

# IN TOUCH

JULY / AUGUST

2017

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BOYS  
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REFORMED CHURCH,  
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## Message from our Minister

Dear Friends,

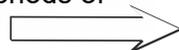
July has arrived already and our thoughts, certainly for our young people, will turn to the holidays. Mark and I are very excited to be attending our first Boys Brigade camp in Wales! But even if you are not going away, it is good at this time of year to consider a period of rest and reflection. By and large, as a society we do not readily value rest and reflection. Despite the fact that we now have the electronic aid of dish washers, washing machines etc. to do our domestic tasks for us, the internet to shop for us and emails to communicate with people for us, we still don't seem to have enough hours in the day. I admit to sometimes struggling to find the time to sit down, pray and take time out of the 'busyness' of life to simply reflect.

In God's eyes rest and reflection has value, worth and purpose and this was evidenced in the life of Jesus. As Luke tells us in chapter 5:15-16,

"The news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."

It's interesting that Jesus withdrew from the crowds just when he was most in demand. There were thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, of people waiting for Jesus to heal them, to teach them, to bless them, primed, ready. The opportunity and need were great. And yet, Jesus was nowhere to be found. Why? Well because Jesus understood that in order to accomplish the purpose for which God had sent Him, he had to remain spiritually strong. And that required regular times of prayer and meditation, regular times of rest and recuperation. Likewise in Mark's gospel 6:30-32 we read "The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.' So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place."

Jesus did not demand, nor desire, that his followers worked to the point of exhaustion and burn-out. Jesus understood that they needed periods of rest in order to remain strong, just as we do.



One of the two most important functions of rest is to allow us the time to listen to God. Sometimes in the hustle and bustle of daily life we don't hear the still, small voice of God. We lose the joy and the inspiration of simply being in his presence. I recently spent 2 days on a retreat in Harwarden. During the stay I was actually given time to go away with the instruction to stand alone in an open space and meditate on God. And boy did I find it hard, with my butterfly brain flitting between what was happening at home and lists of jobs to attend to. But I also heard God speak to me in the conversations I had with friends during mealtimes, through walking in the park looking with awe and wonder at the beautiful surroundings, and through studying scripture and coming together in prayer.

Secondly, rest is important to remind us of who we are, to reaffirm our humanity as men and women made in the image of God. God does not value us simply by the sum of what we accomplish. We have value because God is our Father, and because in Christ we are his children. Rest helps us to maintain our perspective on our place in the grand scheme of things. It reminds us that we are totally dependent on God. In Isaiah 30:15, we read, "This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength."

So as we embark upon the holiday season, I pray that at home or away, we will have the opportunity to enjoy precious time doing nothing but appreciating the glory of God and what he has done for us. And on camp I'm going to savour the opportunity to spend precious time with our young people and their families and leaders, as we take time out for relaxation, some rest (perhaps!!), but definitely fun and fellowship in the presence of God.



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May God continue to bless us all,

Sue

Ormskirk Methodist United Reformed Church exists to promote the worship of Almighty God, to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and, in the power of the Spirit, to serve neighbours in Christ at home and abroad. It seeks to play a part in transforming the unjust structures of society and promoting strong communities based on Christian values. As part of the World Church, it will strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain the life on earth.

‘O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all those who need human love and heavenly Father’s care, and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and hatred. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children or straying feet, but rugged enough to turn back the tempter's power. Make it the gateway to Thy Eternal Kingdom, through Jesus



### **Taped Services**

**If you would like to receive a taped copy of the Sunday morning service, then please contact Ynyr Jones on 423474.**

## Services for July - August 2017

### **2<sup>nd</sup> July:**

10.30 a.m. The Revd Sue Guénault - Overseas Mission Service  
6.30 p.m. The Revd Stephen Foster - Holy Communion

### **9<sup>th</sup> July:**

10.30 a.m. Own arrangement  
4.00 p.m. Informal Tea Service led by the Revd Stephen Foster

### **16<sup>th</sup> July:**

10.30 a.m. Mr. Malcolm Roxburgh - Parade Service  
6.30 p.m. The Revd Sue Guénault - Prayer and Praise

### **23<sup>rd</sup> July:**

10.30 a.m. The Revd Sue Guénault - Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Circuit Service at Upholland

