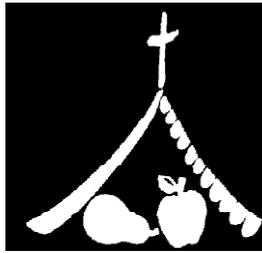


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**April/May
2014**



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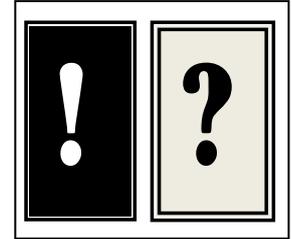
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Buxton Methodist Church Newsletter



Splash! Ping! Fizz!

These are onomatopoeic words, how you say them can make them sound like the action they are associated with.

How do we say these three words:

‘Christ is risen’

Are they a question? Or, are they a statement!

It depends how we say them. Is the story of Easter resurrection a mystery to be solved, an ancient tale to be debated and then discarded when interest has run dry? Or, is Easter resurrection a statement of faith, something to live by each day to transform life, bring hope and affirm that love will win.

The theologian and preacher Barbara Brown Taylor wrote about ‘practicing resurrection.’ The words ‘Christ is risen’ have been a statement of faith for countless Christians as they live practicing resurrection. They live day-by-day, believing that actions of love are stronger than hate, that hope can come from despair and new life can come from death.

There will always be the sceptics who will want to pull apart, destroy and ridicule. However, may we have the faith to live as people practicing resurrection, inspired and empowered by the joy and hope of Easter.

I hope and pray that as we gather together on Easter Day, we can say as a statement of faith:

‘Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, hallelujah!’

Every blessing for Easter,
Andrew.

SERVICES APRIL 2014

Communion and Prayers every Tuesday
in the Quiet Chapel 10.30 am to 11.00 am

Sunday Club every Sunday 10.30 am, apart from Parade Service Sundays

Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday

10.30am PARADE SERVICE – ALL AGE WORSHIP
Rev Andrew Parker
Please join us for coffee/tea after the morning service

6.00pm EVENING WORSHIP
Worship Group

Thursday 17th April – Maundy Thursday

7.30pm A SERVICE OF SILENCES, READINGS AND COMMUNION

Friday 18th April – Good Friday

10.00 am A SERVICE OF REFLECTION FOR GOOD FRIDAY
Please note earlier time of 10.00am
Rev Andrew Parker

11.20am AN ECUMENICAL WALK OF WITNESS THROUGH BUXTON, MEETING
AT ST JOHNS CHURCH

Afternoon WALK OF WITNESS IN FAIRFIELD (see Janet for more details)

8.00pm CHURCHES TOGETHER - DEVOTIONAL MUSIC AND READINGS

Sunday 20th April – Easter Sunday

08.00am INFORMAL COMMUNION AT SOLOMON'S TEMPLE, GRIN LOW
At Grin Low
Rev Andrew Parker

10.30am CELEBRATION WORSHIP (HOLY COMMUNION) FOR EASTER DAY and
SUNDAY CLUB. SUNDAY CLUB TODAY IS A JOINT SUNDAY CLUB
WITH MESSY CHURCH. SUNDAY CLUB WELCOMES MESSY CHURCH
FAMILIES TO JOIN THEM.
Rev Andrew Parker
Please join us for coffee/tea after the morning service

6.00pm EVENING SERVICE
Mr Ian Stubbs

Sunday 27th April

10.30am MORNING WORSHIP and SUNDAY CLUB
Deacon Janet Heys

6.00pm LOCAL ARRANGEMENT – Glynis Leyland and her team

SERVICES MAY 2014

Communion and Prayers every Tuesday
in the Quiet Chapel 10.30 am to 11.00 am

Sunday Club every Sunday 10.30 am, apart from Parade Service Sundays

4th May

10.30 am Holy Communion Rev Andrew Parker

6.00 pm No Service

11th May – CHRISTIAN AID

10.30 am Morning Worship Mrs Isabel Sinclair

6.00 pm CTiB Service Rev Andrew Parker

18th May

10.30 am Morning Worship & Baptism Rev Andrew Parker

6.00 pm Evening Worship – **At Fairfield***
At Fairfield

25th May

10.30 am Morning Worship Mr Philip Botham

6.00 pm Holy Communion Rev Andrew Parker

* Chapel Anniversary. A United Service led by Rev Colin Smith.

