

With Linthwaite Methodist Church

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Services	Nov	7	9.30am	Mrs Kate Colenutt
		14	9.30am	Remembrance Sunday Revd Sue Burton and Sue Howard
		21	9.30am	Jo Jones and Revd Sue Burton, including Holy Communion
		28	9.30am	Own Arrangement led by Linda Marshall

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Dear Friends

November is, for all of us, a time of remembering. This year Armistice Day falls on a Thursday and Remembrance Sunday on the 14th November. Last year we were in a period of lockdown, which began at the start of November. We were still able to open our churches, so we did this at Linthwaite and had a period of quiet reflection on Remembrance Sunday, both in church and afterwards in the churchyard around the war graves. This year we are able to hold our usual service and we hope you will be able to join us as we reflect, remember and tell stories.

One story I've been reading recently is that of Leonard Cheshire, who left the RAF after the war and turned his attention to helping people with a long-term illness who had to other means of support. He found out about a man called Arthur, who had left hospital after a cancer diagnosis with no relatives to look after him and no money. He tried to find someone to look after Arthur, but having failed to do so, decided to care for him himself, decorating a room for him in his own house in Hampshire, borrowing a bed and blankets.

Arthur was soon joined by an elderly lady, who likewise had no family to care for her. Leonard did all the cooking and gardening, as well as nursing the patients in his care. He discovered that more and more people were needing this kind of help and so, with the support of others who had been in the Forces, he renovated an old RAF station to offer the care these people needed. Together with his wife, Sue Ryder, he also worked to settle refugees who had been displaced in the war. He had a vision for helping those who were ill or homeless, and the work he and his wife started carries on today. I was interested to learn that Cheshire came back to his earlier Christian faith through Arthur's influence and this faith came to publicly underpin his work.

Just one story of the many to come out of wartime. Some, like Cheshire, are well-known people; others have their own less well-known stories to tell. I was profoundly moved by listening to a Jewish survivor of the Holocaust, Lili Pohlmann, who was the only one of her extended family of more than 300 to survive. Lili died shortly after her interview was broadcast on the LBC radio station, but her story, like so many others, will live on. We may too have stories that have been passed down in our own families, stories from the World Wars and from more recent conflicts. Again, I am often moved by the stories told by those who served in Northern Ireland, in Iraq, in Afghanistan.

It is in the passing down of stories that memories are kept alive. So as we are invited to pause silently on Armistice Day or as we gather on Remembrance Sunday, let's remember the importance of the lived experience of those who tell their stories and pass them down to future generations.

With my best wishes

Sue

Flower List

Nov	7	Linda Marshall	21	Haydn Wood
	14	Remembrance Poppies	28	Mildred Walker

There is now a Flower List on the Notice Board for the remainder of this year, and for 2022. Anyone who would like to put flowers in Church or would like to give Margaret money for her to get some, please put your name on your chosen day. Also, Margaret asks that you let her know of anyone you would like flowers sent to.

Thank you

Cleaning Rota

Nov	7	Margaret Moriarty & Maureen Stead	21	Linda Marshall & Andrea Morley
	14	Mairi MacKay & Sue Howard	28	Jennifer Hirst & Linda Nuttall

Thursday Fellowship at 2.30pm

Oct	21	PC Christopher	Home Security	Please note this meeting start at 2pm
Nov	4	Ian Baxter	More Film Memories	
	18	Celebration Lunch at Linthwaite Methodist Church		

Friendship Hour Tuesdays 11.15am – 12.30pm

Friendship hour is back every Tuesday morning in the Primary Room. Everyone welcome to come along for a chat, sing-along, play dominoes etc and have coffee and biscuits. A suggested donation of £1.50 per person.

Angel Week starts Sunday, November 21st

What is an Admiral Nurse?

Admiral nurses are Dementia specialist nurses who provide expert guidance to the families of the patients and give them the support they need. Come along and find out more on

Saturday, November 13th, 10am – 12.30pm at Linthwaite Methodist Church.

Tombola, raffle and plenty of nice things for young and old. Lots of stocking fillers.

Tea, coffee and cakes.

All profits for Dementia UK, which is run entirely on charity giving. We would welcome your support.

Thanks

Linda Nuttall thanks everyone who sponsored her walk for Macmillan Cancer Support, she raised £360 plus gift aid.

Andrea's Lunch on September 26th raised an amazing £265 for church funds. Many thanks to all who went and of course to Andrea for hosting. It was a wonderful day – even the weather was perfect!

Finance and Property matters.

