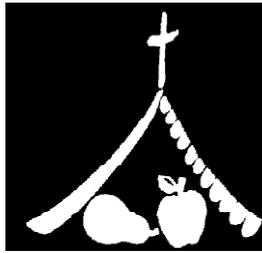


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**Sep/Oct/
November
2014.**



Buxton Methodist Church

The Church in the Market Place



WORSHIP:

Sunday: 10.30am weekly &
6.00pm on the 2nd & 4th Sundays
of the month

Tuesday: 10.30 am

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MINISTER'S LETTER



All are welcome!

During our Sunday service in recent weeks we have sung a song where each verse ends with the rousing chorus affirming ‘All are welcome, All are welcome, All are welcome in this place’. The verses of the song depict the church as a place where all can come together and be valued.

Also in the last few weeks we have heard two readings from Matthew's gospel, one - the feeding of the 5,000 and the other - the encounter between a Canaanite woman and Jesus. In the story of the feeding of the 5,000, when the crowd get hungry the disciples say: ‘send them away to find food’ and when the Canaanite woman asks for her daughter to be healed the disciples say: ‘send her away she is bothering us.’ This is also reflected a few chapters later when children are brought to Jesus, but were rebuked by the disciples. In these instances the disciples hardly gave an inspired declaration of ‘All are welcome.’ Yet I am sure it wasn't because the disciples wanted to exclude people, it was probably more likely they found these situations overwhelming and challenging: the easiest response was to send them away, out of sight, out of mind.

Our challenge is that we don't just sing ‘All are welcome’, but face up to what it means to make those words a reality. At its best our welcome aims to reflect the welcoming love of God for all people.

Our building plays a part in our being a welcoming community. Later in this magazine Kate MacLean writes about how we are seeking to improve our premises so that they are a welcoming place for all.

Our welcome is also demonstrated in taking care to value each person whether they are a visitor, someone new to the town or a long-standing member. This pastoral care happens in many ways; a friendly chat after church, a listening ear at coffee morning or popping in to see someone at home. In many ways this happens quite informally and naturally, but we want to make sure no-one is left out, that no one ‘slips through the net’.

This cannot (and shouldn't) be done by just one person, so Dr Geoffrey Willis (our Pastoral Secretary) and myself invite everyone interested in pastoral care to come and tease out how we can establish a way of caring for our church family. It might be anything from offering listening ear, a shared prayer for a situation of need or a visit to the housebound: all are of value. If you would like to come along, we'll have an open meeting on Saturday 13th September, 11:00am. If you can't make it, but would be interested, please let me know.

In those gospel stories Matthew shows that Jesus didn't send the people away, instead he demonstrated the wonderful all-encompassing love of God and although it took time, the disciples also learnt of that love. Our first calling is to learn that each one of us is welcomed by God's love and in having that assurance we can share the invitation with others, so all may know that they are welcome.

Andrew Parker.

Would you like to advertise your business or place an advert into
our Magazine?

From 1st September 2014, the cost will be £50 per half page
advertisement and £100 for a full page, for four issues of the
magazine.

The charge will be the same for a black and white advert, or an
inside page printed in colour.

MADE TO MEASURE - DEVELOPING CHILDREN WORK IN ALL OUR CHURCHES

**DO YOU WANT TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO ATTEND
YOUR CHURCH?**

**IS THEIR ATTENDANCE VERY IRREGULAR?
DO YOU RARELY HAVE ANY CHILDREN WHO ATTEND AT
ALL?**

**ARE YOU WONDERING HOW TO WORK WITH THE FEW
CHILDREN WHO OCCASIONALLY COME TO CHURCH?**

**If you've answered "Yes" to any of these questions perhaps some of
your church members would be interested in joining us.**

WHERE TWO OR THREE... (or even none!)

**I'm running a course which I hope people from small family
congregations and/or rural settings might come to!**

**Saturday 4th October, Parish Centre, Bath Road, Buxton 2-4pm
(This course was held at Tideswell and Ashbourne and is being
repeated here in Buxton)**

**We will look at ways in which you could start or develop activities
and teaching for children in your area. We will consider how you can
work with children who only come occasionally, and will also think
about how to cope with very wide age groups. There will also be a
chance to think about how you could work in the community and
with other churches. There is no charge for these courses!**

**If you would like to come please email me (sara@ddbe.org) or ring
01332 388660.**

**You can also book to attend or find out more by contacting Johanna
Partridge on 07912617135 or emailing
johannapartridg@hotmail.co.uk who is our contact at 'Churches
together in Buxton'**

**Sara Brown, Children's Adviser, Diocese of Derby, Board of
Education.**

'We were Bonkers for Conkers' - Sat 29th June

A great day to remember! A full coach of Messy Church, Sunday Club, Sun. Youth Group, Brownie and Rainbow families all set off together for a fun day to Conkers - an adventure and discovery centre in the National Forest, Leicestershire. When we arrived we found so much to do - fairy labyrinth, assault course, adventure playground, barefoot walk, enchanted forest with interactive exhibits, cafe, shops etc etc and connecting them all was 'Conkerchoo' offering free train rides for all the family. If that wasn't enough - in the afternoon the group enjoyed Ranger led Bushcraft Activities together - building shelters, making a fire and toasting marshmallows, mmm.

