

# THE RECORD

**AUTUMN 2022**



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**GOD IN HIS LOVE FOR US LENT US THIS PLANET,**

gave it a purpose in time and in space :  
small as a spark from the fire of creation,  
cradle of life and the home of our race.

Thanks be to God for its bounty and beauty,  
life that sustains us in body and mind :  
plenty for all, if we learn how to share it,  
riches undreamed-of to fathom and find.

Long have our human wars ruined its harvest ;  
long has earth bowed to the terror of force ;  
long have we wasted what others have needed,  
poisoned the fountain of life at its source.

Earth is the Lord's : it is ours to enjoy it,  
ours, as God's stewards, to farm and defend.  
From its pollution, misuse, and destruction,  
good Lord, deliver us, world without end !

*Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)*

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## A word from Louise....

When you listen to scripture read in church or in your own studies do you ever put yourself into the story?

There is a form of studying scripture named after Ignatius of Loyola, who lived in the sixteenth century and founded the Jesuit movement. In Ignatian Bible contemplation, we place ourselves in a Biblical scene and try to become a part of it by using our imagination. We might picture ourselves as one of the main characters in a Bible story, maybe Peter or John in one of the Gospel stories. Or we might imagine ourselves as a bystander in a crowd around Jesus as he heals the leper or talks with the woman who had been bleeding for many years.



Ignatian Bible contemplation is another discipline in which prayer and Bible study merge together in a helpful and insightful way. In fact, some might consider Ignatian prayer to be more focused on Bible study than on prayer.

This method stands in the long Jewish and Christian tradition of remembering the significance of God's acts in history. When we engage in Ignatian prayer, we are affirming God's acts in history and we are remembering and honouring them.

Ignatius suggests that as we place ourselves in a Biblical story, we try to imagine what we might see, smell, feel, and hear, and what the other persons in the scene might be doing. Always, Ignatius says, at each point in this contemplative exercise, we must "try to draw some practical fruit from the reflection for our own life today." We need to ask ourselves what difference it makes in our everyday lives that we have encountered God through this Scripture passage. One way to do this is to focus on the words of Jesus and consider the ways our lives would be changed if we heard Jesus say those words to us.

You can read a passage like the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) and imagine yourself as the person who was attacked, as the person walking by on the other side, and then also as the Good Samaritan. As you imagine yourself as each person, what would you feel, see, taste, touch, smell? What would God want to teach you through your connection with each of these characters?

You can imagine yourself as the woman who washes Jesus' feet with her tears (Luke 7:36-50). Why are you weeping? How did you become convinced that Jesus would offer you mercy? Imagine your reaction when you hear him say, "Your sins are forgiven." Perhaps you would like to imagine yourself as one of the other people at the table, watching these events happening.

You can imagine yourself as a shepherd who visits the manger or as a person in the crowd on Palm Sunday or at the crucifixion. All of these exercises help us remember who God is and his faithfulness to us, and help us hear his voice through the stories and words of the Bible. Our bible study groups are currently taking a break and will resume for Advent, so why not give this a try in the interim. And if you give this a go, consider putting yourself in the place of some of the "bad guys" in our scripture, tempting as it is to be Mary or Martha, how does it feel to be a Pharisee, a temple priest, Caiaphas, Pilot. Often we can learn more about ourselves if we realise we have often said the same things, as the Pharisees, in our own context.

In our troubled world, it is tempting to neglect to pray and study in favour of "helping out" where we can. Let us not forget that everything we do is underpinned by prayer and scripture and neither of them costs money to do.

God bless

Louise

# WORSHIP SERVICES

## SEPTEMBER

4<sup>th</sup>

9.00 a.m.          ACTIV8 led by Revd Louise Makin

11<sup>th</sup>

10.30 a.m.          Revd Louise Makin  
Service includes the celebration of Holy Baptism

18<sup>th</sup>

10.30 a.m.          Revd Alan Clark  
Service includes the celebration of Holy Communion

25<sup>th</sup>

10.30 a.m.          HARVEST FESTIVAL  
Revd Louise Makin  
6.00 p.m.          aLIVE

## OCTOBER

2<sup>nd</sup>

9.00 a.m.          ACTIV8: Judith Smith

9<sup>th</sup>

10.30 a.m.          Revd Stephen Heath

16<sup>th</sup>

10.30 a.m.          Revd Louise Makin  
Service includes the celebration of Holy Communion

23<sup>rd</sup>

10.30 a.m.          Deacon Kim Gabbatiss  
6.00 p.m.          aLIVE

30<sup>th</sup>

Andrew Barratt

# WORSHIP SERVICES (cont'd)

## NOVEMBER

6<sup>th</sup>

9.15 a.m.          ACTIV8: Revd Louise Makin

13<sup>th</sup>

10.30 a.m.          REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
Judith Smith

20<sup>th</sup>

10.30 a.m.          Revd Louise Makin - Holy Communion

27<sup>th</sup>

10.30 a.m.          FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
Revd Andrew Halstead



## **ACTIV8**

Our monthly informal service of early morning worship is on the **first Sunday of each month** at 9.00 a.m. followed by breakfast.