Just Trading Scotland and Kilombero Rice

Just Trading Scotland (JTS) is a small Fair Trade business in Paisley that grew out of the work of two Fair Trade shops and endeavours to provide sustainable income and wellbeing for smallholder farmers and small producers in the developing world, to help them work their way out of poverty and reach their full potential.

In 2008, JTS began working with farmers in Malawi. Following a visit to Malawi and meetings with Abdul Phiri, a rice farmer, and the National Smallholder Farmer's Association of Malawi (NASFAM), JTS purchased 18 tonnes of Kilombero rice. To meet the challenge of selling this volume of rice, JTS launched the '90kg Rice Challenge.' This initiative challenges schools and churches to each sell 90kg of rice, as this is the amount that a farmer needs to sell to send one child to school for one year. A breakthrough was also reached when East Dunbartonshire and Renfrewshire Councils agreed to serve Kilombero rice in schools and the University of Edinburgh decided to serve the rice in their residences. 100 tonnes of Kilombero rice have now been sold since February 2009. As a consequence of this huge joint effort between councils, schools, churches, shops and universities, a new brand of rice has been introduced to the UK and Malawian farmers have been introduced to new markets which has allowed them to increase their production.



REPORTING ON A DISASTER - A LECTURE

By Andrew Barr

Wednesday April 30th, 6pm

**Devonshire Dome,
Buxton, room DO/G04**

Andrew Barr began his BBC career in 1964 as a film sound recordist before moving in to the sphere of editing Songs of Praise and Everyman and then becoming acting Head of Religious Broadcasting.

He was recruited to ITV in 1986 as Head of Religion shortly before the Zeebrugge ferry disaster and produced the coverage of this tragedy. He went on to work on the coverage of the shooting in Dunblane and the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

He has collaborated with Churches Together in Britain and Ireland to produce resources for churches for such times.

He has now retired, but continues to work freelance. He has been Convenor of Liturgy for the Scottish Episcopal Church and Chairman of the Soul of Europe, a small organisation working towards reconciliation in Bosnia and Kosovo.

To reserve your free place at this lecture, please contact the University Chaplaincy at Buxton: 01298 330376 or chaplains@derby.sc.uk

BUXTON SPRING FAIR

Churches Together in Buxton will be opening the Methodist Church on the Market Place from 10am to 4pm on Spring Fair day, offering an indoor haven of calm for relaxation and refreshment. There will be entertainment throughout the day on the forecourt of the building, and musical interludes on the hour in the main church (including a slot or two of hymn singing).

Upstairs in the Upper Room, a labyrinth will provide an opportunity to trace your way to tranquillity, whilst 'trees' will be provided for visitors to record their prayers.

Children's activities include story telling for little ones and craft tables. There will be photographic exhibitions of life in Buxton churches, past and present. Refreshments will be available free of charge in the Main Hall – donations of cakes would be very welcome. (Please see Mary-Lou/Anna if you can bake for us)

As host Church, it is hoped that as many members of Buxton Methodist congregation as possible will be able to spare an hour on the day to:

- Welcome visitors
- Serve refreshments
- Sit quietly by the prayer trees and labyrinth
- Help the children on the craft tables
- Swell the hymn singing
- Man the photographic exhibition
- Help set up before the day and put everything back to normal afterwards

And if you're not going to be in town on 5th May (you'll be missing a treat!), then we do need some helpers in advance to:

- Collect the labyrinth floor canvas from Nottingham
- Help John Morten collate and mount the photographic exhibition
- Help Kate MacLean with the 'rolling PowerPoint'
- Make prayer trees and leaves
- Bake cakes and biscuits
- Source materials for the craft tables

Kate MacLean and Christine Hodkinson will be brandishing rotas over the next few weeks – please offer whatever assistance you can. The more helpers we have, the more we will all be able to spend time exploring and enjoying the rest of the Fair!

