



# THE HERALD



## The Methodist Church in Poynton

### May 2019

*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.

May 2019

**Easter People**

Dear Friends,

**Here's the Good News! Easter isn't over yet!**

In the church year the season of Easter carries on until Pentecost (this year 9<sup>th</sup> June) but even then, Easter isn't really over.

**For we are Easter People! Every day is Easter Day!**

As Pope John Paul II said, 'We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song'.

So, when you have finished eating all your Easter eggs and tidied away the cardboard and foil into the recycling bin ...Easter isn't over!

Some people aren't that keen on chocolate apparently and have even been known to store chocolate eggs in a cupboard out of sight, out of mind.

Easter should never be out of sight at the back of the cupboard until next year.

Easter is not a one-day event to round off Lent, Easter is a way of life.

As Christians we live in the light of the Resurrection every day and through us and the transformation visible in our lives, others should be able to see Jesus and not just to see Jesus but to see Him and want to know Him for themselves.

As is so often said, the Church is the only 'club' that exists for the benefit of non-members.

During May we have lots of events to enjoy together including the church family walk on 4<sup>th</sup> May and the Circuit Easter Offering service in the evening on 5<sup>th</sup> May at Dialstone Lane. Green Close will be celebrating their anniversary on 12<sup>th</sup> May, Aldersgate Sunday is on 19<sup>th</sup> May and then on Ascension Day on 30<sup>th</sup> May we will join with Christians around the world in 11 days of prayer known as 'Thy Kingdom Come'. We will have lots of activities for this so please join in as much as possible.

These are just a few of the events going on...I wonder how we can make these events and all the others not just enjoyable for 'us' but winsome for others.

How will we walk around the community, how will we celebrate special dates in our calendar, how will we pray, how will we reach out to those who use our building or parents and children who come to our Preschool, so that others will see Jesus and want to join us in committing their lives to Him too?

How will we be Easter People throughout the rest of this year? How loud will be our song of Alleluia? How much of a blessing will we be to our neighbours and our community?



In short...how will we let people know that in the corner of the Civic Car Park God, through us, is building the Kingdom and that they are invited? In fact, the Kingdom isn't complete without them!

Every blessing

**Ros**



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**SUNDAY SERVICES AT POYNTON  
IN MAY**

Date	10.30am UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED	
5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am Med	Rev Ros Watson HC
12 <sup>th</sup>	Martyn Bennett Christian Aid	
19 <sup>th</sup> Aldersgate	9.00am HC Rev Ros Watson	Catharine Hughes Mosaic Church
26 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Maltby	
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	9.00am Med	Rev Ros Watson HC

**SUNDAY SERVICES AT GREEN CLOSE  
IN MAY**

Date	2.30 pm
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Stephan Rudolfer
12 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Ros Watson HC
19 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Ian Coverdale
26 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Ros Watson
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Rev John Payne

**HC    Holy Communion**

**Woodlands MHA    12<sup>th</sup> May    11.00am    Alan Rashleigh**

*Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won*

## 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 **5<sup>th</sup> May**.



## WEEKDAY WORSHIP



The first Tuesday **in May is 7<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 an 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 **16<sup>th</sup> May**.



# PRAYER GROUP



Meets every Tuesday morning at 9.45am and on the third Tuesday (**21<sup>st</sup> May**) at 9.00am in the Kingfisher where we hold a prayer breakfast. This informal, welcoming group encourages you to try us out.



