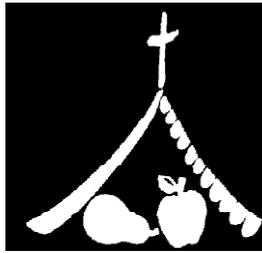


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MINISTER'S LETTER

To ask for wonder.

The photo comes from a widely circulated You tube clip of the little girl seeing a train for the first time.



I don't think I can remember when I had such wonder at seeing something so mundane and ordinary and everyday.

It seems that wonder and curiosity fade as we grow, we get used to things, our senses become dulled by routine, we work things out and perhaps we get cynical?

Each week in church we remind ourselves that we live in a world filled of God's wonder. The Psalmist declared: 'O LORD my God, great are the wonders you have done, were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare' (Psalm 40 : 5). To enjoy the wonders that each day brings is to be touched by the Holy Spirit and find delight in the creator.

But, in reality, sadly I take little time to recognize them or acknowledge them or even simply pause to enjoy them.

I was walking through the Pavilion gardens and I could see in the distance a little boy using a stick to prod a leaf floating in a puddle.

The adult with him was holding his hand and gently trying to pull him away, perhaps they had an appointment to go to?

Perhaps they had to get some shopping before going home to make the evening meal? Perhaps they had a long list of things to do?

Whatever it might have been, for that little boy, at that moment in time, the most important thing was to prod a leaf with a stick. There is an irony that I don't know how long they were there because I had to get to a meeting and had no time to pause.

In the preface to his book of poetry, the Jewish theologian, Abraham Heschel writes about his own search for the holy: "I did not ask for success, I asked for wonder; and you gave it to me." Those who knew Heschel say he was a man blessed with an extraordinary capacity for wonder. He was a man blessed with a remarkable ability to be excited, to be thrilled, to be exhilarated, to be uplifted. Things that other people took for granted, things that other people never bothered to notice, filled his heart with awe, his soul with joy, his mind with excitement.

We live in a wonder-filled world and I guess it's up to us to choose what to ponder on and wonder about.

I hope you join me to ask for wonder and may God grant it to us!

Andrew

DEACON MARGARET WAINWRIGHT

Those who have studied recent Plans may have noticed the inclusion of Deacon Margaret Wainright. Margaret moved to the Hawthorns in Buxton in 2009 and her membership has been transferred to the Buxton Circuit. Buxton was an area she often stayed in with an aunt and uncle as child.

Occasionally she has been able to attend church or the church café when her son John and daughter-in-law Sue have been visiting the area.

A very brief history of her life reveals that she became a fully accredited Local Preacher in 1943 and was also accepted as a student for the Wesley Deaconess Order in 1942. Her first main appointment was at Blackburn from where she was ordained in 1947. Then she moved to the

Peak and Bradwell Circuit, followed by an appointment in the Whaley Bridge Circuit in 1949.

She excelled in pastoral work in these mainly rural areas. In 1951 she married a farmer from Lyme Handley and had to resign as Deaconess, but continued as a local preacher both in the Whaley Bridge and New Mills areas until 2005. She was re-instated as a Deaconess in the early 1970s when the rules changed and continued where she could on a voluntary basis.

Since the 1970s women have increasingly taken their place alongside men in Methodist ministry. Her son John says that: "Apart from her preaching, many people recall Margaret's concern for and practice of pastoral visiting, usually in her Land Rover. Regarding the latter, because of Margaret's small stature, several other drivers have recorded seeing this vehicle in their rear mirror with no one apparently at the driving wheel!"

We will be celebrating Margaret's 70 years as a Local Preacher at a special Celebration at Fairfield Methodist Church on Sunday 11th August at 4.30 pm. You are invited to come along that afternoon and "join the celebration".

Ruth Hayter

OUR NEWS ABOUT YOUTH WORK

Messy Church - You'll know that it's still running and we have a good number of children, young people and adults attending and helping. There is a good team behind it and we are grateful for all the help given.

One area that we still need help in is also a significant and key aspect to the long term success of Messy Church. This key area is building relationships and we do that by befriending those that come along. We have 8 tables set out in the church and ideally we need someone from the

church at each table. Conversation is easy. The parents and children are really friendly and you'll probably join in with one of the craft activities which is always a conversation starter. You can also help any children that might need help with the craft. Simply put be yourself. So please come along and see what it is all about. Messy Church is every two weeks on a Tuesday from 3.30pm.

Dates for Messy Church to the end of the summer school term are as follows: May 7th & 21st; June 4th & 18th; July 2nd and 16th. There is a Messy Church planning meeting on May 28th at 2pm here at Buxton Methodist.