A time of warm fellowship with associated activities for children.



## **SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER**

The baptism of Seth and Nathaniel, sons of Rebekah and Ben Derbyshire will take place during the morning service on Sunday 15 September, to be conducted by Revd Louise Makin.

The family will welcome the support of members of our congregation.

## ***aLIVE***



**Contemporary worship with music, discussion,  
prayer and fellowship.**

**All are welcome.**

**Fourth Sunday in September & October at 6.00 p.m.**

*After October, services will resume in the Spring.*



## FLOWER DEDICATIONS

### JUNE

- 5<sup>th</sup> Cherished birthday memories of Ross Wells
- 12<sup>th</sup> Loving birthday memories of John, from Barbara, Caroline and Samantha
- 19<sup>th</sup> Loving memories of my parents, Kay and Cedric Eyre, from Catherine
- 26<sup>th</sup> Loving anniversary memories of John and Muriel Watts

### JULY

- 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday memories of my dear husband, Harold – Christine Bell
- 11<sup>th</sup> In memory of Jean and Herbert Mayes
- 18<sup>th</sup> In loving memory of Nancy and Harry Wrigley  
Loving birthday memories of Edwina from Ryan and Sylvia

### AUGUST

- 15<sup>th</sup> Loving anniversary memories of Fred and Marion Holland  
Fond memories of Arthur and Hannah Nicholson
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Loving birthday memories of Jesse from Barbara and all the family  
Fond memories of Gordon Porter

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### CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like to dedicate flowers one week in memory of your loved ones, please have a word with the Flower Secretary, Elaine Watts.





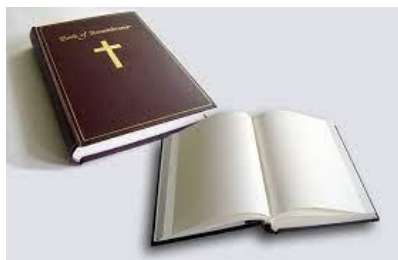
## **DOROTHY STANGER**

*Wife of our former minister, the late Rev Gerald Stanger*

## **GEOFF TASKER**

*Father of Irene Harrison*

*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*



### **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



## **MARRIAGE CELEBRATION**



**Laura Irving and Isaac Moore**

**Saturday 27 August 2022**



*Congratulations to Laura and Isaac on their marriage and we send them our very best wishes for their future happiness together.*

# Paws for thought 3

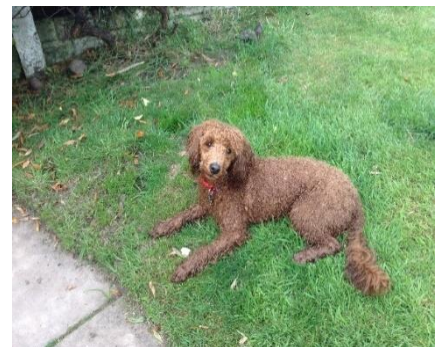
*From Judith Smith*

## **Matthew 14 v 22 - 33**

Where has the year gone? No, I know we aren't quite at the point of making our New Year's resolutions but perhaps we should as we begin the new Methodist year on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. I think exciting times are ahead as we join together and become the Blackpool and South Fylde Circuit. Challenging times, perhaps, new friendships, new Minister. I know change can be difficult for some but it is amazing how quickly change becomes the 'norm'.

Perhaps it is time to 'dust ourselves down, pick ourselves up and start all over again,' as the song goes. (or something like that). It might just be fun; it might seem a huge hurdle for some but isn't that how Jesus taught those who would listen, life is worth taking the risk with Jesus on our side. It's about being good neighbours; it's about growing in faith and it's about God's love radiating out to all people.

Isn't that what Peter did, stepped out in faith but when he lost his focus he certainly experienced that 'sinking feeling'. But when Jesus reached out to Peter, when he reaches out to us and we refocus on Jesus, all will be well!



*I couldn't walk on water either!*

## **Let us Pray**

We pray for all experiencing 'that sinking feeling' and reach out in our prayers for Jesus to touch their lives.

We pray for all willing to take a risk, for the strength and guidance that they can find in Jesus to follow in his footsteps.

We pray for ourselves that we will know and feel the support and love which radiates for Jesus, in our hearts.

*Amen*



Please join us for our

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**Sunday 25 September at 10.30 a.m.**

All Age Worship

Led by Revd Louise Makin,

Harvest gifts of dried food and/or toiletries for Wesley's will be gratefully received

Followed by a Harvest Lunch

*Everyone is welcome to share food and fellowship together*



Methodist  
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development

### **HARVEST COLLECTION FOR**

### **ALL WE CAN**

**Standing alongside communities is where change starts. Take the next steps with All We Can's**

**partners today.**

All We Can's partners know that a community's greatest resource is already in their hands – we can support their work at Harvest 2022 as they take the next steps, hand in hand with women in Zimbabwe.

