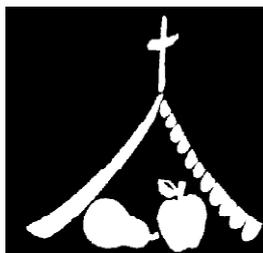


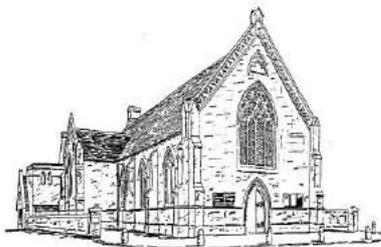
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Buxton Methodist Church Newsletter

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear All,

It was about 10 years ago that I remember my first visit to Buxton. I came from Sheffield on a day out and, having wandered about the Pavilion gardens, I went on to the art gallery and look around the 'upper area'.

I was pleased to discover the Methodist church looking so well cared for and with people going in and out, it was assuring to know that here was a Methodist church at the heart of community life.

I was delighted when I was told last year that I was matched with the Buxton Circuit through the Methodist stationing process. The year has gone very quickly and, having said my 'good-byes' in Sheffield, I have quickly settled into 'Wesley Villa'.

Already I feel I have been made very welcome with so many people popping in to say hello and making sure I was OK.

May I say thank you for your welcome and also a very big thank you to all those who worked so hard in preparing the Manse for my arrival: it has been much appreciated.

As I passed by 10 years ago, I briefly saw the church and some unknown people. Now I look forward to making new friends and being part of this community.

I trust that as God works through the stationing process, God will continue to work through the churches in this circuit and we will be invited to partake in that work.

Andrew.

WHAT ON EARTH WAS PADDLE?!!!

It was the launch of our new Guiding Area, Peaks and Dales. Here is what Sarah Dunkin, our new Brownie Leader in Training, had to say about it:

"What a wonderful day we all had when the 6th Buxton Methodist Church Brownies and Rainbows went to Paddle for the day. For once the sun was shining and warm which lifted everybody's spirits.

The day was well organised with activities ranging from craft and pond dipping to problem solving, bike skills and water sliding, which was a big hit for the day! The day ended with five hundred girls taking part in a dance routine which they had all learnt during one of their sessions.

The biggest cheer from the Buxton Brownies went to Diana Quick as she was awarded her 40 years of service in the Guiding movement.

The day went really quickly and it was a shame we had to catch our bus back, as this meant we missed the campfire sing-along with the guides who were staying overnight.

The best memory of the day for me was at the BBQ where the girls joined in other Rainbow and Brownie groups in singing or playing games with complete strangers. It was lovely to see that there were no barriers or shyness from our girls.

On the bus back towards Buxton I thought the girls would be tired after a full day of activities, but they were buzzing with enthusiasm! Now that is what I call a successful event."

NEWS FROM ROGER

What is Messy Church? Simply put it is Church, just as the Sunday service is Church. Messy Church is just presented differently. We have crafts, we have the Bible story (reading), we use multi-media and the crafts to convey the message and we sing. We also eat together afterwards, which is also very biblical. Jesus was always enjoying other people's company over a meal.

So, we do all this in 1&1/2 hours from 3.30pm until 5pm.

In September 2011, we started Messy Church on a monthly basis and there were less than 10 people at the first one. A week before the schools broke up in July 2012, close to 100 adults and children attended. These adults were mums, dads and grandparents.

It's fair to say that we have struggled to cope at times because of the lack of volunteers although many parents have rallied and helped us, which is great. The issue that we face is that our volunteers are not happy about the lack of help and my fear is that some may not wish to continue helping if we continue with the small number that we have. I am grateful to those that help – they work hard at Messy Church and are busy people too - a big thanks to them all.

One of the key parts of Messy Church 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.

There are many other jobs too. Before Messy Church we set up the church and this involves moving all the chairs and putting out tables. We set up each table with the necessary equipment for the craft and also make the room as secure and as child friendly as possible. We want to minimise any risk of accident.

We need to have door stewards to welcome people and also stop any potential escapees (that means little children trying to run outside). We need people to serve tea, coffee, juice and biscuits at the start. We need people to help in the kitchen and also set up the hall. Cooking and serving up to 100 meals in such a short space of time is a great achievement. We need people to help put everything away at the end of the day and also to wash and dry up, clear the hall and church etc.

It is a big undertaking, but it has to be done and we really welcome your practical help and support. We also need your prayers that we move it along in the right direction. Help us to build the church of now and of the future.

The first Messy Church in September is on Tuesday 11th. Please become a helper and help as often as possible. You will enjoy it very much and it will help us make Messy Church even better and meaningful.

