

With Linthwaite Methodist Church

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Sept	2	9.30am	Revd Sue Burton – Annual Covenant Service
	9	9.30am	Miss Joanne Jones
	16	9.30am	Own Arrangement
	23	9.30am	Mr Keith Kitson
	30	9.30am	Revd Sue Burton

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Dear Friends

The 1st August, as well as being Yorkshire Day, is my grand-daughter Victoria's birthday, which this year we celebrated with a trip to Lancashire! In fact a lovely visit to St. Anne's, which was very busy with people of all ages. Our time there included a trip on a miniature train, Victoria being a huge fan of trains, both real and of the Thomas the Tank engine variety. Where had the last two years gone, I thought? In fact, where have the last four years gone? Four years since I began ministry in the Colne Valley. In many ways, it seems to have flown. Maybe a sign of getting older?

I'm just reading a book by an American theologian, like me born in the 1950's, who describes her childhood in what she calls a 'village church' in the outskirts of Baltimore. She talks about her journey to church, a mile's walk away from her home. In that mile, she says, was her complete world of school, play, relations and worship. She goes on to describe how different the neighbourhood is now, how it has reflected the wider changes in society. She calls it a small story of sadness and loss, but there is hope in that story too, as I read on.

I suspect many of us have experienced that small story of sadness and loss, if we grew up in a church. Most of our churches will feel very different to how they felt forty or fifty, or in many cases even 20 years ago. And our villages are changing. I was brought up in a suburb with no strong identity, but I hear (often at funeral visits) about how for many people life in the Colne Valley revolved around the village: school, work, sports, music, social life etc., and for some people still does. However, for many other people, their home is simply somewhere they live, and work and social life is mainly out of the area.

Over the last four years, I have come to appreciate the value of village life. Our villages and our churches could be parochial in outlook. But we are not – we seek to reach out to people in our community, both those who have lived in the area for a long time and those who have come much more recently. Through the things that we offer during the week, as well as on a Sunday, important as that is.

Our Covenant service is at the beginning of September. A time when we make promises about our individual Christian lives and our life as a Christian community in this place. It's also a time when we give thanks and acknowledge all the work that goes on day by day, week by week.

Our village way of life may be changing and our church life may be changing, but we have much to be thankful for. Not least, God's love for each and every one of us.

With best wishes

Sue

Flower List

Sept	2	Flower Fund	23	Mavis Payne
	9	Adrian & Jackie Calverley	30	In Memory of John & Peggy MacKay
	16	Kathleen Earnshaw		

Welcomers in Vestibule

Sept	2	Ian & Lesley Baxter	23	Wendy Hallas & Andrea Morley
	9	Doreen & Jim Liversidge	30	John Liversidge & Jan Widdop
	16	Hilary, Diane & Amy		

Cleaning Rota

Sept	2	Jennifer Hirst & Janine Fielding	23	Margaret Moriarty & Maureen Stead
	9	Mairi MacKay & Sue Howard	30	
	16			

Thursday Fellowship at 2.30pm

Sept	6	John Gledhill	Sporting Reflections
	20	Susan Whitwam	A visit from Mrs Pearson
	27	Circuit Sunshine Bag Service	Cowcliffe Methodist Church at 2.00pm
Oct	4	Stephen Bailey	Murgatroyds Christmas Club

Diary

Thurs	Aug	30	Community Coffee Morning 10am – 12noon, for coffee and cakes. For a lift, ring either Linda or Hilary
Sun	Sept	2	Annual Covenant Service at 9.30am led by Revd Sue
Sun	Sept	2	Circuit Welcome Service for Sue Pegg at Kirkheaton at 3pm
Sat	Sept	8	Messy Church 4pm – 6pm. This month the story of David and Goliath
Weds	Sept	12	Linthwaite Methodist Players AGM at 7.30pm
Thurs	Sept	13	Luncheon Club – first lunch after the summer break
Tues	Sept	18	Church Council Meeting at 7.30pm
Weds	Sept	19	Ecumenical Service at Slaithwaite Carr Lane at 11 am
Weds	Sept	26	Players AGM at 7.30pm in the Primary Room
Thurs	Sept	27	Circuit Sunshine Bag Service at Cowcliffe Methodist Church at 2.00pm
Sun	Oct	14	Harvest Festival Service led by Michael Early at 9.30am

Another date for your diary – **Open Day with tea and cake**. At John Myers private collection of wagons, tractors, commercial and agricultural machinery and items of interest from yesteryears. Sunday, October 14th 2pm – 5pm. Tickets on sale soon £5, proceeds for kitchen and other building maintenance.

Linthwaite Methodist Young Players

The Young Players are presenting a musical again, but this time it is to be staged next year, on January 9th, 10th, 11th in the evening and a matinee on January 12th (Saturday). **Anyone who would like to be in the show, please let Andrea know before the end of August.**

Mindfulness Course

Revd Tim Moore is running an 8-week mindfulness course at Holmfirth Methodist Church beginning on Tuesday, September 4th from 7.30pm. See poster for full details.

New Musical Festival

Chris Pullen (accompanist at Haydn Wood and for Colne Valley Boys) is organising a new musical event with three performances at the Civic Hall in Slaithwaite. See poster.

Friendship Hour

Our weekly friendship meetings, Tuesdays from 11.30am – 12.45pm in the Primary room are proving very popular. Everyone welcome to come along and have coffee and biscuits (£1.50), join in the singing and share time with others.

Thanks

Alan and Katharine Vautrey would like to say a big thank you to all who supported their Open Day on July 14th. A wonderful amount of £1040 was raised for the MR Simulator Appeal.

Action for Children Approximately £50 was donated from the sale of coffee and cakes after the service on August 12th – thank you.

