

Please continue to support us by praying for, helping at or simply enjoying, one or all of the forthcoming events in aid of the community hub project.

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| 9 June | Gift Day in conjunction with Church Anniversary |
| 15 September | Quizzical Coffee Morning |
| 6 October | Evening of Music & Song by Heyhouses Community
Choir & Fiddle Faddle |
| 17 November | Christmas Fayre and Table Top Sale |

Please keep an eye on the weekly notices, Church Road Facebook and website pages for further information and additional spring and summer events.

Your support will contribute to our new development and

the future mission of the church.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Easy Fundraising has raised over £200 for our church and could easily raise much more if you or any members of your family and friends would join the 17 people who, by just clicking a button when ordering online, have raised this amount.

You don't have to be a member of the church - simply register with Easy Fundraising and the funds are one click away.

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EGG-STRASPECIAL THANKS!

On behalf of the fundraising committee, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Egg-stravaganza, whether it was providing eggs in advance, baking cakes, setting up tables and chairs, knitting, bingo calling or serving refreshments on the night. A great team effort.

We had a wonderful evening of fellowship (and at times fierce competition!) with Church family and friends, with bingo players ranging from 4 to 80 years of age and as you would expect, way too much chocolate!

I am thrilled to announce that the added bonus to all of this is that the event has raised a total of £410 towards our community hub project.

Thank you one and all.

Caroline Livesey
Chair of Fundraising Committee

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP



28 March Easter Service

11 April Annual General Meeting

*Meetings take place in the Church starting at 2 15 pm.
and all ladies are welcome.*

Summer Afternoon Teas will be held on 9 May and 11 July

For more information about Ladies' Fellowship,
please contact Elaine Watts – Tel: 722302.

Did you know....?

The tradition of the English afternoon tea is said to have originated with Anna, the seventh Duchess of Bedford, around 1840. In those days, dinner was often not served until around eight o'clock in the evening and poor Anna used to become hungry in the long period between lunch and dinner! She started asking for a tray to be brought to her room during the late afternoon, with tea and cake and the latest foodie trend popularised by the Earl of Sandwich of a filling between two slices of bread. This became a habit of hers and she began to invite friends to join her; soon this pause for tea became a fashionable social event.

In recent years, the trend has gained in popularity again and has become synonymous with a special afternoon treat, served in quality china in elegant surroundings.

"There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea."

Henry James, American writer

WE THE CHURCH MUST BUILD THE KINGDOM

We the church must build the kingdom
Soul by soul in every place
Built on love and by salvation
None left out by creed or race
In town and in the country
In the mansions and the slums
All are loved by God Almighty
Loved and cared for, everyone.



We as Christians fail our saviour
When we do not show his love
When we take our ease and comfort
With the powerful, hand in glove.
Walking past and just ignoring
Those in peril and in need
The people loved by Jesus,
Those for whom our Lord did bleed.

We the church, we must do better,
We must show his Love to all.
Even those who are not like us,
Those we do not want to call
Brothers, sisters, mums and fathers,
All are sacred in His sight.
All are members of the kingdom,
Brought from darkness into light.



If we want to join his Kingdom
We must leave ourselves behind.
Lose our fears and inhibitions
And embrace all humankind.
We must learn that we're not perfect
And we're saved by God's good grace.
Only then can we be Christians
And in love then take our place.

This hymn has been written by Allan Gillies of Bamber Bridge Methodist Church, who is also a local preacher in the Preston Circuit. The hymn is free for anyone to use and the recommended tune is Abbot's Leigh.

Allan Gillies grew up in the fellowship of Church Road in the 1970's with his Mum and Dad, Evelyn and George, and his older brother and sister, Bruce and Heather. After leaving St. Annes to study at Oxford University and later for a PhD at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN), Allan has followed a career in Information Technology, becoming Professor of Information Management at the Lancashire Business School at UCLAN in 1994 and more recently establishing his own consultancy.



CONGRATULATIONS to another former Church Roader, Pamela Hudson (now Pamela Birch), who also grew up in our Sunday School. Pamela was awarded an OBE in the 2018 New Year's Honours for her services to education, particularly for her role as Head Teacher of Hambleton Primary Academy in Over Wyre, which she has taken from special measures to be ranked as outstanding on two occasions by OFSTED. She also works as a mentor for newly appointed Heads.

