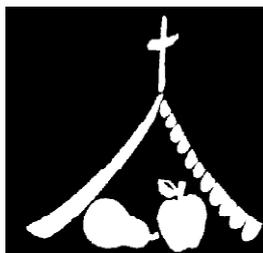


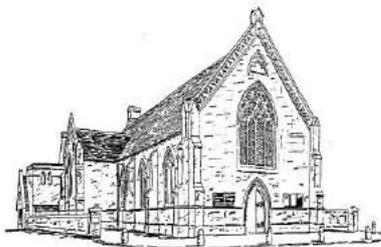
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Buxton Methodist Church Newsletter



This solitary tree on the moor above Eyam has, over the years, been shaped by the prevailing breeze. A wind that wasn't so strong as to leave it broken or uprooted, yet it was strong enough to persistently, day-by-day and imperceptible to the human eye, shape the way it has grown.

I've never had one of those 'eureka' moments when everything changes. I think I'm more of a person who takes it in bit by bit.

Over the years I guess I've heard (or preached) hundreds of sermons, sung probably thousands of hymns and listened to many prayers. Despite all that, I admit that there are only a few bits of sermons I can recall. I wish I was better at remembering the words of Wesley's hymns and the many inspiring phrases said in prayer. Yet I don't believe that sharing in the many hours of worship has been a waste of time. Far from it because as we grow, that pattern of worship slowly shapes and forms and inspires and guides.

God's irresistible compassion for us and his creation is like the persistent breeze forming and shaping for our good. We also know how it can easily be resisted, as we so often see in the stories of hurt, pain and bitterness.

The tree had no choice; it grew in the place the

seed fell. We have the God given free-will to open our hearts and minds to his leading and guiding. St Paul put it this way:

‘Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.’
Philippians 4:8.

It seems that it is by contemplating the good that we grow in his image.

Andrew.

Thank-You

I’d just like to say thank-you on behalf of all the girls and their families who attended the Harvest as they all enjoyed themselves and were made to feel very welcome. The last five years have flown by at times and it has been fun, challenging and exhausting. I am pleased to say I am handing over to a new D.C after Christmas.

Anna.



Where there's a will, there's a way!

THE CHURCH'S FINANCIAL YEAR

The Church's financial year runs to the end of August. The annual report for 2012-13 will be presented to the Church Council in the New Year, after the accounts have been independently examined (checked) ,but the finance committee is able to provide the following indicative information about the year's financial performance:

- The overall income received during the year was £160,492 (down from £165,084 in the previous year)
- Expenditure over the year amounted to £144,359 (compared to £128,283 in 2012/13).
- A surplus of £16,133 had therefore been made.

A breakdown of income and expenditure by category is shown in the pie charts on the coloured pages of this magazine.

It will be seen that a significant element of our income has come from 'legacies and special donations'. Whilst it would be untrue to say that we live by death alone, we are especially grateful for one very significant legacy. Without the generosity of this benefactor, we would have ended the year more than £16,000 in arrears.

Have you remembered Buxton Methodist Church in your will? Please consider doing so.

It is also interesting to note that income from lettings (meeting room hire etc) almost exactly matches our expenditure on maintenance and repairs. One might almost think we planned it that way!

As chairman of the Finance Committee, may I extend my thanks to everyone who gives to Buxton Methodist Church; in regular contributions, special donations and through the giving of so many volunteer hours that make our café, MessyChurch and other initiatives such a success. Thank you also to those who look after the building so that we can make it available for the use of the community, and to all the staff who manage our administrative and property affairs. Finally, thank you to the skilled and dedicated members of the Finance Committee, who enable us to plan for the future in confidence and to continue the work of God in this place.

