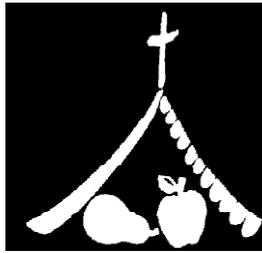


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**June/July
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Buxton Methodist Church Newsletter

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear All,

Today feels like a bit of a landmark! I'm writing this on my 65th birthday and am conscious that it's a birthday that still – just – marks the age when people are eligible for their state pension.

Before the days of church pensions, the Methodist Church had a "Worn Out Ministers' Fund" and many ministers who had "sat down" were grateful for it. "Worn out" many of them were – just like those industrial workers in the smoggy cities and mining villages who were often fortunate to reach 65.

Many of us, today, are fortunate to reach 65 with reasonable physical health and the hope of good years yet to come. The question is how we use this precious time. To help answer this I've been recalling how, when I arrived at Buxton, I read a copy of Dr. Geoffrey Willis' guide to living well into old age. As with most of the books and booklets that are well worth keeping, it's now lost!

As I recall, there were chapters on diet, exercise, friendships and in developing one's interests - even before retirement strikes! His final chapter was about the significance of what we believe. Of course, Christian faith isn't something one can buy off a shelf when one needs it. It is a rational and emotional response to the good news of Jesus arising out of our experience of life.

How do we help people come to faith and what does the faith say to those growing older? I suspect that all who worship come with their questions. For some the questions arise out of a faith which is established but still urges them forward. For others, there is still a search for a dependable faith which will make sense of the whole of life.

For those who are preachers, we need to remember that not everyone at worship is committed to Christ or has had an experience of his presence in their lives. For the whole church there is the question about how we help each other explore more deeply, find encouragement, and grow in or into faith.

Three ways in which we might help each other are:

- encouraging younger and older, to share in a small group, not only for their own sake but because of what they have to offer to others.
- making better use of our church library (outside the church door leading to the rear premises), a rich resource for people exploring the faith and growing in faith
- helping each other to use the Bible in a way that is helpful. Good Bible reading notes, which can be ordered from the Christian Bookshop on the Market, can be very valuable. They come in many varieties, so it's important to get ones that are right for each stage in life!

Finally, here are some words of Paul for the over 65s (and even the 40s and 50s): ***“So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.”*** (2 Corinthians 4.16) As we journey on, we do so in the knowledge that day by day we are renewed by Christ - to love, to serve and to grow into that fullness of life he wants for us all.

Praise be!

Colin

IMPORTANT

**THE NEXT FULL EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE
SEP/OCTOBER**

PASTORAL

Baptisms

Bobby Dean Gale and Freddie James Gale - sons of Laura and Dave.
It was a joy to baptise David and Laura's sons, grandsons of Mary Lou, and regulars at Messy Church – along with their cousins!

Megan Elise Grice - daughter of Anna and Andrew.
Anna worshipped at our church as a girl and was in our choir. She now lives in Lincoln.

Deaths

Violet Arden
Edith Walley
Linda Houghton

Violet and Edith were both members of our Luncheon Club in former days and we give thanks for their lives lived in and around Buxton. We think of their families and friends.

Linda came from a Welsh Chapel background but worked in England as a nurse for many years. Recently, she moved to Buxton to be near her son, Alan.

News

Molly Woolford is always a joy to visit and is well cared for by the staff at The Gables and by her family. She was interested to hear that Colin was going to the Falklands as one of her family, many years ago, lived in Port Stanley and did some of the woodwork in the Catholic Church. He was able to bring back pictures of its interior to show her!

George and Joan Thompson are Methodists from Chesterfield who have served the church in almost every capacity. They now live at Derby House and Colin takes them communion regularly. George served in the army during WW2 and was based in Malta during the years of the heaviest air-raids.

Senior Mary Davies is “young” Mary Davies’ mother-in-law. She has lived at “The Branksome” for some years but always asks for news of our church, which she attended in days gone by. She was telling me she remembers as a little girl, about three years old, being told by her mother that her Uncle Joe wouldn't be calling to see her any more. He'd been killed in the First World War. She told a man up the street that her uncle Joe had been killed and he

said, "I'll be your Uncle Joe from now on" – and he remembered her birthdays and at Christmas from then on!

