



THE HERALD



The Methodist Church in Poynton

JUNE 2017

Delivered by
your pastoral visitor, who can be contacted on.....

Our Church Family encourages everyone...

- **To come to worship God who loves us**
- **To follow Jesus Christ our Saviour**
- **To grow in fellowship, joy and love, and**
- **To go out, share the Good News and serve in the world.**

FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

June 2017

How often have you heard this phrase used in Methodist circles (and beyond, for all I know) to describe a forthcoming social event?

Now slightly stilted, it still has the attractive pull of the 'a good time was had by all' variety to persuade us to buy a ticket and come along on the day (or night). With memories of church socials past now fading, we no longer expect to see rows of seats placed the length of the two long walls of the church hall opposite each other, the one side filled with women and girls and the other with reluctant men, the boys sliding across the newly polished floor between them.

But we still have the fun – even more so – for this is an uninhibited age in which sociability comes naturally; and we still have the food, in abundance more often than not, be it faith, church catered or a mixture of the two.

And beyond the church social, what of our fellowship?

Our Holy Habits experiences have been based on attempting to see into the lives of ordinary people trying to come to grips with a recent event like no other and remodelling their behaviour accordingly. We are not alone in this attempt and certainly not the first; among others, the Wesley brothers had their 'Holy Club' in the early 1730s, but that seemed stronger on intellectual discovery than it was on human interaction and relationship.

I am by no means disparaging intellectual activity. Indeed I would guess that as many of us come to Christ by an intellectual route as

through a purely emotional experience – and for most it is probably a mixture of the two in varying proportions.

But fellowship is to do with living together, to reacting to each other, to sharing each other's joys and pain, to empathising with one another's condition. Obviously, these attributes are most obvious in the bonds of kinship (which are demonstrably not confined to the human race).

Something similar also extends to those to whom we are not related but nevertheless have some affinity, whether by allegiance to some mutual section of society, organisation or club, country or circumstances.

Further afield we are drawn to consider who our neighbour is; we have instincts to behave helpfully, charitably, even generously towards others, even when we may not know them.

Moving on to the fruits of the fellowship described three paragraphs ago, it produces feelings of wellbeing, stability, security and esteem deriving from the knowledge that one is part of a group where every member is valued and goodwill extended to all. No wonder then that surveys tend to show that churchgoers are happier and live longer than the rest!

As our Holy Habits continue long after our current journey of exploration concludes, how much nearer are we to developing into a community of love, tolerance and neighbourliness, looking outwards as well as inwards to seek to share the good news and our portion of God's love with our 'neighbours'?

Hopefully, we will continue to explore, grow, develop, witness and share as we play our full part in the fulfilment of our prayer
"Your kingdom come..."

Arnold Samuels

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**SUNDAY SERVICES AT POYNTON
IN JUNE**

Date	10.30am UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED	
Theme: Fellowship		
4 th June	9.00am Med	Rev Amanda Boon HC
11 th	Mandy Hawkyard	
18 th	9.00am Rev Amanda Boon HC	Rev John Payne
25 th	Adrian Law	
*25 th	6.00pm Circuit Service PMC – Rev Amanda Boon	
2 nd July	9.00am Med	Rev Amanda Boon HC

**SUNDAY SERVICES AT GREEN CLOSE
IN JUNE**

Date	2.30 pm	
Theme: Fellowship		
4 th June	Stewart Blackledge	
11 th	Rev John Payne HC	
18 th	Alan Rashleigh	
25 th	Rev Amanda Boon	
*25 th	6.00pm Circuit Service PMC – Rev Amanda Boon	
2 nd July	Mandy Hawkyard	

HC Holy Communion

*** We celebrate with Malcolm Burgess his 50 years as a local preacher in Hazel Grove & Poynton and 5 other local circuits.**

Stepping Hill 10.00am. June No Service

Woodlands 11.00am. 9th July Theo Eaves

PRAYER



There are many opportunities for prayer in our church and you will be very welcome to join any of the following groups: -

Midday prayers are said every weekday in the church prayer corner at 12.00 noon. There is a prayer list on the cupboard door near the front entrance. Jean Drinkwater would be happy to add your name to our rota.