And if even that wasn't enough - it was the weekend of the Viking Experience with a Viking village and battle re-enactments.

One of the aims of the trip was to bring together different young people's groups in our church to share a happy and safe family day out - eating marshmallows, trying on Viking helmets and having lots of fun is a great way to spend a Saturday!

Ann Roberts + Glynis Leyland.

See some photos on the photo board in church - copies available.



Den Building



Bonnie and Jessie-May playing in the park



Josh, Joe and James around our group Fire



Having fun in the Fairies Labyrinth

SERVICES OCTOBER 2014

Communion and Prayers in the church every Tuesday
10.30 am to 11.00 am

Sunday Club every Sunday 10.30 am

5th October

10.30 am Harvest Festival, All Age Worship & Parade Service Rev Andrew Parker

6.00 pm AT FAIRFIELD – United Service Mr Colin Pearson
At Fairfield

12th October

10.30 am Holy Communion Rev David Hall

6.00 pm Praise @ 6*

19th October – One World Week

10.30 am JMA Service & Royal Naval Association Rev Andrew Parker

6.00 pm Churches Together in Buxton
St Anne's Service at St Anne's Catholic Church

26th October

10.30 am Morning Worship Mr Colin Pearson

6.00 pm Evening Worship Mrs Janet Evans

* This service is held in the Main Hall and is a modern, café style service.

SERVICES NOVEMBER 2014

Communion and Prayers in the church every Tuesday
10.30 am to 11.00 am

Sunday Club every Sunday 10.30 am

2nd November

10.30 am Holy Communion Rev Andrew Parker

6.00 pm AT FAIRFIELD – United Service Miss Ruth Hayter
At Fairfield

9th November – Remembrance Sunday

10.00 am Morning Worship Rev Andrew Parker and
Please note Mrs Janet Evans
earlier time

6.00 pm Praise @ 6*

16th November

10.30 am Morning Worship Mrs Audrey Getliffe

6.00 pm NO SERVICE

23rd November

10.30 am Morning Worship Mr Ian Stubbs

6.00 pm Local Arrangement

30th November

10.30 am Morning Worship Rev Stephen Fisher

6.00 pm NO SERVICE

* This service is held in the Main Hall and is a modern, café style service.

Wednesday Luncheon Club – Volunteer Vacancies

As you are aware Kathleen and David have retired this summer. They will both be greatly missed.

However their leaving has opened up some wonderful opportunities for volunteers to join our team.

We have many roles for people with talents and skills which include washing up, chatting to members, cooking, serving meals, lugging chairs and tables around, laying tables, computer skills, accountancy, grant applications, serving tea and coffee, designing quiz and puzzle sheets and much, much more!

We are an equal opportunities employer and have a flexible working pattern/rota and our remuneration package includes great company, a fun environment and a home cooked meal (but sadly no actual wage).

Please contact Jackie tel. 71086 or Tracey tel. 78451 (with no obligation) to find out more about this fantastic opportunity.

Kids Club (previously known as
Stepping Stones)
Friday Tea-Time
5pm-6.30pm
For Boys and Girls aged 5-10 years
old.
Activities, games, food and fun.
Open to all this is now a Churches
Together Group.
Come along on September 12th to
find out more
Or speak to Anna Quick or Pam
Johnson in Church.



**Come and join
the new group**

**This is a "Churches together in Buxton"
Project**

Friday Club

New group for 11-14s

**Open to all faiths and to
those with none**

**Hi there!
Come along**

**Meet at the Methodist Church Hall
on Fridays 5pm - 6.30pm**

**Come on Sep
12th to meet
everyone**

For more information

Contact

Di Horne on
07912617135/ 01298 83328,
Johanna Partridge on 07912617135

**For girls
and for
boys**

NETWORK

Our Network meetings will start again on Wednesday 17th September at 2.30 pm in the Lower Room. We will be having a Members' Afternoon "New Beginnings". Have you started a new interest recently, or in the past, begun a "new life" somewhere else, or found yourself having to do new things rather unexpectedly? We would love to hear about your experiences, but limit these to 2 or 3 minutes please or we will run out of time. Network meets weekly and our programme for the first four weeks is as follows:

17th September Members' Afternoon - "New Beginnings"
24th September Speaker: Johanna Partridge "Open the Book"
1st October Speaker: Andrew Parker
8th October We join Buxton Mother's Union for an afternoon of Hymns and Readings – 2 pm at the Church Centre, Bath Road.

