



# THE HERALD



## The Methodist Church in Poynton

### JUNE 2018

*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.

### MUMBLINGS FROM THE MANSE

June 2018

**A**cts is where this tale ignites the imagination with a simple spark of faith. **T**ransforming the fearful into the fearless, the coward into the courageous, the bewildered into the bold.

**P**eople as ordinary and common as we are. **E**xperienced in the midst of the ordinary, the very extraordinary in spectacular fashion. **N**ever again would their lives be the same, never again will ours. **T**ouched and set free by the breath of God. **E**levated, energised and empowered by the touch of sacred fire. **C**onsumed, compelled and commanded by love and compassion. **O**ut, out, out is the direction the ripples raced across the city. **S**preading quicker than a rumour, more infectious than a virus. **T**ravelling on the wings of faith and the mystery that is grace.

**T**ongues reversed, unintelligible babble transformed into clear concise speech. **H**elping translate the message for this assembly of nations. **E**ach hearing those words as if spoken by their own.

**S**urprised, shocked and shaken, not quite believing their ears.

**P**erhaps it was simply the wine doing the talking? **I**nspired by the Spirit, the one who had once denied now found new voice. **R**eassured these were not drunkards by Peter's bold speech. **I**nstead given fresh insight into the ancient prophecy of Joel. **T**ransforming past into present, looking forward to the future, a promise given now delivered.

**C**onfusion gave way to clarity and then to conversion. **A**s three thousand responded to the call. **M**aking a life changing decision in the blink of an eye. **E**merging out of the water, new creations, new purpose, new life.

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Love and light  
**Reverend John**

## IN APPRECIATION

Things often go on in the background and might just go unnoticed by most people. Who Let the Dads Out (WLTD) and the services at Woodlands might well fall into that category.

Approaching its second anniversary, WLTD is a group set up and run by men for men, whether they be dads, grandads or male carers, and their young children. We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month in Rooms 1 and 2, the idea being that it gives men an opportunity not just to spend some quality time with their children but also to meet other men and hopefully develop the sort of social support network that women seem to find much easier to make.

After a hesitant start, we now attract regularly up to 10 men and 16 children, who come together to enjoy games, crafts, a story, a healthy snack, share their joys and concerns and run around our wonderful outdoor play area until worn out. – the dads, that is! And I mustn't forget the little prayer group organised by Hilary Parry over at Parklands who have agreed to pray for this particular group each month.

Similarly, as well as our monthly Sunday service at Woodlands taken by Alan Rashleigh, Theo Eaves or Chris Hawkyard, 2 or 3 times a month Rev John and his 'choir of angels' have been going to host a midweek service normally on Oaks unit. Over time we have developed a way of leading worship so that the residents are able to join in singing familiar songs, listening to a bible story normally from the much more accessible 'Children's bible' and just sharing time and fellowship together.

It's amazing to watch people who often struggle to communicate due to their dementia come alive, joining in with the hymns, the Lord's prayer, the actions to some of the songs and even on occasions heckling! It is thoroughly enjoyed by all who go and by all who take part.

Love and Light,

**Reverend John**

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**SUNDAY SERVICES AT POYNTON  
IN JUNE**

Date	10.30am UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00am Med</b>	<b>Rev John Wiseman HC</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Café Church @4 with Rev John Wiseman</b>	
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Andrew Stoker</b>	
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am Rev John Payne</b>	<b>Mandy Hawkyard Mosaic</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Adrian Law The Great Get-Together</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>9.00am Med</b>	<b>Rev Graham Hawley HC</b>

**SUNDAY SERVICES AT GREEN CLOSE  
IN JUNE**

Date	2.30 pm	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Rev John Wiseman HC</b>	
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev Amanda Boon</b>	
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Catharine Hughes</b>	
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev John Payne</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Andrew Stoker</b>	

**HC    Holy Communion**

**Woodlands                    11.00am.            18 June            Theo Eaves**

**For further details of the Great Get-Together, please see page 13**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> – There will be a Circuit Service on 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 6.00pm here at PMC which will be a joint farewell service for Rev Amanda Boon and Rev John Wiseman.**

## MOSAIC CHURCH – 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE AT 10.30am

The theme for the Services throughout this month will be 'Women of the Bible' so join me on 17<sup>th</sup> June to learn about a variety of Biblical Women.

Can you link them with a colour? **Purple** is easy – Lydia (but what do you really know about her?), **blue** maybe for Mary of Nazareth (but why is she always portrayed as wearing blue?) or the woman at the well who was promised living water? **Yellow** for joy – who danced for joy? (OT) What about **red** – who was enraged and then became an ardent follower? Whose skin was covered in **white** flakes? What about **green** and **orange**?