PRAYER GROUP



We meet every Tuesday morning in the Prayer Corner in Church at 9.45am apart from the third Tuesday in the month when we have a prayer breakfast at the Kingfisher. So why not join us for breakfast **at 9.00am on June 20th**. There are usually around a dozen of us.

MEDITATION

There will be a time of silent meditation on the first Sunday in each month at 9.00am. After 30 minutes of reflection, we share our thoughts if we feel able. We invite you to come along to a different experience of God's presence. All are welcome. Next time it is on **4th June**.

*Be still
and know
that I am
God*
-PSALM 46:10

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

First Tuesday The first Tuesday **in June is 6th**. There will be a service at noon on that day followed by a simple lunch. All are

very welcome to this 30min service that caters for shoppers, passers-by and everyone who is available and wishes to take this extra opportunity to worship.

GENERAL ELECTION

2017

On 8th June (Election Day) the Church will be open from 10.00am – 12.30pm and from 7.00pm – 9.00pm for prayer. Suggestions for prayer will be available and tea/coffee will be on hand to sustain you! This is in place of the normal Praise and Prayer.

THURSDAY COMMUNION

This is always on the **third** Thursday of the month at midday followed by a light lunch. See you there on **15th June**.



JUNE'S HOLY HABITS THEME OF FELLOWSHIP

4th June **Pentecost**...a new fellowship formed across the nations (Amanda Boon).

11th June **Trinity Sunday**...the fellowship of the Trinity (Mandy Hawkyard).

18th June...What does it mean to share fellowship? (John Payne) We will celebrate by having a **Faith Lunch** after the morning Service. There will be a list on the notice board in the foyer for you to sign.

25th June **Conference Sunday**...what does it mean to be a church in connexion? (Adrian Law).

HYMNOLOGY ON A MONDAY MORNING - 22

'Lord of all hopefulness' Words by Jan Struther (Joyce Placzek)

Jan Struther was the pen name of **Joyce Anstruther**, later **Joyce Maxtone Graham** and finally **Joyce Placzek** (1901–1953).

The life and times of Mrs. Miniver was the subject of Jan Struther's most famous stories. They were published in 1939 and formed the basis of a Hollywood film in the Second World War, starring Greer Garson and Walter Pigeon. It is said that the quiet courage of Mrs. Miniver helped to persuade President Roosevelt that the USA should help Britain in the war. Jan Struther was a Londoner living in New York, where she promoted her book and the film during the war. She was also a regular contributor to various magazines.

This attracted the attention of the Reverend Percy Dearmer who was editing the words for a new edition of the hymn book 'Songs of Praise' which had been published in 1925. Dearmer had already employed a young Ralph Vaughan Williams as the music editor. Dearmer asked Jan Struther to write twelve hymns. One of those hymns was 'When a knight won his spurs in the stories of old' written to fit an old folk tune which Vaughan Williams liked – 'Stowey'.

Struther's daughter, Janet Rance in the Songs of Praise programme from the Berkshire Downs at the riverside at Easter 1986, talked to Roger Royle. She remembered her mother's eager approach to life, her many hobbies, and her love of botany which had attracted her to the Berkshire Downs. She loved wild flowers and Janet recalled that the last thing she was looking at when she died was a wonderful bunch of roses.

References:

Matt. 13.55; Mark 6.3; Luke 8.24, 15.20; John 14.27; 2Thess.3.16

Theo Eaves

This article contains extracts from 'The Nation's Favourite Hymns' 2004 by Andrew Barr published by Lion Publishing. Used with permission of Lion Hudson plc

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'Tea and Chat: Food, friends and fellowship' by Honor Harris and Judith Marrell. Published by The Leprosy Mission International at £5.95.

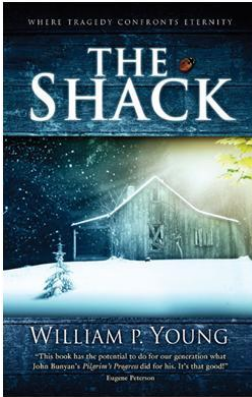
'Tea and Chat' was first reviewed here in September 2010 and has been reprinted to reflect our Holy Habits theme of Fellowship.