Last year, communities in Zimbabwe were helped to take their next steps towards resilience and recovery from the devastating impacts of Covid-19 on lives, livelihoods, and local economies.

## Maritha's Story



Maritha is a basket weaver and member of the Buniswa Women's Co-operative in Binga, Zimbabwe. Binga is a hot, dry region in north-western Zimbabwe. Most livelihoods

depend on agriculture and fishing, but the region has one of the highest levels of poverty and hunger in the country. All We Can's local partner, Zubo Trust, support the palm leaf basket making project, which aims to give women an alternative income that can provide them with more financial stability. Maritha shares her experience of being a member of the co-operative below:

*'I started working with the women's group and this project has helped me earn more money. Through this work I was able to pay school fees for my children and buy some more goats. I keep some of the goats and from time to time I sell them so the family can get a little extra money. I helped my husband in building the house, whilst he was doing the building I bought some bags of cement to build the extension, right now we are building a kitchen and we're helping each other to buy bricks and other things. One thing I can say is that this project has given me financial independence, I can hold my own money and decide what to do with it.'*

Please support our Harvest Appeal I you can, to help people like Maritha. Envelopes will be available in church during the Harvest period for your donation. All our gifts will help the work of All We Can in the world's poorest communities.

# CHURCH LIFE

The Church Life Group is made up of representatives from the various groups who meet on our premises, our aim being to develop the social aspects of church life and plan a number of events throughout the year. We meet three or four times a year as necessary to plan events, and are grateful for the help from many members of the congregation in supporting these activities.



For the Queen's Jubilee weekend, which was also St Annes Carnival, we served coffee and cakes on the Saturday providing seating and refreshments for people watching the carnival procession.

On the Sunday morning after the Active8 service our Jubilee celebration comprised a decorated cake and a (non alcoholic!) toast to the

Queen. Thanks to Sadie for decorating the cake and to Judith and Barbara for their organisation.



The following Sunday was our Church Anniversary when we held a Jacob's Join lunch after the service, thanks to everyone who shared in the meal and fellowship.

## Here are the next dates for your diary:

**25<sup>th</sup> September** – Harvest Lunch after the service – further details to be announced, everyone is welcome to share food and fellowship

**19<sup>th</sup> November** – Christmas coffee morning with gift stalls

If you would like any further information or have any suggestions, please contact Linda Butcher on 07796 035514

## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

With regret, we have decided to discontinue the Church Fellowship. As the Ladies' Fellowship, it has had a long history at Church Road; in the past there was a membership of over 60 ladies.

However as last year, The Drive ladies have invited us to join them at their meetings once a fortnight, when they have arranged speakers. The Autumn programme is set out below:

### SEPTEMBER

14<sup>th</sup> Who would be a teacher?  
Margaret Pearson

28<sup>th</sup> Theatre Memories and Miscellany  
Richmond Neale

### OCTOBER

5<sup>th</sup> Bring you own favourite story or poem  
Members' Afternoon

19<sup>th</sup> History made fun  
Richard Golding

### NOVEMBER

2<sup>nd</sup> Afternoon Tea

16<sup>th</sup> Lancashire Memories  
Jim O'Donnell

30<sup>th</sup> Treasure from Trash  
Catherine Peak

For more information contact Elaine Watts - Tel: 722302.



## Hi Everybody!

My name is Elizabeth Hicks and I have been asked to write a little about myself as I have now joined this Church.

I moved to St. Annes just before Christmas. For the past 39 years I have been living in Monmouth in Wales. I have been a teacher all my life and taught all ages. However, when the Pandemic started, I was semi-retired teaching Classical Guitar and Piano

from my home. I am sure many of us believed things would soon be back to 'normal'. Sadly, it soon became apparent that Covid would be with us for some time, so my son in Preston suggested I retire and move nearer. I also have a daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons in Geneva, Switzerland. I like to be within an hour or so of an airport to visit them and for them to stay with me. Having viewed many houses in Preston and Lytham that were not what I wanted, I decided to look here in St Anne's and I found a house in the perfect location for me. My house needs updating and finding a good builder has proved difficult. My one year project is turning into 18 months, but despite the setbacks I have no regrets in moving here.

I have not always been a Methodist. I was raised in the Anglican Faith and was an active member of Monmouth Baptist Church for 10 years. Sadly, when I discovered this Church would not allow women to preach, I could not stay and joined Monmouth Methodist Church where I have happily been for the past 18 years. I had many jobs in my last Church. I also trained as a Money Coach and then later as a Life Skills Coach with CAP (Christians Against Poverty). Due to the present energy crisis this is something I hope to get back to.

St. Anne's has many Churches for its size and population. I tried 4 (two Anglican, one United Reform and The Drive Methodist Church) before finding this one. A homeless man in a sleeping bag outside M & S in January led me to you through Wesley's Café where I now volunteer once a week. I have to add all the Churches gave me a wonderful welcome.