Come and discover for yourself something of the lives of these amazing women and get creative with words. There will be a normal sermon for those who prefer it.

**Mandy Hawkyard**

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**Telling - how do we communicate our faith to wider society?**

Is it really about telling, or more about living? What impression we give of our faith, either individually or corporately as a church?

Join us for Cafe Church @ 4 on **Sunday 3 June**.  
Tea, coffee, cake and informal worship.



## 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.

## 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> June**.



## WEEKDAY WORSHIP



The first Tuesday **in June is 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## THURSDAY COMMUNION

This is always on the **third** Thursday of the month at midday followed by a light lunch. See you there on **21<sup>st</sup> June**.



## PRAYER GROUP



Meets every Tuesday morning at 9.45am and on the third Tuesday (**19<sup>th</sup> June**) at 9.00am in the Kingfisher where we hold a prayer breakfast. This group is growing - why not join us?

## THE METHODIST CHURCH 2

### The district

The district is made up of a number of circuits and is led by a district chair.

As well, as providing leadership within the district, the chair is a member of the connexional leadership team, with an overview of the whole Connexion.

Districts hold a twice-yearly district synod which sets district policy and may bring matters to the Conference. They also hold a ministerial synod for presbyters and deacons, which is an opportunity for ministerial training as well as for debating issues.

Districts differ in terms of the kind of support they offer to local churches and circuits, but this can often include:

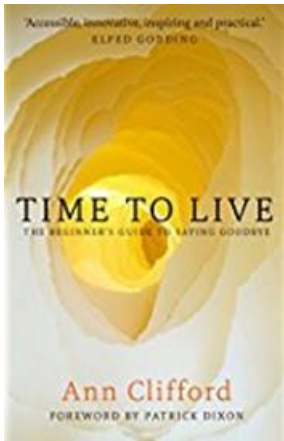
- encouraging connexional priorities
- offering or subsidising training
- giving pastoral care to ministers, deacons and key lay people
- providing people who represent Methodism to the local media
- having an overview of legal obligations
- organising large initiatives.

**<http://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/structure/the-district/>**

**Our Church Family encourages everyone to  
Follow Jesus Christ Our Saviour...**



**'Time to live'** the Beginner's Guide to saying Goodbye, by Ann Clifford. Published by Instant Apostle at £8.99. (A copy of the book is in the church library)



This book is about the thing we never talk about, death. It is not morbid or unrealistic but full of help in facing fear, and encouragement in the hope of life after death. The second half of the book contains lots of practical information including a 'to-do' list when someone dies.

We all have to face death one day; it is the one certainty in life. I strongly recommend this book which will probably move your heart, enrich and uplift you and perhaps move you to tears.

The foreword was written by Dr Patrick Dixon, a hospice-trained doctor who has been with many people in the last few weeks of their physical life.

Part of the book I found to be really good is a section about how we treat children. They understand if something bad is happening and it is vital that they are included and allowed to join the journey. Otherwise they will journey isolated and alone and possibly blame themselves for what is happening. We must not forget that children have much to teach us.



A really helpful section is about how to broach the subject of dying and death with a loved one. It suggests asking who they would like to see if they became seriously ill and what they would like you to read to them – or would they prefer you just to sit with them?

This book is a beginner's guide and that is why the second half concentrates on the practicalities we have to face when we or a loved one dies. Things covered in this part include wills, power of attorney, end of life care, funerals and burials.

Details of various websites (including one where you put in your postcode and information about places in your area that can help with matters of death and bereavement pop up) are included.

I started to read this book knowing almost certainly that before I had finished reading it my eldest brother would have died. I did receive this news just as I got to the end. What a finale it presented! First there was mention of the Book of Job and the words from the Messiah, "I know that my Redeemer lives!" Next came Psalm 23 with wonderful comments after each verse. These two things were the provision of The Lord when I needed it and for that, I thank Him.

As I got to the end of the book I discovered a list of visiting activities when you visit someone in a nursing or care home. I will certainly be using some of these in the future.

Finally, there was a comment that really struck me and that I will leave with you to ponder: - Should we see the whole of life as a preparation for death? – and if we do, will that which is really important snap into focus?

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"God can work wonders with a broken heart – but only if you give him all the pieces."