Alive@9 - Sunday morning 9am service in the Main Hall – last Sunday of each month - This takes over from The Discovery Zone (DZ.) Alive@9 is worship Café style. It is relaxed, and for all ages. Breakfast is from 9am which is followed by a time of worship that includes modern songs and film clips to illustrate the theme for the morning. It is very suitable for non church goers as well as those who like contemporary worship. Please pass the word around that it is on monthly on the last Sunday of each month and why not invite a friend to it. If you are not sure, come along and see for yourself. We'll make you very welcome.

Praise@6 - 1st Sunday of each month at 6pm in the Main Hall - A praise service café style with coffee (tea) & cake too. This replaces the normal 6pm service in the church on the 1st Sunday of each month and those that would like to attend a traditional service can join with Fairfield Methodist who will also give you a warm welcome. In due course it is hoped to have a music band and singing group to lead singing at Praise@6. If you would like to be involved in this, please let Roger or Christine know.

Family Film Nights, pizza & popcorn in the Main Hall - As part of our desire to include more families into the life of the Church, we will be having family film nights usually on a monthly basis. They will be on a Friday evening from 5pm for food and 5.30pm for the start of the film. The films will usually carry a U or PG rating and as far as possible be suitable for all ages.

On the nights they run, Stepping Stones and 11UP will not run, but

they are invited to the film night and are therefore catered for. However it is important to note that Parents/Grandparents etc must accompany their children.

Film nights will run on the following dates up to the end of the school term: May 10th, May 31st, June 28th & July 19th. We'll give new dates for September later.

If there is anyone willing to help cook the pizzas and make drinks and wash up afterwards we'd be grateful. Please let Roger know.

11Up - 11UP is still going each Friday in term time. We are looking forward to a sleepover in Clitheroe - this is a large Methodist District event. Last time over 120 young people went including young people from Monyash Methodist, Peak Dale Methodist (Peak Dale were the largest group) & Buxton Methodist. We'll be going again. I'm not sure why they call it a sleepover - no-one wants to sleep!

11Up+ - We are not able to run this group at present. We need another female leader. We're on the look out. If you can help, let Roger know.

And finally, a big thank you to everyone that helps in so many ways in all our groups for children and young people. It's such important Kingdom work.

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SOME DATES FOR THE DIARY FROM ACROSS THE CIRCUIT....

Mon 6th May

Buxton Spring Fair, with stalls and activities from Spring Gardens to the London Road Traffic lights, the Methodist church will be open with displays from the different groups and crafts for the family.

Saturday 11th May

Earl Sterndale - Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid and the Red Cross

Sunday 19th May

Fairfield Church Anniversary

Sunday 26th May to Sun 2nd June

Hollinsclough Flower festival. There will be a special service at the start of the flower festival on Sunday 26th May, 10:00am led by Rev Margaret Crawshaw and a closing service on Sunday 2nd June, 6:30pm led by Rev Bob Davies.

This is a special year for the flower festival as it marks 25 years since it started and the members at Hollinsclough think that this year may well be the last one.

Monday 27th May

Monyash Fair, join in the activities in the village and support the Methodist church by visiting their stalls and refreshments.

Sun 21st July, 6:30pm Circuit Songs of Praise at Earl Sterndale

Sun 11th August at Fairfield. An afternoon tea followed at 4:30pm by a Circuit service to celebrate the presentation to Sister Margaret Wainwright of her 70 years preaching certificate.

REPAIRS TO CHURCH ORGAN NOW FINISHED

BY JOHN ANFIELD

Our very fine church organ is 118 years old and sometimes shows its age. You may have wondered why there has been a temporary curtain behind the organ stool recently.

The longest pipes in the organ are for the notes Mary and I play with our feet. The organ pipes are up to 16 feet (about 5 metres) long. We noticed that these 'Open Diapason' notes were not working properly. Harold Davies, and his assistant Martin, have looked after our organ for more than 30 years. They travel from Liverpool. Harold explained that the air is released into the pipe by a control mechanism which is partly soft flexible leather and this would need to be renewed. He estimated for the work and this was accepted by the Finance Committee. So about 4 weeks ago Harold came with a large van.

He took out the section of organ which was 9 feet (3 metres long) long and very heavy and took it back to his workshop in Liverpool. He found that the old leather was no longer soft, but very hard and inflexible. He also found that the inside wood was painted 'battleship grey' which suggested that the last renewal was in the late 1940s when apparently this was about the only type of paint available!

It is now all repaired and back in the organ and working beautifully. So if you notice Mary or myself giving plenty of pedal, you will know we are pleased to have all the organ back and working!

We are very grateful to the church for finding the money to maintain this fine instrument.