Finally, a big THANK YOU for prayers for my recovery (my new hip in July) plus lifts to Church and home visits. All greatly appreciated.





## ***Wesley's Community Café and Larder***

Wesley's is finding every week that more and more people are coming to the Larder and to the Café. It is clear to see and hear that people are feeling the "pinch".

Julia, Elaine, and their team in the Larder are adept at identifying people who need a little more produce to get themselves back on their feet and to help them contact people who can help them further.

We have recently been accepted by M & S as one of their preferred Charities, and as such, we collect from them each week from the shop in St Annes. This a real feather in our cap to be associated with such a "Blue Ribbon" company.



In addition, Beaverbrook's have recently presented Wesley's with over £360 in products and cheques, to enable us to continue our work. Again, this is a fantastic company to be associated with.

***A welcome donation from Beaverbrooks***

Around £1,800 value of fresh food is passing through Wesley's Larder each week and if you add that to the 120 breakfasts and lunches served in the Café each week, then we are sending around £2,000 back into the community each week. This is indeed a great result for both Wesley's and the Church to be partnership in this project. £100,000 per year is fantastic.

Our customers are ever changing, we still cater for the people living in local “bed-sits” within St Annes but now we are seeing families from Ukraine and the Middle East, as well as local families who until recently would never have found it necessary to visit a foodbank or community café.

We recently held a seminar provided by “The Chimp Management Company” who provided one of their consultant psychiatrists for the day to come and give a lecture to Wesley’s volunteers. This was free of charge under their “Charity Provision Scheme” whereby the company identifies suitable projects and helps them by giving their services for a day. Wesley’s was selected for the honour and the lecture by Adam Wright was well received by the 25 attendees.



*Wesley's Fund raising at the Lytham Festival*

Finally, Wesley’s was appointed as the "Charity of the Day " at the Lytham Festival on July 6th. A total of 32 volunteers dressed up as Wesley's Chefs and worked for over 6 hours each on Lytham Green, making a noise and making an impression - so much so that we raised £1,511 in the one evening! It was encouraging that Kirkham Methodist Church were in the team, as also were the St Annes Private Dental Practice and the Soroptimists.

## I Hope – clothing and household goods

The “I Hope Clothing and Household Goods” service led by Tracey Hope, founder of the local charity I-Hope, takes place in the hub foyer each Tuesday and Thursday. Whilst this service can make the foyer look a bit like a jumble sale, this is only temporary on the day and everything is cleared away at the end of each session.



The value of this service must run into hundreds of pounds and the benefit to our customers is enormous, allowing families to take previously used clothing and household items that they would not otherwise have at this difficult time.



## Wesley's Community Café and Larder needs your help

Wesley's Community Café and Larder is at the heart of our Church Hub and is growing every week. Some of our customers are experiencing hunger, some are deprived of company and conversation, some require deeper levels of help.

## To cope with demand, Wesley's needs more volunteers.

This is a real opportunity for the Church to develop its outreach and support people who live in our locality.

## Here is how you can help.....

- **Welcoming people** - we need volunteers to welcome people into the café and encourage them to get a coffee, breakfast or lunch. Some customers find it difficult just to come through the door and need a smiling person to encourage them to come in, and more importantly to come back again.
- **Stock rotation and storage** - Receiving items on a daily basis from food products to toiletries, and other household items. Unpacking, organising and stacking so that everything is accessible and relevant for service to customers at the door.

- **The Larder “Front-Line”** - helping customers access food items and providing more substantial assistance for those who may need guidance to find the support they need.
- **Helping in Wesley’s Kitchen** – keeping everything clean and tidy, loading the dishwasher and helping to cook. If you want to help cook for the local community, see Jayne. Don’t worry if you can’t cook - Jayne will teach you!
- **Tesco collections** - Food collection from local Tesco stores. If you have a car and would like to help in this way, please contact Stewart Franks at Wesley’s



**To offer to help or to find out more you can call in at Wesley’s café on a Tuesday or Thursday morning**

- **Chat with Paul Caddy on 07946715246**
- **Speak to Linda Butcher or Marie Hawkins**
  - **Speak to Jayne in the kitchen**



### **FREE ENGLISH (ESL) LESSONS.**

Do you have a neighbour, friend or colleague who has come to live/ work in this country and would appreciate some help with their English? If so, please tell them about the English lessons which start again on 12 September at the Catholic Social Centre in St Alban’s Road FY8 1XD.

We meet every Monday in term time 1pm -2.30pm. The tutors are all volunteers so we are able to offer the lessons FREE of charge.

**ALL LEVELS and ALL NATIONALITIES are welcome**  
for more information, please speak to Lesley Turner



## DEFIBRILLATOR

Did you know? - defibrillators are used to treat someone in cardiac arrest. A cardiac arrest is when someone's heart has stopped beating normally and they are unresponsive and not breathing. There are an estimated 100,000 defibrillators in the UK.