## GREEN CLOSE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019 2:30pm

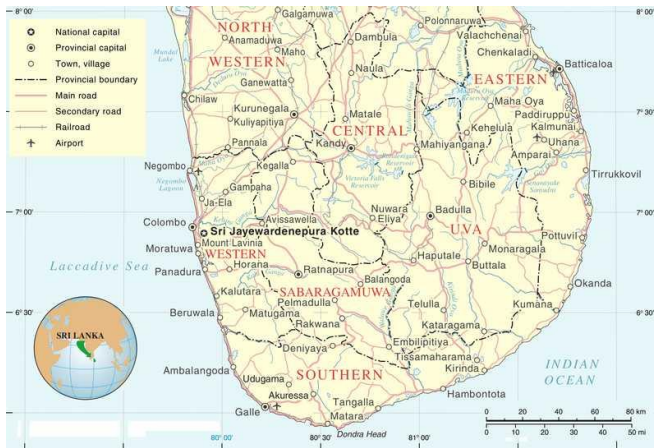
*Preacher:*

*Rev Ros Watson*

*A warm welcome is extended to everyone*

*Tea available after the Service*

# PRAYER FOR SRI LANKA



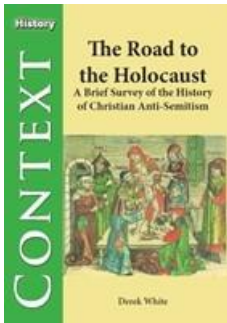
Creator God, who loves peace and concord,  
 We bring before you the people of Sri Lanka.  
 Just as your Son suffered betrayal and agony on Good Friday,  
 They have faced brutality and violence on Easter Day.  
 May the church and hotel communities who have faced attack,  
 find reassurance and healing;  
 May the bereaved friends and families, find consolation after tears,  
 May those who believe terrorism changes things, discover the  
 power of love and hope.  
 Loving God, who hates nothing you have made,  
 We bring before you the divisions we have created,  
 Ethnic, religious, national, class and many more.  
 May we be hopeful rather than harsh,  
 May we avoid the barbed word in favour of affirming phrases,  
 May we offer a smiling eye rather than an uncaring glance.  
 Compassionate God, who brings healing and peace for all,  
 Look now on the bereaved, the injured and the fearful in Sri Lanka.  
 We pray in the name of Jesus, friend and companion.  
 Amen

Steve Pearce, Partnership Coordinator for Asia/Pacific  
 Global Relationships  
 The Methodist Church of Great Britain

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



**“The Road to the Holocaust”** – a brief survey of the history of Christian anti-Semitism by Derek White, published by CFI Communications at £2.50.



This is another subject with which we need to engage. This 26-page history booklet is part of the Context series, the aim of which is to enable a better understanding of Israel in relation to the Bible, current affairs, prayer and the Jewish roots of the church. There are many other titles in this series, all of which are listed on the inside of the back cover.

Unfortunately, anti-Semitism is alive and well in our country today and I feel this booklet to be a timely read. However, be warned that it is in parts a very disturbing read.

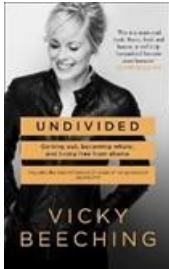
Derek White was involved in the founding of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem and went on to found and direct Christian Friends of Israel. The Founder of the Christian Church is a Jew, but how many of us are aware of the history of the church as it relates the Jewish people? The booklet is but a brief introduction. I found it very helpful, very informative and well laid out in clear print.

The Holocaust stands out as the most horrific expression of anti-Semitism. It began on 30 January 1933 and continued without respite until 8 May 1945. At its height in the autumn of 1941 and the summer of 1942, many thousands of Jews were killed every day. However, the Holocaust did not come out of the blue. The way had been prepared by centuries of anti-Jewish attitudes and the words of Martin Luther are said to have influenced Hitler.



One of the reasons I read this booklet was to try and understand this subject a bit more, and in places it was an eye-opener.

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**“Undivided”** by Vicky Beeching, published by William Collins. From £13.88 in hardback.



I read with interest last month’s book review and bought the book *Gay Girl, Good God*. Arnold rightly noted after the review that this is a challenging subject that sometimes provokes controversy. It is a topic that our own Church is debating in Conference this year.

So, may I suggest another book which gives a different angle on this topic, so that we can be well-informed? The book is “Undivided” by Vicky Beeching. Vicky is a well-known Christian song writer working mainly in America although many are also aware of her work in her native Britain. But this poster girl for evangelical Christianity lived with the knowledge that she was gay. The churches she represented on stage staunchly opposed same-sex relationships and saw homosexuality as a sin. She never acted on her feelings but by the age of 35 realised that this was causing her mental and physical pain and she made the brave decision to tell the world she was gay. As a result, she lost her music career but found peace of mind within her faith.