Do you know that the Church “tithes?” This means that we give away one tenth of our income to charity. This is on top of specific fundraising events. This spending is usually discussed at the September Church Council and this year, your Church Council sent:

£250 to Action for Children (formerly National Children's Homes),

£350 to Connexional Funds which is towards the running of the Methodist Church.

£300 to Christian Aid

£100 to the “Little Princess Trust.” John Liversidge's granddaughter has recently had her very long hair cut to give to this Trust to be made into a wig for child. It costs £500 to make the wig out of real hair, and the family have managed to raise over £600. Charlotte has sent a delightful ‘thank you’ note which is on the notice board.

Throughout the year we sponsor two children via Compassion UK, and also donated £100 to the Huddersfield Mission.

As the summer ends, the work outside does not! However, a big thank you to everybody who has and is still helping to keep the grounds looking tidy and welcoming. A special mention to John and Margaret for keeping the grass in the public areas under control. The work is too much for the volunteers we have, so we have employed a company to cut the grass around the graves and to cut down the bushes. We do have a few families who tend to their graves, but with an ‘ageing’ graveyard often there are no relatives. Work will be done around the War Graves for Remembrance Day.

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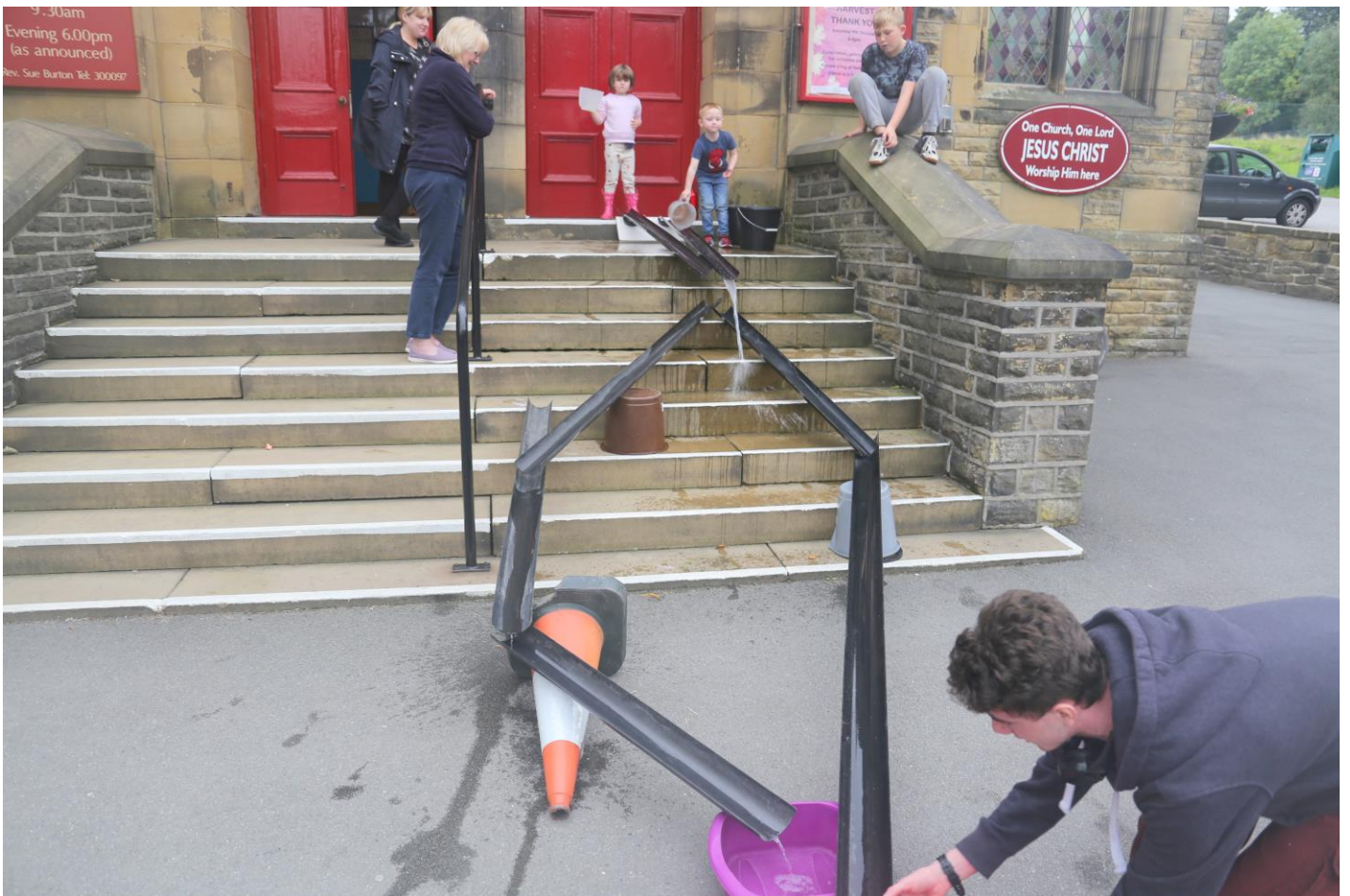
Messy Church

