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|----------|------|----|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Services | Sept | 5  | 9.30am | Revd Sue Burton – <b>Annual Covenant Service</b>        |
|          |      | 12 | 9.30am | Own Arrangement – Songs of Praise Top Ten Hymns of 2019 |
|          |      | 19 | 9.30am | Revd Peter Catford                                      |
|          |      | 26 | 9.30am | Mrs Laura Tunnacliffe                                   |

**Please note there will be no Zoom streaming of services for the rest of August and not on the 5<sup>th</sup> September. We will recommence streaming on the 12<sup>th</sup> September if there is interest.**

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Dear Friends

Happy New Year! No, I haven't got my diary dates muddled up. The 1<sup>st</sup> September marks the beginning of the new Methodist year, as well as being my wedding anniversary (37 years and counting). It also marks the beginning of my eighth year in ministry with you (maybe it seems longer than that to some of you!). I continue to enjoy my time with you all and look forward to what we will do together over the next twelve months.

Of course, the last year has been difficult for so many people and we don't know what lies ahead in the coming months, whether we will start to return to something more like we've known before or whether there will be changes in the way we do things as churches, as a Circuit, as a Methodist Church as a whole. Change can be exciting, but it can also be unsettling and challenging.

But as we look forward, we can do so with faith. We're reminded in our annual Covenant service of the faith of those who have gone before us, both those known to us and those over past centuries, right back to Biblical times and the stories of people of faith in the Old Testament: Moses, Abraham, the prophets. Life wasn't always easy for them, either – they faced many challenges, often they questioned what they were being called to do, sometimes they felt like giving up. In the end their faith and their relationship with God got them through the difficulties they faced.

When life is uncertain, it can be a time when we reassess our priorities. Witness all the people who have decided over the past twelve months that they want a quieter way of life, away from the big cities, seeking a move to the country. Or those people who, having had a taste of working from home, want to carry on doing this for at least part of the week. Or those who have rediscovered or discovered for the first time the beauties of the landscape around them and the simple pleasures of a country walk. I certainly discovered so many paths around the manse that I didn't know existed and a walk each day, however short, has helped me to cope with the challenges of the past eighteen months.

So as we move forward, we do so together, as a church family. A family who worship together, talk together and enjoy fellowship with one another. Whatever these coming months might bring, may we move forward in faith, in the love of God and seeking the best for each other and our community.

With my best wishes

Sue

**Doreen Liversidge**

As many of you will know, Doreen hasn't been well for quite a while, and the family have decided she needs to be cared for in a Residential Home. She moved to Meadow Court at Hill Top on 12<sup>th</sup> August. Once she has settled in, I am sure she would welcome visitors – it might be advisable to ring first to make sure it is alright to go and see her – phone number 840366

## How about a good sing?

On September 12<sup>th</sup> it's an Own Arrangement organised by me so I am going to use the Songs of Praise Top Ten Hymns of 2019. I watched this during Covid. Don't worry it's not going to be too long – not all verses – but I hope you will enjoy coming to listen even if you are not a singer. And it has one or two surprises in the list.

Linda Nuttall

## Messy Church – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September

The theme will be Noah's Ark. We begin with a game about 4pm followed by what is called 'the celebration' part of Messy Church. This includes a couple of songs, a story and a prayer. By 4.30pm the children begin craft and game activities for about 50 minutes. We then feed the children and provide tea and cakes for the adults.

After such a long break we are not sure how many children will join us but we are willing to work again to reach out to young families. If anyone would like to pop in any time between 4-6pm you would be most welcome.

Sue Howard and the Messy Church Team

## Summer Lunch

Andrea is having a '**Summer Lunch**' at her home on **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**. It will be a hot/cold buffet and the price will be £10 per person, served from 1pm onwards. Soft drinks will be served, but if you want anything else please bring your own. Let Andrea know if you will be going, her mobile number is 07886243070.

