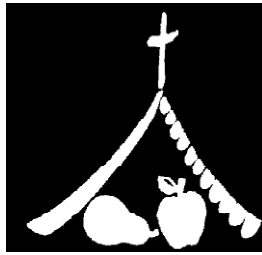


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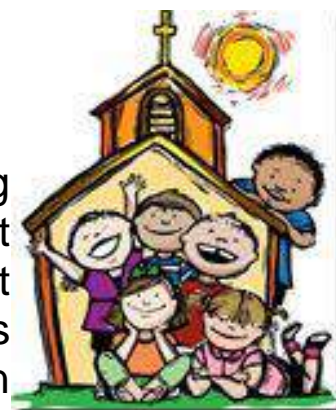
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MINISTER'S LETTER

Why do you come to Church?



At a recent Church Council meeting John Anfield told us about a short video on the Littleover Methodist Church website which is filmed as the congregation arrive at church. In the film they are asked 'Why do you come to church?' and their spontaneous, unscripted responses are quite varied...

'We come to church to worship God'; 'We come to church to be with our church family'; 'We come to church for food'; 'We come to church because its warm!' (If you wish to see the film you can find it here - www.lmclife.org.uk).

There were just a limited number of responses shown on the short film, but I guess the list could go on... we go to church to have a good sing, to find a place of peace, to chat with our friends, to hear a word of challenge, to hear a word of comfort, to pray, to be still, to be renewed as disciples.

We may have many and diverse reasons for coming to church and whatever our reasons may be, it seems that it is not a case of one being better than the other, or one being worthy whilst others are unworthy, for all are

within the embracing love of God and in all we may discover his presence.

The theologian Abraham Heschel wrote: 'Worship is a way of seeing the world in the light of God'. Perhaps our coming to church is an opportunity to re-focus upon life. To see our pleasures, our problems, our friends, our family, our church and the world, all in the light of God and his love ...

So I encourage you to ask yourself: 'Why do I go to church?'

Don't worry, there won't be a video camera to record your answers, but it is worth remembering that, whatever our response, we can come with the expectation to be in the presence of the living God, for there is 'one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all' (Ephesians 4:6).

With every blessing,
Andrew.



Dancing round the Maypole at the Spring Fair

CELEBRATION OF TALENTS WEEKEND

A time to enjoy seeing different talents from across our church family.

Friday 13th June 10-4pm

Saturday 14th June 10-4pm

Sunday 15th June 10.30am – Celebration of Talents Service

Sunday 15th June 12.30-4pm – Exhibition open

Free entry. Refreshments available.

Saturday 14th June Celebration of Talents Concert, 7pm.
Free entry. A time to enjoy varied musical talents!



Buxton Spring Fair

All that is good about Buxton was showcased at the Spring Fair on Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May.

From performing arts to artisan crafts, from the breadth of the town's voluntary organisations to the entrepreneurship of its hospitality sector. Also, in the mix, the vitality and creativity of Buxton's diverse Christian community.

Buxton Methodist Church played host to a full day of activities organised by Churches Together in Buxton: children's crafts and storytelling, musical performances (and poetry) on the hour and more, fantastic free refreshments, a quiet zone with labyrinth and prayer stations, an exhibition of historic church photographs and a rolling slideshow of images of life in the 17 member churches and organisations today.



Ruth and the Labyrinth in the Upper Room



Studying Old Photographs

It was a huge voluntary effort and there is not space enough to thank everyone - from across all denominations - who contributed to the planning and running of the day: those who helped set up and put away, welcomed our visitors, made and served tea and cakes, cut out leaves for the prayer trees, took photographs to ensure that every church building and congregation could be featured on the big screen, played, sang, read stories, curated the exhibition and even looked after little Luke who was found wandering on the Slopes (and who didn't want to go home when his worried grandparents eventually came to claim him!)



