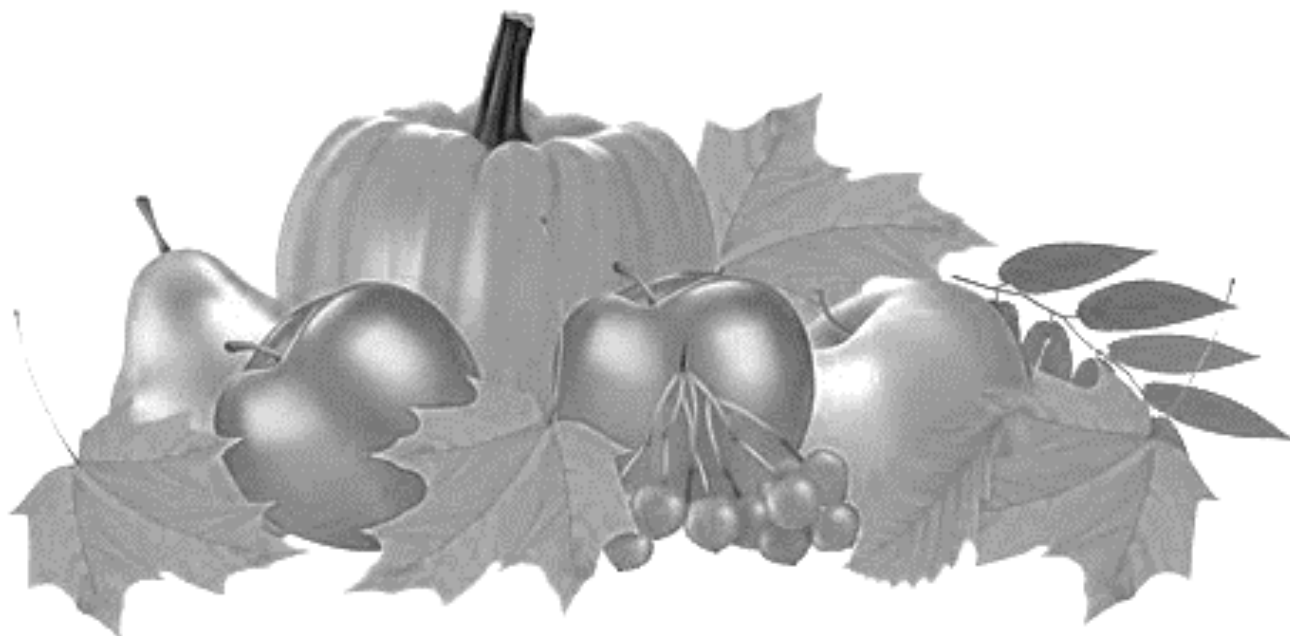


THE RECORD

AUTUMN 2018



CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

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Making Disciples: Transforming Lives and Communities

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WORSHIP in SEPTEMBER

2nd

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at The Drive Methodist Church
- 9.15 a.m. Activ8 Café Church led by David Turner
- 10.30 a.m. Raymond Lea
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven



9th

- 10.30 a.m. Revd Stephen N Heath - Holy Communion
- 6.30 p.m. Service of Welcome at Lytham Methodist Church to inaugurate the new circuit team.
Service led by the District Chair, Revd Paul Davis

16th HARVEST FESTIVAL

- 10.30 a.m. All Age Worship led by Revd Stephen Heath
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

23rd

- 10.30 a.m. Andrew Barratt
- 3.00 p.m. Celebration of 150 years at Lytham Methodist Church with
Revd Steven Wild, former President of the Methodist Conference

30th

- 10.30 a.m. Revd Terry Hudson
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to a Circuit Service at 3.00 p.m. on **Sunday 23 September** at Lytham Methodist Church. It is a service of celebration and re-dedication to mark 150 years of Mission and Worship. The preacher will be Revd Stephen Wild, Chairman of the Cornwall District and past President of the Methodist Conference.

WORSHIP in OCTOBER

7th

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at The Drive Methodist Church
- 9.15 a.m. Activ8 Café Church led by Revd Stephen Heath
- 10.30 a.m. Richard Golding
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

14th

- 10.30 a.m. Revd Stephen Heath - Holy Communion
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

21st

- 10.30 a.m- All Age Worship led by Judith Smith
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

28th

- 10.30 a.m. Revd Alan Clark
- 6.30 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

WORSHIP in NOVEMBER

4th

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at The Drive Methodist Church
- 9.15 a.m. Activ8 Café Church led by Judith Smith
- 10.30 a.m. Revd Stephen Heath
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

11th

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

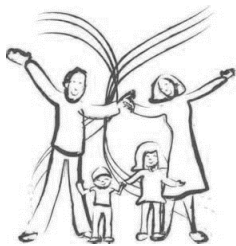
- 10.30 a.m. Revd David Tidswell - Holy Communion
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

18th

- 10.30 a.m. Pat Hirst - All Age Worship
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

25th

- 10.30 a.m. Revd Stephen Heath
- 6.30 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



A word from Stephen....