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## HYMNOLOGY ON A MONDAY MORNING - 32

**“All things bright and beautiful”** Singing the Faith 100. Words by Cecil Frances Alexander

Cecil Frances Humphreys (1818-1895) grew up in 19<sup>th</sup> Century rural Ireland in a strict evangelical household. She was a Sunday School Teacher and wrote poems to help the children learn their catechism. She married a clergyman, the Reverend William Alexander who became Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland.

The poem 'All things bright and beautiful' was written to help her young pupils to understand the opening words of the Apostles Creed – "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth."

**"I believe": -**

This is true of the Christian faith. First and foremost, what makes a Christian is what he/she believes. (John 3.16).

**"the Father Almighty"** Why? Because Jesus did. (Matthew 6.9-13. Hebrews 12.7)

But if God is a father and is almighty, why does He allow evil?

God is Love! Love is not love, unless it is free. Force love and it is ruined. God freely loves us – no one forces Him to love us – He does it because it is His choice.

If humans are going to return God's love they must do it equally freely. God has made huge efforts to make us love him in return. He sent his only Son for us. (1 John 4.16; John 3.16; Romans 8.15-17)

**“Maker of Heaven and Earth”**

The Creation question is not just fossils, monkeys and fish. Who put this earth in orbit around the sun? This planet has been described as a wonderful space ship moving through the heavens at about 56,000 miles per hour. Who launched it? Who arranged so that in 24 hours every part gets its morning, noon, evening and night? Who slanted the earth's axis so that it might have in succession Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter? Who for all the ages has kept the earth's orbital distance constant so that we neither freeze to death by swinging too

far away from the sun or burn up by getting too close? Who gave us an atmosphere to break down the burning rays of the sun to the gentle needs of birds and beasts, flowers and children?

Through faith we understand that the world was framed through the Word of God. (Hebrews 11.3). Christians believe that behind Creation is God the maker of heaven and earth. [Psalm 19.1]

### Theo Eaves

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## WATCHING AND TALKING ABOUT HAWKING



The Mystery of Everything takes the multi-award-winning film about Stephen Hawking, The Theory of Everything, as its starting point.

The 5-week course explores ways in which the mysteries of the universe and of everyday life - and the acceptance that we have more questions than answers - can reinvigorate our faith and spiritual journey.

The course is based around five weekly group sessions entitled:

- The experience of wonder
- The enigma of weakness
- The complexity of relationships
- The encounter with frailty
- The hope beyond brokenness.

**Come and see the film on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm  
Come and join the discussions every Tuesday at 7.30pm starting on  
19<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Rev John**

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## THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you all so much for the beautiful flowers which Nadia gave to me, on behalf of the Church, after a recent viral infection. They are such cheerful colours and I really appreciate your caring and kindness,

With love, **Linda Proffitt**



*Thank you for the pretty bunch of flowers I received after my recent cataract operation. I really appreciate their colours!*

**Lorna Samuels**

*George and I wish to thank you for the lovely flowers and cards we have received on the occasion of our Golden Wedding Anniversary - 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018. We enjoyed a very happy Family weekend at The Deanwater in Celebration.*

**Vernice Baker**

*A great big thank you for my favourite flowers (Freesias) delivered by Nadia, and for all the cards I received on the death of my brother Derek. I've got rather a lot going on at the moment, so please forgive me if I forget to thank you individually.*

**Hilary Parry**

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## SEASONS OF MY SOUL (10.30am – 2.00pm)

The remaining sessions of Seasons of My Soul will take place on the following dates:

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May (Windlehurst)/Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> May (Poynton)**

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June (Dialstone Lane)/Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June (Green Close)**

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> July (Poynton)/Wed 18<sup>th</sup> July (Hazel Grove)**

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Happy birthday to **Grace Woodhouse**, who will be six on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Congratulations to **Vernice and George Baker** on their Golden Wedding on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

We rejoice with **Margaret and Keven Martin** and **Rachael and Chris Kirkham** on the baptism of granddaughter/daughter Evelyn Florence Kirkham on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**Kathleen Jackson's** funeral was on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May here at PMC, followed by cremation at Macclesfield.

**Joan Leah's** funeral was on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, again at PMC, followed by cremation at Macclesfield.

We extend our sincere condolences to Kathleen's and Joan's families and keep them in our thoughts and prayers

We regret to inform readers that **Edith Lundy**, known to many at Clumber Road Methodist Church and then at PMC died recently. Her funeral will be held at Wilmslow Methodist Church on Friday 1st June at 1.15pm followed by a service at Macclesfield Crematorium at 2.40pm. An obituary appears overleaf.

Please note that Marjorie Harrop's email address has changed to **marjorie.harrop@zo.ho.com** as Tesco are withdrawing their email service.