Why is using a defibrillator important? A cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, any age. Survival rates fall by 10% every minute without defibrillation. If a defibrillator is used within 3-5 minutes of cardiac arrest, survival rates jump from 6% to 74%; these figures back up the fact that they can make a huge lifesaving difference to someone.

The Church Road Methodist Church community is currently fundraising to purchase a defibrillator and key coded lockable cabinet for installation outside the community hub entrance. This will be a useful piece of equipment not only for Church Road members but also for those visiting Wesley's café and larder, other external groups who use the hub and our wider local community living in the streets around us.

We need to raise approximately £2,000 to buy this equipment and enable it to be installed and registered. There have been various fundraising events taking place but further donations to this fundraiser will be gratefully received. Please speak to Marie Hawkins (07984 537721) or one of the Stewards if you would like to make a donation or simply know more about this fundraiser and the use of community defibrillators.

# The Methodist Church

## BLACKPOOL & SOUTH FYLDE CIRCUIT



As the merged Blackpool and South Fylde Circuit takes effect from the beginning of September, the new circuit will be welcoming a new minister for the Blackpool churches. The Revd Andy Halstead will be joining our circuit from the Rochdale and Littleborough Circuit. We look forward to welcoming Andy to Church Road when he will be leading our worship here on Advent Sunday, 27 November.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Mandy Laird Hall**, who has been appointed as a part-time Lay Worker in the new Blackpool & South Fylde Circuit. Mandy will start her new role at South Shore Methodist Community Church (SSMCC) on September 1st.



The main aims of her role will be to work with the membership to become involved in the local community to develop mission opportunities, to engage in the development of youth and family work, to support the pastoral work of the church and to help the church members grow spiritually and practically develop their mission aims. Quite a challenge!

Mandy says “This is a very exciting and challenging opportunity. I am so grateful to have the chance to 'give something back' to the church that has meant so much to me and my family over the past five generations.”



## THE GODLY PLAY BUS PROJECT

*Deacon Kim Gabbatiss*

*“In most religious education children are told who God is.*

*In Godly Play children discover who God is.”*

([www.godlyplay.uk](http://www.godlyplay.uk))

### What is Godly Play?

Godly Play is a movement that,

- begins with children’s innate sense of the presence of God.
- It offers Christian language as a support for their ongoing spiritual formation.
- It teaches a process that aims to promote an inner working model for life-long Christian learning. ( [www.godlyplay.uk](http://www.godlyplay.uk) )

There are 3 types of stories: Sacred Stories, Liturgical Stories and Parables. These stories are told using symbols and artefacts, by specially trained storytellers and practitioners.

Godly Play stories are scripted and have been told for many years in various contexts. They often take place in a special classroom, which becomes a sacred space. Children are first welcomed into the room by the door keeper and gather in a circle to hear and experience a story. This is followed by a time **to wonder** through open questions and discussion and then the children are invited to make a personal response, sometimes making connections to other stories which are part of God’s BIG STORY.

Following a time of response, the children and adults are invited back into the circle to share in a simple feast and a prayer time before leaving the circle.



## The Project

The Godly Play Bus Project began as an idea...like a tiny seed, which grew and grew, into a living project, enabling children and staff in schools, locally and across the Lancashire District, to encounter God and to hear, experience and respond to God's love in a creative way.



*The photograph here shows the top deck of the bus, which has been transformed to resemble a Godly Play classroom, 'a sacred space', but instead of being in a fixed place, we are able to take the stories **to the people**.*

Being a fully-equipped, mobile classroom, the Godly Play Bus offers an opportunity for staff and children to **wonder** about the **BIG QUESTIONS** and where every child or adult has the freedom to respond in their own way.

During one week in Advent 2021, we welcomed over 200 children onto the bus to 'Journey to Bethlehem', experiencing either the Holy Family Story or the Advent Series (Liturgical story).



*This picture shows some children retelling the story to each other.*

Some children really appreciated the peace and quiet and felt a sense of calm.

Some children commented on how the feast reminded them of Holy Communion.

In July 2022, the team shared two different stories with approximately 60 children from two classes; The **10 Best Ways** (Sacred Story) and **Holy Baptism** (Liturgical Story).



*Here you can see the story of **Holy Baptism** being shared with a group of school children.*



*...and here are some of the response materials, which are on the lower deck of the bus.*



Children can choose to respond, selecting from a variety of resources, for example, craft, clay modelling, painting, drawing, retelling the stories, sewing, writing or planting, or using sand. It is important that the materials are chosen by the child and not directed by the adult. It is wonderful to see how individuals respond in their own way to a story. God certainly speaks to individuals in a personal way.

As the Godly Play Bus Project Co-ordinator, I am responsible for leading a team of people from across the Lancashire District, who offer their time, gifts and skills in a variety of ways - driving, storytelling and door keeping. all of whom have received relevant training, to fulfil their specific role.

There are several towns and villages waiting for the bus to visit their primary school. During the past few months, I have been recruiting new drivers to be part of the project. In the Autumn, we are hoping to recruit more storytellers and offer the opportunity for training.