Mrs Winifred Kidd, who has lived at Hartington Gardens for some years, is now living at The Portland Nursing Home. She seems to have settled in well.

Mrs Elvin is a member of our luncheon club and a much-loved and active member of our Methodist chapel at Peak Dale. She is 101 in May and we offer her our congratulations.

Tracey Jackson's sons, Rob, Kane and Chad, all received medals for their performances at rugby. Our congratulations to them. We hold Tracey in our thoughts at the moment as she has recently been in hospital.

Methodist app reborn: now available free for all devices

A brand new app from the Methodist Church in Britain is now available on all mobile devices. The app offers users a daily Bible study, as well as all the latest news, audio and video from the Church.

Features include:

- Daily Bible studies, featuring a different author each week
- The latest news stories from the Methodist Church in Britain
- Topical podcasts from Methodist Web Radio
- Resources for Christian discipleship
- Blogs from the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference, Methodist Youth President and World Church Relationships team
- View videos through the Church's YouTube channel
- Interact on Facebook and Twitter
- Information about the latest campaigns and the Church's involvement in the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

"With the rise of the smartphone, we're more connected than ever before, and that's something to celebrate," said David Webster, the Church's Internet Communications Coordinator. "We want people to be able to make use of our resources across a wide range of platforms. Our goal is to support Methodists and other Christians as we make our way as disciples of Jesus in the modern world." Any current device, including Blackberry phones, is available free through the App Store and Google Play (for Android devices).

(I hope this means more to you than it does to me. Colin).

Roger's Updates

In April I attended an alcohol awareness day run by the NHS/PCT. The abuse of drink and binge drinking is a big issue. Excessive drinking along with self harming affects some of our young people at Buxton Methodist.

Messy Church continues to be very popular with parents/grandparents/carers and children and numbers attending have held up very well – 75 meals were served recently. We have a smallish team of helpers for which we are very grateful but we cannot overstate how many more helpers we need especially now that we are in the holiday season. We have a wide range of jobs that need doing and there is something for everyone.

After Easter we started a new group called 11 UP+ (11UP plus) that runs immediately after the normal 11 UP, but rather than continuing in the Main Hall, 11 UP+ meets in the Upper Room, an appropriate name for this new group which seeks to explore what the Gospel is all about and how it can relate to young people. We are thrilled that 6 of our young people made personal commitments to Christ Jesus. We continue to work with them to help them develop and mature in the Christian faith.

In just a month's time we have a District Sleepover in Clitheroe with activities at the former grand hotel in Clitheroe and the sleepover at Clitheroe Methodist Church. This has been planned by the Methodist District EYC group (Enabling Young Christians) which I am a part of. The young people will be involved with preparing and leading worship on the Sunday morning in Clitheroe. Young people from Monyash, Peak Dale and Buxton Methodist 11 Up and Sunday Club will be going. We have a number of young people from single parent families, parents that are unemployed and young people also unemployed that are finding it hard to pay for the weekend. We really do want the young people to go and so if any of you feel that you could make a donation towards the young people attending we would be grateful. Donations if made by cheque need to be made to 11UP. The cost of the weekend for one person including transport is £25 but **any size** donation would be gratefully received.

Talk FX – Talk FX will not meet until the end of September. I will not be leading Talk FX any longer because of some youth work I am developing that clashes with Talk FX. If there are others that might like to help lead Talk FX perhaps as a team, please let me know.

On the last Sunday of each month (not in August) we have The Discovery Zone which is Café Style Church and for many, Church not as you know it. It is hopefully a suitable environment and service for you to invite your friends to. Don't forget it starts with breakfast from 9am.

Last week we held our second Messy Church in Monyash and Messy Church in Peak Dale and in Earl Sterndale are still going well.

I am still involved in leading assemblies in schools and helping in lessons periodically in addition to being a governor at another school.

Who Let the Dads Out? **Men, dads and granddads** – please read below!!!

