

With Linthwaite Methodist Church

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Services	April	7	9.30am	Revd Peter Catford
		14	9.30am	Mr Paul Bussey
		21	9.30am	Revd Sue Burton/Revd Roz Page General Church Meeting
		28	9.30am	Revd Philip Barnett

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Dear Friends

This coming Sunday I hope after my morning service to visit Dunham Massey, a National Trust property near Altincham, Cheshire. Richard and I have been before, but not at this time of year when the daffodils are in bloom. Apparently there are 20,000 of them, so it should make a wonderful display. I always love spring flowers, especially tulips and daffodils. A herald of the warmer weather to come (hopefully!). I'm sitting in our lounge typing this with five degrees outside and sixteen inside, so look forward to not having to wrap up in several layers!

Last Friday I called in to our Warm Space and was met with an equally warm welcome. It was good to see some new faces there, in addition to the people who came last year. We enjoyed conversation and a lovely soup lunch (my favourite pea and ham). I think it's been important not only as a space that's warm but also where people can feel comfortable to be with others, to talk, to knit, to do a jigsaw, to eat together. To build relationship. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has been involved in this community outreach.

In a couple of months I shall be writing my last letter to you (Revd. Roz and I are alternating, so she will be doing the July/August one). I shall be reflecting on my time with you, but today I am thinking back to all the community outreach that has taken place at Linthwaite over the last nine and a half years. All the people who have come through our doors, not only on a Sunday, but also during the week to our different activities. The relationships with all ages that have been built up over that time, some lasting, some more fleeting, but all important.

This year the Circuit project is based around 'acts of kindness', led by the Circuit Social Justice group, and introduced at the Circuit service at Holmfirth earlier this month. Sometimes acts of kindness are random, an opportunity taken to help someone at a particular moment; sometimes these are more planned. We had a presentation on this project at our Circuit meeting last week. There will be more details as the group develop their plans, but one of the things we were encouraged to do at the Circuit meeting is to share what we are doing in our various churches for and with our communities by writing a piece for the next Circuit In Touch magazine (deadline Friday May 24th). It would be really good if someone from Linthwaite would take up the request to submit an article (send to suzhmc@gmail.com). It will be good both for us to know what other churches are doing and for them to learn something of what we are doing.

Thanks in advance!

With my best wishes

Sue

Welcomers in Vestibule

April	7	Ian & Lesley Baxter	21	Pauline Davin & Margaret Thompson
	14	Diane Loftus & Wendy Hallas	28	Adrian & Jackie Calverley

Flower List

April	7	Andrea Morley & Beryl Woodward	21	Wendy Hallas
	14	Margaret Sykes	28	Margaret Bramley

Cleaning Rota

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

Holy Week and Easter Sunday

Maundy Thursday March 28th Service at Slaithwaite at 6pm with Revd Sue Burton and Revd Roz Page

Good Friday March 29th Open-air Service in Golcar village centre by the war memorial at 10am

Easter Day Service here at Linthwaite with Holy Communion, led by Revd Roz Page. Coffee and Hot Cross buns served afterwards, donations for Christian Aid.

Community Coffee – every Tuesday

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.

Warm Welcome Space

The last meeting of Warm Places will be Friday, March 22nd.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church will be on Saturday 13th April from 4 - 6 pm.

Beryl's 90th Birthday – Sunday, April 7th

To celebrate Beryl's 90th birthday, Andrea says everyone is welcome to pop in and see Beryl after the morning service on April 7th, for a chat and to enjoy coffee and cakes.

Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 17th at 7.30pm

Linthwaite Methodist Sports Club

The Sports Club are having a fund-raising **Wine Tasting Evening** on Friday, April 26th at Linthwaite Hall Bowling Club at 7.30pm. Price per person is £20 which includes sampling 6 wines and nibbles. For tickets see Diane or Sarah.

Thanks

Old Folk's Treat

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way at the Treat on March 2nd. The guests really appreciated it.

Also **Jackie Calverley** writes

“Many thanks to all involved, who worked so hard to make it memorable. I think Revd Roz Page attending for the first time would have been truly impressed.

Adrian and I were presented with an envelope of monetary value, as we were the longest married couple present (who hadn't had it before), and were given one of the table decorations.

The food was excellent and the entertainment was superb. It turns out that Adrian's father and Richard Sykes' grandfather worked together at Mallinsons' Mill”.

Catherine Davison and Molly Myers both send their thanks for the daffodils they received on Mothering Sunday.

Beryl Woodward also would like to say thank you for the beautiful flowers sent from church, they and the kind thoughts are much appreciated.

‘Recollections’ by Ian Baxter

Shopping at Hoylehouse.

Shopping at Hoylehouse? I can imagine some comments that I must be joking, unless it's convenience food or a take-away that I was looking for. This may well be true in the twenty-first century but well past the middle of the twentieth, the line of shops on Manchester Road at Hoylehouse in Linthwaite provided shopping opportunities well able to supply the everyday needs of the local population.

As a small boy I often accompanied my mother when she went shopping in the village and when I became old enough was occasionally asked to fetch something from one of the shops. This would be in the late 1940's and these reminiscences relate to that period in time.

Walking down the hill from home the first commercial premises reached were the No 7 branch of the Slaithwaite Co-operative Society, a small line of shops consisting of butchery, grocery, drapery and footwear departments. I was often sent there to pick up a loaf of bread but our meagre meat ration of those days was delivered from the Co-op butcher every Saturday morning. At the end of the shops was the Co-op house, approached by a flight of nine steps. It was here that my great-grandfather, Ned Baxter had brought up his brood of twelve children when he was the manager of the Linthwaite Co-operative Society well before it became part of the bigger Slaithwaite Society. Continuing down Chapel Hill the road was joined by Causeway Side at the bottom of which another small line of shops. The first was that of Mr Beaumont Whitely a Ladies and Gents Tailor, and next to this a general grocer with an attached fish and chip shop which we rarely patronised as my mother made her own fish and chips.

In Hoylehouse Fold was a shop at which we called often, that of Tom Pearson, Bootmaker, in those days run by his son Norman. When calling to pick up shoes that had been repaired, we passed down a corridor to the back of the shop where Norman and his repairer, Joel Rothery were to be found. They would be stitching, hammering or working on the machine, an impressive group of wheels for grinding, polishing and shining boots and shoes which was driven from an electric motor by an exposed leather belt. If new shoes were needed mother would be present and we would be ushered into the 'showroom', a dingy and dusty room at the front of the shop which was filled with boxes of shoes from which something which our mother thought suitable would eventually be found. Since then that shop has been a greengrocer, video shop, massage parlour and now attends to feet!

Going further toward Manchester Road we passed the Commercial, a public house which jutted well into the road and was distinguished by a pink granite pillar on one side of its entrance which was said to look like a column of potted meat, a commodity that was very familiar to us in those days. Walking on we passed the windows of what we knew as the mending room of George Mallinson's Spring Grove Mills where a group of ladies could be seen pulling large pieces of cloth over tables and doing something to the cloth. Many years later I found out that it was not the mending room but an intermediate inspection between the finishing processes and that the room was known in the mill as 'the Cemetery'.

Having left the ladies to their work and walked under an extractor vent from which hot air with a peculiar but not unpleasant smell was blown down on the pavement we reached the junction with the A62 Manchester Road.

(To be continued)

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Thank you.

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