On **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June** Poynton Methodist Church will be hosting its second 'Great Get Together', an event inspired by Jo Cox and her observation that 'we have far more in common than that which divides us'. After the morning service

people are invited to simply bring along a picnic and enjoy a couple of hours of food, fun and fellowship.

**Rev John**

## EDITH LUNDY, A TRULY REMARKABLE LADY

Edith was a remarkable and inspiring lady who refused to accept that her disability was a handicap. She contracted polio in 1948 and spent time in hospital first in plaster and then in callipers. As a result of this she needed to walk with two sticks or ride around in her scooter. She arrived in Poynton to occupy a bungalow with her husband Jack, and they soon became members at Clumber Road MC where they joined the choir and Edith was a member of the Ladies' Fellowship. She became secretary and chairman of the latter.

She was a keen champion for people with a disability. She formed an Access Group which, with considerable help from the pupils of the Poynton High School, produced an Access Guide. She initiated the RADAR scheme of keys for access to disabled toilets which became national. Gradually, more and more toilets became available for disabled people.

Edith initiated the Open Hands and Good Neighbours schemes, both of which provided help to people where necessary. She was elected to the committee which advises the Social Services at Macclesfield.

After attending a Literary Luncheon in Manchester, she and two of her friends sought to join a similar local group but found they all had waiting lists. Therefore, they decided to form The Poynton Luncheon Club. Inevitably Edith was made Chairman and subsequently was elected to become the Honorary Life President.

Edith and Jack were both very active in church life; Jack was a church steward, church treasurer and chairman of the Finance Committee and they both served for long periods on the Church Council.

Jack was a very active member of The Rotary Club who established a national scheme with the aim of eliminating polio worldwide. Edith raised funds by speaking to groups to raise awareness of polio and living life with it. She also wrote a substantial booklet "I'll Give It Five"

describing her life and experience which she sold in order to contribute further to that fund.

She participated in the raising of funds to build PMC. She became an active member at PMC until she had to move into Carrs Court, a residential home in Wilmslow, and transferred to Wilmslow Methodist Church after Jack died.

At her recent death on 10<sup>th</sup> May she was aged 95. There will still be a fair number of people at PMC who will remember her.

(Mainly) **Malcolm Burgess**

## LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, our Minister Rev. John gave us an evening of laughter and a few questions on the places he visited with Hector on their Spanish Holiday.

We 'visited' many lovely places and saw many sights. and of course, the usual weather; rain, wind and sunshine, but that didn't deter us, as we felt we were with them on this holiday.

On 17<sup>th</sup> May we had our A.G.M. chaired by Rev. John, and this was our last meeting of this session. We will begin again in September and look forward to new members who would like to join us.

Our Social evening will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, when we will be having a faith supper, and the Church will be opened from 7.00pm to receive your donations.

The Committee members and I would like to wish you a happy holiday, either staying at home or going away, and hope to see you on 21<sup>st</sup> June, or when we begin again in September.

**Sandra Townsend**

# Women's Quiet Day



Come  
Step away  
from daily life  
and be still  
in the company of God  
and a host of biblical women

*Open to all women across the Hazel Grove & Poynton Circuit*

**Saturday 9 June at Green Close Methodist Church**

***What do I need to bring?***

Nothing but yourself!

You might like to bring a bible and a journal/notebook,  
and there will be time for quiet craft activities  
such as knitting or cross-stitch.

A gift of £5 is suggested to cover the food  
and other costs of the day.

Led by Liz Delafield and Catharine Hughes

Parking space is limited at Green Close so please share transport  
where you can.

*For catering purposes, please let Catharine Hughes know of your  
intention to attend by Tuesday 5 June*

*07925 144681 or email [hughes@silverflame.co.uk](mailto:hughes@silverflame.co.uk)*



## Outline for the day:

### *Please note:*

***Timing will intentionally be kept loose. If we finish early, we can go earlier! We will definitely finish by 3.30pm***

Meet from 9.30am - tea/coffee/chat!

10.00: Welcome & housekeeping

Short period of worship - **'Made in God's image'**

10.15: Opening thoughts: **Sarah & Hagar**

Genesis 12 & 16

*Silence for 30 mins*

11.15: Thoughts on **Esther**

*30 mins quiet*

*Craft options available.*

12.00

Gather together for lunch (bread & soup, fresh fruit)

13.00: **Stations of the Resurrection**

Following women from the crucifixion/resurrection to the early church

14:00: gather together

Time of sharing, if anyone wishes

14.30: **Communion** [Mandy Boon]

*Tea/coffee/biscuits available on a 'help yourself' basis all day*

## FLOWER MINISTRY

I would like to thank donors for all the donations that we have had for our Flower Fund, and also the people who have signed up for donating on a special Sunday of their choice, since writing in the last Herald. We still have a few dates available, and it would be nice to see all of them filled in.