This is a very readable book – It is a blisteringly honest account of her painful journey. Vicky is an Oxford graduate and spent much time researching what the Bible has to say about other ethical issues that caused pain to the church e.g. slavery, racism, the place of women in the church and the new understanding that was slowly accepted. She researches the passages about homosexuality and finds solace in Acts chapter 10.

I challenge you to read both books.

### **Mandy Hawkyard**

**Readers may also wish to discuss the recent remarks on social media by star Australian Rugby Union player, Israel Folau, and ‘liked’ by Saracens and England RFU player Billy Vunipola in the same thoughtful and loving way exhibited by our two contributors thus far – (Ed).**

## GREEN CLOSE WELCOMES REV ROS WATSON

On 24<sup>th</sup> March we were pleased to welcome the Rev Ros Watson to her first service at Green Close. After the service over tea and cakes the congregation were able to chat with Ros and her husband Chris and let them know the Green Close flock were looking forward to growing in faith together.




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## CLIFF COLLEGE FESTIVAL 2019

Friday 24 to Monday 27 May 2019



Festival 2019: *Into All the World!* Will be building on the 2018 theme and will be exploring how we can share our faith story with other people.

A trip will leave this church at 9.00am on **Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May** to visit the Festival. If you would like to go, contact Hilary Parry on 873674. Hilary has details of the day's programme.

## CANDIDATING - THE CONNEXIONAL INTERVIEWS

It was a beautiful sunny day in Hertfordshire when I arrived at High Leigh for interviews. I'd pre-arranged to meet up with two fellow candidates from the North West and we sat out in the sun, talking through the Case Study that we were presented with on arrival. Someone was going to pull the short straw and be first to be interviewed on this.

After a short act of worship, we were sent off to our panels: three candidates to a panel of eight. I was with John (about my age) and James (not so). In total we were a group of 16 candidates, three of whom were for the diaconate. (A further 16 were due to be interviewed the next day.) There were more women than men (about 2:1) and most would be in their thirties. I certainly felt old! Having got to our panels, we immediately had three 20-minute interviews – my first one being on the Case Study, of course. I cannot say I answered anything well, being horribly flustered and worrying about the questions I knew they'd ask (principally 'What's the difference between Presbyteral and Diaconal Ministry?').

Then, after the evening meal, we had a team exercise: thirty minutes in which to bring together a presentation, while our Panel Chairs prowled around the table watching our every move. There was about an hour's break before Evening Prayers, and then... well, everyone else went to bed at 9.30pm. Kate and I turned out to be the only late-night party animals – daring to have a drink and a chat, and staying up until nearly 10.20pm. (There were a lot more panel members staying up a lot later with a lot more alcohol!)

There was an early start the next morning with communion, then breakfast, then our final presentation and interview. You may recall from my previous article the topic was, '*Your undistinguishing regard was cast on Adam's fallen race*'... In a moment of foolishness, I chose to give my presentation entirely in verse – just carrying on from Charles Wesley's original stanza. To my astonishment it received a

round of applause. The rest of the interview was much more straightforward, although I may have messed up when I admitted I'd thought their bottle of water was actually vodka.

After I left them the panel voted on whether I should go forward. By then it was about 11.00am, with my panel still to interview James. John, who'd gone before me, had been called through to the Panel of Reference. This is yet another group of Methodists who ask further questions if the first panel has not voted over 75% in favour. It gives a chance to explain something more fully or to raise matters that have not been made clear earlier. I waited for my call, but it never came. At about midday it hit me like a ten-tonne truck what that actually meant.

After lunch, and a brief prayer, we were set free. Letters and emails were promised for Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. My wonderful husband came to meet me and shared the drive home.

### **Candidating: The Result**

April Fool's Day, and I'm out at my writers' group when my phone flashes up with a message from one of my 12 candidating friends: *'Have you heard? The letter has come.'*

This is not a good moment. I can't read her message properly, I can't access my emails, I knew I hadn't received a letter in the post; and I have to give constructive feedback to a friend's piece of poetry while my mind is whirling away elsewhere.

I got home and double-checked: definitely nothing in the day's mail. But email? Yes. It was two days earlier than expected and, given the date, I did wonder if it was a hoax. But the attached letter stated: *I am pleased to be able to tell you that the Committee has recommended that you be accepted for pre-ordination training for presbyteral ministry in the Methodist Church (Category 1)*

It turns out this is really happening.