I haven't been able to launch this for Father's Day because I couldn't get continuity of rooms within the church this side of September, so I hope we will start in September. Are there some men in the church willing to help with this? Initially it will be monthly and will run on a Saturday morning. More details are given below as to its concept and if you want to know more and can help please speak with me.

'We know that parent and toddler work can transform relationships and strengthen families. Yet we also know that mostly mothers have populated the parent and toddler world.'

Who Let The Dads Out? is all about creating space where dads and their young children can have fun together and is founded on the Christian principle of wanting to demonstrate God's love to communities.

Who Let The Dads Out? toddler sessions are specifically for toddlers and their dads, stepdads, granddads and male carers. They follow the same traditional format as normal parent and toddler sessions. There are toys, craft activities, stories and, if you're brave, even song time, but with a few masculine touches, such as bacon butties and newspapers'. It can also help mum get a break.

Messy Church Extra!

Messy Church currently runs two weekly (Tuesday's) so on the alternate weeks we want to run a new group - a group for those that attend Messy Church but who might want to explore the Christian faith further and ask the big questions.

We would need to run a crèche and some child care provision to enable the parents/grandparents/carers the space to 'explore' as unhindered as possible. We'd also provide some food too but not on such a grand scale as with Messy Church. Realistically speaking, this group will be much smaller than the Messy Church group and easier to manage. We are going to require help and we hope that some of you grandparents will get involved in looking after/playing with the children. Would you let me know if you are willing to help in some way – Thank you.

Modern Worship Service

If you would like to have contemporary worship services at alternative times, would you please help me to make it happen? We are after musicians, singers and other people willing to make it work. We have agreement from the last Church Council to trial these and a number of people have expressed a desire for more modern worship – so please help and make it happen. Speak with Roger for more info.

Report of the General Church Meeting on 22nd May

I was delighted to see so many people attend. The overwhelming feeling was “thankfulness” to God and an awareness that we all need to exercise our own ministry in the life of the church.

Churches are measured not just by the number of people, but the depth of their love and commitment. We recognised the therein lies a challenge to us all – to become more than we are.

Colin

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE FOR THE CHURCH ORGAN

The British Institute of Organ Studies (BIOS) inspected our church organ last autumn. We have been awarded a Grade 2* certificate for the organ. This is for:

‘An organ of considerable historic and musical interest.’

The certificate was presented to Irene, Mary and John by Malcolm Starr on behalf of BIOS. He is also organ adviser to the Methodist Church. Malcolm said that our organ was built by Alexander Young & Sons of Manchester in 1895, with only small changes in 1910 and 1947. There are 1436 pipes in the organ, each one individually made. The longest is 16 feet and the shortest only about 3 inches. To build this organ new today would cost about £350.000!

The certificate is to be displayed on the wall of the organ. We are lucky to have such a fine historic organ. We organists enjoy playing it and hope you all enjoy singing with it.

SPECIAL EVENT

On Sunday July 1st we are having a Bring and Share Lunch after the service to say a farewell from the whole family of the Church to Colin and Caroline.

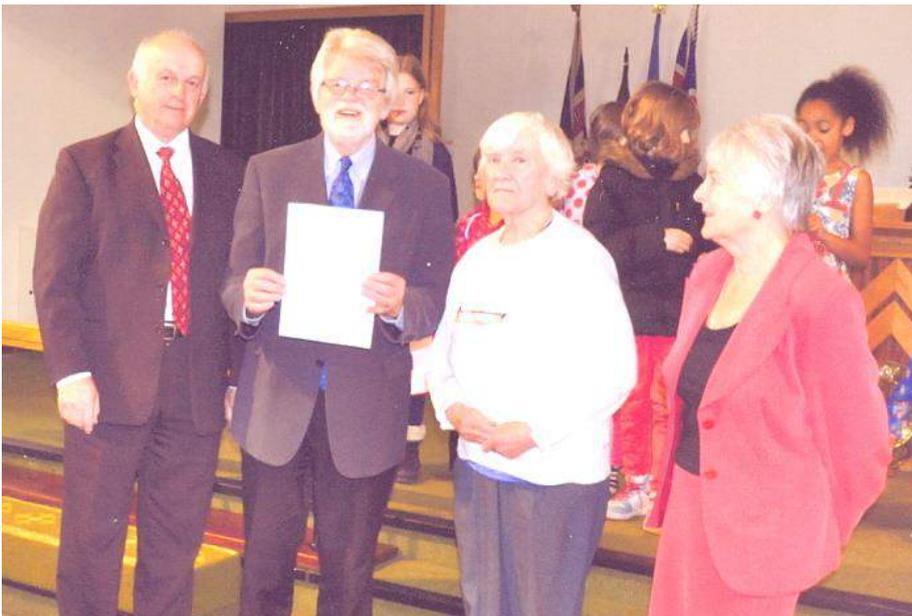
There will be sheets at the back of the church for you to sign up to say that you are intending to come and also if you are able to help with the preparations.