Kate MacLean

Tel: 01298 78276

Email: director@creative-heritage.net

'AVON CALLING! AVON CALLING!'

Buy Avon products, including a huge range of make-up, toiletries, face and body creams and clothes, etc **and support Buxton Methodist Church.** For every £10 you spend on Avon products, I will donate £1 to the Church. (For every £5 you spend, 50p is donated.) For more information, or for the latest brochure, telephone Rachael Douglas on 01298 937236, or come and see me at the end of the service on Sunday mornings.'

CELEBRATION OF TALENTS

Thank you to everyone who has completed a Nomination Form promising to contribute or to help at our Celebration in June. Further details will be announced nearer the time, but we can now begin to form our plans.

Now is the time to get to work, to polish your skills and select your exhibits.

There is still time to join in ... we still need stewards, cakes and exhibits. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of 'the Celebration.' Don't keep your light under a bushel! **THERE IS STILL TIME** to complete a form and join the fun! **(Nomination Forms can be found at the back of the church and when completed put in the box provided).**



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BROWNIES ON THE LOOSE IN BIRMINGHAM !!!!



Must have photo opportunity in front of the Bull



Meeting the Chief Guide – Gill Slocambe.



You're never too old to learn!

Luncheon Club Members and Friends are gaining basic computer skills, using the 'Learn my Way' website.

The recent course has been run at the church by Haley Ambrose for the Peaks and Dales Volunteering and Advancement Project (PDVA), funded by the Big Lottery and managed by Disability Derbyshire.



If anyone is interested in joining a similar course in the future please contact Kathleen on 01298 27744 who will put you in touch with Haley.

HELP WANTED – OCCASIONAL CARETAKING NEEDED TO HELP CHURCH FUNDS

As a Church we employ our Caretakers, Ken and George, for 30 hours a week in total. Lettings have contributed significantly to our income, but this figure is falling. We want to encourage people to hire our premises, but we sometimes struggle to cover a six day week within Ken and George's hours and we have relied heavily on John Morten in the past, (especially on a Saturday).

The day that is most likely to need volunteer help is Saturday. George does work a maximum of 2 hours on Saturday, but it would be helpful if a rota of volunteers could cover occasional Saturday afternoons and evenings.

It is proposed that 1 person could volunteer to co-ordinate any extra caretaking duties for a month at a time. If that person could not do it themselves, they would be responsible for asking someone else to be responsible for opening and locking up the premises after a booking. It is not anticipated that this will involve regular commitment, but it would enable us to accept any bookings at the end of the week; irrespective of whether we have caretaking hours left to cover it.

If you would be able to help the Church in this way, please contact Wendy Jones (Tel: 79106) or Helen in the Church Office. Any volunteers for forthcoming months would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Wendy Jones
On behalf of the Church Council.

QUALITY FILMS PRESENTS 'PIRATES OF PENZANCE.'

With Kevin Kline, Linda Ronstadt, Rex Smith, Angela Lansbury and George Rose. Wednesday 30th April at 6.45pm at The Methodist Church, Market Place, Main Hall. The last film that Don and Iris Sparkes will be showing. They would like to thank all who have supported them over the last 12 years. More details about the film from Don and Iris on 01433 659280.

THE METHODIST CHURCH AND SAME SEX MARRIAGE ACT

In light of the recent change by the government to allow marriage between same sex couples, I have been asked a number of questions about the position of the Methodist Church on this subject. I hope the following taken from the Methodist Church website will provide some clarity.

(For information; The Methodist Conference is the national body that agrees policy for the Methodist church).

What is the attitude of the Methodist Church to same sex marriage?