## **Candidating: What next?**

Officially, my candidature is still to be ratified at Conference in June/July. (Yes, you could still object!) In practice, the next stage is to decide upon which training pathway I am going to take. This is entirely in the hands of the Methodist Church, but I have a chance to speak with personnel at Queen's College before they make their decisions on 15<sup>th</sup> May. There is a full-time (2-year) route which means being in Birmingham Monday-Thursday each week, or (my preferred choice) part-time over 3 years, which involves several weekends throughout the year plus a week's residential.

## **Candidating: A few reflections**

It has been a long six months. I have been taken far outside my comfort zone and challenged in ways I had not expected. It has been the 'goldfish bowl' I predicted. I still hate interviews, never feeling I perform well. I've met some amazing people with astonishing stories to tell. I have less certainty about this development in my life than almost anyone else I speak to! For the most part now I am just allowing the process to flow: hopeful that it is with God's leadership and guidance, rather than in blind ignorance. Above all I want to be doing what He has called me to, and at the moment this is His chosen route to get there.

I have been blessed immensely by your support – as a church, as a circuit, as Poyntonians who have read the Herald and sent me a card! Every single message has been valued and cherished, often lifting me when I was all but giving up. So, thank you, and keep us all (as a family) in your prayers as the next stage of training and discernment begins.

## **Catharine Hughes**

**Congratulations to Catharine on another step along the way successfully negotiated. The pace quickens!**

## HYMNOLOGY ON A MONDAY MORNING – 41

'The Servant King' is in the 'Top Forty' of hymn choices.

Here is demonstrated the skill of the hymn writer: "Hands that flung stars into space, to cruel nails surrendered" – describing a God of Creation, who is also the 'Child of Bethlehem' who gave His life that we might live.

The hymn was written in 1984 for that big open-air festival of Christian arts, Greenbelt, and it was written with younger Christians in mind. But it is popular with all ages, and like all the very best poetry, it needs a second or third reading to make its impact.

John Bell, a hymn writer from a different church tradition, shared the Greenbelt experience with Kendrick, and has great respect for his songs. He says that God has hard things to say to us which we don't want to hear.

Kendrick is one of the few writers in the Western world who allows the sadness at the dark side of our lives to be expressed in song. Bell thinks that this is a song to be sung quietly and reflectively and not triumphantly. He points to great reformers like John Calvin and Martin Luther, who worshipped privately before they joined in public worship.

*There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load he chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'yet not my will but yours', he said.*

**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**



# THY KINGDOM COME

**Thy Kingdom Come** is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will

- Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know
- Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

*from [www.thykingdomcome.global/about-us](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/about-us)*

This year we are planning a packed 11 days of prayer and witness, as we explore the Lord's Prayer together, and pray for 5 people we know to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Thursday 30 May, 7.30pm – Ascension Day service  
 Saturday 1 June – Prayer Walk around Poynton (timings tbc.)  
 Tuesday 4 June, 12midday – Service and lunch  
 Thursday 6 June, 12midday – Prayer Lunch

And through the week, Monday 3 – Saturday 8 June, there will be a Prayer Labyrinth set up in church, and a quiet room available to all for prayer.

It will culminate in our Pentecost Celebrations on Sunday 9 June, when we have the Vice-President of Conference, Bala Gnanapragasam, with us.

**Mark it in your diaries,  
 and pray that God's Spirit will move among us here in Poynton.**

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## THANK YOU LETTERS



Thank you for the lovely spring flowers. What a nice surprise to see Liz (Baker) and catch up on the news. Your kind thoughts and good wishes are appreciated says **Mary Thorp**

*Thank you for the lovely flowers Nadia brought me after my operation and also for the get-well cards. I hope to be back on the rota with the flower team soon.*

**Edna Williams**

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Happy Birthday** to Kate Horobin, who will be 13 on 18<sup>th</sup> May.

### Apology

Mart Rodger's biography in the April Herald contained an error on page 21: it was reported that the money given to St. Luke's Hospice in Winsford was £1000, whereas the actual sum was £12000! We apologise for the mistake.