I'd also like to make Messy Church much more inclusive for those with disabilities. This could be those with learning disabilities and also those who may have physical disabilities. If you can sign or have experience with working with people with learning disabilities, would you help? Jesus came for all and I want Messy Church to be genuinely for all. Key workers are Michael Bryant, Robert, Mary Lou, Malcolm and Mary Heywood & Roger. Please speak to any of us for more information or to offer your help.

The Discovery Zone was launched back in January 2012. The Discovery Zone (DZ) is a different style of worship/service that is relaxed, Café style 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. Discovery Zone starts again on 30th September.

Talk FX has stopped for the summer and we hope will start up again, but this depends on finding someone or a small group of people to run it and I hope that will happen. I have stopped partly because I was getting stale, but also I needed to focus on the young people. On the same night as Talk FX I will be taking our young people to join another group in Hathersage for an evening of Christian worship in a creative environment.

It is still my desire to start up the group '**Who let the dads out?**' Dads often get a bad press and I think society doesn't value them as much as they should. With family breakdown too, it can be difficult for dads in maintaining family ties. It will be monthly and will be for dads, stepdads, granddads and male carers. This is an extract regarding what it's all about:

'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 newspaper. It can also help mum get a break.'

If you feel you might like to be involved with this exciting project, please let me know. We may start in September, but I need male helpers in particular.

Tuesday Extra

On the alternate Tuesdays in between Messy Church, I am planning a new group at the same time that Messy Church runs. This new group will allow those that come to Messy Church to explore more about the Christian faith and ask the questions that arise from Messy Church themes. We think that the numbers that will come will be significantly less than those attending Messy Church. Parents and carers will still come with the children, but it is planned that we will provide the child care while the parents as far as practicable will be able to 'explore' in relative peace. Hopefully we'll be able to provide a snack/sandwich tea too.

If you can help or would like to be involved in this we'd appreciate your help/input very much.

Thanks,
Roger.



BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Do you know someone who hasn't been to church lately, who used to come but doesn't anymore?

And what about those who don't appear to be interested? Perhaps it's because they have never been asked.

For some, going to church is a big step, something they have never done, but with a friend they might try.

We have designated **Sunday 7th October** as **Back to Church Sunday for our Church.**

It is also our Harvest Festival and Parade Sunday, so there will be lots going on.

Invite a friend or neighbour, give them an invitation and maybe suggest you'll go with them.

Invitations are available in the Church.



After a break of four months, Network will be starting again on Wednesday 19th September. This has been a year of celebrations, including the Queen's Golden Jubilee, the Olympics and Paralympics taking place in London. We will be reflecting this as our opening session will be "Red, White and Blue" – a members' afternoon with the opportunity to wear and share these very special colours.

Deacon Janet Heys will be updating us on "The Hub" on 26th September and Chris Robinson will be "Diving with Sharks" on 3rd October. On 10th October we will be joining the Mothers Union at Bath Road Church Centre for an afternoon of hymns and readings. If you would like to choose one of these and perhaps say a few words about it, then pass your choice to Ruth Hayter.

Our meetings start at 2.30 pm (except when we visit the Mothers Union, who start their meeting at 2.00 pm). The meetings are open to both women and men and you will be very welcome. More information from Dorothy Martin 71424 or Ruth Hayter 77810.

FOUR TO THE BAR

Four to the Bar are Glynis and Alan Wells and Janette and Colin Sykes.

They are based in Buxton and came together through a shared love of music and a desire to help local charities through entertainment.

For 13 years, Colin produced the annual Celebrity Gala at the Buxton Opera House in aid of Cancer Research UK. Alan was the chorus director for the shows and Glynis and Janette were both members of the chorus.

The show was a variety mix of professional and local amateur entertainers and over the years it ran, the event raised more than £120,000.

Since that finished, Four to the Bar have continued to raise money through their four part harmony singing. They've now performed for numerous charities and organisations throughout the High Peak and beyond, with a mix of songs that ranges from Fifties, Sixties and Seventies pop to cabaret classics and songs from the shows. With such a wide range of material they feel there's something in the programme to appeal to most people.

They're backed on piano and keyboards by Colin, who you may recognise from BBC TV's regional programme North West Tonight, where he's the Environment and Transport Correspondent.

Their harmonies are put together informally at rehearsal and their approach is very democratic – nothing is ruled in or out.....as long as Colin can play it! They get great pleasure from their music and encourage their audiences to share their enjoyment.

FOUR TO THE BAR will be giving a fundraising concert in this church on Saturday 22nd September. Please see the separate advertisement and do try to support this event. We are sure you will have an enjoyable evening.



Four to the Bar



Messy Church Olympic Style 😊



Colin and Caroline cut their Thank you cake



Rainbows, Brownies and Guides at their recent Parade service

This is a letter sent to Andrew Bingham MP after a recent meeting with him by members of the Churches' Environmental Group where issues of our response to climate change were discussed:

Dear Andrew,

Thank you very much for taking the time to talk with us on 20th July. Thank you for undertaking to investigate SDGs. I hope we may be able to meet again in a few months time.