October's Messy Church was all about the Harvest. As people arrive at different times we always start with a game that anyone can join in and as it was a lovely day, Diane started with a relay game in the yard where the children had to run and collect things from the tops of the bollards. This was followed by the 'Celebration' which was led by Sue Howard, and the children enjoyed thinking of their favourite foods that we could sing "Thank you for.." We thought about soil, seeds, water and sun which God provides to make things grow.

The activities ranged from making a poster, making thank you cards, making a rain shaker (it works!) and putting together fruit kebabs. There was also a fun game of twister using fruits, and the water chute.

We ended with sitting together to eat hot dogs, chips, fruit kebabs and cakes.

The next Messy Church will be on **Saturday 13th November 4pm to 6pm** when we will learn about the "Lost Coin,"



Stamp collections

Many thanks to the people continuing to save the stamps on their mail over the recent months. I am always pleased to receive them - there is an envelope on the Church notice board

The last letter of thanks that I received from the Leprosy Mission did point out that they would appreciate it if people would leave a decent margin around the stamp and not trim them too close to the actual stamp. I don't know how the Mission process the stamps but would ask that we try to comply with their request and leave a larger margin round the stamp. Just tear them from the envelope and that usually leaves a decent margin.

Thanks once again Lesley Baxter

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‘Recollections’ by Ian Baxter

EVACUEES (continued from last month)

What of the children who came from Brighton. Their school was in one of the poorer areas of the town but I doubt that any of them would live in houses without bathrooms with an outside toilet like several in Linthwaite at that time. A surprising number of childless couples found themselves with a child in their house for the first time. Our neighbours Rex and Ivy North at Brynawelon, which is now 48 Stones Lane had Denise Marshall and her sister staying with them, while my Grandmother’s sister Emma and her husband Dyson Cox at Heights had two girls Beryl and Heather. These children were probably 10 years older than I was so I had little to do with them other than being taken to school by the Marshall sisters on my first day in September 1943. I was not at school when the Brighton children arrived, but later in the war we had one evacuee in our class, Robert Kirby who came from Coventry. I think he was an evacuee sent to relations in a safer part of the country when another wave of evacuations was triggered by the advent of the V1 flying bomb, known as the Doodlebug in 1944. Miss Gott had left us earlier, but in 1944 we had another evacuee, Mrs Huss, a grandmother from the East End of London. She did not stay long but while she was with us I came home from Sunday School to find a lady wearing trousers sitting on our steps smoking a cigarette, not something I was used to at that time. This was her daughter who was making a short visit to see her mother. And what of Miss Gott. She was one of the four daughters of a British army officer who had lived in army accommodation in several parts of the country, so she was probably well prepared for any privations that evacuation might have brought to her. She was with us long enough to engender a love of this part of the world. My parents kept in touch with her and after the war she came back and spent some time with us. In the 1950’s she would take a coach holiday to the north of England or Scotland with one of her sisters and leave the holiday at it’s last overnight stop at places such as Harrogate or York. We would meet her and bring her back to Linthwaite for another week with us. She almost always regaled us with the story of the day when she first came to Linthwaite, not knowing what she would find when she eventually got there.

We made one trip as a family to see her in Hove in 1953, where she lived with her sister Hilda, though my parents and Margaret visited several times after that. Later in life she moved to a residential home at Campsea Ashe in East Suffolk near her niece where we saw her for the last time in August 1985, shortly before she died.

A few years ago I wrote to the Brighton Argus newspaper to see if there are any former evacuees who came to Linthwaite still living in Brighton, but the only result was a letter from someone who remembered the Gott family living in the same street.

The most recent addition to this story is that in October 2017 my sister Margaret arrived at our house bringing Sharon and Mark Papworth from Hove who she had met at Church trying to find the place where her father, John Maxwell, had been evacuated to during the war. He had stayed with Joe and Jane Hartley and Sharon said she thought he had been very happy there.

There can be very few people left who still remember the evacuees but if anyone can add anything to the story I have just told I will be very pleased to hear from them.

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