Kate MacLean
Chairman
Finance Committee

News from Roger

Most of us are very quick to pass on good news stories, especially when it relates to a bargain in a shop and we are keen for our friends to benefit from the latest offer. I'm keen that you pass on our good news stories too. Nothing is better than word of mouth. Surveys tell us that many people are waiting to come to church – yes waiting – they just need asking. We know that around 80% of people that come to know Jesus do so because of one person they know. Only a fraction of those that come to know Jesus do so through a Christian rally like those of Billy Graham. Word of mouth is so powerful, as are our actions.

We have a lot to offer at Buxton Methodist – please pass the word around.

11Up – a youth group on Friday from 5.15pm until 6.45pm. Pizza tea, air hockey, snooker, table football and more + wifi for the group. For ages 11 upwards (year 7 at secondary school upwards).

Stepping Stones on Friday for children 5 – 11 with a wide variety of activities and crafts. An evening of fun. From 5.15pm – 6.30pm including tea.

Fortnightly Messy Church – Church suitable for all ages, but specifically suitable for children. On a Tuesday afternoon from 3.30pm followed by tea.

Girlguiding UK ,Peaks and Dales Area,
Rainbows and Brownie groups currently Tuesday evening.
Guides on Wednesday evening.

Baby & Toddler group each Friday morning from 10am

Sunday Club and Sunday Youth Group each Sunday morning during the service.

Who let the Dads Out (second Saturday each month) – toddlers group for dads/male carers only.....
plus other events and trips throughout the year.

We also enjoy a variety of styles of worship - traditional worship on Sundays plus Alive@9 and Praise@6 with Messy Church mid-week.

There is something for everyone so please pass the good news on. How can people know what we offer if we don't tell them and how can we expect people to come along if they don't know what we offer?

HELP NEEDED

Anna Quick and I are short of helpers for Stepping Stones and 11UP. If you might be interested in helping, but are unsure, why not come along and see what goes on and then make your decision from an informed perspective. Have a chat with us about coming along.

In October we had our first ‘Who Let the Dads Out’ (WLTDO). People have asked how it went. There were 6 dads and 11 children present, which was encouraging, although WLTDO is about more than just the numbers coming along – a theme I’ll continue with on another occasion.

Keeping our children safe - E safety

As a parent I understand the concerns parents may have over the use of technology by our children and for their safety whilst using the internet and their various mobile devices. It’s wrong to criticise our children for spending lots of time on these devices: it’s their reality, although we as parents (if we are honest) may also find it expedient to let them use the computer and devices because if they are on them they are not causing trouble. It is however very important that we keep up to date with what they are doing and to learn how to use these devices. Children can teach us or we can access course to learn more. It’s strange that we might stop our children from playing out or going to the shops on their own and yet we allow them to ‘walk’ alone in cyber space accessing the entire planet where real nasty people do exist and where they are potentially in more danger than playing outside.

One of the most popular mobile applications (apps) for photo sharing is called Instagram and allows easy editing, uploading and sharing of photos onto Facebook, Twitter Foursquare, Tumbler, and Flickr—all with a single click. The photos unless privacy settings are altered immediately end up in the public domain and can be seen by anyone.

You don’t have to understand the next bit (stick with it), but when photos are uploaded they are automatically geotagged. Geotagging is the process of adding geographical metadata to photos or videos. This metadata usually consists of latitude and longitude coordinates. **The importance of this** is using the latest software anyone can locate and produce Google maps of an area where a young person (the one uploading the photos) spends most of their time. Those that would do this will be the ‘child groomers’. It cannot be stressed enough that parents in general (ideally grandparents too if looking after children) need to up their game and get to grips with the latest technology and protect their children. Technology is here to stay and is to be celebrated and embraced, but it has its dark side too.

Finding Faith

Early into the New Year we will be running a series of sessions about finding faith – an opportunity to explore the Bible and what we believe. The intention of the course is to help us develop our faith. More details will follow over the coming weeks. If you feel that you might be interested in attending this series, do let me know.