Dear Friends

Each year, following the annual Conference of The Methodist Church, each Minister receives a letter confirming their station for the following year. I have now received four such letters - 'From the 1st September 2018 you have been stationed in the South Fylde Circuit.' The only thing that has changed is the year.

It serves as a reminder that each Minister is appointed to a Circuit not a church, is under the common discipline of annual stationing by the Conference and is required to uphold the authority of the Conference in the life of the Church and to observe its discipline. At Connexional and District level nothing has changed and yet within the Circuit it feels like a lot has changed, and it has. Within a two-year period we have dropped from four to two Ministers across the Circuit due, in the main, to the lack of Ministers available to the Conference to station.

What has not changed is the commitment to minister in the South Fylde Circuit to members of the community as well as those who are members of the Methodist Church. We all know that two Ministers cannot do the work of four. Two Ministers will not have the range of gifts and experience that four brought to the Circuit. But before we are tempted to claim we are hard done by, we are reminded that, as we have reflected on Paul's letter to the Ephesians in recent weeks, God provides what is needed, when it is needed to sustain the people of faith. Having now completed a recruitment process, the Circuit Team will be strengthened by the appointment of Lay Workers, Carolyn Hothersall and Judith Smith. Each will work twenty hours a week, Carolyn working alongside Sylvester and Judith alongside myself.

Methodism has always been a partnership between itinerant Ministers and resident lay people. It is a church that has constantly adapted its way of working to be relevant to the people and communities among whom it is rooted. Together we are called to understand what God is asking us to do together. Again Ephesians reminds us that through faithfulness we will discover what it means to be the Body of Christ.

The one constant as we look back over time is change, some changes more welcome than others, some perceived very differently with the wisdom of hindsight and the passing of time. I remember my Junior School Headmaster telling us "It is the same but different". While it is a contradictory statement I think know what he meant.

As I find myself with pastoral charge of three rather than one church in the South Fylde Circuit, I believe it is God who has brought me and you to this point on our journey of faith. I believe he has work for us to do together that will show his love and make his kingdom known for as it says in Ephesians 3:20-21 J.B. Phillips New Testament

Now to him who by his power within us is able to do far more than we ever dare to ask or imagine—to him be glory in the Church through Jesus Christ for ever and ever, amen!

As we enter a new Connexional year I look forward to journeying with you, new patterns of ministry and new buildings being created

Stephen

New Members of the Circuit Staff Team

We are pleased to welcome Judith Smith and Carolyn Hothersall into the Circuit.

Judith, who will be working with Stephen at Church Road, Freckleton and The Drive, will be known to some people in the church as she has been a member of our congregation for approximately a year. Carolyn lives in Chorley and will be working alongside Sylvester in the Fairhaven, Kirkham and Lytham section of the Circuit.

It is difficult to say much more as at the time of writing this as they are not in post. All requests for pastoral support should still go to either Stephen or Sylvester who will decide how best to respond.

They will be doing some speaking and preaching appointments and delivering group work and we will be able to say more about this in the next edition of The Record. In the meantime please speak with Stephen if you have any questions.

NEW BEGINNINGS SERVICE

at Lytham Methodist Church,

6.30 p.m. on Sunday 9 September 2018.

led by the District Chair, Revd Paul Davis

The Methodist Church, Lancashire District, is pleased to announce the appointment of Carolyn Hothersall and Judith Smith as Lay Workers. For a two-year period commencing the 3rd September 2018 they will work in the South Fylde Circuit, providing pastoral support alongside the two Presbyters, Sylvester Deigh and Stephen Heath.

You are invited to meet Carolyn and Judith at the New Beginnings Service at Lytham Methodist Church at 6.30 p.m. on 9 September 2018. Also in that service we will recognise the contribution to Circuit life made by our retiring Circuit Stewards and the formation of the new team led by Revd Paul Davis, the Titular Superintendent.

We will welcome:

- Carolyn and Judith in their new roles of Lay Workers within the Circuit
- Kathryn Davies and Anne Spooner who have been appointed Circuit Stewards alongside Michael Steele-Edwards
- Revd David Tidswell and Revd Laurence Potter, Supernumerary Ministers, who have recently moved to the Circuit

We will affirm our prayerful and active support to Revds Sylvester Deigh and Stephen Heath and Mr. Richard Golding in their new and continuing roles within the Circuit.

