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**July/August  
2015**



**Buxton  
Methodist  
Church**

The Church in the Market Place



**WORSHIP:**

Sunday: 10.30am &  
6.00pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month  
Tuesday: 10.30am

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## MINISTER'S LETTER

A gardener friend once gave me the advice 'look after the roots and the green stuff will look after itself'. I'm not sure how true that is for garden plants, but I know that for many people of great religious faith their faith comes from deep healthy roots.

Their worship is rooted in the firm knowledge and wonder that God is the creator of everything, seen and unseen. Their loving sacrificial service is rooted in God's compassionate love for all that he has made.

This photo was taken in the Pavilion Gardens and shows a beautiful pattern of roots that are normally hidden from view. So it is with the pattern of roots to maintain a healthy spiritual life, they are the things that Jesus spoke about, praying in a quiet room with the door closed to your unseen Father in heaven (Matthew 6:6). The beautiful pattern of daily spiritual life is often unseen and hidden yet known and nurtured by God.

As with any metaphor, it breaks down if you take it too far.

Trees have no choice but to send down their roots wherever the seed lands on the ground, we however can choose how we nurture our spiritual roots, we can choose how often and where we spend our quiet moments with God. The more we develop our spiritual practice the deeper the roots will grow.

As I took our dog for a walk in the Pavilion Gardens during the recent strong winds it was reassuring to think that the trees had strong roots anchored deep in the ground. I am sure that healthy spiritual roots that are deep in God will hold us safe when the winds of life buffet us.

May you know  
God's blessing  
your life,

*Andrew*

## A MESSAGE ABOUT OUR WORLD MISSION PARTNERS

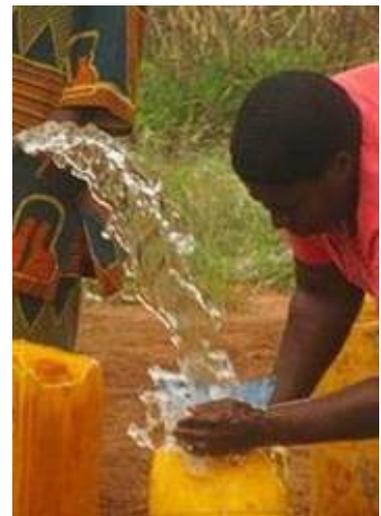
The Methodist Prayer Hand book invites us to pray each day for someone who serves as a Mission Partner in another country. We know nothing about them except for their names, and unless we look up the World Mission website we never shall. Let's put that right! Every month I will tell you about someone who is being Christ on our behalf in a different part of the world.



On DAY 3 of the Prayer Handbook we see that our Mission Partners are Michael and Sheila Holland. Michael and Sheila moved from Penrith to Lomé in Togo in August 2009 to work as Mission Partners with the Methodist Church of Togo. Michael and Sheila have 2 daughters, Srijana, who is 16, and Saffron, who is 10. Michael is a minister and Sheila is a teacher.

Below is an excerpt from their latest newsletter.

"The arrival of water was the cause of a great celebration in the village of Vogan... a well and pump have been constructed to provide a much needed source of water to the church and the surrounding community in Vogan. There was great rejoicing when the church opened the pump officially giving praise to God during the visit of the then president of Network, Cumbria Sylvia Hall and her husband Rev Gilbert Hall (Sheila's Parents). The church is now beginning to train some of the women in market gardening using the water to irrigate the land."



*Janet Evans*

## BUXTON WELL DRESSING 2015

2015 is an important year for Well Dressings in Buxton. It's the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a year which holds special significance for Buxton Methodist Church. Andrew our minister had his first opportunity to bless the well in the Market place, reminding us of the need to thank God for the often taken for granted gift of water.



...Now some (Andrew) might say this was excitement enough, but this year's Well Dressing Queen is none other than our own Lilly-Anne; daughter of Julian and Sarah-Jane Owen. If you've managed to avoid the local press completely over the last few weeks then you may not have heard that she follows in the footsteps of her Grandmother Mary-Lou Johnston, who was the well dressing queen 50 years ago. Lilly-Anne was actually crowned by Mary-Lou in the annual ceremony at St John's Church on Sunday 5th July. Her little brother Joshua, seen here in his very splendid hat and outfit is a page boy in her retinue. Sunday turned out to be a lovely day, the sun shone all through the Well blessing parade and the rain that had been promised waited for everyone to pile into St Johns, fell heavily and then disappeared, allowing the sun to come out again for the evening celebrations. This was very fortunate as the Owens family then went on to host a grand reception/garden party for local dignitaries. I'm sure we all agree that Lilly-Anne looks simply beautiful in her regalia. We want to wish her God's blessing in her role as Queen this year. We know she will take her position very seriously, work hard and be a wonderful role model.