The article was written before the service on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate Mart's life was held at St. George's Church Poynton where more people could be accommodated than at PMC.

We can now add that the service, lovingly conducted by Mandy Hawkyard, took place in a church packed with friends and colleagues from near and far which resounded to the music he loved and played. Manchester Jazz accompanied Mart into the church in time-honoured jazz tradition and later, we heard that familiar clarinet once again in a recording from the 'Allmart' Album.

Remembering him, we will continue to hear him down the years.



## From Barbara and Gordon Butterfield

Thank you for the April Herald which certainly filled us in with what has been happening between ministers. It is good to see that PMC is retaining its motivation and forward thinking! Names pop up in the magazine as reminders of service over the years in making PMC what it is now.

The article about Green Close Chapel brought back fond personal memories of the area and of my parents (plus me!) and their close friends who once lived on Wood Lane South going along to a brick-laying ceremony for a new chapel at Wood Lanes!

That's near to where our WW2 bolthole was and remained until the late 1950s – an old gypsy caravan (historical terminology) in a farmer's field. As a child, I got to know where all the best blackberries grew and which farmers and nurserymen would offer free apples. Indeed, our bungalow 'The Chestnuts', on Wood Lane North, was finally built in the orchard of one such Methodist!

Little did I know that one day, grown up and married, I would live in that bungalow built in that orchard where a kindly man gave me apples to take back home to Manchester.

Please pass on our Easter greetings to all our friends in the Poynton area.

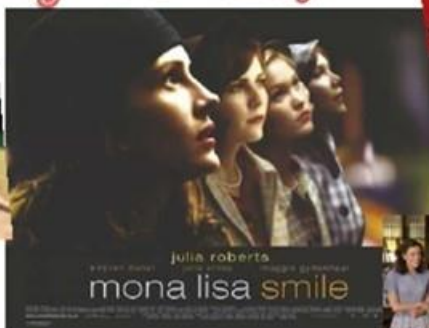
With love from **Barbara and Gordon**

# Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May



**7.30pm**

**in Room 3**



**Saturday Night  
AT THE MOVIES**



## A NEW HOUSEGROUP

# 3cubed



We have started a social justice-themed housegroup, running on Thursday nights from the end of this April. The idea is that we will tackle a theme across three sessions, with the general format being: Discuss-Plan-Action (between sessions) – Feedback and Final thoughts.

We want to create a housegroup that tackles important issues in society, and that encourages us to be more active in our faith. The first week of each theme will be discussion-based and will explore the reasons why, as Christians, we feel we need action in that area. The second will then deliver three challenges, of varying difficulty, of which you will choose one to take action on in the next few weeks. The third will be for discussing how the challenge went and what we might do in the future to tackle the issues discussed.

So, ... if you want to tackle and discuss social justice issues, why not come along? The first theme has already started, but even so, come along at any stage and hear what has been going on! We'd love to see you!

**Our first theme is “Environment” and the sessions were/are on the following nights:**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April- Discussion**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May- Plan and Challenges revealed!**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May- Feedback and review**

**All meetings take place at 7.30pm in Room 3 at church.**

We look forward to sharing our ideas with you,

**Helen Holmes & Catharine Hughes**

# THE CHURCH FAMILY WALK

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019



We will follow the same route as last year

Please read the Herald for April gives full details of the walk planned for Saturday the 4th May, or speak to me, Judy Gibbons, with any questions. If you intend to start from Church at 9am please sign the sheet on the notice board, or tell me so that we don't leave you behind.

If you want to join us for lunch at Windlehurst (walking or not) please sign the second sheet by Sunday 27th April so that I can pass on numbers for catering.

If starting at 9am AND having lunch, please do sign BOTH sheets.

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Green Close **Methodist Church**

Please support our

## Coffee Morning

held at **Poynton Methodist Church**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May

10am - 12noon



## LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

**4<sup>th</sup> April**, was a night to remember, even though the weather was horribly wet and windy. The talk that Christine Belton gave us was hilarious and we seemed to have laughed all the time she was here. So many anecdotes and bottles, jars and tins of yesteryear full of potions that the doctors prescribed for us – or shall I say for our Mothers! (even though some of them are still in circulation today)



By the time you get this Herald, **Maundy Thursday and Easter** will have passed, and our last meeting on Thursday **2<sup>nd</sup> May** could also have gone. On that date Janet Bradshaw, is visiting to offer us "**Sweet Memories**" of a bygone age. Anne Hindle will be leading the meeting starting at 7.45pm as usual.

