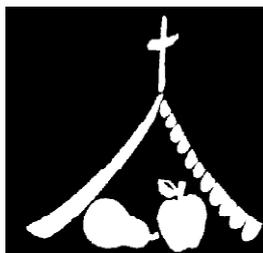


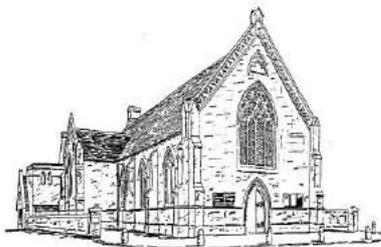
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Buxton Methodist Church Newsletter

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Christ nowhere?

or

Christ now here!

This simple play on words has two very different meanings. In the second one, by simply making space in the middle we get the message of Christmas, 'Emmanuel', God with us. A God who is with us in the moments of glorious sunsets and the dark rainy days of winter, a God who is with us in the joys and the sorrows that life brings, a God who is with us in the moments we feel inspired and the moments we face our questions.

As the Christmas cards are taken down and the decorations are packed away for another year, I hope that the message of Christ being born among us is not lost in the more mundane routine of daily life.

Those wonderful spiritual people who seem to be able to live a life close to the presence of God sometimes give a clue about what maintains their spiritual life. They often say that they find time in their daily routine for time to reflect and make space for God. This space they make provides time for awareness that whatever the day brings it is faced with the presence of God.

For many of us it is hard to create a space in our lives, space in the middle of everything else we have to do. However, I hope that whatever space we are able to create, within that we know and find the presence of a God who is now here – ‘Emmanuel’!

Rev Andrew Parker.

MONYASH METHODIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2012

A lovely display of Christmas Trees was to be seen at Monyash over the week-end of 16th/17th of December.

When a small group from Buxton entered the Church, we saw trees prepared by: Monyash W.I, The Methodist Churches of Flagg, Monyash, Earl Sterndale and Buxton, together with Monyash Youth Club, The Buxton Methodist Circuit, The Gospel Church and Isabel Sinclair on behalf of the Macmillan Nurses. It was not a competition, but I think each of us found a ‘special’ tree that appealed to us.

After a lingering look round the display we were ready for the tea and excellent home made cakes prepared for visitors to enjoy.

A lot of work had been put into the event which was enhanced by a well designed printed programme including a leaflet about the forerunners of the Christmas Tree from the 7th century.

Perhaps the era of the tree as we know it started in 1846 when Queen Victoria and her German Prince, Albert were pictured in The Illustrated London News. They were standing with their children around a Christmas tree. Queen Victoria’s popularity made the tree immediately fashionable. The era of the Christmas tree had arrived.

It was impressive to see how the very small membership at Monyash have improved the premises particularly from 2009 and the refurbishments are still going on. We are thankful for this Christian presence and for the work that goes on at Monyash.

For ways of helping the cause there, contact steward Wendy Mellor on 01298 83203 or speak with Andrew Parker or Roger Mallard.

ROGER'S NEWS

The Discovery Zone (DZ)

The Discovery Zone is a service/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.

Who let the dads out?

In January 2013 we will finally launch '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 newspapers. It can also help mum get a break.'

We are facilitating men to have a good time with their children in a safe environment – we are not running any childcare.

- I'm looking for men to help with running the sessions which will be just once a month on a Saturday morning for a couple of hours. It should be fun and nothing too onerous. Please speak with Roger.

Tuesday Extra Group (name to be decided soon)

On the alternate Tuesday's in between Messy Church, a new group at the same time that Messy Church runs will start and it is hoped that this will start on Tuesday 15th January. 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.

The help that we will need is:

- Looking after the children who'll be watching suitable DVDs, playing some games and colouring
- Making some sandwiches and putting together some snack type food for tea
- Making tea and coffee/refreshments as the people arrive

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

11Up and Stepping Stones will restart on 18th January.

Roger Mallard.