These are the people who will be taking out the flowers each Sunday in **June/July**.

### June

- 3<sup>rd</sup> June.** B. Oakley & N. Hood.  
**10<sup>th</sup> June.** H. Clare & M. Moncaster.  
**17<sup>th</sup> June.** M. Wilson & C. Clarke.  
**24<sup>th</sup> June.** L. Baker & B. Whittaker.

### July

- 1<sup>st</sup> July.** P. & M. Burgess.  
**8<sup>th</sup> July.** D. Reid & E. Bottrill.  
**15<sup>th</sup> July.** J. Deighton & B. Dixon.  
**22<sup>nd</sup> July.** C. & K. Thompson.  
**29<sup>th</sup> July.** N. Garner & M. Moran.

I would like to make a request, because this is holiday time. If you are going to be away and have to change your date, please get in touch with one of the other distributors.

Many thanks.

**Sandra Townsend**

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*Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?*

*BECAUSE: In France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (mis)pronounced it 'love.'*

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## ANNIE'S PAGE

From a children and families worker perspective:

It sometimes seems we move one step forward and one step back! We have recently seen one new family come... and then go. Aiman and her children will not be joining us anymore but we can continue to pray for them and greet them when we see them in the village.

We had a good turnout at Easter with one local family joining us who were with us at Christmas and Messy Church is still going strong.

Just a reminder that we need to be really sensitive to new people who come in, especially when they have not had any sort of church background. Many younger families have had no experience of church at all and have no real idea what we believe. (This is radically different from when I was a child where, at least most people were 'churched' in some way shape or form.)

As a result, they may not behave in the way that we might expect. Church can seem very odd to those who are not used to it and quite scary. Our former District Chair, Keith, once asked us to imagine how we would feel if we went into an environment which was outside our comfort zone e.g. a betting shop! Yet Jesus continues to draw people and is as relevant to this generation as he ever was.

Remember also that we were all once children and many of us have brought up children and know just how difficult it can be. To come into a warm welcoming environment where there are people who can empathise with you is invaluable long before you come to faith. In fact, it is a way in which we can show God's love.

So, thank you Poynton Methodist Church for all your hard work and continue to step up to the challenge – and it can be challenging!

**Annie Truman**

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

**OUTSTANDING**

You will no doubt have seen that in a recent inspection our preschool was judged "Outstanding in all areas". We are very proud! Look out for our super new banner.

### Men in Sheds

We took delivery recently, of a super child-size work bench that was made especially for us by 'Men in Sheds' at the Community Centre for a donation that was made by one of our parents, Jeff Dunning, Bobby's dad.



Thanks to hard work by church members, parents and staff, our jumble sale in May raised £690, which will be spent on outdoor tools for our garden and forest schools project and tools for using at the work bench.

**JUMBLE  
SALE**

Thank you for your kind help and donations and thanks to Ruth Paterson, Ida's mum, who led in organising this event.

As well as being a financial success, this event was enjoyed by families and individuals from near and far who came together in church to work for a common purpose; and lots of stuff was recycled!

**Sarah and the preschool team [pmcpreschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pmcpreschool@hotmail.co.uk)**

Poynton Methodist Church Preschool,  
Civic Hall Car Park, Park Lane, Poynton, Cheshire  
SK12 1RB

01625 871115; mob.07742 914 996

## MURDER MYSTERY DINNER



Finally, after years of espionage and counter-espionage, the criminal organisation S.P.O.O.K.T.E.R and MI6 are meeting for the very first time with the aim of reaching a peaceful solution. The talks are taking place in an expensive London hotel (or perhaps PMC suitably reimagined for the night). Will it be entente cordiale or will the pegs come out and bring the tent crashing around the negotiating table?

Who might not survive? So, will Nottingham get to see the wonders of a Rev John PowerPoint? Will the worthies of Sherwood Forest be enthused to knit and stick for the community and change their habits? Or is it too late...?

Join the diners at our exclusive venue and send John on to pastures new with a BANG!

Mocktails at 6.30pm, dinner at 7.00pm.



Dress, as fancy as you like. Get the black tie out of mothballs, polish your tiara or come as you like, be comfortable and have fun solving the mystery.

Tickets: £10 a head or £25 for a family with children under 12 years of age.

