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Services	June	5	9.30am	Revd Peter Catford
		12	9.30am	Own Arrangement – see note below
		19	9.30am	Revd Richard Oldroyd including Holy Communion
		26	9.30am	Mr Paul Bussey

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Dear Friends

On 19th June I shall celebrate (!) my 68th birthday. Not quite as many years as Queen Elizabeth has been on the throne. Many in the country and beyond will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee over the Bank Holiday weekend. Seventy years in which she has dedicated herself to the service of her country and the Commonwealth. I remember the Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1977 and although I was away on holiday at the time, saw the TV pictures of some of the many street parties that took place that year. Perhaps you were at one? I think the Golden Jubilee passed me by, but I did watch the Diamond Jubilee Pageant on the Thames in 2012, in which 670 military, commercial and pleasure craft took part, the largest ever parade of boats.

In churches across the world, there will be another celebration in early June: Pentecost - in the western Christian Church on the 5th June, the same weekend as the Platinum Jubilee, and in the Eastern Orthodox Church a week later. Pentecost – a festival that takes us back to those very early Christians.

There were the disciples, all together in one place, experiencing both an auditory and visual experience. We don't know exactly what happened, we weren't there and have to rely on our Biblical accounts, but we can be sure that the disciples experienced the Spirit flooding into their lives in a way they had never experienced before. A new beginning for the disciples, who realized that Jesus would no longer be with them in person, but in their hearts and as an inspiration in their lives.

I wonder how we experience the Spirit of God in our lives. It might be in the big event – there are people in our Circuit who came to faith during a Billy Graham rally, for example, or at Easter People or the Cliff College celebration weekend. It might be in the comforting words of a friend when we are hurting. It might be as we take a walk through the countryside and experience the beauties of nature, for me no more so than seeing the bluebells in the woods and the bright greens of the new leaves at this time of year. It might be in gazing up at the night sky in a place where there is no light pollution and the stars are absolutely magnificent. By whatever means works best for us we can experience the Spirit of joy, of comfort, of awe and beauty. So wherever you are on the weekend of the 5th June and on Pentecost itself, may you experience the blessing of God.

With my best wishes

Sue

Platinum Jubilee – June 5th

We will mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with coffee and a Celebration cake after the service.

Own Arrangement Service June 12th

This service will be led by Sue Haigh, and she invites everyone to stay afterwards to enjoy a 'Brunch' meal together. Donations for this will be gratefully received for Church funds.

A list will be on the notice board, and if you would like to join Sue, please put your name on the list no later than June 5th.

Remembered by the Church

Christine Garsed who died peacefully in Calderdale Royal Hospital on April 26th, aged 83 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Helen, Diane and Andrew and their families at this very sad time. Christine will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Bernard Wilson who died peacefully in Huddersfield Royal Infirmary on May 14th, aged 93 years. Our sincere condolences are sent to Robert and Jeremy and their families as we remember them in our prayers. Bernard's funeral is at Huddersfield Crematorium on Monday, June 6th at 9.15am.

Flower List

June	5	Alice Mowbray	19	Diane Loftus
	12	Linda Marshall	26	Flower Fund

Cleaning Rota

June	5	Margaret Moriarty & Maureen Stead	19	Jennifer Hirst & Linda Nuttall
	12	Mairi MacKay & Sue Howard	26	Linda Marshall & Andrea Morley

Community Coffee

Everyone welcome to come along and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, biscuits (and often cakes!!) and have a chat, from 11.15am till 12.45pm. A suggested donation of £1.50 per person.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church will be on 11th June 4pm – 6pm. Suitable for children up to the age of 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Finance & Property

The main expense for any Church is the employment of the Ministers, lay staff, manses and all costs linked to the work they do, in the Methodist Church this is called the Assessment. In our Church we have always tried to pay this money, which is currently £21,500 per year, out of the collections and gift aid. Several years ago we had a major appeal that the congregation increased the amount they gave, which was extremely successful. Unfortunately, we are finding that this is not enough and once again we appeal to you to increase your giving if at all possible. We appreciate that the cost of living has increased over the last year, which is also reflected in the Church expenses,

We are awaiting the final permissions to start the work on the old Sunday School windows, and as this will cost in the region of £100,000 we hope you will support our appeal.

On Father's Day

Today is filled with memories
 All gathered through the years,
 With thoughts of Dad on Father's Day:
 The laughter and the tears.
 We think of times when we were small
 And we walked hand in hand,
 And though he didn't say a lot,
 He seemed to understand.

Then as we grew and time slipped by
 So many things we shared,
 As we went rushing through our lives
 We knew how much he cared.
 And even though the years have flown
 The bonds are strong and true,
 Not just today, but every day,
 Dear Dad, we think of you.

Iris Hesselden.

‘Recollections’ by Ian Baxter.

Changes we have seen in our lifetime.

I have not run out of material for ‘Link’ articles but am beginning to wonder how many people read them and find them interesting. A few people do tell me that they enjoyed a particular article and some pass their copies to relatives who no longer live here, so I think it is worth continuing. I hope that when I do bore the readers, someone will tell me that I am doing!

Some time ago I was given a book entitled ‘Memories of Britain Past’ an illustrated story of how we lived in the Twentieth Century. It reminded me of everyday things now almost forgotten and made me realise just how much change has happened in my lifetime.

I was born in an almost new house which was considered modern. It had electricity but not gas, heating was provided by coal fires in the living rooms and two upstairs which were only lit when someone was ill. There were a few centrally heated houses, but ours was not. The only electrical equipment other than lighting was an electric oven, kettle, wash boiler, radio set, decorative lights and an electric fire for extra heat on cold days. Contrast this to some houses not too far away which had outside toilets and where water had to be fetched from a tap on a tank across the road! Even in houses with piped water there were some without a bathroom, and bathing would be in a tin bath in front of the fire.

I have always considered myself fortunate not to have been born slightly earlier which might have given me some experience of the late 1930’s when Britain was relatively prosperous. As it was, my early recollections are of a wartime world of food rationing, few sweets, nightly blackouts and gas masks.

When peace returned it was a long time before things improved. There were fuel shortages in the hard winter of 1947 and some foods were even scarcer than in wartime, and rationing did not fully end until 1954. Few households had cars and petrol was only available to essential users until the early 1950’s. Anyone living between Hoylehouse and Blackmoorfoot had to walk to either of those places to catch a bus as the Blackmoorfoot service was not inaugurated until Sunday 29th of August 1948. Does anyone else remember that day when the start of afternoon Sunday School was delayed so we could watch the first bus from the top of the outside stairs that led into the School building through a door next to the Primary Room? There were shops at the bottom of Causeway Side, a Co-op complex opposite the then Chapel and a ‘little shop’ that sold a variety of goods in Upper Clough, and with those on Hoylehouse, these provided for most every day requirements .

Very few people had telephones in their homes. Both my Grandparents had one for business, but all calls were through the exchange where you asked the operator to connect to the number you required. When we got a telephone at home it was a party line shared with another subscriber. Sometimes you tried to make a call and found the other party using the line and could not make your call till they had finished.

If anyone born in the twenty-first century reads this, they may find it hard to understand how we lived without carrying a mobile telephone permanently on our person, but we of the twentieth century can remember.

If anyone has any item they would like to be included in the next Link please e mail to me at

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Thanks, Jennifer