You will recall that we agreed that the real concern about 'fracking' gas is not the side effects (like gas igniting from taps), probably the result of incompetent engineering, but the increased carbon dioxide emissions if gas, rather than renewable energy, is used to generate electricity. While gas is a 'lesser evil' than coal, all fossil fuels need to be phased out. The only possible exception is if Carbon Capture and Storage can be proved to work economically on a large scale for a long period of time. Yet I understand that, even if the technology works, the Climate Change Committee have advised that a large proportion of carbon storage capacity may be needed to serve industrial processes that cannot otherwise be decarbonised. (Actually, (1) atmospheric CO₂ should be *reduced* and so CCS should be applied to power-stations fuelled by bio-fuels and (2) on ethical grounds, fossil carbon should not be burned, but left as chemical feed-stock for future generations).

In order to be on track to meet the Climate Change Act requirements, electricity supply needs to be decarbonised by 2030. (Actually, I think it is becoming increasingly clear that the 80% cuts by 2050 target is inadequate and the committee of experts may well revise this after the next IPCC report, but at the very least the Government must aim for it.) If the economic lifetime of a gas power-station is 30 - 40 years, it seems very likely that in 10 - 20 years time, with CCS probably still only a distant hope, arguments about 'keeping the lights on and the wheels of industry turning' will trump arguments about cutting carbon emissions.

The only sensible alternative is to invest massively in renewable technologies and a 'green-led' economic revival. In this context, please bear in mind Lord Stern's revised conclusions. The economic cost of global temperatures rising above a mean of 2 degrees C exceeds the costs of taking the necessary mitigation actions by several times. If Mr Osborne is concerned about the long term prosperity of this country, he must accept that carbon emission targets are not negotiable, whatever

the current economic conditions. It seems increasingly likely that this 2 degrees limit will be exceeded. As you point out, there is little that the UK can accomplish on its own. Nonetheless, the best hope is that the UK, as a leader in Europe, sets a strong example of credible targets that might yet keep atmospheric CO2 to 450 ppmV if other nations follow suit, although further steps would then be needed to reduce this concentration.

Yet the reality today is that the dissonance between the DECC and the Treasury undermines confidence that this Country will remain on a trajectory to meet even the existing Climate Act targets. You will recall that one of the disappointments of Rio + 20 is that it failed to act to phase out the huge international subsidies for fossil fuels. Whilst DECC makes blatantly false claims that it will not subsidise new nuclear (if full costs of decommissioning and waste treatment and storage are included), it has, I understand, announced a £500 million subsidy to exploit marginal gas fields. I am sure that this is a consequence of pressure from the Treasury as a quid-pro-quo for 'only' cutting the subsidy for onshore wind generation by 10%. I know you take this issue very seriously because it will affect all our futures.

So may I request you write to Mr Osborne and the Prime Minister requesting that those people in Government who understand the treaty on climate change and are competent to deal with energy issues are allowed to do so without unreasonable demands from the Treasury.

With best wishes,

Charles Jolly.

Services September 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 Sundays.

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

2nd September

10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Andrew Parker
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Mrs Janet Evans

9th September

10.30 am	Morning Worship	Mr Peter Wadsworth
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Mr Ian Stubbs

16th September

10.30 am	Morning Worship	Deacon Janet Heys
6.00 pm	Holy Communion	Rev Andrew Parker

23rd September

10.30 am	JMA Sunday	Rev Andrew Parker
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Miss Ruth Hayter

30th September

09.00 am	Discovery Zone in Main Hall	Roger Mallard
10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev David Hall
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Worship Team

SERVICES OCTOBER 2012

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in the Quiet Chapel 10.30 am to 11.00 am.

Sunday Club every Sunday 11.00 am, apart from Parade Service Sunday (7th
October)

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

7th October

Back To Church Sunday

10.30 am Morning Worship – Harvest Festival with Parade Rev Andrew Parker

6.00 pm Evening Worship-Harvest Festival Mr John Wood

14th October

10.30 am Morning Worship Miss Ruth Hayter

6.00 pm Holy Communion Rev Andrew Parker

21st October

10.30 am Morning Worship – Royal Naval Association Rev Andrew Parker

6.00 pm Churches Together in Buxton (CTiB) - One World Week Rev Andrew Parker

28th October

09.00 am Discovery Zone in Main Hall Roger Mallard

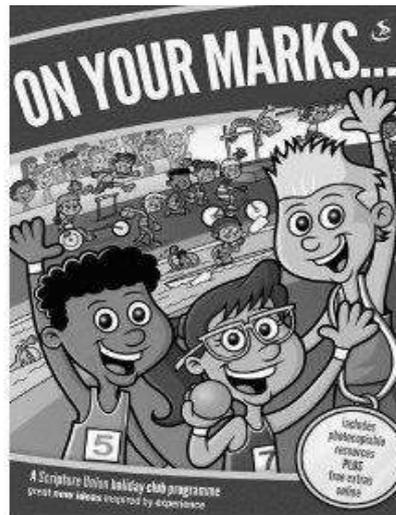
10.30 am Morning Worship Mr Ian Stubbs

6.00 pm Evening Worship Rev Andrew Parker

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Contact Anna Quick on 01298 73832 for further details, prices and to book a space.