Please see Jackie Cowlshaw, Christine Hodgkinson or Glynis Leyland for further information and come and help us make this a memorable event.





A rare look at the inside of the Organ



Receiving the certificate, for the Organ. Pictured with it our Church Organists, past and present



Caroline sharing the Jubilee Cake with the Brownies



Sunday Club – Jubilee Party

The Fifth Gospel

Working in the bookshop sorting the second hand books I realised that there were well over 100 books telling the life stories or testimonies of people leading exciting and often dangerous Christian lives. I always respond to sermons and preaching that contain personal testimonies and I sit up and listen when the preacher tells of their own personal experiences. Like many people my life seems dull and I long for a “Damascus” experience and to be able to write a book about my own exciting relationship with God. Whilst pondering on these thoughts I came across a very small book entitled “The Gospel According To Everyone” which changed my whole attitude. It was full of unusual accounts of people’s experiences of God. The peoples’ stories were in a simple way telling of how they became Christians. Not all flashing lights or crashes of thunder, but instead told by people who could be sitting next to you in church or living in your area. I identified with these people who in simple honesty expressed how they came to Christ. All the people in the book attend St Lukes Church West Holloway, a church built between two prisons Holloway and Pentonville in a parish of 10,000 people where Dave Tomlinson is the vicar. It is just an ordinary Anglican Church that has come alive through the writing and sharing of the Fifth Gospel written by ordinary people as were too Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Once I opened the book I could not put it down and I could identify with these people who were real to me. I know I too have a testimony to tell of how God is with me in the ordinary things of life for example on Thursday someone ran into the back of our car at a set of traffic lights. Not unusual you may say, but the fact that I had the hand brake on stopped us running into the car in front, but also there was only a slight scratch on the car bumper and I felt so calm about the whole incident. Thank you Lord.

How would you respond if it was announced that the reading was from the Gospel of St Luke’s West Holloway according to Agnes? Why not - we all have a gospel and a testimony to proclaim. Iris Sparkes.

“The Gospel According To Everyone” pub by St Lukes Holloway and printed in Great Britain by Amazon price £6 available from Buxton Christian Bookshop.

Film - South Pacific with a buffet supper in our home 13th June 7.15 p.m. but you do need to phone for a ticket 01298 25134 Don Sparkes.

Network Report

2011/12 has been a very enjoyable year, with good speakers, lots of participation by members and a sunny outing to Tittesworth Reservoir. At the AGM on 16th May members were able to allocate the money received through collections as follows:

Buxton Methodist Church	250.00
League of Friends, Cottage	30.00
Stepping Stones	30.00
11 Up	30.00
MacMillan Cancer Care	50.00
Charis House & Farm	50.00
Little Blessings	<u>50.00</u>
	<u>490.00</u>

In addition, the amount raised for Mission work was as follows –

Collections & stalls	281.17
Boxes	280.31
Easter Offering – Buxton	<u>518.00</u>
	<u>1,079.48</u>

Officers appointed to serve a further year are:

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

Network will resume in mid-September - the date will be publicised in the notice sheet and programmes will be given out when speakers have been finalised.

Ruth Hayter.