### **30<sup>th</sup> July:**

10.30 a.m. The Revd David Reynolds  
6.30 p.m. The Revd Peter Lyth

### **6<sup>th</sup> August:**

10.30 a.m. The Revd Sue Guénault  
6.30 p.m. The Revd Michael Tindsley

### **13<sup>th</sup> August:**

10.30 a.m. Miss Pat Preston  
4.00 p.m. Informal tea service led by the Revd Sylvia Jacquest with  
Holy Communion Service

### **20<sup>th</sup> August:**

10.30 a.m. The Revd Michael Tindsley  
6.30 p.m. The Revd Sue Guénault - Prayer and Praise

### **27<sup>th</sup> August:**

10.30 a.m. The Revd Sue Guénault - Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Mr. Malcolm Roxburgh

## IGNITE DATES

16<sup>th</sup> July : Barbecue, music/party - 7.30- to 9.30 at Emmanuel

17<sup>th</sup> September: Film Night 7.30 to 9 p.m. at Emmanuel

15<sup>th</sup> October: Bowling - time and place to be advised

19<sup>th</sup> November: Quiz 7.30 to 9 p.m. at Emmanuel

10<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Party 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at Emmanuel

Stall at Christmas Party to be announced.

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### **Greetings from Hereford**

I have been welcomed into the membership of St Johns as Mrs Wayman....so I am

But the pharmacist was puzzled

On Monday I collected a prescription for Mrs Cundall (written by my old g.p.)

On Thursday I registered with a new doctor who wrote my prescription as Mrs Wayman

"Have you changed your name"? he asked with a puzzled look, when he couldn't find my tablets

Yes! I got married 3 weeks ago! and all the shop clapped and applauded me!

The Birmingham District have a project "A church without walls!"

We are invited to tell people what God has done for us in the last week or so

At St Johns we shall have an informal service to share with one another ;before we speak to strangers

I have to admit that the change which God given to Alan and I has been explained to taxi drivers and furniture removers;to Hairdressers and butchers;and everyone smiles !!

Joyce Wayman

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## **The Guild**

Please note that our meetings are now going back to Tuesday afternoons at 2.00 p.m. Dates for September will be advised.

On Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00 p.m. We will get together for tea and a chat at O'Brien's.



## **Emma Burrows**

The family of Emma Burrows would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone at Emmanuel who contributed in any way, big or small, to help raise the funds for Emma's S.D.R. Operation. By donation coffee mornings - Sunday morning coffee - Sue's 'Good News choir' - an obstacle course run by the Girls' Brigade to name but a few.

She will still be in hospital, after the booked operation for the next stage of intensive physiotherapy and finally home after that.

With love and thanks from all the Burrows family.



## **BB Camp 2017**

The BB will be heading off on their annual camp to Duffryn in North Wales on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. We expect to take 12 boys away for a week of fun (and hopefully sun!). If anyone would like to make a donation of cakes to help with the catering please can you leave them at church on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Please pray for all the lads and staff whilst we are planning and when we are away. Thanks for your support.

Rob

## SUPPORTING CHARITIES THROUGH RECYCLING

STAMPS - for Methodist Homes. This is an ongoing collection. Stamps should be trimmed 1/4 inch (not from the postcards) and can be given to Elizabeth at any time.

Thank you

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### **Thank you**

Gladys Pilkington wishes to say a big thank-you to all who were kind enough to contact my daughters for news of my whereabouts whilst I was in Preston Hospital; I particularly want to say a big thank-you to all who sent me cards and good wishes and especially for all the prayers – how uplifting they all were; I thank God for all my friends at Emmanuel. You will know by now I am home at last and improving day by day although not as quickly as I hoped – will I never learn patience!! Thank you too to our Minister, the Rev. Sue Guenault for her visits – what a joy she brings with her – I feel so blessed. I have missed you all but I am hoping to be back in Church before long. Lots of love and God Bless you all. Gladys

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**SOUTHPORT FIREFEST HOLINESS**

**AT**

**LEYLAND ROAD METHODIST CHURCH**

**FRIDAY 7TH. TO 9TH. JULY 2017**

**PLEASE SEE THE EMMANUEL NOTICE BOARD  
FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

# Thank you

Thanks to all those who attended the Boys' Brigade annual awards evening. It was a good turnout with around 70 people attending the evening which started off with a hotpot supper followed by our young people gaining many awards and prizes for their work at BB. Many thanks goes to Bill Jones for stepping in as guest of honour presenting the awards, to Lilian and team for the food and to all the dedicated leaders that make BB possible every week.