We pray God's blessing on the new Circuit staff team as we open a new chapter in the life of the Circuit.



Eileen Cummings

*“The Lord’s my Shepherd, I shall not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green, He leadeth me,
The quiet waters by”*



Saviour and friend, how wonderful art thou
My companion upon the changeful way,
The comforter of its weariness,
My guide to the eternal town.
The welcome at its gate!

*Tides & Seasons – Modern prayers in the Celtic tradition
David Adam*

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.



SUNDAY 22 JULY

Ella Kirkham

Daughter of Bethan Taylor & Christopher Kirkham

Matthew 19 verses 13-15

Then were there brought unto him little children that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.



*The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you*

The Lord look on you with kindness and give you peace

SUMMER FLOWER DEDICATIONS



JUNE

- 3rd Cherished birthday memories of Ross Wells
Loving memories of my parents, Kay and Cedric Eyre, from Catherine
- 10th Loving birthday memories of John, from Barbara, Caroline & Samantha
Loving anniversary memories of Michael Ball
- 24th Loving anniversary memories of Muriel and John Watts

JULY

- 1st Loving memories of a dear Auntie & Uncle,
from Philip and Betty Harrison
- 8th In memory of Jean and Herbert Mayes
- 15th In loving memory of Nancy and Harry Wrigley
- 22nd Loving memories of Jean Biddulph from John
- 29th Birthday memories of Edwina Frodsham from the family



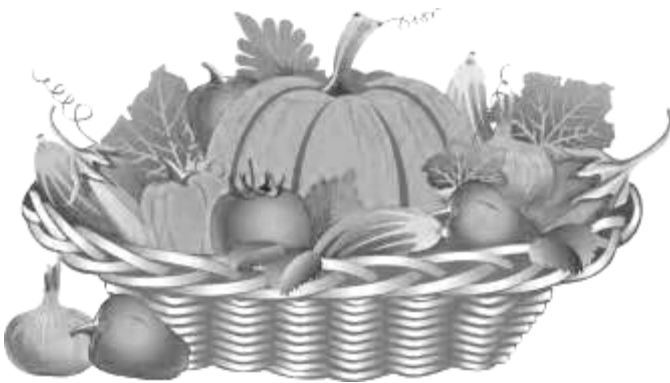
AUGUST

- 5th Loving birthday memories of Nan, from Len Macklin
- 19th Loving anniversary memories of Fred and Marion Holland
Fond memories of Arthur and Hannah Nicholson
- 26th Loving birthday memories of Jessie from Barbara
and all the family.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Flowers are paid for by people who make dedications in memory of loved ones. If anyone else would like to contribute in this way please contact Elaine Watts. (telephone 01253 722302.) Please make cheques payable to Church Road Methodist Church Flower Fund and include the wording for any dedication that can be inserted in the Church Record.

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.



Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating our

HARVEST FESTIVAL All Age Worship

Sunday 16 September at 10 30 am
with Revd Stephen Heath

This year, as we celebrate the goodness of God, our Harvest appeal will support the All We Can Harvest Appeal 2018 - Let your light shine! - with stories of how light can shine hope even in the darkest situations. Donation envelopes will be available for those who wish to make a financial contribution. As in previous years we will also be supporting the work of the Fylde Food Bank with donations of dry and tinned food products.

An additional feature in the service will be the cheque presentation of the funds raised through the Six Counties Bike Ride and we look forward to welcoming representatives of the Trinity Hospice to receive the cheque.

Following the Harvest Service, a simple Bread and Cheese lunch is being arranged. Please let the Stewards know if you intend to stay for lunch so that we can gauge numbers for catering purposes.



Methodist
relief and
development

HARVEST APPEAL 2018

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Once again, we are inviting everyone to support All We Can's Harvest Appeal 2018. Envelopes will be available in church during the Harvest period for your donation.

In parts of Malawi severe droughts and floods have destroyed harvests. Now many people struggle to feed their families.

All We Can is working in partnership with local people to help communities in Malawi overcome their struggles. Together we are introducing solar panels to provide energy to irrigate dry land and training to help people to improve their farming techniques. The communities in Malawi are representative of the challenges people face across the world that All We Can is helping to address.



In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done ;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done ;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



How pleased we are to be able to report that work is well underway!

After all the delays resolving legal issues, work has begun very promptly on the Church scheme. Although there is little to see on the outside, the inside of the old Mission Hall has changed considerably, doorways bricked up new ones created, the restaurant floor is now all one height, rooms refurbished ready for the new toilet facilities and steelwork in for the building which will link the two buildings. Anticipated completion date, for our scheme, is mid-January 2019.