The Methodist Conference has not yet made a statement on same sex marriage. Within our Church there is a spectrum of views on human sexuality. Methodist Standing Orders state our belief, "that marriage is a gift of God and that it is God's intention that a marriage should be a life-long union in body, mind and spirit of one man and one woman." At the same time we have for nearly twenty years explicitly recognised, affirmed and celebrated the participation and ministry of lesbians and gay men, and been committed to a pilgrimage of faith to combat discrimination and give dignity and worth to people whatever their sexuality.

Will same sex couples be able to marry each other in a Methodist Church?

For a couple to get married in a Methodist Church three stages must happen; firstly, the Methodist Conference would have to decide to "opt in" to marrying same sex couples. If the Conference decided to opt in, then the Church Council of the local Methodist Church would need to decide whether to apply to register their building for same sex marriages. Finally a minister would have to be happy to conduct a same sex marriage at that church. All three stages would be needed before a same sex marriage could take place in a local Methodist Church.

Will the Methodist Church choose to "opt in"?

Our existing Standing Orders mean the Methodist Conference would not be in a position to opt in to consenting to same sex marriages in the near future. The Methodist Conference has appointed a working group to reflect on the impact of the legislation and the next step is for them to report to conference in June this year.

What about civil partnerships? Can they take place in Methodist Churches?

The Methodist Conference has not consented to civil partnerships taking place on Methodist Church premises, and under the legislation such civil partnership ceremonies cannot therefore take place in Methodist churches.

If you have any further questions please ask, more detailed information can be found on the Methodist Church website or ask Andrew for a paper copy.



Risk the Path He Trode.

Service to
Dedicate the Easter
Offering

Monday 28th April
at 2.30 pm

The money raised through the Easter Offering supports the World Mission Fund. Christian Mission has always involved risk, for risk is at the heart of the Christian gospel. The call to follow the risen Christ from Incarnation, along the path to the cross and beyond, requires us to take risks.

Our service to dedicate the Easter Offering this year will be held at Fairfield and will be followed by a Bring and Share tea. All are welcome. There is limited parking at the church, and you may wish to use the bus - nos. 185 and 186, 199 and TP stop near the church.

New Youth Group for 11-14s

Come and help form a fresh group

Methodist Church Hall
on Fridays 5pm- 6.30pm



**Come on May
2nd to meet
everyone**



**Come and help
form a fresh
group**

For more information



**For girls
and for
boys**

**contact Di, Johanna or
Andrew via Buxton Methodist
Church Office on 01298 27065.
Help cook your own tea.
£ 1.00 subs per week.**

HOLLINSCLOUGH METHODIST CHAPEL

Good Friday Service at 2.30pm

Followed by Tea in the Hall

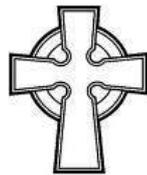
Preacher – Rev Colin Smith

Easter Sunday Service at 2.30pm

Hollinsclough Silver Band

Preacher Mr Philip Botham

EVERYONE WELCOME



Earl Sterndale Methodist Chapel

A Coffee Morning

In Aid of Christian Aid
And The Red Cross

Saturday 17th May

10 am to 12 noon

Cakes, Raffle, Bric a Brac, Plants

Everyone Welcome!



HELP NEEDED

Can you bake a cake?

Can you help with tea and coffee?

Can you spare an hour or two?

If so please speak to Mary-Lou about the Spring Fair on May 5th.

Finally a thank you from the Brownies for supporting their Singathon and sponsoring them so generously. We are pleased to announce the grand total of £300 raised to be split between the children with leukaemia charity and the pack itself.



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WORSHIP TIMES

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Tuesday 10.30 am

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday morning and the third Sunday evening 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, Stepping Stones, 11-14 group, and Parents and Toddlers.

As a community church with the community at heart we regularly host numerous organisations in the town including: Junior Strings, Buxton Field Club, Weight Watchers, Yoga, 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.

The deadline for the **June/July** edition of the Newsletter is
Sunday 11th May 2014

Material in writing, can be given to Anna direct or e-mail Anna Quick on
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