**Judy Gibbons**

## SEASONS OF MY SOUL FILM: COCO



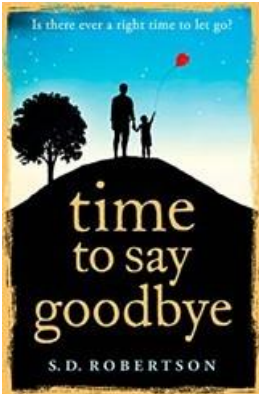
The rebellious Miguel, a 12-year-old Mexican boy and hopeful musician, is unable to understand the family's continuing ban on all music, especially when his icon and the greatest guitar player to ever live, the deceased Ernesto de la Cruz, is the town's hero.

However, an inadvertent mistake on the sacred Day of the Dead will magically transport Miguel to the distant and bustling Land of the Dead, where the scoundrel skeleton, Hector, will lead the way through the vibrant underworld to help the young trespasser find a missing ancestor. But can they do it before sunrise? **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm**

## SEASONS of my SOUL BOOK:

### TIME to say GOODBYE by S.D Robertson

Will Curtis's six-year-old daughter, Ella, knows her father will never leave her. After all, he promised her so when her mother died. And he's going to do everything he can to keep his word.



What Will doesn't know is that the promise he made to his little girl might be harder to keep than he imagined. When he's faced with an impossible decision, Will finds that the most obvious choice might not be the right one.

But the future is full of unexpected surprises. And father and daughter are about to embark on an unforgettable journey together.

**Review date to be announced later.**

## A SEMI-CIRCUIT WALK

When Judy said that the Family Committee was planning a church walk I was very pleased as I had happy memories of previous walks. I've done circuits of the Circuit, a walk from Poynton to Mow Cop, a walk from Poynton to Salford by the canal and numerous family walks and evening walks. This latest walk did not disappoint!



About 25 of us set off in lovely weather and headed up to Green Close via Ward's End, Wood Lanes and Lockgate Farm. We were from PMC, Dialstone Lane and Green Close plus friends and family.

At Green Close the church family there warmly welcomed us with tea, coffee and biscuits. New people joined and some finished there and some just came for tea and coffee. Keeping to our schedule most of us headed up into the edge of Lyme Park, then across to Emmetts (Platt Wood) Farm and down to join the canal.

At this point we met those who had gone straight to the canal from Green Close for a more straightforward walk. A few bridges along the canal and we reached Andrew Lane, which leads down to Windlehurst Church.



We were greeted by tables set out for a beautiful sandwich lunch, prepared by the folk of Windlehurst, who asked only for donations to Christian Aid. We could probably have just stayed there chatting for the rest of the afternoon but we managed to rouse ourselves and set off again via the Middlewood Way, Lady Brook Valley Trail to Towers Road and thus back to Church. Total distance for those of us who did it all was 10 miles.

What made this special was the fellowship (making new friends and renewing old acquaintances). You really don't notice the miles when

you are chatting to lots of different people. Of course, the weather helped, as did the excellent hospitality we found at Green Close and Windlehurst. All ages and levels of fitness were accommodated from being given a lift to Green Close for a cuppa to walking the full distance.

We must thank again the caterers and also Tom and Judy for putting it all together. I hope we can do it again sometime and that more will feel they can join in.

## **Noreen Hood**



## **PROPERTY UPDATE**

- \* New twin LED light unit fitted in large corridor at high point near the disabled toilet.
- \* The hand rail for the new ramp at the church fire door is now completed.
- \* Rear gutter/hopper cleared.
- \* All the 'dowels' in the red chairs checked for looseness. (Hit with a small hammer).
- \* The radiator in the hall office has been removed and re-fitted to sort out a leak.
- \* Church 'pictures' re hung.
- \* The thermostats in the church zones (3) have been re set for summer use and the heating pumps (2), in the plant room switched over to equalise wear.

**Derek Garner** for PMC Property Committee



# THE TWO WESLEYS

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That great Baptist preacher, Rev Charles Haddon Spurgeon delivered a lecture on 9<sup>th</sup> December 1861 at the Metropolitan Tabernacle Lecture Hall entitled "The Two Wesleys".

The lecture lasted several hours, Spurgeon by his own admission had sufficient material on John Wesley (JW) alone to be able to deliver a number of lectures. However, this lecture was only a 'brief' sketch of John and Charles Wesley as 'companions of George Whitefield'.

John Wesley was held in such high esteem by Whitefield that he chose John Wesley to preach his funeral sermon, albeit that they did not agree on everything. JW extolled and loved Whitefield with every fibre of his being and delivered the eulogy with such passion as one who clearly held Whitefield in very high regard.