This is our last meeting of the current session, apart from our **A.G.M. on 16<sup>th</sup> May** and our **Social evening and Faith Supper on 20<sup>th</sup> June**. Please come along to these and support us, and if you have a special charity that you wish to share with us, this will be the time for you to offer it to the meeting.

**Our new session commences on the 5<sup>th</sup> September**, and hopefully we will be welcoming our Minister Rev. Ros Watson. All our meetings commence at 7.45pm and we invite all members and potential members to join our fellowship and enjoy each other's company for evenings of interesting and varied subjects and activities.

**Sandra Townsend**  
Chairman



# THE BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

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## SUNDAY LUNCHES

Don't forget that the next Sunday lunch is on **2<sup>nd</sup> June** when we will have a picnic, everyone being asked to bring their own food. Drinks will be provided. We are **cancelling** the Lunch planned for the **first Sunday in July** as we have a Circuit Service that Sunday morning at Hazel Grove to say thank you and farewell to John Payne. John looked after us so well in the months we had no Minister so we hope that lots of people will attend.

**Don't forget** if you really want these lunches to continue, we do need other people to volunteer to take responsibility for a meal of their choice. Perhaps a group of people could volunteer together? As before there will be a request for donations so that no one has to pay for the food they produce. Any money over would go to the Church. Please speak to **Judy Gibbons** or **Mandy Hawkyard** if you are prepared to help.

## GIVING AND RECEIVING

When I read the April Herald, these words from the Church Council Report leapt out at me: "There is a projected deficit for the current year of approximately £7,200."

I am on the Church Council, so I did know this from the last meeting, but seeing them in print again set me thinking. I get many letters inviting me to give to a host of very worthy causes. If I ever won the lottery, I would give donations to most of them. (However, this will not happen because I do not do the lottery!)

I think that one of the most unusual letters I get is from the Christian charity 'Care'. It always states in a prominent place on the donation form, "We only ask you to support 'Care' after you have considered the needs of your family and local church."

Our local church is also our family and perhaps we need to give it greater prominence. I was at Clumber Road church before this one was built and I remember well Donald Roberts coming to preach when we were considering whether to go ahead with a new building and thinking about the huge cost it would entail. He began his sermon with the words "My uncle says..." and then proceeded to explain that we need a building as a base to work from and to serve the local community. We felt that what he said was right and that it was confirmation from the Lord that we should go ahead.

We are fortunate to have an excellent Property Committee, but they can't do everything themselves (see note in the April magazine about the church roof).

Please be assured that I am not in any way criticising donations we have made to various causes or fundraising that we have supported, which is both generous and right. Giving is a subject that sometimes upsets people, but scripture exhorts us to give. I don't have the answer, but I wonder what you think?

**Hilary Parry**

# Poynton Board Game Evening

For families and friends...

Tea, coffee, cake and

All sorts of different games

Lots of new games and lots of cardboard

From 7 - 10 pm on Saturday 25 May



**25 May 2019**

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Once again it is time to empty the AfC Collecting boxes and receive your kind donations.

If your donation is in the form of a cheque, please make it payable to Action for Children.

If you have any problems or need any help in getting your box to me, please give me a ring on 877820.

I am in church most Sundays, but if you don't see me, you may leave your box with one of the Stewards.

Thank you in advance for supporting the Children's Charity of the Methodist Church.

**Brenda Oakley**

## PROPERTY UPDATE

- \* Light in church gents W.C. repaired.
- \* Two new paving slabs laid in rear play area.
- \* Notice board fitted for OPEN HANDS in Room 4.
- \* Light in small corridor repaired.
- \* All clocks re-set to BST. (Soon be time to put them back again!)  
Timer for outside (green) lamp adjusted and smoke alarms tested.
- \* New smoke alarm fitted in Minister's office.
- \* Children's barrier support re-fitted in small corridor.
- \* New filter fitted to the LINCAT boiler (kitchen).
- \* Disabled toilet repaired.
- \* Hooks fitted in worship area cupboard to support the two wooden crosses.