Thanks for taking the time to read this article. To find out more about the Godly Play Bus Project, visit our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/godlyplaybus.lancashire.1](https://www.facebook.com/godlyplaybus.lancashire.1) or visit our website:

[www.lancashiremethodist.org.uk/godleyplaybus.htm](http://www.lancashiremethodist.org.uk/godleyplaybus.htm)

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## Prayerful Poem

*by Janette Farley*

O Lord, I feel you nudging me,  
'Kneel down, my child, and pray  
Some time has passed since last we spoke  
Or shared the time of day.  
I know your worries, fears and hopes  
But tell me even so,  
Then listen close for my response  
And then in my strength, go.'

O Lord, I hear you calling me,  
'Step up, team-mate and serve.  
So many people in this world  
Are lost without my love.  
The hungry, poor or suffering  
Need help from folk like you,  
And when you share with others,  
You'll find a blessing too!

O Lord I hear you beckoning,  
'Come out my friend and play!  
The sky is blue, the air is warm,  
It's such a glorious day!  
Look round, breathe deep and move those limbs,  
Your heart and mind will raise,  
Come out, enjoy creation, join  
Its vibrant song of praise!'

O Lord, I hear you whispering,  
'Sit down, dear one, and rest.  
Put your 'to do list' on one side,  
Lay your head upon my breast.  
When I shared your life on earth,  
I often felt weary too.  
You've worked so hard beloved,  
This peaceful time's for you.'



## BUMBLEBEES

Bumblebees restarts after the summer break on Tuesday 13 September at our usual time 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. We meet in the church and the group is for babies and children 0-4years with parent/carer.

The main aim of the group is to allow the adults to meet and socialise with others who are in a similar situation as themselves and for the babies and toddlers to enjoy a wide selection of toys, puzzles and craft activities. These include a play house, slides, sit-in cars, building bricks, dolls and prams, train set etc. We usually conclude each session with singing.



There is currently a waiting list. Anyone interested in putting their name down can speak to one of the leaders or else come along to a Bumblebees session during term-time. The cost is £2 for an adult and a child (an extra £1 is payable for any additional child.) Refreshments are included.

*Lesley Turner*



Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Action for Children Sunday collection on 10 July, which raised the total of £91.20.

Action for Children works hard to support families living in poverty, vulnerable and neglected children and young people and your support is greatly appreciated.

*Thank you  
Shirley Eade*



## NEW DISTRICT CHAIR

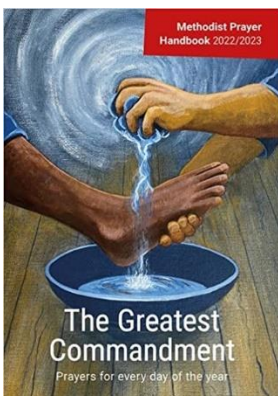
Revd. Phil Gough is now the new Chair of the Lancashire Methodist District. Phil was previously the Superintendent of the Chorley and Leyland Circuit and takes over following the retirement of the previous chair, Revd Paul Davies.



A welcome service for Phil was held in Blackburn on Saturday 20 August, attended by people from across Lancashire and beyond, presided over by Revd Micky Youngson, Assistant Secretary of Conference, and with Revd Stephen and Deacon Myrtle Poxon as guest preachers.

If you would like to re-live any of the service, or follow it for the first time, it is now available on line at

<https://www.lancashiremethodist.org.uk/welcomeservicerecordings.htm>



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## PRAYER HANDBOOKS 2022/2023

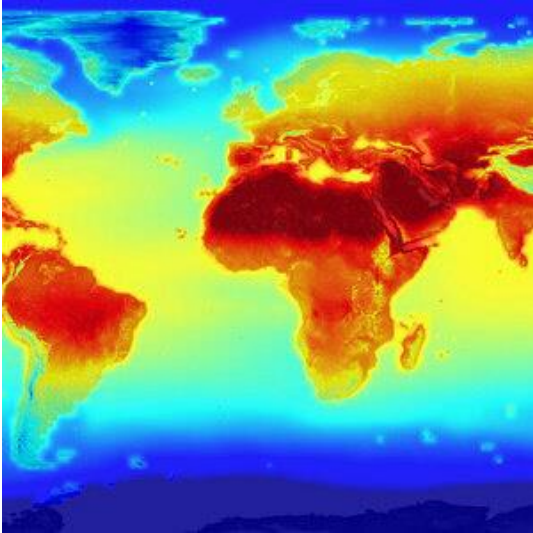
### THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

This is a Lectionary of daily Bible readings and prayers arranged as a monthly cycle. It enables you to pray with and for the worldwide family of Methodist people.

Prayers of praise, thanksgiving, confession, and intercession provide daily focus throughout the year. If

you would like one, please ask Elaine Watts.

Price around £4.15. A copy for last year is available for inspection in the rear of Church. A large print version is also available.