Joan Wrigley sends her thanks to church for the lovely flowers sent to Alan. They were much appreciated.

Methodist Women in Britain

Sunshine Bags The Sunshine bags (full after all this glorious weather!) will be collected in mid September in time for the dedication service, which this year will be held at Cowcliffe Methodist Church on Thursday, 27th September at 2pm.

Thank you, Jackie Calverley

Money Matters

Our Sunday collections for June amounted to £1259 and for July £1337.70. These were for church funds and as usual include offerings paid directly into the bank.

Jenny Sutherland Church Treasurer

Property Update August 2018

The Kitchen Refurbishment Project is now in full swing. Work started on Monday 13th August and the old kitchen is now completely stripped out and the room has been re-plastered. As soon as the plaster has cured, new tiles and flooring will be fitted. The existing commercial cooker will be retained, but all other fittings will be new stainless steel units. A new dishwasher will also be installed. The new kitchen will be commissioned at the beginning of September in time for the next Lunch Club on Thursday 13th September. Thanks to all those who have helped in fund raising for this project, please keep going, we have more works to fund!

New doors have been fitted to the Sunday School building as the old doors had rotted beyond repair. Thanks to Ian for painting the doors.

The project to refurbish the windows in the old Sunday school building is on the “back burner” until sufficient funds are raised to finance this work. Mairi is working with Jenny to explore the possibilities of obtaining grants.

Graveyard maintenance is still proving challenging but thanks to all who have provided their time and effort to try and keep it in check.

The hanging baskets have now bloomed and a great improvement on last year’s efforts! Thanks again to those who have sponsored baskets.

Peter Stead Property Secretary

Did You Know? By Mike Shaw

Those of us associated with the Methodist Church in Linthwaite know only too well how much money is required to keep things ticking over. Now and again a church of any denomination is presented with a problem of large proportions that requires a substantial amount of cash to put it right. At this time it is our village Anglican Church that needs £85,000 to replace 191-year-old windows and frames that are cracked and crumbling. It has become so bad that water is seeping into the building through the original 1827 windows and towels often have to be used to mop it up. So Christ Church has launched a public appeal to help them in their hour of need. The Priest in charge, Paul Witts, said the campaign – ‘More Than Bricks’ – presented them with both a challenge and an opportunity for everyone who valued the past to demonstrate the sense of responsibility for what they had inherited. “It is an enterprise for the whole Linthwaite community to get behind and make the church into a viable, inclusive and welcoming church for this and future generations” he added.

Please Turn Over

THE WEDDING OF THE YEAR (in Pateley Bridge!)

In recent years Lesley and I have attended 1940's themed events in the North of England, some of which take place on Heritage Railways where Victorian buildings and steam trains provide a perfect backdrop. Others are in towns like Brighouse and Meltham and further away Haworth where town and trains come together for a spectacular event. Two years ago we visited Pateley Bridge in Nidderdale for their 1940's weekend and found that a wedding blessing was to be held in the Methodist Church. We joined the congregation and included film of the ceremony in a DVD of our day out, a copy of which I sent to the Minister at Pateley Bridge. Earlier this year I was surprised to receive a telephone call from the Revd. Mike Poole to tell me that they would be doing another 1940's wedding on 28th of July this year and it would be a real marriage of a lady local preacher to a former Minister in the Circuit.

After we parked in Pateley Bridge showground we walked up High Street past entertainers and re-enactors to the Church in Ripon Road. We were given aisle seats behind those reserved for invited guests which gave a good view of the whole building. Most of the congregation had entered into the spirit of the 1940's with men wearing 'Sunday suits' with ties while most of the ladies had posh frocks and 'wedding' hats. Once we had seats I went back outside to film guests arriving to find the road lined with spectators and uniformed re-enactors. The arrival of the Groom was signalled by an Army motorcycle escort followed by five US Army jeeps from one of which the Revd Chris Stark MBE, the Groom alighted wearing the uniform of a Royal Naval Chaplain, which he had been many years ago. He walked into the Church to be greeted by prolonged applause. The Bridesmaids arrived in a vintage Rolls Royce and entered the Church to many joyful greetings. Shortly afterwards the Bride, Olive Moyses, entered to 'Here comes the Bride'.

The marriage was conducted by the Revd Mike with assistance from a Deaconess and the local Catholic Priest. The Church choir and a community choir sang modern sacred songs and classics from the 1940's during the register signing. The Bride aged 76 and the Groom aged 82 left the Church to the familiar Wedding March to begin their new life together.

When the wedding party had departed, the Church ladies reverted to the role of providing refreshment. Lesley joined a queue with another elegantly dressed Lady, a Land Girl and a soldier carrying a rifle and returned with drinks and off the ration home-made cakes, which we enjoyed. Before we left I thanked the Revd. Mike for telling us about this memorable event and he asked me to pass on the love of the Methodist Church in Pateley Bridge to our Church back home.

Ian Baxter



Action for Children - Sunny Smiles

Following the service on 12th August in which we talked about partnerships both with Action for Children and in other areas of life I have had several interesting discussions, and heard of others, about 'Sunny Smiles'.

Even though I did not attend a Methodist Sunday School I did buy Sunny Smiles from my school friends, albeit for 1d a time! The Sunny Smiles booklet I made for the service comprised of separate pictures which I found on the Web but I also recognized

the 'blurb' printed on the back and the small space to record the sale. On one web site I found a picture along with the postal order receipts for £13 sent from a church in Wigan in 1973 to the then NCH. Following discussions about Sunny Smiles people fondly remembered emptying a tube of Smarties, by eating them of course, and then filling the tube with coins to be donated to NCH. And so it was wonderful to continue our churches partnership with AfC by donations given at the end of the service for coffee and take home cakes and biscuits. Thanks to all who donated.

Sue Howard

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