During these last few weeks we have been engaged in conversations with the contractors and architects re final details and hope to be able to display the final drawings very shortly.

The demolition of the hall and adjacent rooms between the former Mission Hall and Curzon Road begins shortly but this of course is now land owned by Great Places Housing Association, our new neighbours.

We look forward to the final completion of the scheme and the beginning of new chapter in the life of Church Road Methodist Church.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY GIFT DAY

9 June 2018

I'm pleased to report that the Gift Day donations totalled £3,410. Many of the donations are subject to gift-aid, so I would anticipate receiving a further £700 from HM Revenue and Customs. This demonstrates the huge benefits of gift-aiding all your donations.

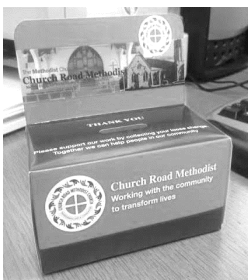
I can also advise you that during the financial year 2017/18, we have collected £1,355 through our change collection boxes.

The money will be used to fund our building development which is now progressing well and should be completed by February 2019.

On behalf of Church Road Methodist Church, I would like to thank all of you who have donated so generously to the Gift Day and box collections. Your generosity is very much appreciated and will help us to move forward as a fellowship of God's people.

*Andrew Whitley
Church Treasurer*

FUNDRAISING BOXES



We are grateful to the many people who have taken collecting boxes to help with our fundraising. These are a great opportunity to put in occasional extra donations towards our development fund and also to seek contributions from friends and family.

**The next collection of the boxes will be on
Sundays 21 & 28 October**

Please write your name clearly on the BACK of the box. After counting, the boxes will be acknowledged and returned to you.

Thank you



Come along and enjoy a



QUIZZICAL COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

10.00 a.m. – 12 noon

RAFFLE

CAKES

BOOK STALL

FAIR TRADE STALL

BACKGROUND MUSIC BY ARTHUR TAYLOR

Quiz about people at Church Road

Buy your QUIZ SHEET in advance for £3

Available from Lesley Turner or any of the Church Stewards

**BRING A PICTURE OF YOURSELF AS A BABY OR YOUNG CHILD TO SEE IF
WE CAN STILL RECOGNISE YOU!**

**Don't know the answers? Start chatting with others
and find out everyone's history!**

Proceeds towards our Community Hub Project



**An evening of Music & Song by
HEYHOUSES COMMUNITY CHOIR**

&

FIDDLE FADDLE

Saturday 6 October 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £6.00

(including tea/coffee)

Tickets in advance or pay on the door



**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY
HUB PROJECT THROUGH EASY FUNDRAISING**

There are over 3,000 shops and sites ready to make a donation to Church Road Methodist Church when you shop on-line. These include popular sites including Amazon, Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury's, Next, B&Q, John Lewis, Expedia, Ebay, Aviva, thetrainline and thousands more – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! Check them all out at easyfundraising.org.uk

Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/churchrdmethodist/> and join for free. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to our church for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and the church will be really grateful for your donations.

THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR SUPPORT

**TIME FOR HOPE
Lancashire Festival of Hope
with Franklin Graham
WINTER GARDENS BLACKPOOL
21-23 September 2018**

I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something
And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I
can do.

*Edward Everett Hale
American author, historian, and Unitarian Minister*

LADIES FELLOWSHIP NEWS

AUTUMN PROGRAMME

Until 26 September, the Fellowship is continuing to meet at Ashton Gardens Café between 3 00 pm and 4 00 pm on Wednesday afternoons. All ladies welcome.

OPENING MEETING WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2018 AT 2 15 PM

A Musical Lancashire Hotpot
A talk with musical illustrations on CD presented by Graham Jackson

Traditionally this is when we celebrate President Val's afternoon. It will be an open afternoon and tea and scones will be served. All are welcome.

This is the start of an interesting session with a variety of speakers etc. If you have not been to Ladies' Fellowship before why not try it. If you are not able to come every week then just come when you can. Mostly, our meetings are held in church, so please use the main church door.

October

3 Oct	Presentation by Graham Jackson (see above).
10 Oct	To be arranged.
17 Oct	Blowing my own trumpet - Terry Reaney
24 Oct	To be arranged.
31 Oct	Edith Gorst and Deacon Jane Harper

November

7 Nov	Visit to The Drive – Remembering when we never had it so good by Alan Baines
14 Nov	A trip to Israel – Janette Farley
21 Nov	Cowkeepers Family History – David Joy
28 Nov	Judith Smith

For more information about Ladies' Fellowship, please contact Elaine Watts – Tel: 01253 722302.