With autumn coming, with its cooler weather and darker evenings, what is better than to put the kettle on and have cakes or cookies and make friends? After all, the bible tells us to offer hospitality. (Maybe in 2017 you don't want to wait for autumn!)

Some of these recipes state which of the ingredients are available as fair trade. There is a recipe for gluten free cookies and one of the recipes is for a 'tea and chat loaf' which is fat free. Each recipe has a picture of how the finished product should look and is followed by comments about food, some of which are by famous people.

Honor Harris (named after Saint Honoré, who in France is the patron saint of bakers and pastry makers) has been cooking for years and once cooked on a live 'Get Set Cook' show when her team won. Judith Merrell has loved cooking for a long time. She has previously written books for Scripture Union including 'New Ideas for Creative Prayer'. The profits from the sale of this book go to support the work of The Leprosy Mission in hospitals and rehabilitation workshops abroad.

BOOK OF THE MONTH – ‘The Shack’ by Wm Paul Young



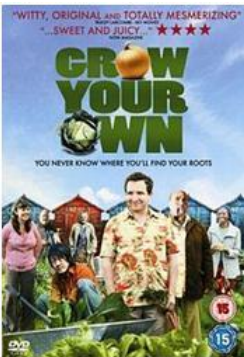
The book to be discussed on **18th June at 7.00pm** is a novel by a Canadian author who initially wrote the book for his children and a few friends, who persuaded him to publish. It reached the top of the New York Times paperback best-seller list, selling over 10 million copies.

It tells the story of Mack whose younger daughter is kidnapped and killed while they are on a camping trip. Four years later, he receives a mysterious note from ‘Papa’, a name his wife uses for God, asking him to visit the shack where his daughter was killed. There he encounters the three members of the Holy Trinity who help him overcome the grief of his loss and his feelings of guilt.

It is a fascinating, if somewhat controversial story which challenges one's religious conceptions. A clever twist at the end leaves several questions unanswered.

Keith Thompson

FILM OF THE MONTH – ‘Grow Your Own’



This film is about a northern allotment society where the members go to enjoy fresh vegetables but also to find love or escape from their home or their past.

A light hearted comedy which also gives us an insight into society.

Saturday 10th June at 7.30pm with discussion the following Monday at 7.30pm

Discipleship

Follow me, he said,
follow me.

Of course, I replied.

Leave your nets, he said,
Pull the boat ashore.
Leave your house, he said,
I will provide more.
Leave your friends, he said,
I give you your home.
Leave your dead, he said,
They bury their own.

Follow me, he said,
follow me.

I will follow, I said,
but first:
Let me work my shift
and give notice to leave.
Let me sell my house,
bring clothes, things to eat.
Let me bury my father,
tell loved ones 'goodbye'.
Let me just sort my life out,
said I.

Follow me, he said,
follow me.

(c) Catharine Hughes, May 2017

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THANK YOU LETTERS

I would like to thank the flower team for the lovely flowers delivered by Jane Robson and then Denise Reed. I do appreciate all the prayers and support that I have received recently. I am very pleased to say that everything is fine and I am very grateful to everyone.



Carole Clarke

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of **Norma Battle** on Sunday 7th May following a short illness. The committal at Macclesfield Crematorium on 23rd May was followed by a service of celebration and thanksgiving at Poynton Methodist Church. We keep Reg and the family in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Many **congratulations** to **Ken Wilson** who celebrates his 90th birthday on 9th June. We wish Ken a happy day from everyone at Poynton Methodist Church.

Congratulations to **Malcolm Burgess** as we celebrate with him at the Circuit service here on 25th June his 50 years as a local preacher in Hazel Grove & Poynton and five other circuits in the area.

Happy Birthday to:

Grace Woodhouse, who will be 5 on 12th June

Tom Holmes, who will be 18 on 19th June

Our love to:

Elizabeth Dawson, whose thanksgiving service was on 29th June 2014

Congratulations to Charlotte Hall who has successfully completed her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. She has recently attended a Girl Guiding Awards Evening where she was presented with her Gold Pin by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire. She is now awaiting her official presentation at Buckingham Palace at the end of May where she is hopeful that the Duke of Edinburgh may be present.