Roger Mallard – Youth and Family Worker
youthworker@buxtonmethodist.co.uk – 01298 27065

Memorial Service. Christmas is a special time for remembering loved ones who have died and there will be a memorial service to provide a time for remembering and giving thanks. During the service, which will last about 45 minutes, we will sing some carols, hear the names of loved ones read out on the role of remembrance and invite everyone to light a candle for those they have come to remember. All are welcome to this service at Buxton Methodist Church on Sunday 15th December, 6:00pm.



Help break a record and raise money for a charity ☺

Sid Morris and Daniel Clayton are in Year 9 at Buxton Community School. Both are going to Ghana in July 2014 on trip run by Partner Ghana and have to raise approximately £1800 each to cover the cost of their 10 day trip.

Sid is a keen baker and has been raising money by baking tea breads. They were both thinking of good money raising ideas and discussed tea parties etc and came up with having a cream tea - maybe the world's biggest cream tea - current record stands at 430 approx.

A friend suggesting using the Dome as it is such a large and prestigious venue and gave Christine Sweetmore as a contact as she is the Business & Events Manager. When Dan and Sid met with Christine back in May, Christine was very supportive of their idea and because both boys attend the Buxton Community School she was happy to support their idea as a link with the community.

Since then, we have secured the Dome for Sunday 24 November 2013 from 2.30-4.30pm and have booked a jazz band called the Round Midnight Trio to play.

We have also applied to Guinness World Records to break the record.

We are planning on having a Raffle on the day, with a Spa Day for Two at the Dome having already been donated by Christine amongst the prizes.

We are looking to have around 500 people or more in order to securely break the record.

Price will be £6 per person to include a cup of tea and a scone with jam and clotted cream. Complimentary supply of clotted cream by Roddas of Cornwall.

Tickets will be available to purchase from the Reception of the Dome and from Yannies Hair Boutique on the High Street. Tickets are currently with the printers so we are getting in contact with them to see when they will be ready.

We hope to see you there

With Thanks Sid and Daniel.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING, BUT ...

Christmas will dawn on a world filled with strife
With floods and tornadoes and cheap human life
The world is divided in unequal halves
One half is feasting, the other half starves.
Some who are feasting are grasping and greedy
Those who are suffering are hungry and needy.
Be grateful at Christmas for what you receive
And prove by your actions you truly believe.
Remember the homeless and answer the call
To help feed the hungry!
And God bless you all.

Harry Swindell (Submitted by Iris Walker, with the permission of Harry's family).

News Release

Charity Concert in memory of Buxton musician Harry Redfern

Singers and players from across the High Peak are to stage a tribute concert in memory of prominent Buxton musician Harry Redfern.

Harry, who died last year, was Musical Director of Chapel Male Voice Choir for many years. But he was also a leading light behind many musical shows including numerous pantomimes for Chapel Players and twelve charity concerts at Buxton Opera House in aid of cancer research. He also performed as Musical Director for Chinley Amateur Dramatic Society.

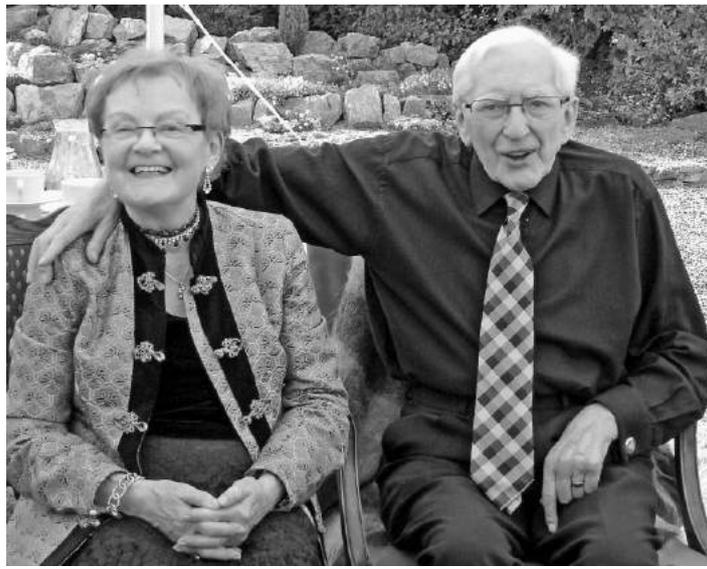
Former BBC North West Tonight presenter Colin Sykes will comper the evening of music which starts at 7.30pm at Buxton Methodist Church on Saturday, November 9th.