Craft Area- from the Gallery

In summing up, at the end of the short act of worship with which we closed the day, Alison Darby, Vice Chair of Churches Together recalled: "When we started to plan this day, we wanted to demonstrate that Christians are normal, friendly people. We wanted to offer refreshment in every sense of the word and to show that, whilst celebrating our diversity, the churches in Buxton can work together to offer far more to our community - and far better witness to Christ - than we can as

individual congregations." I'm sure that the 400 people who passed through the building that day will have felt this.



Lucy and daughter Bonnie at the art tables

There's always more that we can do (or perhaps less, as long as we do it better), and so before we forget about the good things and the less successful aspects of Spring Fair day, members of Churches Together will be meeting on Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30pm in the Lower Schoolroom to 'de-brief' and to make some notes to help us plan next year's event (we're sure there's going to be one!). Please come along, or pass any comments or ideas to Kate MacLean for discussion that evening. And do keep Monday 4th May 2015 free!

THE CROSS ON THE WALL

It was at the Good Friday service that I saw it as I sat looking at the big cross on wall. The sun was shining through the vestibule and the reflection of the windows made a perfect cross just underneath the big one. I could see the people coming into church past the cross, and I thought how the cross had brought these people in and what an example that was to the people passing by on the street. As the service went on, the reflected cross was still there and now I could see people going past on the other side of the cross, and I thought how the cross sends us out to the people in the street, and wouldn't that be the best example of all.

Janet Evans.



NETWORK

Network concluded this session with the AGM on 14th May, which was well attended. Many thanks were expressed to all those who have special responsibilities and to the members generally who are very supportive and get involved wherever they can.

Janet Evans reported that collections taken for the Mission Fund raised £186.05 and Betty Cannon had raised £270.62 through the Mission boxes.

From the general weekly collections, the following donations are to be made: -

Buxton Methodist Church	£250
Stepping Stones	£30
Hospital Friends	£30
Mission Direct (Kenya)	£30

A balance has been left in the account this year for another donation and also for speakers' expenses.

Officers appointed: -

President	Vacancy
Secretary	Ruth Hayter
Network Treasurer	Bob Dewson
Mission Treasurer	Janet Evans
Mission Boxes	Betty Cannon

Michael Sharp was thanked for distributing Magnet, and Gwenda Dewson is taking this over.

John Griffiths will continue playing for meetings when he is able.

The Programme Group is Dorothy Martin, Ruth Hayter, Stan Evans, Ian Stubbs and John Morten.

Brian and Margaret Elks were thanked for their contributions with the programme and music. They are now standing down.

Ann and Michael Sharp were given the good wishes of the fellowship as they prepare to move away.

Network is now 'on holiday' for the summer, but will resume in September. Network meets on Wednesday afternoons starting at 2.30 pm in the Lower Room, and is for men and women.

Anyone wanting information on Network please contact Ruth Hayter (77810).

Friday Youth Group

A youth group for 11-14 years olds has opened for a regular weekly term time slot from 5 - 6.30 pm in the Upper Room. It meets on a Friday evening and younger siblings between 5 and 10 years old are welcome down in the lower room and hall for Friday Club.

Anyone in that age group is welcome and the group is inter-denominational with leadership from the Anglican, URC and Methodist Churches. It welcomes those of any faith and those with none.

It has been meeting for a month now and has got off to a great start.

The leadership team is seeking others to join them. If you are interested in being part of this exciting new group and would like to join the very flexible rota of adults meeting with these young people, then please contact us. Details from Johanna on 07912617135, Di on 07974386453 or Andrew on 01298 27065.

FOODBANK

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the local food bank. Our donations are always very much appreciated. I asked recently if there is anything they are short of and was told that tins of meat, stew, tuna etc which would provide a protein based meal would be very welcome. Seemingly, a brand called Hunters which is sold in Aldi has the highest meat content compared to many other well known brands. Also tins of vegetables are always very useful since it means a complete meal can be provided.

Ann Roberts.

CTiB THANKS

On behalf of "Churches Together in Buxton", may we thank all those from the Methodist church who volunteered their time at the Spring May Fair to contribute to such a successful event. We estimate that approximately 400 people came through the doors. Thank you also to those who brought cakes or lent photographs and pictures or simply came and make the day such a joyous one.