CHURCH FAMILY COMMITTEE PLANS

The Family Committee are organising the following events over the next few months:

More details will follow nearer the time of each event. We look forward to seeing you at these events and thank you for your support.

Sunday 18th June – Faith Lunch during our Holy Habits month of Fellowship.

Saturday 22nd July – Mind Collection and Coffee Morning during our Holy Habits month of Giving.

Saturday 2nd September – Holy Habits Celebration and barbeque.

Hilary King

Poynton Board Game Day

Saturday
24 June
2-10pm



New in June...
Escape room games



Cover charge:
£3 per person



The **Methodist Church** 
in Poynton
Civic Centre Car Park
Park Lane
SK12 1RB

PASTORAL NOTES

CHURCH CONTACT LISTS

I have no desire to be wishing the year away (although it does seem to be passing at a pretty hectic pace!); however, may I please draw your attention to two items under this heading. Both concern information that generally gets recorded manually throughout the year ready for appropriately-updated printed publication in the early autumn.

a) **Members Contact List**

Will those amongst our church membership please advise Betty Law (or myself) of any changes to your address, telephone number, mobile number, email address etc that have already taken place since publication last August (NB. this could apply even to a simple 'typing error' that was made at the time and ought to be corrected). Then kindly continue to notify us of any subsequent changes up to the end of July 2017.

This list also contains details of church-based activities that take place on our church premises. So would any leader or 'person responsible' for any of such activities please advise of any changes already made or impending in this area (e.g. group name, person/s in charge, phone contact/s and relevant time and day of week) within the same time frame as above.

b) **ICE or "In Case of Emergency" List**

As you may well know, this document is not 'public', but is to be found only as necessary via Rev John, Church Stewards and myself. However, for it to be of real practical use, it does require to be kept up-to-date. It holds 'next of kin' information primarily for church members (though not for all of them) but also includes data for some others who may use the premises on a regular basis (e.g. Ladies Fellowship).

If your circumstances have changed such that new/alternative contact names (along with different addresses and contact numbers) are now relevant, again please let Rev John or me

know before the end of July 2017 so that we can make the necessary amendments. In addition, if such information is currently not recorded for you and yours, and you now wish it to be, Rev John or I will be pleased to receive such details in due confidence on your behalf.

Thank you for your help with this. Shalom!

John Turner

Pastoral Secretary

FLOWER MINISTRY

At our last Pastoral Committee Meeting, it was suggested that I put a notice into the Herald outlining more about the flowers that are bought each week, and are given out at the end of the Sunday morning service.

We have two very good teams: one team buy and arrange the flowers, either in vases or an arrangement, the other has a rota to deliver the flowers,

We have a 'Flower Book' which is on the notice board near to our Flower Ministry Rotas, and each week names and addresses are put into this book for flowers to be delivered to sick or housebound people. We have dedicated flower distributors, but if there are no names put into the book, no flowers can be delivered. We rely on our Pastoral Visitors who know of someone who would love to receive flowers from the Church to let us know, or it may be that others could alert us when folk need that little encouragement.

The rota for flower arrangers is also on the same notice board, and if anyone would like to donate the flowers on a particular Sunday, one of our arrangers would be very happy to arrange them for you. Gill Oldham or I would be very happy to receive your donations. (May I say a big thank-you for all donations that have been received up to the end of April?)

Sandra Townsend

BREAKFAST AT MEDIA CITY

July 2013 had some exceptionally hot weather. On Saturday 21st the heat continued and I was very busy all day, as I had been all week. We had our tea early as the band was playing in Goostrey, where we were giving another in our series of concerts which had already raised over £10,000 for St. Luke's Hospice in Winsford.

We returned home late and didn't get to bed until past 2.00am. At 4.25am I woke feeling very hot and could not push the duvet off. I had to wriggle across the bed to get out and wondered what had happened. 30 minutes later I woke again and tried to go to the bathroom. I fell over, struggled up and fell over another 3 times.