Life and Learning: Quality Education for All

(based on Sustainable Development Goal 4: Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all)

**World Federation Day 2018
Saturday 27th October 2018
10.00am – 4.00pm**

St. Paul's Methodist Church
Higher Audley St, Blackburn, Lancashire BB1 1DH

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER JILL BAKER ,
Ex VICE PRESIDENT of CONFERENCE**

Further information and booking form available from:

Jude Sims MWiB Communications Officer
email:communications@mwib.org.uk, telephone: 0300 030 9873
or
download a form from our website at www.mwib.org.uk



**The Commissioning Service of
Deacon Jane Harper as
Lancashire District MWiB President
2018-2020**

**at Calder Vale Methodist Church
Preston PR3 1SN on
Sunday 16th September at 3.30pm**

Tea & cakes to be served after the service

This is a Lancashire District event and all are warmly invited to share and support Jane on this special occasion..



MHA AFTERNOON TEA

on SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER

at FAIRHAVEN METHODIST CHURCH

from 2.30 p.m.

Please put the date in your diary and come along to support us



ACTION FOR CHILDREN NEWS.

The Collection on Action for Children Sunday raised £198.10. With gift aid it will amount to over £200. Thank you to all who contributed to our Methodist Charity.

Our next event in cooperation with Lytham and the Drive will be a concert at the Drive –see details below. Please come along and enjoy an afternoon of varied music and help to support the work of Action for Children.



NIGEL OGDEN

THE ORGANIST ENTERTAINS IN CONCERT

at The Drive Methodist Church
on Saturday 3 November at 2.00pm.

Admission £10 including refreshments at the interval.



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

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

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). This is a Christian organisation serving developing countries by using its planes to transport essential medical care, food, water, relief teams and Church workers to those in desperate need.



Boxes are provided at the rear of Church or please give to Elaine Watts.

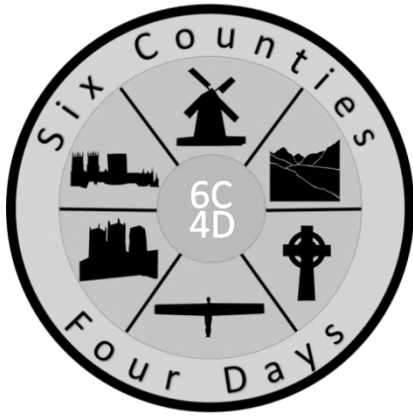
FYLDE FOODBANK

The Fylde Foodbank (a Trussell Trust foodbank) is temporarily operating from the Fylde Public Offices on Clifton Drive. It provides three days' emergency food for people referred to it by agencies like Citizens' Advice Bureau and children's centres. As well as receiving a parcel of nutritionally balanced, long-life food, foodbank clients are listened to and signposted to services that can provide further support, helping to break the cycle of poverty.

The foodbank receives items from local supermarkets and is also stocked by individual voluntary contributions. We are now using the basket by the bookcase at the back of the Church for contributions of tinned and packaged goods to pass to the Fylde Food Bank for distribution.

Please support this work and help to stop hunger in the Fylde.

SIX COUNTIES BIKE RIDE



Over four days during the summer, after weeks of intensive training and preparation, nine cyclists rode through six Counties in four days covering a distance of nearly 400 miles – raising money for our Community Hub project and Trinity the Hospice in the Fylde.



Following a grand send-off from church at 8.00 a.m. on Thursday 12 July, the cyclists rode through Lancaster and Kendal and over Shap to the first overnight stop at Carlisle.



A welcome break - lunch on the road....



.....and the strenuous climb over Shap



First day done – arrival at the Premier Inn, Carlisle

The second day saw another challenging day as the riders followed Hadrian's Wall and then south, finishing with a long gruelling climb up to Consett, near Durham.



Running repairs near Hexham



Day 3 was much longer, heading south to Yeadon on the edge of Leeds, taking in the towns of Ripon and Harrogate, again finishing with a long climb.

Biking through Ripon

On the final day, Sunday 15 July, it was back across the Pennines into Lancashire and a heroes' welcome on the Promenade at the Dalmeny Hotel.

Medals marking the achievement were presented by the Mayor of Fylde

Welcome back!



RIDERS

Andrew Ratcliffe
Bill Ellison
Brendan Holt
Colin Hird
James Smith
John Smith
Jonathan Livesey
Phil Ratcliffe
Stephen White



SUPPORT CREW

Stephen Heath
Linda Heath
Caroline Livesey
Jonathan Irving

All the cyclists and support crew donated £200 to the ride to cover their costs. Four of the riders were from outside of our church.