As well as Chapel Male Voice Choir, the concert will feature soloist Liz Hallam, Four to the Bar, organist John Anfield and Harry's own Redfern Girls.

'Harry was involved in so many musical events in the area and gave so much of his time and energy into helping people enjoy music,' said Colin. 'After he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, he organised a series of concerts to help raise money for research. This concert is to pay tribute to his sense of fun and hard work over the years.'

Admission costs £5, payable on the door and proceeds will be split between the prostate cancer appeal at Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport and Buxton Methodist Church.

More details from Colin Sykes 07513 954153



BROWNIE NEWS

It's been a busy period for the Methodist brownies since the last newsletter. September saw the first brownie pack holiday to Glenbrook in the Hope Valley. The brownies had a two night stay and this involved a night walk, a visit to Peak Cavern, Peveril Castle and an adventure course.

The weekend had a monster theme and the brownies built their own cardboard monster mascots beforehand. The brownies loved the activities and were enthusiastic and motivated throughout the weekend. The new songs they learnt were a great hit and are still sung on Tuesday evenings!

The girls had to complete different tasks like making their bed and help prepare the food before they could achieve their brownie holiday badge. As we were using public transport and maps the girls also were rewarded their out and about badge. Below are some photos from the pack holiday. Many thanks go to Kay for the singing, Diane and Claire for the extra help on the Saturday and Anna, as without her we would not have been able to go.



At the Peak Cavern looking at how rope was made



In
Castleton

Since the pack holiday the brownies are working towards their road safety and world traveller badges. The girls are working within their sixes and learning interesting facts about a different country which they will then present to the rest of the unit.

Sarah Dunkin Brown Owl.