(Jenny Parker)



## **PASTORAL CARE CO-ORDINATOR**

Many may have seen me in the congregation and also when I stood at the front of the church to receive my commission to serve in the role as Pastoral Care Co-ordinator. I gave a short introduction to the congregation but thought I'd tell you more about myself and why I feel pastoral care is so important.

My name is David Harrison, I am 63 years old, and I grew up in a village called Cross Hills which lies half way between Keighley and Skipton in Yorkshire. After leaving school I worked, initially, at a Chartered Accountants, then left to do the financial accounting and book keeping for my father's building firm. During this time I felt the call to preach, set about doing the Local Preaching exams and became a recognised Accredited Local Preacher in 1985.

Little did I know then that I would receive the call to ordained ministry, I candidated and after a gruelling period of intensive questioning and inner searching I was accepted and sent to train at Wesley College, Bristol. This led to being placed in the Hope Valley, and I was ordained at Westminster Central Hall, London in 1997.

I, later, withdrew from ministry but kept my membership in the Methodist Church and, since then, have been actively involved serving as a Church Steward, on the Manses Committee, Church Councils, but mainly as a musician playing organ, guitar, bass guitar or drums (but not at the same time), and also through preaching.

I now live in Chapel en le Frith with my wife, Jo, and am fortunate that my son and his two young girls, aged 10 and 8, also live in Chapel.

As for my interests, I love music and going to the theatre. I have played in brass bands in Yorkshire, Bristol, and Derbyshire. I enjoy amateur dramatics and am involved with Chapel Players. I also enjoy travelling, looking for places of interest. And then there's football. I follow "my" team which is Burnley FC, which I have done since I was a young lad at Junior School.

My call to ministry centred around the message to Peter by the risen Christ beside the Lake. "Do you love me?" to which Peter replied, "Yes, Lord, You know I love you." Jesus answered "Feed my sheep." Those words from John 21, which say so much about looking after his flock, still mean so much to me today. I am a firm believer that pastoral care is of the utmost importance in church life. People like to feel included and loved especially in bad times and, more so, when they become housebound. When people become isolated, through whatever reason, life becomes very lonely for them. When I reflect on that, it isn't something I would wish on anyone.

That is why we, as a church, need to care for everyone. Not just the active, the busy ones, and the regular attenders. We must not forget those who struggle, who fear being isolated and ignored through ill health, age problems, or other situations which sometimes launch themselves upon us and turn our lives upside down.

I am looking for a team of helpers to keep in contact with our church members and friends. It may take the form of a visit, or even a phone call, just to check that people are ok. If there are any issues which come to our attention, then Andrew and I will do our best to help.

You will see me at the Church in Buxton on a Sunday when I am not actively involved elsewhere, and I will try to pop into the coffee mornings on a Tuesday. I look forward to meeting you when I can and, as the picture shows, I love a good cuppa – cheers!

*David*

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## A prayer for peace in our hearts

Lord, let us not dwell in the past nor worry about the future.  
We cannot undo what is done, nor can we foresee what will come.  
Let us therefore dwell in Your peace; love and be loved; heal and be healed.

We give the past to You and rest in Your forgiveness.

We give the future to You and rest in Your love.

We live in Your light; open our eyes that we may see.

We live in Your love;

Let Your love flow through us to the fulfilment of Your Kingdom.

Amen



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## Kate's Auntie Susie's Cousin Lucy Biscuits

My Auntie Susie (who is now 93 and lives in a nursing home in Devon that specialises in Alzheimer's care) used to make these biscuits. Like me, she was no great cook, but these biscuits are so easy to make from 'store cupboard' contents (if you still keep tins of old fashioned custard powder that is) that even I can impress unexpected guests with them.

My family had already rather forgotten about Cousin Lucy and her biscuits (she was presumably, some second cousin of mine, twice removed, or similar, but died long before I was born), until the recent arrival of a great niece in New Zealand – a cousin for my first great niece, Lucy. So with a Cousin Lucy in the family again, it's time to make these biscuits.....