Our winter/spring programme starts off on Wednesday 16th January with a Members' afternoon, and those who wish are invited to bring along a book and tell us about it, or talk about an author they particularly enjoy.

On 23rd January, Andrew Parker will be telling us about his journey to Buxton.

And on 30th January, Catherine Johnson will be revealing all as she talks about taking part in the TV show "Countdown".

Network meets on Wednesday afternoons in the Lower Room and is open to men and women. We start at 2.30 pm, so do try and arrive a little before that and the afternoon normally includes worship, a speaker and a cup of tea.

You will be welcome. If you would like to know more about Network, please see Dorothy Martin or Ruth Hayter. Otherwise, just turn up on any afternoon you are free.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

MARCH 2nd and 3rd

Riding Lights Roughshod Theatre Group will be in our area and will hopefully be holding workshops in our Secondary schools and also doing a workshop for our young people in the circuit.

As well as this they will be doing a performance in the evening of Saturday 2nd March at Buxton Methodist Church and they will also be taking part in our service on Sunday 3rd March. So please keep these dates free and tell your friends. Better still bring them along!

We would really hope that this event will be well supported as they are fantastic example of Christianity in the community in our changing times. Please keep an eye out in the weekly notices for further information regarding this event.



Roughshod is a professional touring theatre company created by Riding Lights in 1992 to concentrate on the grass-roots community touring which characterised the early years of Riding Lights itself.

Designed to perform just about anywhere, annually, Roughshod reaches a live audience of around 65,000 adults and children. It has been acclaimed from Belfast to Brixton for creating powerful new pieces of theatre.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION 2013

As from January 2013 an alternative method of distributing church Newsletters is to be given a twelve month trial period. This will take the following form:

1. Named labels will be fixed to allocated newsletters and these will then be placed in alphabetically labelled and sectioned boxes at the back of the church
2. You are then invited to take your Newsletter within the first two weeks after they are available. Please would you also take Newsletters for any friends, neighbours or those known to you who cannot attend church on these occasions (and have a labelled Newsletter)
3. After two weeks we will distribute uncollected Newsletters and make contact with the recipients

4. For anybody not receiving a labelled Newsletter, but wishing to have a Newsletter, a box is provided with unlabelled copies. Please take one. If you wish to go on the regular list, please write your name and address in the book provided.

**Women's World Day of Prayer
in England, Wales & Northern Ireland**



I was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me

Friday 1st March 2013 at 2 pm, Christ Church, Burbage

Women's World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action, organised and led by Christian women.

The service is written by a different country each year and that country then becomes the focus of the world's prayers on the day itself, which begins as dawn breaks over the islands of Tonga in the Pacific and continues across each continent circling the world in prayer for 36 hours. This year's service has been prepared by the Christian Women of France.

This service is arranged by women but is not exclusively for women. Please feel able to attend.

Joel Stephen Williams

In a revival meeting in a village church, many had made professions of faith. Toward the end of the series of meetings, the visiting preacher made a request of everyone present: "Is the person here who most influenced you in becoming a Christian? Maybe it is your mother or your father, your Sunday school teacher, your minister, or your neighbor. I wish that each of you would now rise and go and shake hands with the one who most influenced you to follow Christ."

All over the church auditorium people went to one another and encouraged one another by saying: "Thank you." Many went to parents. Others went to Sunday school teachers. Some went to the preacher. Yet others went to the Sunday school director. The longest line, though, formed in front of a woman in her late 70s. She had never taught a class or filled any prominent role in the life of that congregation, but for many decades her quiet life of consecration had touched more people than anyone else. In worship, in her home, and in the community, she had led many to Christ.

It is the power of example of a godly life which may convert a mate when sermons from the preacher will not do any good (1 Pet. 3:1-4). It is the consistent acting out of faith by a parent which can be the most powerful influence on a child. Maybe you do not have the ability to be a great song leader. Maybe you do not feel like you can take on the responsibility of being a teacher (Jas. 3:1). Maybe you will never serve in a prominent role in the church. But none of these are a cause for concern. If you live a faithful, devoted life of service to the Lord, you will have a wholesome influence on all of those around you.