*Rob*

## Emmanuel Fellowship - Tuesdays 7.30

At our AGM it was decided to meet monthly instead of every two weeks, starting on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

We are arranging a variety of speakers on subjects that we hope will be of interest – more details in September.

Don Payne has been our treasurer for many years and we thank him for his faithful commitment. Graham Sumner is taking his place and we welcome him to our group.

You are invited to a Coffee morning in the church lounge on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 10.30 - 12.00. Proceeds for Fellowship funds.



**A reminder that as well as collecting stamps for MHA,**

used and unused postcards are collected for Missionary Aviation Fellowship. The collecting box will again be in the church porch during the summer or cards can be handed to Elizabeth.

It is hard to believe that £35,000 was raised last year for M.A.F. through the postcard. collection.

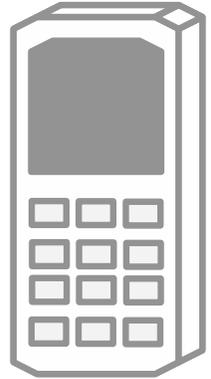


## Boys Brigade recycling

Used printer cartridges and old mobile phones.

**Original manufactured cartridges only** but not copies or remanufactured.

Please pass your cartridges/phones to Ian Price or place them in the church porch recycle box.



## For the weekly notices

**Please e-mail me your notices at home, by 9 p.m. Wednesday evening to [jackie.a.cann@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.a.cann@gmail.com) so that I can print on Thursdays. I am usually at home on Wednesday evenings (580270) if you would like to phone**



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# SUMMER FAIR



**SATURDAY**  
**1st JULY**  
**10.a.m. to 4.p.m.**

**Cakes Books Scarves & Bags**

**Bits & Pieces**

**Crafts Toys**

**DISPLAYS**  
**OUR PAST, OUR PRESENT, & OUR FUTURE**

**And of course, our All Day Refreshments**

**Admission by Programme £2 Children Free**

**COME & SPEND A HAPPY SUMMER DAY  
IN GOOD COMPANY**

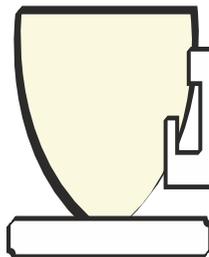
# TEA SERVICE

9TH July 2017

4.00 p.m.

WITH

Revd. Stephen Foster



## LUNCH CLUB

Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month

12.45 p.m.

A home-cooked lunch - 2 courses plus drinks

**Additional drivers and helpers also needed**

A recent delicious meal was: Hotpot followed by  
Apple pie and custard

Please contact Bob (576703)  
or Roy (573372)

# COLOUR ME IN

*Saints...*



...ARE SINNERS  
WHO SAY "SORRY!"

**Church Family Sponsored walk.**

**On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 11 people assembled at Church, ready to go at 9.a.m. Unfortunately at 8-45 the heavens opened and we were blessed with torrential rain! After a hurried conference in the Foyer it was decided that as everybody was suitably attired for bad weather, the walk should go ahead.**

**Then, Just as we set off, the rain ceased and held off the rest of the day. The first part of the walk took us through Ruff wood and across to Westhead.**

**Here we entered Lady Alice's Walk, and proceeded down to Sandy lane. Rob Langdon was leading the way, with Jane Langdon acting as Whipper-in at the rear.**

**At Sandy Lane we were met by Don Payne on his bike, who had cycled down to join us. Proceeding past Abbey Lane Caravan Park, we entered fields and foot paths. The grass was very wet and the ground rather muddy underfoot but the safari carried complete with bike being pushed and lifted over stiles and fences!**

**Eventually, we reached Blythe lane where we were joined by another adult and one dog, and crossed over to a long footpath leading, half an hour later, to Lathom Chapel.**

**Here we had a break and had access to toilets. The Ladies from the Chapel laid on delicious cakes and tea & coffee.**

**At this point we were joined by 3 more adults, & a child, plus one baby, and a further dog!**

**The walk continued down Cranes Lane, past Ormskirk Golf Club, and on to Dark Lane.**

**Here at the old bridge we again entered steps and a field path running at the rear of Nursery Avenue and on to the station car park.**