Thank you to everyone for their enthusiastic support of this event and especially to everyone who came along to welcome the team back and shared in the Reception and Presentation at The Dalmeny Hotel. Thank you to all our commercial sponsors. Congratulations to the riders and support crew for the completion of the arduous route in some of the hottest temperatures in years. Thank you to the many people who have been involved in any way to make it a success.

The grand total raised will be announced at the Harvest Service on Sunday 16 September, when a cheque will also be presented to representatives from Trinity Hospice.

“ON YOUR BIKES”

One little Churchman got an idea in his head
Which gave that little Churchman sleepless nights in bed.

Two little Churchmen discussed this idea man to man
And in their heads there began to grow a complicated plan.

Three little Churchmen found their heads going round and round
For they knew they had to find a way of turning pennies into pounds.

Four little Churchmen knew their number had to grow
So some seeds were planted and results began to show.

Five little Churchmen thought they'd all go on a hike
But second thoughts crept in and said “how about your bike?”

Six little Churchmen began to think this good
And on their bikes they practised how and when they could.

Seven little Churchmen thought Sat Navs a good idea
The route they'd take on country roads might not be very clear.

Eight little Churchmen with nerves a bit affray
Approached with trepidation the cycling starting day.

Nine little Churchmen pedalling for four days
Don't you think our Churchmen have the ability to amaze?

Four support workers made arrangements far and near
In which the welfare of the cyclists was always very clear

Thirteen brave Churchmen on cycles and in vans
Covered six counties following well laid plans.

They arrived back in St Annes on time
All of them smiling and all looking fine.

Those of us waiting clapped and we cheered
As we saw our brave cyclists pedalling near.

They joined us inside the Dalmeny Hotel
Where the Mayor placed medals on every chest.

Then after thank you's and praises were warmly expressed
They all went home for a well-earned rest!

*Audrey Dent
(with the use of a little poetic licence)*



Centenary of the Royal Air Force.

2018 has marked the 100th anniversary of the RAF, the oldest independent air force in the world. It was formed on 1 April 1918, just before the end of World War1, through the merger of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Reserve. Numbers were reduced after the end of the first war, but at the outbreak of

World War2, the RAF was greatly increased in manpower and aircraft. Over subsequent years contraction of the RAF has taken place as a result of the concept of multi role aircraft and modern technology.

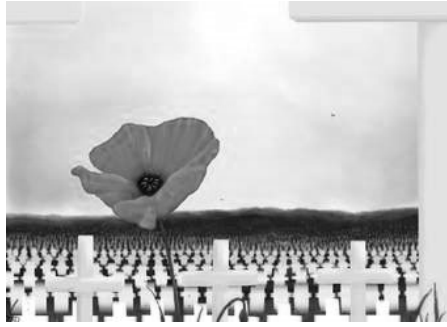
My father joined the RAF in 1925 and served in Iraq. After surviving Dunkirk and D Day he served until the end of WW2. I was called up for National Service and eventually completed 25 years' service. My youngest son also joined the RAF and subsequently served for 30 years. Over the 100 years of the RAF, my family has actually covered 75 years!

On Saturday 10 July, the 100th Anniversary was marked by a service in Westminster Abbey attended by HM Queen and members of the Royal Family. RAF personnel paraded along the Mall followed by a presentation of a new Queen's colour at Buckingham Palace.

The local branch of the RAF Association, who meet at Richard Peck House on the corner of Clifton Drive South and St.Thomas Road, celebrated by hosting a formal dinner for a hundred people at The Dalmeny. Guests included our local MP, Mark Menzies, the Mayor and Mayoress of Fylde, the Mayor of St.Annes and the Branch Chaplain, Revd Christopher Scargill, the Vicar of St.Thomas Church. Serving members of the RAF from BAe Systems and employees of BAe who were mainly ex RAF or Branch members also attended the event, along with retired Army personnel and a serving Royal Navy member.

Today, the RAF's mission is to support the objectives of the British Ministry of Defence (MoD), which are to "provide the capabilities needed: to ensure the security and defence of the United Kingdom and overseas territories, including against terrorism and to support the Government's foreign policy objectives particularly in promoting international peace and security".

Bernard Worsfold



**Service of Remembrance & Holy Communion
Sunday 11 November at 10.30 a.m.
led by Revd David Tidswell**

Remembrance Sunday is the day on which we traditionally remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom that we enjoy today. On this day at the eleventh hour, people across the nation will pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by our brave service men and women in both past and present fields of armed conflict.



THE MINISTER STOLE OUR SPOON!