THE TEN DAY SLEEP -THE STORY OF APRIL FOOLS DAY

All over the world children go to sleep at night. Some crawl into soft beds, others lie down on mats on the floor or climb into bunk beds. Some children have a bedtime story first, while other parents might sing their children a song to help them fall asleep. Some children complain about

going to bed, but I know you are cheerfully obedient when your mum or dad sends you to bed, right?



No matter what the differences are in how children go to sleep, one thing is the same. All the children expect that when they wake up in the morning, it will be the next day. I'm going to tell you about some children who went to bed one night, and when they woke up, it was ten days later!

A long time ago, in the year 1582, the wise men and scientists who served Pope Gregory XIII discovered that the calendar everyone had been using wasn't quite right.

You know from science class that a year is the amount of time it takes the Earth to travel around the sun one time. Scientists now know that it takes 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 49.7 seconds for that to happen. Since there are only 365 days in a year, we adjust our calendar by adding a day in February every few years. The old calendar used in Pope Gregory's day (it was called the Julian Calendar) didn't have all this figured out quite right. By 1582, the dates were off by about 10 days.

Pope Gregory decided that after everyone went to sleep on October 4th he would flip the calendar pages ahead ten days to correct the error. When everyone woke up on the day they expected to be October 5th, the calendar said October 15th. It was as if they'd slept for ten days!

Everyone's birthday and anniversary dates were changed. If your birthday was on June 2nd before the change, after the change you'd celebrate it on June 12th. Gregory also moved New Years day from April 1st to January 1st, but some people still celebrated on April 1st. They didn't like the new system and refused to change along with everyone else. Others thought those who wouldn't change were dreadfully old-fashioned. They called the old-fashioned people "fools" and played tricks on them. That's why we celebrate April Fools day on April 1st.

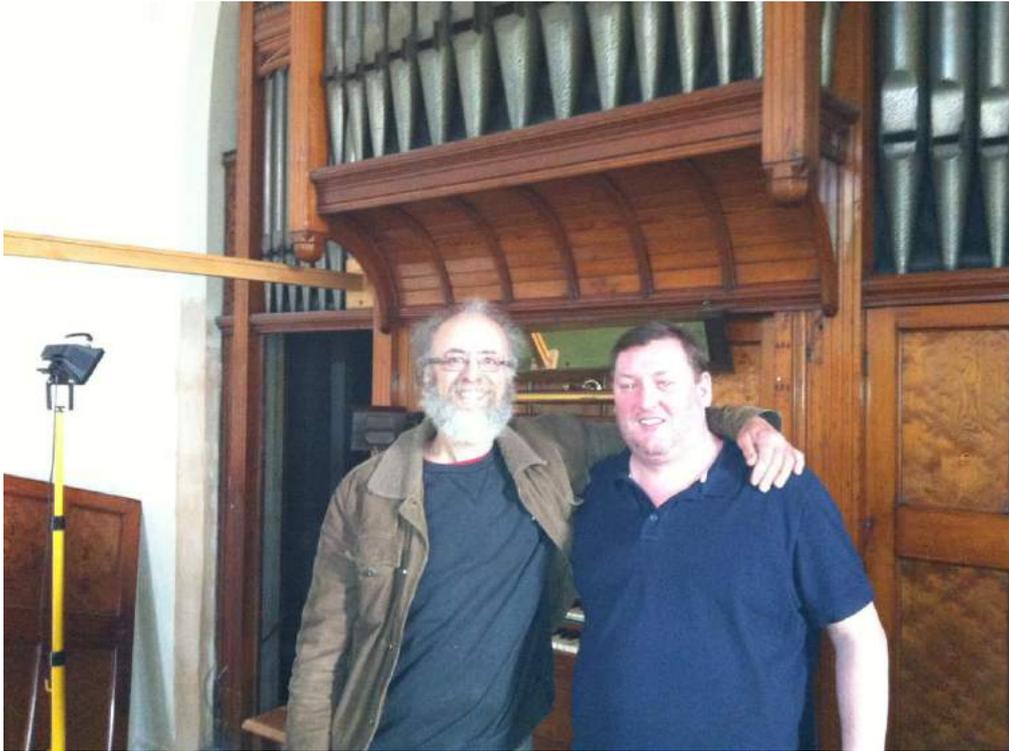
Changes are hard sometimes, like when a friend moves away or you go to a new church or school. Like those first "April Fools," sometimes we try to stay away from changes and we wish everything could always be the same.

But the Bible tells us that will not happen. It says that life is like a vapour. Do you know what a vapour is? It's like the steam that comes out of the teakettle when it's whistling, or smoke from a fire. Vapour is always changing in shape. Our life is like that, too, from God's point of view. Things are always changing.