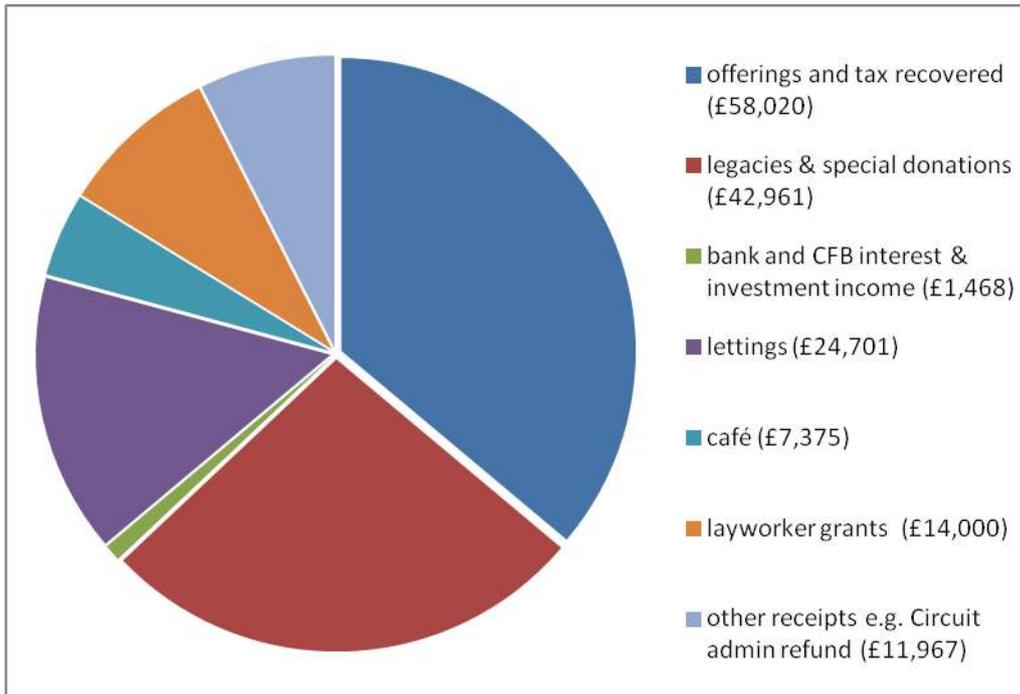


Pevril Castle and one of the Monster poses and monster groups.

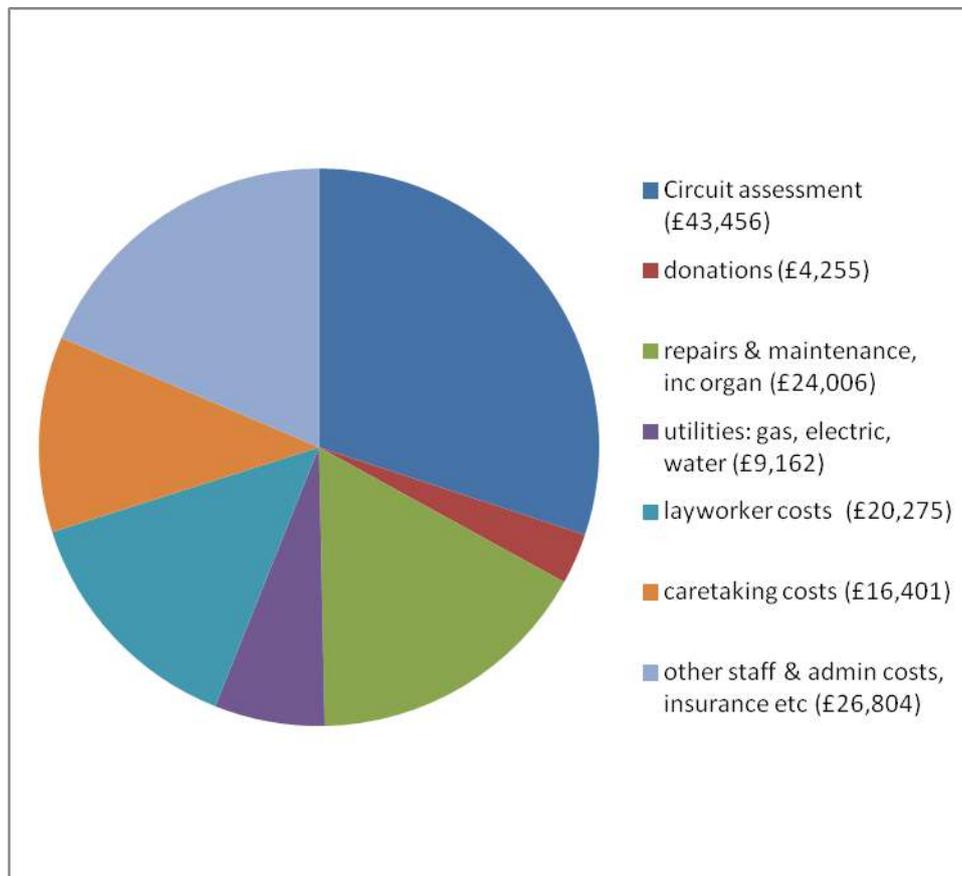


A thank-you from the District to Anna Quick for being their D.C for the last 5 years.

Buxton Methodist Church: unexamined financial report for the year ended 31 August 2013



Total income received in 2012-13: £160,492



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Celebration of Talents

We are hoping to organise a 'celebration of talents' by members of our church family. It will be an event when members of the church can display things they enjoy doing or making. We are not looking for masterpieces (although we may find some), neither will it be a competition - it will be an opportunity for us to meet together to appreciate and enjoy the things we do and make.