Network is an afternoon meeting for men and women of any age. We meet in the Lower Room at the church. There is flat access from Fountain Street, but let us know in advance so the door is open. We start our meetings with worship and then enjoy contributions from speakers or members. Men and women are very welcome, to come every week, or occasionally. More information: Ruth Hayter 01298 77810.

MESSAGE FROM DEACON JANET HEYS

A BIG THANK YOU to the circuit for a lovely leaving service and for the very generous gift. I have the salt lamp in my lounge keeping me calm and aim to put the cheque towards a new lap top, so thanks again for your kindness and generosity. I am settling in well, my new contact details 5 Primula Rd, Bordon, Hampshire, GU35 0UB. Tel:- 01420 487834 and new email janetheys69@ [gmail.com](mailto:janetheys69@gmail.com)

I will never forget Buxton, you are a part of who I am now and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers as you continue to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in the Buxton Circuit.

Shalom

Deacon Janet Heys

Ramping Up For a More Accessible Church

The Harvest season traditionally embraces thanksgiving for God's gifts to us and a celebration that all is safely gathered in. At Buxton Methodist Church we pride ourselves on giving a warm welcome to everyone, with services and weekday activities that attract a wide range of people to the building, of all ages and with a wide range of gifts, talents and needs. And yet, have you noticed how difficult it is for a family with a pushchair to negotiate the steps at the front door to the Church when coming to a service? Or realised that older people who use mobility scooters have to leave them by the side of the church and come into services that way, rather than through the front door? Isn't it rather curious that the route from the church worship space to the disabled wc involves a flight of steps down to the main hall, as the platform lift has long since been removed?

The Church Council has charged the property and finance committees with making our Church worship truly accessible to all, by improving access through the front door from the Market Place by means of a well-designed, stone built ramp, and replacing one of the lobby toilets with a larger, adapted wc and baby change facility.

A Gift Day will therefore be held this harvest season, to help raise funds for these important adaptations. We hope that you will be able to give generously, so that all may be safely gathered in - through the front door!

Kate MacLean
Finance Committee Chair

Seasons of the Spirit:

Bishop of Derby Harvest Appeal CD

For more than thirty years there has been a partnership between churches in Derbyshire and the Church North India - itself an ecumenical fellowship from a number of traditions. As part of the partnership the Bishop of Derby organises an annual Harvest Appeal. This year the aim is to raise funding to train women to establish recycling businesses in the slums. This will help the environment and empower women to establish stable, secure lives for their families - making an important contribution to the wider society.

The CD 'Seasons of the Spirit' is a spiritual resource, exploring moods and processes of the human journey. Common ground for ourselves and for our partners in India. Choral music, Bible readings and some of the poems of Christina Rossetti invite prayerful reflection upon seasons of the spirit - for ourselves and for others.

Christina Rossetti was a nineteenth century poet who plumbed the heights and depths of the seasons of creation. She was deeply committed to the cause of women in need. She volunteered to go to the Crimea as a nurse with Florence Nightingale, but was turned down. She was very active working with women who were abused or homeless, supporting organisations that ministered to them, and giving her own time and resources too.

The music is sung by the Bishop of Derby's choir, 'Voces Episcopi', made up of just 12 singers, drawn from Lambeth Palace staff and from across the Derby Diocese. Kate MacLean feels very privileged to be one of them. The CD was recorded in Norbury Church, just south of Ashbourne, in April 2014, and was launched at a special Evensong in Derby

Cathedral on 20 July, at which an address was given by Ella Sonawane of the Indian SPCK.

The Seasons of the Spirit CD costs £10. The money goes to the Harvest project. Kate has made copies of the CD available at the back of Church, or you can order one by contacting her (telephone 01298 78276 or email director@creative-heritage.net).



Voces Episcopi choir members have a bit of fun beside the tomb of the Fitzherbert family in Norbury Church during a break from recording



The Right Reverend Dr Alastair Redfern, Bishop of Derby with Ella Sonawane of the Indian SPCK after a special service at Derby Cathedral on 20 July, to launch the Seasons of the Spirit CD



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01298 27700 or joycecundill@gmail.com



Journey through Space as 6th Buxton Methodist and 1st Fairfield (St. Peter's) Brownies went on to an activity evening and sleepover at the National Space Centre in Leicester as part of their Big Brownie Birthday Events



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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 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, 11-14 group, Messy Church, 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.

The deadline for the next Magazine will be Friday 24th October. Material in writing can be given to Anna or email Anna Quick on annabrownowl31@gmail.com