Then I was all right, but having seen the stroke adverts on TV I told Mart I needed an ambulance as I knew it was stroke. He asked me to get dressed and he took me to Stepping Hill. I told the Triage Nurse what had happened and fell over again. This time I didn't recover and I was sent by ambulance to Salford Royal Hospital. I had a brain scan and they performed 'Thrombolysis' which is the injection of a drug to dissolve the clot in my brain.

Mart was booked to play at the Retirement Service for the Minister at Low Leighton Methodist Church in New Mills that morning and he asked me if he could go home to ring the Minister and cancel, as the injection was going to take an hour. On his return I told him my speech had come back and he said, "You've got your face back too". I knew my left arm and leg were affected and my speech was weird, but had no clue that my face had slipped.

I felt very poorly all day, but late in the evening I was able to be helped out of bed to go a couple of yards to the bathroom in the small ward. Next day I was feeling much better and I was allowed to go home late in the afternoon. (I should have gone back to Stepping Hill but they had no bed for me, and as I didn't live alone they allowed me to go home.) We were sorry to miss James Tebbutt's last service at Poynton, but Mart was able to go to see him later on his way home to say our Goodbyes – we had planned

to go straight to Church from New Mills that morning after the service there finished.

Following this, I was approached by the Stroke Association and asked if they could write an article about my experience and this was published in a booklet featuring ten other people, all with our photographs.

Recently, I had a call from the Stroke people and asked if I would go on the BBC 1 Breakfast Show the next day with a lady doctor to talk about my experience. After I had agreed I had a call from the programme to chat about getting there in good time as it starts so early. They also advised me not to wear red or I would clash with the sofa!

We were up at 5.00am and at 6.20am there was a shiny, black Mercedes Hybrid outside our house waiting to take us to Quay House in Media City, Salford. We were to wait in the Green Room and were given tea and coffee. I was then asked to go to Make-Up! Before 8.00am we were waiting outside the studio and then taken in while Charlie Stayt and Sally Nugent were reading the news. There were two cameras and I stood quietly with the doctor until they signalled us to sit on the sofa.

Charlie and Sally asked us a few questions while an item was being broadcast and then it was our turn. Claire, the doctor, answered questions and said how important it was to remember the word 'FAST', i.e. F for face, A for arms, S for speech and T means Time to get help. I was asked about my own experience of having 3 minor strokes in an hour and what happened. When it was time for us to leave I told Charlie and Sally it was very nice to meet them and we crept out of the studio.

As we always watch Breakfast they seemed like old friends and the studio was so familiar! The driver was waiting for us and drove us home again. We were glad we didn't have to drive there and park our car!

Janet Rodger

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020

In 1633 Bavaria was swept by a plague epidemic. More than 80 lives were lost in Oberammergau alone. The elders vowed that if the village was purged of plague they would perform the 'Play of the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ' every 10 years. The epidemic came to a standstill and in 1634 the villagers fulfilled this solemn promise for the first time. Ever since, they have loyally kept their vow.

The world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play, still staged every decade, is due to be performed again throughout the summer of 2020. This will be the 42nd Passion Play season. The play follows the story of Christ's Passion, beginning with His entry into Jerusalem and ending with His Resurrection and Transfiguration.

If you are interested in an Oberammergau based holiday in 2020 then please register your interest with Dave McClelland (01625 877797) or email: dave.mcclelland@ntlworld.com).

In 2010, 37 people from the Poynton churches (including a few friends from outside Poynton) enjoyed an 8-day holiday which comprised return flights from Manchester to Munich, coach travel to see the Passion Play including 2 nights staying in the village of Unterammergau and 5 nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast at a lakeside hotel on Lake Garda.

For 2020 a similar itinerary is anticipated, with the choice of 'second centre' destination to be decided in the coming months (e.g. Italian lakes, Austrian Tyrol, Black Forest, Rhine Gorge, ...) as well as the total duration of the holiday (likely to be between 8 and 12 days).

Mandy Hawkyard

FILM AFTERNOON

The voted choice for our film afternoon on 13th May was 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers' – a good choice and immensely enjoyed by all present as it is a film not often on TV.

The showing was followed by scones and delicious cake (made and donated by our own FOB) and the Family Committee raised £72 for church funds.

Do come along next time in June; we will advertise the film on the notices in the lounge.