**Alas this stretch was deemed too difficult for the bike, and Don had to ride on down Dark Lane to the Church to open up and await the rest.**

**Jane and others then bustled about and provided tea & coffee and hot soup. A happy and contented group, though wet from the long grass and very muddy, dispersed for home!**

**Eventually 12 adults, plus 3 children, 1 baby, 2 dogs, and of course one bike, took part. Congratulations to all of them!**

**An Observer.**

**Fusion is an Ecumenical Youth Group** organised by the Churches Together in Ormskirk. Here is the programme. For more information please see Cheryl or Sue.

Aims –

1. To bring together teenagers (11-18 years old) from all churches in Ormskirk & surrounding areas for encouragement, fun & friendship
2. To give opportunities for young people to invite friends to join in
3. To encourage and give opportunities for Youth Leaders whose numbers are small.
4. To periodically introduce meaningful Christian input

Calendar 2017:

Sun Jul 16<sup>th</sup> – CURIIOUS @ CLM

Sun Aug 20<sup>th</sup> – Ainsdale Beach with families

Fri Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – Film Night @ Christ Church

Fri Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – Laser Quest (Sarah)

Sun Nov 19<sup>th</sup> – CURIIOUS @ CLM

Fri Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party Event

Other considerations:

- CURIIOUS is on every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ CLM for teenagers+
- 6<sup>th</sup> formers **‘prepare for Uni support event’** in summer in conjunction with Fusion UK
- Aug Camp holiday with MYC

**Saturday Coffee Shop**

10.30 to noon  

Volunteers wanted for a Few Saturdays per year - Please contact Pat Loch

## **AT EMMANUEL CHURCH**

**Please - entries for the IN Touch in as:-**

**Standard text entries to arrive on my email for 5p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the due publication(as usual) and 48 hours prior to that for material with photographs (jpg format) and any material containing artwork/graphics (pdf format).**

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Ormskirk L39 4RW  
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# Christmas Angels

A little information about a mission initiative for the autumn with Churches Together in Ormskirk which began in North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit. Small knitted angels, with a Christmas message, will be distributed around the town just before Christmas. We hope there will be hundreds if not thousands distributed. The Christmas story is filled with angels bringing joyful messages, this is a great way for us to bring unexpected words to those who find them.

Please knit for this, patterns available now!  
We will launch officially at a knit and natter get together, with cake, at 2.00pm on Thursday 21 September at Emmanuel.

If you wish to knit over the summer please be in touch with me or go to the website [www. Christmas angels.net](http://www.Christmasangels.net) where you will find lots of information and patterns

**The Aim is to share God's love and to bless our community in public places and community spaces with a Christmas message.**



Anne Baldwin 578413

## Baptism

On Pentecost Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>. June we welcomed the family of Harvey Robert Wilkes for his baptism. We pray Harvey and his family will continue to receive God's love.

# **QUIZ NIGHT AND SUPPER**

**AT EMMANUEL CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 8TH JULY 2017**

**STARTING AT 7.00 P.M.**

**PROCEEDS IN AID OF REFURBISHMENT  
FUND**

**£7.00 PER PERSON**

Please see Mark Taylor as soon as possible - numbers limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. Teams of 8 or come and join others on the night to make up a team .

Tel 01695 722854, 07932 406696 or email  
mamma.taylor@hotmail.com

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of an elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun lettered a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

*By permission - swapmeetsdave*

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## EMMANUEL

### **Langham Hall**

Is multipurpose and available for hire plus has tables and chairs which can comfortably accommodate approximately 95 people **or** the tables and chairs can be packed away at one end of the hall giving a large clear area for other activities. In addition we have a wall projector screen ready for your talks and such like in the hall. There is also a kitchen which can be used by arrangement, next to the hall, that is well equipped and for many years has received the 5 star award for hygiene.

### **Lecture room**

Has seats for some 40 people, is set up with a wall projector screen and is carpeted.

### **Lounge**

24 seats are kept in the carpeted lounge which is ideal for a small meeting.

### **Enquiries to:-**

Lyn Jenkins                      01695 422573

Or

Bill Jones                         01695 574268