As for Whitefield's opinion of JW, he told the story of a Calvinist who was extremely scathing of JW and all he was doing and asked Whitefield, "Do you think we shall ever see JW in heaven?" Whitefield paused for a moment and responded with, "Do you think we shall ever see JW in heaven. Well I do not think we shall." The Calvinist thought that Whitefield agreed with his bitterness.

"But," added Whitefield, "the reason we shall not see him in heaven – I am afraid you and I will be so far from the throne of Christ, and Wesley will be so near, he will be lost in the brightness of the Saviour and I hardly think you and I will be able to see him." The Calvinist turned away, have been given and answer quite contrary to answer he was clearly expecting.

Spurgeon was clearly in awe of JW being cool, calm and collected, although he was not an orator of the stature of Whitefield. JW, in his preaching, endeavoured to demonstrate truth with logical precision. Spurgeon in his lecture, to use the phraseology beloved of English examiners, compares and contrasts the attributes of JW and Whitefield.

Within the lecture are many anecdotes of JW being attacked or threatened with arrest and imprisonment around the country. Other stories concern Methodists standing up for their Methodist principles. The stories of John Nelson, John Downs and Mr Menton remain inspirational today.

The implied challenge is whether the listeners to the lecture, or indeed Methodists in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, would endure the privations endured by JW and his fellow Methodists.

In regard to Charles, he seems to have had a 'better reputation' than his older brother, although their doctrinal views were identical, albeit Charles has not entirely escaped persecution and harassment from the authorities and the general populace.

Spurgeon was clearly impressed with the hymns written and composed by Charles, and he gives examples of hymns written especially for funeral services he was taking, many of which are no longer widely published – well, it is estimated he wrote over 3000 hymns!

Spurgeon describes him as "the great poet of Methodism", whereas JW was a great politician and framer of rules.

Both Wesleys, whether through preaching or hymns exhorted people to go into the highways and hedgerows, the towns and cities compelling sinners to come to God's house that it might be filled and His table furnished with guests.

○ that such an inspirational pair of brothers were preaching today!

### **Alan Rashleigh**



**Our Church Family encourages everyone  
To go out, share the Good News and serve in the world.**



A huge thank you to all who pounded the streets of Poynton this week. I wonder just how many houses being built in Haiti we have contributed to. Of one thing I am sure - WE HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE. Keep your eye on the notice board outside the main entrance of Church for the total we collected.

**Mandy Hawkyard**

## STORIES IN FLOWERS



Across the weekend from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June, the church will be hosting an event called 'Tell me the stories of Jesus through flowers' which is exactly what it says on the tin.

Around 12 different groups from the church and community have been invited to tell a story of Jesus/about Jesus in flowers, either real ones or ones made through a variety of crafts.

These will be open for viewing across the weekend. Watch out for further details on timings in your church notices.

**Rev John**

## THE STORIES OF JESUS THROUGH FLOWERS

You can be a part of the weekend by colouring the illustrations of lilies (see the connection?) on this page at your leisure.

If you are so pleased with your efforts that you want to repeat them on a larger scale, I will provide you with an A4 printout of any or all of these images and, who knows? we may be able to show them over the weekend.

**Arnold Samuels**



## ACTION FOR CHILDREN



We launched a five-year strategy so that we could better respond to the challenges of meeting the needs of children, young people and families who need our help. We are pleased to report the good progress we have made and ask for your prayers of thanksgiving for our work.

In the past year, we have received remarkable support from the Methodist Church, and we are deeply grateful for the strong and inspiring relationship we have the Methodist Church. Next year, we will celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we have started discussing how to celebrate it with the Church.

In 2017/2018, donations directly generated from local church fundraising and memorials totalled about £1.3m. Methodists contributed in other ways, for instance, taking part in national events like marathons and leaving legacy gifts. Furthermore, several churches kindly allowed us to use their premises to deliver vital services, and volunteers helped us in our work with children, young people and families. In September 2017, two ONE Programme interns started one-year placements, bringing valuable skills and insight.

We currently support more than 370,000 children, young people and families. This includes all who have attended at least one session, been seen by a staff member, received advice from us or used any of our 529 services. We are proud to have made such an impact, but we know that there are still a significant number of children and families who need our help.

While developing our five-year strategy, we identified new areas of support for children and young people that we wanted to develop. These areas include providing mental health support, expanding our work on giving children a safe and loving home through permanency, including residential support, fostering and adoption, as well as looking at our commercial activity with our nurseries.