Spread the news, tell your friends and family, tell your next door neighbour, tell the town !!!

Stepping Stones

Come and see what we are all about. Starts again on

Friday 14th Sept at 5.15-6.30pm.

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Dear Friends,

Caroline and I have been very touched by the many ways in which people have wished us "Goodbye" over these last few weeks. To each of you, a very big, heartfelt, "Thank you".

The cheque that was presented to us by the whole circuit was extremely generous. We're most grateful and Caroline is working out ways of making good use of it, with an occasional contribution from myself.

It has been a joy and a privilege to share in your lives, the life of our churches and in the communities where we've lived and worked. Thank you for all you have allowed us to be to you and for all you have been to us!

We are now living at:
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On the 3rd August a phone land line is being installed and my email address will become revjcs@btinternet.com. We hope that - as and when - we will see you again or hear from you.

I will do what my predecessors have always done for me - keeping away from Buxton for a time - even for occasions when one might have desired to be present. I'm sure you'll understand the importance of this.

We wish you, the church and the community growth in faith, knowledge and love - through Jesus Christ.

With our warmest greetings,

Colin and Caroline.

The Christian Aid Tax Justice Bus arrives in Buxton on 23rd
September
All aboard for Tax Justice!

Tax dodging has become big news in recent months. High profile cases such as comedian Jimmy Carr and “Take That” star Gary Barlow have hit the news, alongside reports of corporations both in the UK and abroad slashing their tax bills by using legal loopholes and offshore tax havens.

Such has been the outcry, that both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor have condemned aggressive tax dodging as morally wrong.

Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty have teamed up to urge David Cameron to act on his words and tackle global tax dodging.

The two organisations will be touring the UK and Ireland in the Tax Justice Bus, a bright red double decker, for 53 days starting in August to share the message of tax injustice with churches across the country.

The Bus will be at St Thomas More Catholic School, Palace Fields, Buxton, SK17 6AF, on Sunday 23rd September, from 11.30 am until 2pm and we would invite you very warmly to join us.

Bring your lunch (drinks provided) at anytime in that period and climb on board the bus for information and conversation about the issues and what you can do. At 1pm the Bishop of Derby, Dr Alastair Redfern plus Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty representatives (including Ricardo Barrientos from Guatemala) will speak.

According to Church Action on Poverty, tax dodging is big business in the UK. Government figures show that £35 billion is lost every year to tax dodging - more than the amount the Government is cutting from public services. In a time of global recession and austerity, tax revenues are more important than ever. Every pound lost to tax dodging is one less for public services and tackling poverty at home.

Christian Aid estimates corporate tax dodging costs developing nations at least \$160 billion annually: that’s one and a half times the global aid budget.

Some unscrupulous multinationals are able to dodge tax in developing countries where they operate by shifting their profits in to tax havens. By making it look as though they don't make profits in the country of operation, they can avoid local taxes, money that could be spent on providing clean water, healthcare and decent education.

Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty are asking people to sign a postcard, or an online petition, calling on David Cameron to use his global leadership to end financial secrecy so that tax dodgers have nowhere to hide. The postcard calls on the Prime Minister to help make two vital changes:

The first is for companies to have to report on the profits they make and taxes they pay in every country in which they operate, so that tax authorities can hold them to account.

The second is for tax havens automatically to share information about the money flowing through them with other countries.

For Christians who want to support people in the world's poorest countries, but also help with the poverty they see on their doorstep, the Tax Justice Bus tour presents an opportunity to do both. Tax dodging is a global problem and tackling it would have benefits for everyone.

So step aboard the Tax Justice Bus, follow @taxbus2012 on Twitter or visit www.christianaid.org.uk/tax-bus

For further information contact the Christian Aid East Midlands Office on 01509 265013 or Charles Jolly on 01298 22557.

Charles would be delighted to hear from anyone who could help with setting up, serving tea or tidying up!

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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, 11UP+, 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 **November/December** edition of the Newsletter is **Sunday 7th October.**

Material in writing can be given to Anna direct or e-mail Anna Quick on Annabrownowl31@gmail.com