## Thanks

**Alan and Katharine Vautrey** would like to say a big thank you to all who supported their Open Day on August 14<sup>th</sup>. An amazing amount of £1230 was raised for Forget Me Not Children's Hospice.

## Long Distance walking for a good cause

My walking friend Alan has produced a memorial walk for our friend Dr Geoff Aukland. It is from Guy's Hospital where Geoff trained to Oak Tree Surgery in Liskeard, Cornwall. From 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July I joined friends in walking 67 miles along the Thames path from Hampton Court to Goring and Streatley. I am returning in September to walk from north of Bridport to Exmouth – another 60+ miles. I am asking family and friends if they will sponsor me to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you want to support this charity you can sign my sheet in church or phone me on 01484 842626 or 07792233939 and I will bring the sponsor sheet to your house. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Linda Nuttall

## Property & Finance

We thank the painters who are steadily making their way round the railings, but there is still some way to go if anyone would like to join in the Saturday morning painting. Some areas of the graveyard have been tidied, but there is more work to do.

The primary room has been given a good "bottoming," and is looking much cleaner, as have some other areas of the building. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way.

At the end of August, the area outside the fire exit in the Church Centre down to the yard, will be made safer when the flagstones will be replaced with tarmac. Some of the flagstones are broken and they are very uneven.

We have received a Government Covid-19 grant of £9,600 for loss of rental income, and whilst it is a lot less than we normally get, it has helped. Thank you to everyone for the donations and collections, it is really appreciated.

Mairi

## **‘Recollections’ by Ian Baxter**

### **The way our ancestors lived**

The Colne Valley cannot claim to have any truly great houses but does have a type of dwelling which though not unique to the area is found in all the townships of the Valley. I mean the traditional Weaver’s Cottage, which was the home and place of work of the many handloom weavers’ and their families who lived in this valley in times gone by.

The archetypical Weavers’ Cottage is a three-story building distinguished by a large area of windows on the upper floor. The main door on the ground floor leads directly into a living room which provides space for cooking, eating and all indoor leisure activities. Traditionally the women of the family spun woollen yarn on spinning wheels and this would also be done here. There may be a smaller room off this used as a kitchen, laundry room or for food storage. A prominent feature of the room is the ‘Yorkshire range’ fireplace where the fire has a boiler to provide hot water on one side and an oven for cooking and baking on the other. From this room an internal staircase leads to the sleeping area on the first floor. This may be one large room where the whole family sleep or may be sub-divided to provide privacy for some members of the family. The upper floor is the loom chamber where usually, but not always, the men of the family worked at a hand loom or looms. The large windows which extend across almost all the front and rear sides provide as much light as possible for the weavers to see what they are doing. Some ancillary operations such as warping and weft winding would take place on this floor. In some larger houses there may have been a spinning jenny, a multi-spindle hand-operated spinning machine which could make much more yarn than a spinning wheel.

There is a good example of a former weaver’s cottage at Prospect House in Upper Clough, where George Mallinson founded his business. The building has been much altered over the years but the long windows on the top floor are still very prominent.

Anyone wanting to see a weavers’ cottage as it would have been in 1845 should visit the Colne Valley Museum at Cliffe Ash in Golcar. This occupies four former weavers’ cottages where the Pearson family lived. In the most westerly cottage No 28, the living room is as described earlier with period articles and furniture. The bedroom above is usually furnished as it would have been in 1845 though on occasions it is used as an extension to the exhibition room. The top floor is a loom chamber containing two working hand looms and associated equipment which can usually be seen in use when the museum is open. The adjacent room in No 26 is the Spinning room containing several spinning wheels and a replica of a spinning jenny, which are regularly demonstrated. You may even find museum volunteers that you know in the living room, kitchen and loom chamber

This house is typical of that of a Colne Valley Yeoman Clothier from which many successful cloth making businesses grew. Some of us are descended from families who lived in houses like these.

**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**