## CLIMATE CHANGE

We shall soon be celebrating our annual Harvest Festival, at which we acknowledge the wonders of God's creation and thank Him for all the good things that He provides for us.

Harvest is also a time to reflect on the preciousness of our world's resources and

to acknowledge our responsibilities to care for the natural world, to respect its resources and to understand the impact of our behaviour on the environment.

### **The Earth is the Lord's**

Psalm 24:1-2:

*"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters."*

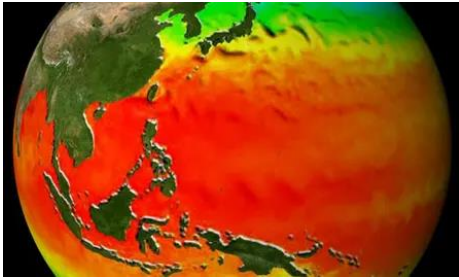
This summer, whilst we have enjoyed the warm, dry weather, we have been reminded of the threats to our planet through global warming. Record breaking temperatures, lack of rainfall and resulting threats to our food supplies are salutary reminders of the need to respect the environment.

Whilst the Bible doesn't specifically refer to the dangers of climate change, we are called to honour God's creation, natural and human. Climate change and its impacts on the environment and vulnerable communities are rightly Christian concerns that require our prayers and our action.

### **Prayer for Environmental Awareness**

*Heavenly Father, we ask you to stir our hearts into action. As global temperatures increase, inspire us with ways in which we can make a difference in our homes, church congregations, communities, and the world around us. We pray for your prompting where we can do more to love our neighbour and help meet the challenge of climate change.*

*Amen.*



## CLIMATE CHANGE QUIZ

*Test your knowledge of the issues here.*

*Answers on pages 34 & 35*

1. What proportion of the Earth's atmosphere is composed of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)?
  - A. 0.04%
  - B. 2%
  - C. 14%
  
2. Current atmospheric levels of CO<sub>2</sub> are estimated to be around 419 parts per million. When do scientists believe atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> was last this high?
  - A. 30 years ago
  - B. 10,000 years ago
  - C. More than 4m years ago
  
3. In the 10,000 years before the Industrial Revolution in 1751, carbon dioxide levels rose less than 1 percent. How much has CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere increased since then?
  - A. 11%
  - B. 49%
  - C. 62%
  
4. Once emitted, how long does CO<sub>2</sub> remain in the atmosphere?
  - A. Between 30 and 50 years
  - B. Between 100 and 120 years
  - C. Between 300 and 1,000 years
  
5. What absorbs the majority of Earth's excess heat?
  - A. Oceans
  - B. Deserts
  - C. Forests

6. The Great Barrier Reef has experienced five mass bleaching events. What percentage of its 3,000 individual reefs were severely bleached in the most recent event in 2020?
  - A. 10%
  - B. 25%
  - C. 50%
  
7. At this time of year, polar bears on the Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard are waiting for the sea ice to refreeze so they can hunt. Under worst case scenarios, by how much are average temperatures expected to rise by 2100?
  - A. 2<sup>c</sup>
  - B. 5<sup>c</sup>
  - C. 10<sup>c</sup>
  
8. What was the key goal of the 2015 Paris climate agreement?
  - A. Limit global warming to well below 1.5C
  - B. Limit global warming to well below 2C
  - C. Stop all use of fossil fuels
  
9. Where is the world's biggest offshore wind farm?
  - A. United States of America
  - B. United Kingdom
  - C. Germany
  
10. If we stopped burning fossil fuels today, what would happen to the climate?
  - A. Earth's average temperature would continue to rise
  - B. Temperatures would continue to warm, then begin to cool down in 100 years or more.
  - C. Temperatures would fluctuate, but stay the same on average.
  - D. Temperatures would stop increasing once greenhouse gas concentrations stopped increasing.

**Answers on pages 34 & 35**

## TOWARDS NET ZERO

The extent of global warming is proportional to the accumulated emissions of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) in the atmosphere. This means that the planet will keep heating for as long as global emissions remain more than zero. In order to prevent the worst climate change damage, it is now an international scientific consensus that global net emissions of carbon dioxide need to fall by about 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching net zero around 2050.

Our government has pledged a target of reaching net zero by 2050. If achieved, this will be when the greenhouse gases going into the atmosphere are balanced by the removal of an equal amount from the atmosphere and will be the point at which global warming stops.

The Methodist Church has set an aspirational target of becoming a net zero carbon emissions church by 2030 and, with appropriate connexional guidance, all our churches will need to start considering how they will be able to contribute towards that ambitious goal.



### PLEASE REMEMBER

*Don't just throw stuff away! We can help others by the simple act of recycling.*

#### OLD SPECTACLES

The charity Vision Aid recycles these and the income generated from them supports their overseas programme



#### USED POSTAGE STAMPS

These can be sold to raise money for the local branch of Guide Dogs for the Blind.



#### USED OR UNUSED POSTCARDS

These can be sold to raise money for the charity MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship).