6oz / 175g self-raising flour

2oz / 50g Custard powder

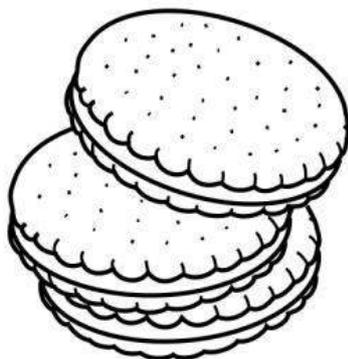
6oz / 175g caster sugar

6oz / 175g butter or margarine

Mix all the ingredients together. Form into 1" / 2.5cm diameter balls, and lightly press with a fork to flatten.

Place on a greased baking tray, well-spaced and cook for 20 minutes at gas mark 4 / 175°C / 325°F.

Sandwich with butter icing and enjoy!



## SERVICES July 2015.

**Communion and Prayers** every Tuesday  
in the Church 10.30 am to 11.00 am  
**Sunday Club and Crèche** every Sunday 10.30 am  
*HC = Holy Communion Service*

### 5<sup>th</sup> July

10.30 am Morning Worship Colin Pearson

6.00 pm At Fairfield

### 12<sup>th</sup> July

10.30 am Morning Worship Rev Andrew Parker.

6.00 pm Praise @6

### 19<sup>th</sup> July

10.30 am Morning Worship and HC Rev Andrew Parker

6.00 pm Circuit Songs of Praise  
Earl Sterndale Rev Andrew Parker

### 26<sup>th</sup> July

10.30 am Morning Worship Janet Evans

6.00 pm Evening Worship H.C Rev. Robert Davies



## **CHARITABLE GIVING MADE EASY**

A Charities Aid Foundation (or 'CAF') account is an easy way to give to charity on a regular and occasional basis, aimed at UK taxpayers. It can also provide a flexible way to advise of your 'end of life' wishes.

CAF was set up by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) and is itself a charity. You can open an account with as little as £10 a month or a one-off payment of £100. CAF collects the income tax already paid and contributes this to your account, less a very small admin fee and a contribution to support CAF's own charitable mission. So for each £1 you invest, CAF adds 25p (37.5p for higher rate tax payers who declare giving via CAF on their self-assessment form). You can then make donations to charities from your CAF balance, by regular standing order or by using a CAF Charity Voucher Book (looks like a cheque book) on-line payment card. CAF 'vets' the charitable causes before making payments and provides a directory of charities, so if you can't quite remember the name of the cause you want to support, they will look it up for you and check that it is indeed 'charitable'.

We use our CAF account to make donations to favourite causes – one or sometimes two charities per month - based on the payments out matching the amount we pay in each month. The income tax CAF adds thus builds up a 'slush fund' that we can use to contribute to emergency appeals or one-off causes, using a CAF Voucher or card. (We can't then use Gift Aid, as the income tax has already been claimed.)

CAF now offers a 'letter of wishes' service so that account holders can state those causes between which any account balance is to be distributed when the account is closed. We have our own version of this, having written into our wills that a percentage of our estate is to be given to the charities we were supporting via our CAF account at the time of our deaths, in the same proportions. It's easy to review and change our CAF beneficiaries every year or so, so that they reflect our current interests and concerns, and we don't need to keep updating our wills.

If you would like to know more about CAF, please ask us, visit the CAF website [www.cafonline.org](http://www.cafonline.org) ('personal giving' page) or phone CAF on 03000 123 000.

*Kate & Roddie MacLean*

## NETWORK

Network AGM was held on 20<sup>th</sup> May when we reviewed the year, gave our thanks, settled distribution of money raised during the year, and appointed those who will keep the group running.

Donations are being made as follows -

Buxton Methodist Church	£250
Hospital Friends	£40
Junior Friday Club	£40
Mission Direct	£40
(in memory of Di Horne)	

The following officers continue -

Secretary	Ruth Hayter
Network Treasurer	Bob Dewson
Mission Treasurer	Janet Evans

Betty Cannon has now retired from looking after the Mission boxes and a replacement is needed.

Thank you to all church members who have been speakers at Network during the last year. This has been very much appreciated.

Network is for men and women and meets on Wednesday afternoons, starting again in September. The start date will be in the weekly notice sheet.

*Ruth Hayter*



## JMA (Junior Mission for All)

### Rainbow Magazine Spring 2015

Our JMA collectors have recently received the latest copy of Rainbow magazine which shares JMA news. We thought you would like to hear about where some of the JMA money we collect here at Buxton Methodist Church may end up.