When you glance round the church you see many gifted people and I suspect there are many more who tend to 'keep their light under a bushel', so come and join us in whatever way you can. It is hoped there will be displays of art work, photography, crafts, knotting, embroidery, music making, poetry, drama and other activities. The range is up to all of us.

When you get your 2014 diary jot down the dates 13-15th June when you can come and see what we can all produce and we hope let us see your talents too.

We hope the week-end will culminate in a service of Praise on the Sunday.

Planning for the event is in its early stages, so please feel free to come forward with suggestions and offers of help.

If you would like to contribute by displaying some of your work please let Andrew or John Tyldesley know or leave a message in the church office.

SERVICES DECEMBER 2013

Communion and Prayers every Tuesday in the Quiet Chapel 10.30am to 11.00 am. **Sunday Club** every Sunday 10.30 am (apart from Parade Service Sundays)

1st December

10.30 am Holy Communion Rev David Hall

6.00 pm Praise @ 6 – a modern café style service held in the Main Hall. A more traditional service will be held at Fairfield this evening (a United Service, led by Rev Andrew Parker)

8th December

10.30 am Morning Worship & Parade Service Rev Andrew Parker

6.00 pm Evening Worship Mrs Brenda Bryant

15th December

10.30 am Morning Worship Mr Ian Stubbs

6.00 pm Memorial Service Rev Andrew Parker and Deacon Janet Heys

22nd December

10.30 am Carol Service Rev Andrew Parker

6.00 pm Evening Worship Miss Ruth Hayter

29th December

10.30 am Circuit Service Deacon Janet Heys

Christmas Eve 5.30pm Christingle Service – Rev Andrew Parker
Christmas Day 10am Christmas Day Service – Rev Andrew Parker & Deacon Janet Heys

News from the Circuit

David and James from the Christian Union at the University launching the tea & toast event, which will run alternate Wednesday evenings 11 till 2am from October, providing time out for student revellers on the market place.



On Sat 5th Oct between 8.30 and 4pm the ladies at Hollinsclough served tea and cake to folk taking part in a national vintage bike and car rally as Hollinsclough was one of their check points. Here are some of the bikers taking a well earned break.





Fairfield Messy Church taking part in Fairfield Sure Start Summer playscheme over the Summer holidays. Great fun was had by all and messy it was too. A big thank you to helpers Audrey Getliffe and John Griffiths pictured here.

Hollinsclough Chapel
Meat & Potato Pie
Friday November 8th -7pm
Also Wendy Watson
talking about her life

Proceeds to Methodist Homes
Price £5.50p per head (no need to book)

Hollinsclough Chapel
Carols by Candlelight
Friday December 6th, 8pm
Hollinsclough Silver Band

It was only a Sunny Smile,
And little it cost in the giving,
But like morning light it scattered
the night and made the day worth
living
F.Scott Fitzgerald



Messy eating at Space Academy Holiday Club



A Cooking activity

Imagine a star shining bright in the sky
a man and a woman with nowhere to lie
a stable so lowly nothing more to be found
a mattress of straw on the hard ground

Imagine a baby being born on that night
with cattle and donkeys watching his plight
the warmth of their bodies is all they can share
the very first love, the very first care

Imagine that child in a manger of hay
Him sleeping so peaceful to the break of the day
when down from the hills and leaving their sheep
come shepherds so simple with a faith that's so deep

Imagine three kings who followed the star
with gifts of gold, frankincense, myrrh
entering that stable so very poor
and flinging themselves down, flat on the floor

Imagine a child born to be King
Imagine us as alleluias we sing
Imagine a God who gave us his word
Then imagine that babe, our Saviour, our Lord

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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 10.30 am and 6.00 pm

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 Up, 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 **January/February 2014** edition of the Newsletter is **Sunday 15th December.**

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