A couple of staunch church members invited the new Minister and his wife for dinner one evening. To make an impression, the wife insisted that they use their best dinner service and finest cutlery. The evening was a great success, but later, when they were clearing away, the hosts couldn't find one of their spoons anywhere. This bothered the wife and she became haunted by the thought that maybe the Minister had taken it himself!

A year later, the couple invited the Minister and his wife for dinner again. By now convinced that the Minister had taken her spoon, the wife couldn't resist the opportunity to ask "Did you take one of our spoons with you last year?" "Oh dear me, no" came the reply. "I just placed it in your Bible that was in such a prominent position on your coffee table – I was sure you'd find it there!"



What is the origin of the Christian fish symbol?

The Greek word for fish is "ichthys." As early as the first century, Christians used the letters from this word to mean, in anglicised form "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour". The fish has other theological overtones as well, for Jesus fed the 5,000 with two fishes and five loaves and called his disciples "fishers of men."

Greeks, Romans, and many other pagans had previously used the fish symbol to represent various things, so for early Christians this symbol, unlike the cross, attracted little suspicion. This made it a perfect secret symbol for persecuted believers. When threatened by Romans in the first centuries after Christ, Christians used the fish mark for meeting places and tombs and to identify friends.

THE COIN THAT WASN'T LOST!

Recently my family and I visited the Lou Shang Restaurant in St Annes to celebrate the 13th birthday of my grandson, Joel. We had balloons on the table, one of which had "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" on it.

When we finished our meal and left we found a homeless young male sitting on the damp pavement. We asked him if he would like something to eat. He politely said no thank you but he would appreciate a drink. When he was handed the drink he spotted the balloons. He asked whose birthday it was and Joel was introduced to him. At this point the young man leaned forward, took a £1 coin from his pot on the ground, and throwing it to Joel said "here, catch, happy birthday". I said to Joel "you will treasure that won't you" and Joel replied "yes, I will" and thanked him.

This incident was moving beyond belief. I have since brought tears to one or two eyes through its telling.

Audrey Dent

WORSHIP ON THURSDAYS

commencing for the Autumn season
on Thursday 4 October at 11.00 a.m.

A Time of Bible Study, Worship and Reflection

This is a great opportunity to take time out from the hustle and bustle of the week to reflect on God's presence.

WATCH OUT FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE NOTICE SHEET



CHRISTMAS FAYRE
on Saturday 17 November from
10.00 a.m.



Please note the date and come forward with ideas and offers of help, particularly with any of the following:

- ☐ Knitted items or fancy gifts for the CHRISTMAS Stall
(see Val, Sadie or Shirley)
- ☐ Cakes, mince pies etc for refreshments/cake stall
- ☐ Help with running stalls
- ☐ Tombola Prizes
- ☐ Christmas Lucky Dip for children
- ☐ Volunteers to serve refreshments and clear tables etc.
- ☐ Help to put out tables before and clear away afterwards.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY.
MORE DETAILS IN THE WEEKLY NOTICES NEARER THE TIME

Other Items - hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March of the following year).

Please Do Not Include - used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; clothing other than as listed above.

Please pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo of yourself or your group. The shoeboxes will need to be returned to church by Sunday 18 November.

THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS WORTHY CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS PAGE

A reminder that once again we will be having a Christmas Greetings page in the next edition of the Record. If you wish to send greetings to church friends in this way and give a donation to church funds instead of sending Christmas cards, please hand your gift to Andrew Whitley, by early November please.

UNSOLD FOOD ITEMS

A table with donated unsold food items from Tesco that have reached their sell by date but not their use by date will be at the back of the church each Sunday. Please take any items for yourself or to pass on to others. There is no charge but if you wish to make a donation, it will go to the Benevolent Fund.

HELPING TO REDUCE FOOD WASTAGE

OUR NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

In 2018, we have been celebrating the 70th birthday of our much loved National Health Service, the NHS. Here Marion Brett reflects on her career in the service and some of the changes that have taken place over the years.



“The NHS was formed in 1948 by the then minister for health, Aneurin Bevan. At that time, I was one year old so it’s true to say that like most people today, I have no memory of life without the NHS.

As a four year old, I attended Preston Royal Infirmary daily for a number of weeks treatment for a problem with a gland in my neck. It must have been the overwhelming smell of disinfectant that got under my skin, as it was

then I decided that I wanted to be a nurse! At 18 years of age, I thought it was a “calling” – not exactly Florence Nightingale – but nevertheless I did assume that all doctors and nurses would be Christian. The changes that I saw through my working life to retirement at age 62 were phenomenal.