- Haiti – 5 years ago a devastating earthquake hit Haiti leaving many people homeless, thousands dead and many injured. In September the New College Bird school building was opened and inside there are new desks and equipment.
- Zimbabwe- The Matthew Rusike Children's Home is just outside the capital city of Harare and it offers a loving home to nearly 150 children and young people, who are either orphans or whose parents are not able to care for them. The children live in small family style groups, with about 10 children to one house parent. All children help with keeping their home clean and tidy and there is also a piggery, poultry and a vegetable patch to look after. The home does not yet have running water or electricity.
- Pakistan – last August floods caused a lot of damage in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal. The Methodist Church has helped 100 families in Pakistan by giving them new mosquito nets, medicines, flour, sugar, lentils, tea, cooking oil and rice.

Thank you to all our collectors and sponsors for their ongoing support. Please may we remind collectors to hand in JMA pots by the end of July.

Thank you

*Catherine and Ann*

## SOLAR PANELS AT BUXTON METHODIST CHURCH

Some time ago the church was offered a donation to pay for Solar Panels for the Church roof facing Chapel Street. This would have reduced the energy costs for the church, as well as being a small contribution to the challenge of climate change.

The 'Buxton Advertiser' reported last week that the planning application had been refused by High Peak Borough Council. The reason was the damage to the appearance of a historic building in a conservation area. This week in the same paper there is a helpful letter supporting what the church had hoped to do. We are obviously very disappointed by the decision. This was a decision delegated to officers of the Council, so it did not go to the councillors on the Planning Committee.

We intend to resubmit the application and this time hope it will be decided by the councillors on the Planning Committee, and that they will approve it. We know that some members of the congregation have already contacted their local councillors expressing concern at the refusal. When the new application is submitted we hope that others in and outside our church will write in support. There is an important balance to be made between a tight building

conservation policy where little changes, and a more positive one which weighs the conservation of buildings with other policies for energy saving and global warming.



Sadly in this case we think the officers of the Council have got it wrong, so we intend, with your help, to try again.

If you would like to discuss this important matter, please speak to myself, Dick Silson or Roddie MacLean.

*John Anfield*

## SOME PHOTOS FROM THE SPRING FAIR ON 4<sup>th</sup> May

Lots of thanks to everyone who came together to make it such a great day.



Lots of activity in and around our Church building



Iris providing a friendly welcome





The Friday club sandwich stall



Talented young musicians



Fun in the kitchen

**...and at the Christian Aid coffee morning and cake stall on 9<sup>th</sup> May**



Edna sampling the fair trade chocolate fountain



Not much left at the cake stall I look as though I might have eaten them all!  
(Jenny)

## Scissors.

My son's into scissors  
(We've got a bald cat)

My once "furry Rug"  
Is now a flat mat  
The Belts for my clothes  
Don't go round my waist  
And the fringe from the sofa  
Just cannot be traced.

His hair styles unusual  
(Really short on one side)  
Whatever I do it just can't be disguised.

My beautiful Plant he cut into bits,  
"I did it with ease" he proudly admits.

Oh yes, I still have him,  
Though he can be a pest.  
He's really hard work and,  
I don't get much rest

But our Heavenly Father  
Loves his children more  
In spite of our sinfulness  
His LOVE is SURE

*Taken from The Open Door and Submitted by Iris Walker.*



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 10.30 am and 6.00 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month).

Tuesday 10.30 am

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday morning of each month and every Tuesday morning.

**PEOPLE MEET PEOPLE CAFÉ** is open on market days, Tuesday and Saturday mornings, when the church is accessible for viewing and prayer. You are invited to borrow books from THE CHURCH LIBRARY to be returned within one month.

**NETWORK**, which is a fellowship group for men and women, meets on Wednesdays at 2.30 pm. Other groups for study, prayer and fellowship are often arranged.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES** include: Sunday Club and Youth Group as part of Sunday morning worship, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Junior Friday Club, Friday Club, Messy Church, and Parents and Toddlers.

As a community church with the community at heart we regularly host numerous organisations in the town including: Buxton Field Club, Weight Watchers, University of the Third Age, Buxton Musical Society and numerous other groups on an occasional basis.

If you require further information, a list of precise times when groups meet and contact numbers, please write to Buxton Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Buxton, SK17 6HX or ring the office number on 01298 27065.

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