Isn't it good to know that God never changes? The Bible says He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We can trust God to take care of us when things are changing all around us and we know (because the Bible says it's true) that He has good things planned for those who love Him. When we go to sleep tonight we don't need to worry. No matter what day it is when we wake up, God will still be in charge and He will still be planning good things for those who love Him.



Brownies and their Play - based on the Brownie Story



Harold and Martin who were involved in fixing part our Organ



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SERVICES JUNE 2013

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

2nd June

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| 10.30 am | Morning Worship | Deacon Janet Heys |
| 6.00 pm | Praise @ 6 | |

9th June – Sea Sunday

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| 10.30 am | Morning Worship | Rev Andrew Parker |
| 6.00 pm | Evening Worship | Mrs Brenda Bryant |

16th June

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| 10.30 am | Morning Worship | Miss Ruth Hayter |
| 6.00 pm | Holy Communion | Rev Andrew Parker |

23rd June

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| 10.30 am | Morning Worship | Mr Jonathan Green |
| 6.00 pm | Evening Worship | Worship Team |

30th June

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| 9.00 am | Alive @ 9 | |
| 10.30 am | Holy Communion | Rev Robert Davies |
| 6.00 pm | Evening Worship | Mrs Janet Evans |

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BROWNIES AND MOTHERS DAY PARADE

On Mothering Sunday the brownies came up trumps and performed a mime and a song as part of their entertainer's badge. The Brownie leaders wanted to show how important the role of mums is within their lives, so the idea was for them to act out activities whilst somebody else narrates a story. During their usual Tuesday night brownie meetings the leaders thought it would be good if the brownies could work together in their six's and use their own imaginations and show the other brownies what they thought would be good for the mother's day parade.

The brownies loved this activity and the leaders had never seen them so animated. They all participated in their own interpretations of how mums are good to have around and showed them to the rest of the brownie unit. The leaders amalgamated most of the ideas into one mime.

We also gave them a challenge to create a new song within their six's and within 5 to ten minutes most of the brownie groups had a song they could perform. The leaders choose the best song for the six to sing in front of the congregation which were the Moles.

On the day we had ten brownies who acted out the mime which was loosely based around the brownie story. Half the brownies were children who started out as selfish and played with toys and did not notice how much work mums did around the house to keep it tidy. A few of the brownies were acting as mums tidying up after the children, cooking,

washing and ironing and cleaning. The children would leave clothes and toys on the floor and the mums would pick them up.

After a while the selfish brownies went for a walk in the woods where they saw a wise owl who told them to look into the mirror and they saw good brownies. The newly transformed good brownies went back to their houses and tidied and cleaned the house and gave their mums a cup of tea!

After the mime three brownies from the Moles six sang a very quick song which they had created the previous week.

We also had to think of how to include the Rainbows within the activities so one of our leaders, Kay, had the idea of using 'If you're happy and you know it' song with a few words changed to 'If your **thankful of your mum.....**' so everybody could join in. This was fun as there were the usual actions of clapping hands and nodding heads but we ended with shouting "we love you mum!"

The Sunday Club chose two lucky brownies to read a prayer for mums around the world as the girls go to church on a regular basis. To top it off the rainbows and brownies helped to hand out the chocolates for the mums. It was great that the brownies could offer something to the congregation and work towards their entertainers badge at the same time!

Sarah Dunkin
Brown Owl - Leader in Training



Singing their song for their Mums 😊

Sunday Youth Group

At Sunday Youth Group recently, the topic for the older group to discuss was how God faithfully keeps His promises. We read the story of Abraham and Sarah and how God kept His promise to them by giving them their son Isaac. We talked about how easy or difficult it can sometimes be to keep promises to our family and friends.

After doing a wordsearch in which a variety of words relating to faithfulness had to be found e.g. true, loyal, trust, constant, the young people wrote a sentence about faithfulness and keeping promises using some of the words in the wordsearch.

Below are a few examples of what they wrote:

A friend is loyal and true when you can trust them no matter what; They are constant and never change the way they are; They are firm about making you take the right path and always help you through life; A constant friend is always loyal and true and sticks firmly to the truth; Being faithful is about being true to your loyal friend, always being there for them and sticking to the promises that you made; It is always important to stay constant to what you say - be firm and stick to what you promise and people will be able to

trust you.

This topic provided a very interesting discussion and I was impressed by the maturity of the young people in the group, how much they value their friends and how thoughtful they are towards them.

Ann Roberts



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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. The meeting on Wednesday 15th May will be the last one until Wednesday 18th September.

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 July/August edition of the Newsletter is
Sunday 2nd June

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