Judith Ridgway

HOLY HABITS – ANSWERED PRAYER



® Way back in September when the theme was Eating Together we talked about being mindful of the food we eat. The challenge went out - could we restart a Traidcraft stall?

The challenge has been answered by Maxine Moran and in the coming months she hopes to stock such a stall.

Before this however, thanks must go to Jan Chartres who for many years ran the stall so faithfully. Thank you Jan – we do pray for you regularly and hope that a new specialist will have the answer to your problems.

Mandy Hawkyard

CREATIVE WRITING



The Creative Writing Group in association with Holy Habits will next meet on **Thursday 22nd June at 2.30pm**. The June theme, appropriately, is 'Fellowship'.

If you haven't tried us before, why not come along? We share thoughts and ideas on the Holy Habit topic, read a bible story, pray together, write creatively and generally enjoy each other's company for about an hour. (Despite the title of the group, there is no pressure to write or read!)

Catharine Hughes started to write 'Discipleship' (see page 10) at the meeting in February and we hope to see more of the group members' work here in future issues.

PROPERTY UPDATE

- Smoke alarm fitted to hall store cupboard.
- New mechanism fitted to clock in main church.
- New siphon system fitted to W.C. in gents' toilet in main church.
- New hinges fitted to preschool cupboard in hall.

We have obtained various quotes to check PMC fire extinguishers and fire alarm system. We will be 'trying out' a new company (Amber Fire Safety) in August this year.

Derek Garner for PMC Property Committee

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

18th May was our last meeting before our break for the summer, but we will be meeting in the foyer for our social evening and faith supper on **15th June**, and then we are having a meal out on **20th July** (venue to be decided).

Sandra Townsend

FAITH LUNCH – SUNDAY 18th JUNE



After the service on Sunday 18th June we will be having a Faith Lunch as part of our Holy Habits month of Fellowship.

A list of what foods to bring will be on the notice board in the coffee area.

We hope you will join us and enjoy lots of both food and fellowship.

Family Committee

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ANNIE'S RAMBLINGS

Recently I was contacted by Vernon primary to ask if some of the children could visit us and have a look around. This seemed an excellent opportunity to build a relationship with the school and, on Thursday 4th May, Poynton Methodist Church hosted 51 lively and inquisitive year three children, plus teachers and helpers. I have to admit I had no idea there would be so many of them, nor had I expected them to stay for more than half an hour (they arrived at 10.00am and left at lunch time). They were, however, a great bunch of kids and very well behaved.

After introducing myself I sent them off around the church, asking them specifically to look for symbols and see if they could work out what they might mean (the 'who's who?' banner came in extremely handy). I was asked many questions and I told many stories; after all, how else do you explain that a cockerel represents Peter, without getting into what happened at Easter?

We then looked at the 'Godly play' baptism story which explains what happens during a baptism and why, and involves a **lot** of candles! (Children **love** candles.) Coincidentally they christened the doll I used as a prop 'Gerald'!

Following a snack and a brew for the adults we finished with a sketching session, which reminds me, if anyone finds a sketchbook lying around it is one of mine and I would dearly like it back! The whole morning was delightful, if a little exhausting.

Postscript: The school has invited me in to do an assembly.

Annie Truman

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

Jenny Heath will receive our "Shine like Stars" Easter Offering at the Circuit Service here at PMC on Sunday 21st May at 6.00pm.

Methodist Women in Britain have prepared this service and the money which has been raised will go to support the work of 65 Partner Churches Overseas.

There is going to be a MWIB 'At Home' at The Avenue Methodist Church, Wincham Road, Sale, Cheshire M33 4PL on Saturday 17th June 2017.

Dr. Jill Barber (Vice President of Conference 2015/16) will give a talk on 'Inspirational Women'.

Afternoon tea will be served – tickets £4.00 each.

Liz Middleton (01525 879769) is organising transport. Please phone her if you could drive or if you would like her to arrange a lift for you.

Marjorie Harrop



A MESSAGE FROM CHRISTIAN AID

"There are 65 million people across the globe fleeing their homes because of war, conflict and disaster, and making dangerous journeys in search of safety.