For the first two years of my training, I was required to live in at the nurses’ home (one late pass a week until 10.30 pm!). My small room resembled a prison cell. Matron would run the wards and her word was law! When it came to annual leave, we would spend an entire lunch break waiting outside her office for the Enter sign to appear, before we could put in a request. We even had to ask her permission to get married! The wearing of uniform was strictly adhered to; on one occasion matron produced a tape measure to check that the bottom of my uniform was the required distance from the ground! No 1960’s miniskirts allowed! It was quite normal to work a 12 hour night shift and then attend lectures before

going to bed. You had to be really dedicated to being a nurse, wages being £9 a month in 1965.

There have been so many changes in the NHS during my career, from metal bed pans to disposable, no choice of meals for patients to a daily menu, much more relaxed visiting times and whole families round the bed rather than the strict limit of two. Patients never used to have televisions or telephones as they do today. Big efforts have been made to make wards seem less institutional and more comfortable for patients. First names are widely used instead of the formal titles and surnames. And whatever happened to doctors' white coats?

In the 70 years of the NHS, we have seen huge changes in the use of technology, a wider range of challenging conditions that are now treatable and the frontiers of the medically possible are being extended all the time. During my career, life expectancy increased by 10 years for males and 8 years for females, so look out girls, the gap is closing!

One thing that has not changed is of course the patients themselves. They needed the tender loving care of the nurses, doctors and support staff in 1965 and they continue to need it in the same measure today. Caring for people in their time of need is still a calling. In my career, there were many emotional moments, but I laughed a lot more than I cried and I would do it all again in a heartbeat. The good old NHS - offering lifesaving care and free to all. No wonder it is the most valued and respected national institution and for all the challenges and funding pressures that it faces, long may it continue."

It's not what we say about our blessings but how we use them that is the true measure of our thanksgiving

*W T Purkisor (1910 – 1992)
Preacher, scholar, and author in the Church of the Nazarene*



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade



What We Do

Traidcraft is the UK's leading fair trade organisation and we're dedicated to fighting poverty through trade.

Our Mission

To fight poverty through trade, practising and promoting approaches to trade that help people in developing countries to transform their lives.

Our Vision

A world freed from the scandal of poverty, where trade is just, and people and communities can flourish.

Our trading company, Traidcraft plc, sources products from farmers, growers and artisans across the world. At the heart of our company are the relationships we develop with our trading partners, helping them to develop skills and build sustainable livelihoods through trade.

Our charity, Traidcraft Exchange, is the only international development charity in the UK to focus on trade. We deliver projects across the developing world, helping people to build the skills, knowledge and confidence to work their way out of poverty.

Our policy and campaigns team, part of Traidcraft Exchange, works to change unfair trade rules and company practices that affect people in developing countries, as well as raise awareness of injustices and build public support.

The Traidcraft stall will be at the rear of the church on the last Sunday of each month – Sundays 30 September, 28 October and 25 November.

The stall sells food, also green cleaning products and greeting cards. Every product you buy from Traidcraft gives skilled farmers the power to cultivate a better future for themselves, their families and their community.

The new autumn/winter catalogue is now available. If anyone would like one please ask Elaine Watts or take one from the next stall. Items can be ordered from Elaine .

Every time you buy Traidcraft products you support Traidcraft's work with people living in some of the world's poorest countries.

Thank you to everyone who supports and helps with the stall in any way.

Not all entrepreneurs wear suits.....

Talent, determination and potential are not determined by gender or place you are born – but opportunity often is. The specific barriers women face – such as limited access to education, legal discrimination and societal prejudices – mean they are often the most hidden of entrepreneurs.



That's why Traidcraft Exchange's *Hidden Entrepreneur's* initiative - supported by the UK government – is helping women in developing countries to access the support they need to turn their potential into profit.

That profit helps them to feed their families, educate their children and have more say in family decisions. It helps them to work their way out of poverty for good.

For more information about this initiative, go to www.traidcraft.org/hidden

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 to 11.30 a.m. for 0-4's with parents and carers.

RAINBOWS: Every TUESDAY in term-time from 6.15 to 7.15 p.m. for girls aged 5 -7

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP: Every WEDNESDAY at 2.15 p.m. commencing on 4 October. In the Ashton Gardens Café from 3.00 to 4.00 p.m. during September.

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

WORSHIP ON THURSDAY: From THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER, more information in weekly notice sheet.

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.

Please check the weekly notices or the church website for any changes or additional activities

Keep up to date!

All our church activities are included in our weekly news sheet and on our website. 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



Church Road is 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.

Please visit our new 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.uk

The next edition of the THE RECORD will be the Christmas and New Year edition, which will be published at the end of November. 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.

You don’t need to wait for the deadline to send something to the Church Office, but in case you are a last minute person, the absolute deadline will be

1p.m. on Sunday 25 November 2018

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