**(Extracts from AfC Report to Conference June 2018)**

**ACTION FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY IS 8<sup>th</sup> JULY**



## CHRISTMAS ANGEL

Why are we knitting angels for Park Lane at Christmas? It's quite simple - to bless our village and to spread the real message of Christmas. Each angel will have a word of blessing attached to it and an invitation. Last Easter we put crosses up and down Park Lane. One gentleman watching these being put up said, "This has made my heart sing. I have no faith but you have made me think. I could do a lot worse than move to this wonderful village. It has such a good feel about it." Was it worth doing? - **YES**

So a big thank you to all of you who have taken up the challenge of knitting/crocheting Angels. Please spread the word and encourage your church friends to join in on this task. As the word has spread round the church so the idea has grown – we could hide angels inside the Church and invite Toddlers, Playgroup, Rainbows and Brownies to find them and take them home. We could also give one to the residents of the care homes in Poynton and give some to our Carol singers to give out.

We are getting very enthusiastic about this. But we will need hundreds of Angels so we are planning to have an Angel knitting session at church on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2.00-4.00pm**, so come and join us, knit, help to sew them up or even make the tea and serve the cake. We will even teach you to knit or crochet if you so desire! There is a box of wool in the coffee area from which you can help yourself and another box for completed Angels. We think we must be over the 50 mark so far but really have no idea exactly who is participating – please let us know how many you have so far and 'Keep knitting!'

**Hilary King, Linda Grant and Mandy Hawkyard**

“No-one told us that there would be fish in the water. The children were scared.” (Holiday complaint)

“Although the brochure said that there was a fully-equipped kitchen, there was no egg slicer in the drawers.” (Another complaint)

## THE JULY/AUGUST HERALD

Closing date for submissions will be **20<sup>th</sup> 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 **29<sup>th</sup> June**. There are events taking place in the first week of each new magazine and we hope that as many readers 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 back page contains a list of useful contacts. You will find others in the Church Contact List, the Circuit Plan and the Circuit Directory.** Our website is: **<http://www.poyntonmethodist.org>**, find us on Twitter by searching for @PoyntonMC or on Facebook via [facebook.com/poyntonmethodist](https://www.facebook.com/poyntonmethodist)

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.**

Our Minister, Rev John Wiseman, is available in the church office (871592) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The light by the door shows red when he is engaged. You can leave messages for him in the Minister's pigeonhole, or please call him or leave a message at home on 261769 or via his email [jwiserev@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jwiserev@hotmail.co.uk) If there is no reply and there is an immediate emergency, phone Rev John Payne 0161 483 4952. 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](mailto: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](mailto:annie@poyntonmethodist.org)

#### EVERY WEEKDAY

8.30am-3.00pm Preschool. Varying sessions also available. (Sarah Parker 871115 and [pmcpreschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pmcpreschool@hotmail.co.uk)) Extended hours available 7.30am - 5.30pm  
 #Kids Zone - (Pam Dowd 07717 003 322, [kidszonepoynton@btinternet.com](mailto:kidszonepoynton@btinternet.com))  
 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

10.00-11.00am Discussion Group/Bible Study (Theo Eaves 875162)  
 7.30pm - \*+ House group at the Dawson's led by Catharine Hughes

#### TUESDAY

9.45am-10.45am Meeting for Prayer (Mandy Hawkyard 875032)  
 9.00am Prayer Breakfast at the Kingfisher, Third Tuesday  
 12.00 noon \*Service and Lunch 1<sup>st</sup> First Tuesday (Mandy Hawkyard 875032)  
 7.30-9.00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Poynton Guides and Rangers (Lyndsay Lamb 07950 187 480)

#### WEDNESDAY

5-6.00pm #2<sup>nd</sup> Poynton Rainbows (Sue Dyson 07515 883 585)  
 6.00-7.30pm #2<sup>nd</sup> Poynton Brownies (Catherine Potts 07979 955 804)  
 7.30-9.00pm #4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (Rev J Wiseman 871592)  
 7.30-9.00pm #1<sup>st</sup> Poynton Guides (Georgia Eyre 07989 360 850)  
 7.30-9.30pm \*Ladies' Fellowship (Sandra Townsend 878563)

#### SATURDAY

9.00-11.00am Who let the Dads out? 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. (Rev John Wiseman 871592)  
 7.30pm \*Exploring Faith through film (Discussion on Monday - Rev John Wiseman)

#### 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)  
 4.00pm \*Café Church First Sunday (Helen Holmes 260451)

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.