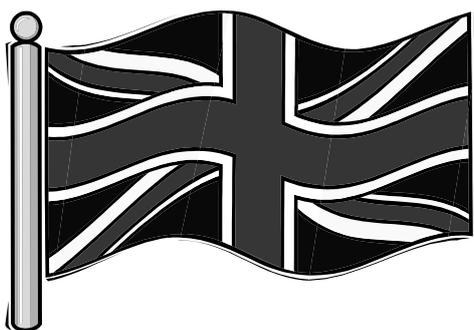
TRIP TO NORTH WALES

Open to all U3A Members and others who wish to join us. Anglesey visit to Beaumaris, Rhosneigr (meaning Black Rock) near where Kate and William live and to Waitrose where they shop. Then on to visit Wales' newest city and smallest Cathedral at St Asaph for choral evensong at 6pm. The composer William Mathias is buried in the cathedral grounds. Date: Friday 14th September leaving at 9.15 am from St John's Church, Buxton and returning approximately at 8pm. Cost £15 per person.

For more details please ring Don Sparkes 01298 25134.

Thank you to all who came to and helped with our Special Jubilee Party at Sunday Club.

We had a great time and managed to fit in some traditional games of walking over the mat and Oranges and Lemons. We also sung the first two verses of the National Anthem before we had our food.



SERVICES JUNE 2012

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

Sunday Club every Sunday 11.00 am

Network for men and women

Wednesdays at 2.30 pm in the Lower Room

3rd June – TRINITY SUNDAY

11.00 am Morning Worship Mr Philip Botham

6.00 pm Evening Worship Mr Ian Stubbs

10th June – METHODIST HOMES SUNDAY

11.00 am Morning Worship Miss Ruth Hayter

6.00 pm Holy Communion and
Healing Service Rev Colin Smith

17th June

11.00 am Morning Worship with Baptism Rev Colin Smith/
Dr Sandra Fach

6.00 pm Evening Worship Rev Colin Smith

24th June

9.00 am Discovery Zone, in Main Hall Roger Mallard

11.00 am Morning Worship Deacon Janet Heys

6.00 pm Taize Service Rev Colin Smith

SERVICES JULY 2012

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

Sunday Club every Sunday 11.00 am, apart from Parade Service Sunday (1st
July and August)

Network for men and women, Wednesdays at 2.30 pm in the Lower Room

1st July

11.00 am	Parade and Family Service	Rev Colin Smith
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Mrs Isabel Sinclair

8th July

11.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Colin Smith
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Mrs Audrey Getliffe

15th July

11.00 am	Morning Worship	Mr Peter Wadsworth
6.00 pm	Holy Communion	Rev Colin Smith

22nd July

11.00 am	Morning Worship	Mrs Janet Evans
6.30 pm	Circuit Songs of Praise at Earl Sterndale	Rev Colin Smith

29th July

09.00 am	Discovery Zone in Main Hall	Roger Mallard
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev Colin Smith
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Worship Team

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Yours sincerely,

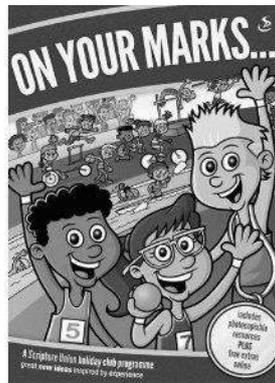
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This excellent and powerful book is for all ages; suitable for all who want to know what Christianity is really about.

As I Grow Old

As I grow old it seems that I,
Grow old as grows the westward sky.
When day is coming to its close,
For life takes on a tint of rose.
I had not known in life's hot noon,
Now in the night that comes so soon.
I see new stars I had not seen,
A surer faith, a peace serene,
As I grow old.

As I grow old the winds of life,
Die down the hate, the hurt, the strife.
The waters calm, the waves are still,
I want no triumph, wish no ill
To any man, Now from my heart,
The ancient angers all depart.
New friends I know, new songs are sung,
New joys are mine- yes , I grow young
As I grow old.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 11.00 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, Messy Church, Talk FX 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 **Sept/October** edition of the Newsletter is
Sunday 19th August 2012.

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