From her days growing up in St. Annes, Pamela started her teaching career in Halifax, before spending time in Oldham and Lancaster. She later moved back to the Fylde, working at Bispham Endowed Primary School and for a time was acting Head at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School in St Annes before taking up her post in Hambleton.

In times of joy, all of us wished we possessed a tail we could wag.

W.H.Auden

Loving your neighbour



'Love your neighbour as you love yourself.'

Mark 12 verse 31

This sign is seen outside the Old Dutch Church in Kingston, a small town a couple of hours north of New York City in the Hudson Valley in New York State. The original church on the site was one of the earliest to be established in North America by the first Dutch settlers in 1660. It was subsequently burned down by the local Indians and later by the British!

Now it is a thriving Episcopal church at the centre of the community; in an America more than ever questioning its race relations and the status of immigrants and people of different faiths, it is a timely expression of Christian love reaching out to everyone.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13 : 34-35

When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there,
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there?

And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

Sidney Carter (1915 – 2004)



Christian Aid Week

13-19 May 2018

Will you help us provide life-saving new homes to poor communities at risk from disasters?

During Christian Aid Week, people come together from all walks of life to step out in support of the world's poorest communities.

Anyone who can help to collect in the 2018 House to House Collection in St Anne's in the week commencing 13 May, please contact Elaine Watts (Tel: 722302). This applies to both new collectors and anyone who collected last year. If your road is not normally included in the House to House, perhaps you would be willing to give envelopes to your friends and neighbours in your road, asking them to return the envelope to you if they are willing to support Christian Aid.

Volunteers are also needed to collect in Lytham on 19 May between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, in Booths, Lytham and outside Stringers and Santander in Lytham. If you can help, please contact Elaine Watts by the end of April.

Thank you for your support



Please come along to our Fairtrade stall on the last Sunday of each month and help to support fair trade products, which in turn helps people and projects in developing countries.



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

The next stalls will be on April 29 and May 27.



Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.
Life is strange with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns
And many a failure comes about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.
Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell just how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

Written by John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92), an American Quaker poet from Massachusetts, writer of a number of familiar hymns, including "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind", "O Lord and Master of us all" and "Immortal Love, forever full"

DIARY NOTES



MOVEMENT TO MUSIC: Every MONDAY 7.30 to 8.30 p.m and WEDNESDAY from 9.45 to 10.45 a.m.

BUMBLEBEES: Every TUESDAY in term-time from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. for 0-4's with parents and carers.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP: See inside and the weekly notices for details of activities over the spring and summer

WORSHIP ON THURSDAY: 1st & 3rd THURSDAY of each month from 11.00 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. A time of worship, bible study and reflection.

FRIDAY FUN CLUB: Every FRIDAY, for children, ages 6-11 from 6.00 to 7.15 p.m

THE HUB is not meeting during the redevelopment works. Activities will resume in the Autumn.

ACTIV8 CAFÉ STYLE WORSHIP at 9.00 for 9.15 a.m. on the first SUNDAY of each month

TRAIDCRAFT STALL: After morning worship, generally on the last SUNDAY of each month. Come along and support fair trade products.

TIME OUT at 7.00 p.m. every THIRD SUNDAY of each month. An informal faith based group for young people 12+

FRESH CAFÉ STYLE WORSHIP at 6.30 for 7.00 p.m every SUNDAY at Fairhaven Methodist Church. An opportunity to explore faith through

media, conversation and prayer. Drinks are available from 6.30 p.m. and worship begins at 7.00 p.m.

Keep up to date!

All our church activities are included in our weekly news sheet. Any items that you wish to be included should be sent to the Church Office, preferably by email, by lunchtime on Thursdays.

churchroadmethodist@gmail.com

If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly notices by email, please email a request to the church office.

Please visit our website, which has details of all services and activities at Church Road. If you have a church event that you want to include, please pass the information to the church office.

www.churchroadmethodist.org

This has details of all our activities and up to date news. If you have any pictures of church events which will help to publicise our activities, please send them to the church office and then we can load them onto the website.



We are also on Facebook. If you are too, "Like" our page and receive updates each week of activities taking place here.

Don't forget to share our news with your friends as well.

The next edition of the THE RECORD will be the Summer edition, which will be published at the beginning of June. All contributions welcome. Please let us know if you have any special family news or celebrations that you would like to share with our readers.

The deadline for the Summer edition will be

1p.m. on Sunday 20 May 2018

Please send articles by email if possible to
churchroadmethodist@gmail.com