The donations made at the event will go to Christian Aid and we will let you know the total in due course.

I hope all that came to the event enjoyed it as much as we all did putting it together with your happy and helpful Church team.

Yours sincerely,

Johanna Partridge, Secretary for "Churches Together in Buxton."

Would you like to ask someone you can trust what is the best type of computer for you or what is wrong with the one you have.



Fairfield

A weekly drop in clinic for older people interested in using computers, with free tuition.



Are you interested in taking the first steps toward safely using a computer, tablet, smart phone or laptop?

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At Fairfield Methodist Church on Tuesday mornings from 9:30am to 11:30am.

Have relatives or friends who talk about "on the web" or "emailing" or "Skype" but have no idea what they mean and would like to.

Have relatives or friends with computers who live elsewhere and you would like to communicate with them.

Have you been given a device but have no idea how to use it and don't know who to ask.

Then this is for you.



Brownies helped to serve cakes with a smile at the Spring Fair

SERVICES JUNE 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

1st June

10.30 am Morning Worship Mr Colin Pearson

6.00 pm At Hollinsclough – Circuit Service

8th June - PENTECOST

10.30 am Morning Worship & Baptism Rev Andrew Parker

6.00 pm CTiB Service at Burbage

15th June – CELEBRATION OF TALENTS

10.30 am Morning Worship Rev Andrew Parker

6.00 pm NO SERVICE

22nd June

10.30 am Morning Worship – Royal Naval Association Rev Andrew Parker

6.00 pm Local Arrangement

29th June

10.30 am Morning Worship Mrs Brenda Bryant

6.00 pm NO SERVICE

SERVICES JULY 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

6th July

10.30 am Holy Communion Rev David Hall

6.00 pm NO SERVICE

13th July

10.30 am Morning Worship Mr Ian Stubbs

6.00 pm Praise @ 6

20th July

10.30 am Morning Worship Rev Andrew Parker

2.30 pm AT PEAK DALE – Circuit Service
Thanksgiving Service for Peak
Dale Chapel Rev David Hall with
Rev David Parker

6.00 pm NO SERVICE

27th July

10.30 am Morning Worship Mrs Audrey Getliffe

6.00 pm Local Arrangement

The Parable of the PC

by Al Boyce

In those days there were three computers, endowed equally by their makers with processing power, memory and addressable storage.

But Satan corrupted each operating system with the sly installation of spyware, browser hijackers and security holes until there was much wailing and gnashing of teeth.

The Maker, in His mercy, sent down His Holy Spirit to the despairing computers. The Holy Spirit appeared to each in the form of System Update to close the security holes and shore up the despairing software. It asked the question of each PC: Do you want to run System Update? and offering a checkbox saying "Always trust" the Maker.

The first PC, fearing yet another infection, quickly closed the update window. Within hours, the spyware already on it called out to legions of viruses and malware until the system shut down completely.

The second PC accepted the update, but was too frightened to check the "always trust" box. It sighed with relief as the Holy Spirit cleaned its systems and saved it from the worst of the demons. And it walked away with a false sense of security that it would be protected from future onslaughts. Within the month, spyware and malware crept back into the second PC and, before it could cry out to the Maker, it, too, crashed.

The third PC gratefully accepted the update and, in a leap of faith, checked the "always trust" box. Like the second PC, it received the merciful update from its Maker and began to feel much better. And then, as days and weeks went by, the Maker sent the Holy Spirit unbidden to shore up the PC's systems -- even when the PC was unaware it was being attacked.

Before long, the third PC was becoming famous among all its brethren for having the fewest problems, for working the fastest and for never seeming to worry when others crashed around it.

To those who asked, the third PC had only this advice: "Always trust the Maker."

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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.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES include: Sunday Club and Youth Group as part of Sunday morning worship, Rainbows, Brownies. Guides, Stepping Stones, 11-14 group, Messy Church, Babies and Toddlers and Friday Youth Group

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 September Magazine will be August 3rd.

Material in writing, can be given to Anna or e-mail Anna Quick on annabrownwl31@gmail.com