### **WORSHIP AREA CUPBOARD**

This is the cupboard near to the pulpit which contains a variety of items. However, it sometimes becomes very untidy when they are being searched for or put away. Please keep items off the floor, except the obvious ones like communion rails etc. It would be beneficial to reserve a small floor area front to back to ease access. (Reports of a recent local preacher being lost in there are greatly exaggerated though. He was just hiding.)

### **TOILETS**

We are considering having the church toilets refurbished. Estimates are being sought and a small subcommittee is looking at potential grant sources. This is a long-term project and we fear a costly one. It may prove to be beyond our resources. We shall see.

### **ROOF**

We have received an estimate for a full repair to the leaky area, which is being considered. Again, the grant issue is being examined. Further information later.

**Derek Garner** for PROPERTY COMMITTEE PMC



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

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> MAY



This year the focus is on maternal health in Sierra Leone. This is the world's most dangerous place to become a Mum. **Today 10 women will die giving birth.** Our gifts this Christian Aid week could help build more health clinics, provide health training and improve hygiene so that mums and babies can live long and happy lives.

On Christian Aid Sunday you will be given a booklet of daily devotions for the week exploring Hannah's sorrow, hope and joy in becoming a mum in 1 Samuel. It will also reflect on the story of Tenneh, a mum from Sierra Leone whose story is also one of sorrow and hope, having lost her first baby but later giving birth to a healthy baby boy.

At the back of the booklet there is a post card giving us the opportunity to call on our government to drop Sierra Leone's debt incurred by loans to fight the 2014 Ebola crisis. Our faith calls us to challenge and expose any injustice we find. Christian Aid wants to create a world where everyone could have life in all its fulness. But it depends on us to play our part.

Many of our very loyal collectors have offered their help in the house to house collection this year but several are unable to do so. We have never failed to cover our roads in the past but to achieve this we need more people prepared to walk the extra mile and join the army of collectors of Christians of all denominations. I would love to hear from you if you feel able to help.

**Mandy Hawkyard** 875032

# Thank You

**Ghislaine Howard (b.1953) Acrylic 102 x 127 cm 2004**  
**Methodist Modern Art Collection HOWA/2004**

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**John 13:2 – 9, 12- 15** Howard has mixed sand with the paint to create a sculptural surface texture which unifies and heightens the intensity and intimacy of the scene. The importance of the event is conveyed by the classical and monumental style which echoes earlier interpretations of the theme. The shape of the bowl and the warmth of the skin tones suggest Christianity's Middle Eastern origins. The dress is simple and workman-like; these figures could be from any age and country. The simple, everyday act of washing a guest's feet before offering hospitality becomes, through the words and actions of Jesus, pregnant with significance.

**Commentary based on *A Guide to the Methodist Art Collection*.**

"After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box."

- Old Italian proverb.

Anagram of desperation – A ROPE ENDS IT.

Anagram of animosity – IS NO AMITY.

## THE JUNE HERALD

Closing date for submissions will be **15<sup>th</sup> May (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 **June** Herald will be available for you to pick up from **24<sup>th</sup> May**. 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.

### **Copyright**

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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 is Rev Ros Watson. You can leave messages for her in the Minister's pigeonhole, or please call her or leave a message on 872060 or 07923044709 or via her email [ros.watson@methodist.org.uk](mailto:ros.watson@methodist.org.uk) If there is no reply and there is an immediate emergency, phone Rev John Payne 0161 483 4952. Her day off is Friday. The church office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am until 1.30pm. For Church Notices and office queries please contact Fiona Carmichael: [office@poyntonmethodist.org](mailto:office@poyntonmethodist.org) Our Children and Young People's Worker, Annie Truman is often 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) Extended hours available 7.30am - 5.30pm  
 #Kids Zone - (Pam Dowd 07717 003 322, 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 ()  
 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. (John Lunt 874099)  
 7.30pm \*Exploring Faith through film (Discuss on Monday Judith Ridgway 875912)

#### 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.