**Please contact Elaine Watts to pass on items for charitable recycling**



## FOOD HYGIENE AND FIRST AID.

Does anyone have local contacts for people running *in person* training on Emergency first aid (1 day course) or (level 2) food hygiene?



The Circuit agreed some time ago to organise training in food hygiene and first aid. I have been asked to organise training to be available to all across the circuit and before I resort to one of the large providers, someone may know a local qualified trainer.



Level 2 food hygiene is needed for all who prepare food on a regular basis (church café's or luncheon clubs). The food hygiene course can be done online, but this is to provide for those who are unable to access online. Churches should also

have someone qualified up to emergency first aid level if possible when the building is open for general use. First aid training needs to be done in person, as there is a practical element.

The Circuit will cover the costs of training people, if it is for church activities where the need is identified.

If you have a contact, could you let me know as soon as possible?.

Thank you in anticipation.

*Louise*

## ANSWERS TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE QUIZ

1. **A** - The atmosphere is 0.04% carbon dioxide, 78% nitrogen and 21% oxygen. It also has small amounts of other gases such as neon and hydrogen.
2. **C** - Scientists at the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) Observatory in Hawaii measured the level of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> at a monthly average of 419 parts per million (ppm) in May 2021. That is the highest level since accurate measurements began 63 years ago and is comparable to between 4.1m and 4.5m years ago, when it was about 400 ppm.
3. **B** - CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere has risen 49 percent since 1751. Half of that increase has occurred since 1980. From 1751-2018, humans added 1,611 billion tons of carbon to the atmosphere in the form of carbon dioxide. Around 80% of all human-produced carbon dioxide comes from burning coal, natural gas, oil and gasoline. When today's CO<sub>2</sub> trend is viewed in the context of 400,000 years of climate data, the result is even more stark. Humans have profoundly changed the composition of Earth's atmosphere, and along with that, the energy balance of the planet.
4. **C** - Because CO<sub>2</sub> hangs around for between 300 to 1,000 years, emissions endure for far longer than the human being who releases them.
5. **A** - Oceans absorb more than 90% of excess heat. Oceans control the planet's weather, and when the water heats up it evaporates, which then warms the atmosphere, creating more powerful storms, heavier rainfall and flooding.
6. **B** - One quarter of the Great Barrier Reef was severely bleached in the summer of 2020, aerial analysis revealed. Coral bleaching is caused by rising ocean temperatures driven by global heating. In February 2020 the sea surface temperatures around the reef were the hottest since records began in 1990.
7. **C** - There has been a permanent weather station in the Svalbard region of the Arctic since 1911. Projections suggest warming in this area could be three times stronger leading up to the year 2100 than they have been in the past 100 years. This would result in average winter temperatures 10°C higher than they currently are leading to a reduction in ice coverage and rising sea levels.

8. **B.** - The Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 Parties at COP 21 in Paris on 12 December 2015 and entered into force on 4 November 2016. Its goal is to limit global warming to well below 2, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels.
9. **B.** - The world's largest offshore wind farm is Hornsea One off the coast of Yorkshire. It produces enough electricity to power more than a million homes and covers an area of more than 400 sq kms, which is five times the size of the nearest city, Hull.
10. **D.** - Temperatures would stop increasing once greenhouse gas concentrations stopped increasing. The science is evolving on this, but it seems that among all the bad news on climate change, this is a bit of good news. There is general agreement among scientists that when emissions fall to net zero, then the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere will stop increasing. At that point, the global increase in temperature will slow or stop.

**THANK YOU** to all those who have contributed to this edition of The Record. We aim to keep you up to date with what's going on in the church and to offer other items of interest. Contributions for future editions - or even suggestions of possible items to include - are always gratefully received and will help to keep our magazine relevant and interesting.

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# CHURCH DIARY

**WESLEY'S CAFÉ:** Every TUESDAY and THURSDAY 10.00am to 1.30pm.  
Contact Linda Butcher

**BUMBLEBEES:** Every TUESDAY during term time, 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.  
for 0-4's with parents and carers. Contact Lesley Turner

**MOVEMENT TO MUSIC:** Every WEDNESDAY 9.15am to 10.15am and  
10.45am to 11.45am. Contact Monica Bissett

**TIME OUT** at 7.00 p.m. every THIRD SUNDAY of each month. An informal  
faith based group for young people 12+. Contact Caroline Livesey or Sharon  
Hird

**ACTIV8 INFORMAL STYLE WORSHIP** on the first SUNDAY of each month. at  
9.00a.m. followed by breakfast together

**aLIVE** at 6.30 p.m. on the FOURTH SUNDAY in September and October.  
Explore God's word through discussion amongst friends and discover new  
Christian music styles.

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## KEEPING UP TO DATE

For up-to-date information about services and church activities, please follow  
our monthly news sheet which will be distributed by email. If you do not  
receive a copy in this way, please let the Church Office know and we will send  
you one. You can also follow us on our website and Facebook.

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**Remember you are never alone. We are never more than a phone call or email away.**

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