Thank you for not turning your backs on them. Thank you for joining the thousands who have been witnessing in this way with us for 60 years so that we can be there for refugees across

the world. You make it happen."

I'm delighted to say that all our roads were covered. The final total of money raised is not known as the Herald goes to press – watch out for the total on the Church notice boards.

Mandy Hawkyard

Why do 'the alphabet song' and 'Twinkle, twinkle little star' have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing them to see if it was true?

THE JULY/AUGUST HERALD

Closing date for submissions will be **14th June (or earlier if possible)**. Please place articles in the Herald pigeonhole or preferably send them by e-mail to: **arnoldsamuels@btinternet.com** (marketing spam automatically deleted).

TO ALL HERALD DISTRIBUTORS

The **July/August** Herald will be available for you to pick up from **23rd June**. There are sometimes events taking place in the first week of each new magazine and we hope that as many as possible receive the details in time.

To all those who are listed as contacts on our back page

Please tell us via a note in the Herald pigeonhole whenever there are changes to times or contacts. We only know when we are told.

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The connexional website: **<http://www.methodist.org.uk>** contains a wealth of useful and interesting information including President and Vice-President blogs about the visits they are making.

To donate furniture or arrange a house clearance and help Romania and other countries, contact Jeff Stoker, LIM Distribution Manager on 0796 7751494.

If you require any information or advice please contact the Church Stewards (see notice on office window or Circuit Directory). For pastoral cover Rev John Payne 0161 483 4952 and also Rev Amanda Boon 0161 285 1431 are available. The church office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am until 1.00pm. For Church Notices and office queries please contact: office@poyntonmethodist.org Our Children and Young People's Worker, Annie Truman may be in the office between 9.00am and 3.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and her email is annie@poyntonmethodist.org

EVERY WEEKDAY

- 9.00am-3.00pm Preschool. Single sessions available. (Sarah Parker 871115)
- #Kids Zone - (Pam Dowd 07717 003 322)
- 7.30am and 3.00pm - Before & after school club
- 7.30am to 6.00pm - Holiday care
- 10.00am to 12.30pm #Open Hands Room 4 (878589) Coffee in the Lounge

MONDAY

- 10-11.00am Discussion Group/Bible Study (Theo Eaves 875162)

TUESDAY

- 9.45am-10.45am Meeting for Prayer (Mandy Hawkyard 875032)
- 12.00 noon *Service and Lunch 1st Tuesday (Mandy Hawkyard 875032)
- 7.30-9.00pm 3rd Poynton Guides and Rangers (Lyndsay Lamb 07950 187 480)

WEDNESDAY

- 5-6.00pm #2nd Poynton Rainbows (Sue Dyson 07515 883 585)
- 6.00-7.30pm #2nd Poynton Brownies (Catherine Potts 07979 955 804)
- 7.00-9.00pm Art Relax (Linda Grant 879663/Hilary King 877051)
- 7.30-9.00pm #4th Poynton Guides (Alison Southern 07905 133 073)

THURSDAY

- 9.30-11.30am Parents & Toddlers (Judy Gibbons 878016/Margaret Martin 874883)
- 12.00 noon *Communion and lunch 3rd Thursday (Rev J Wiseman 871592)
- 7.30-9.00pm #1st Poynton Guides (Georgia Eyre 07989 360 850)
- 7.30-9.30pm *Ladies' Fellowship (Sandra Townsend 878563)
- 7.30pm *Prayer and Praise 2nd Thursday (Mandy Hawkyard 875032)

SUNDAY

- 10.30am Crèche - 0-3 years (Denise Reid 871961)
- 10.30am Young Church - 3-11 years (Rachel/Ian Hall 872062)
- 10.30am Evolve - 11-18 years (Sally Holmes 260451/Jane Robson 879998)
- 6.00pm*+FoB School Years 6-13 (Judy Gibbons 878016/Christine Ding 859438)

All the activities listed here take place weekly on Church premises except for:
 *fortnightly or monthly +not on Church premises #not PMC organised
 (Please see the weekly notices or the notice board in the corridor for details).

ROOM BOOKING APPLICATIONS – Helen Ives (872465) 14 days notice requested if possible.