Let us all take advantage of opportunities to encourage those who have been a good influence on us in our lives.

The Way We Affect Others

We may not always realize that everything we do,
Affects not only our lives, but touches others too.

A single happy smile can always brighten up the day,
For anyone who happens to be passing by your way.

And a little bit of thoughtfulness that shows someone you care,
Creates a ray of sunshine for both of you to share.

Yes, every time you offer someone a helping hand,
Every time you show a friend that you understand,

Every time you have a kind and gentle word to give,
You help someone to find beauty in this precious life we live.

For happiness brings happiness and loving ways bring love,
And giving is the treasure that contentment is made of.

- Author Unknown

Note from the Editor:

Please can material for the newsletter be ideally emailed to me or given directly to me on a Sunday, as I rarely go into the Church Office during the week and I may have missed out on articles if Rebecca hadn't managed to get them to me.

Many Thanks Anna.



Monyash Christmas Trees at their recent Festival





The Posada visits our Guides on its Journey around our Church Groups and Families



Our Team of Christingle makers - we must be experts as we made them all in just under an hour this time !! Many Thanks to Helen Mirtle for her organisation and hospitality.

THE UNIVERSITY OF DERBY **CHAPLAINCY/ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN** **BUXTON ANNUAL LECTURE**

Promoting Peace, Inciting Violence: The Role of Religion and Media by Professor Jolyon Mitchell

Tuesday March 12th 2013, 6.30pm, free tickets.
Devonshire Dome, room DO/G04

Jolyon Mitchell is Professor of Communications, Arts and Religion and Director of the Centre for Theology and Public Issues at the University of Edinburgh. He was formerly a producer and journalist with the BBC World Service. He is ordained within the Scottish Episcopal Church.

In this lecture, Prof Mitchell will analyse a wide range of media, from posters, cartoons and stained glass to websites, radio and film.

He will first consider how various media forms can contribute to the creation of violent environments, before showing how the opposite is also true. Film-makers can reveal the search for truth, justice and reconciliation and new media can become sites for non-violent responses to terrorism and government oppression.

Prof Mitchell explores how far popular media arts can contribute to imagining and building peace, transforming weapons into art, swords into ploughshares.

Everyone is welcome and to reserve your free place, please contact the University Chaplaincy on 01298 330376 or email:

chaplains@derby.ac.uk. *This lecture is sponsored by the Montgomery Trust.*

SERVICES JANUARY 2013

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

Sunday Club every Sunday 10.30 am

Network for men and women, Wednesdays at 2.30 pm in the Lower Room
from 16th January

6th January

10.30 am	Covenant Service	Rev Andrew Parker
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Miss Ruth Hayter

13th January

10.30 am	Morning Worship	Mr Philip Botham
6.00 pm	Holy Communion	Rev Andrew Parker

20th January – Christian Unity Week

10.30 am	Morning Worship	Rev David B Hall
6.00 pm	At Fairfield – CTiB United Service	

27th January

9.00 am	Discovery Zone	Roger Mallard
10.30 am	Morning Worship	Rev Andrew Parker
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Mrs Audrey Getliffe

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3rd February

10.30 am Holy Communion Rev Andrew Parker

6.00 pm Evening Worship Worship Team

10th February

10.30 am Morning Worship Roger Mallard

6.00 pm Holy Communion Rev Andrew Parker

17th February – Lent 1

10.30 am Morning Worship Rev Andrew Parker

6.00 pm Evening Worship Mrs Brenda Bryant

24th February

9.00 am Discovery Zone Roger Mallard

10.30 am Morning Worship Mrs Audrey Getliffe

6.00 pm Evening Worship Deacon Janet Heys

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In latter years numerous horses were stabled
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Mary C Morten

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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 March/April edition of the Newsletter is
Sunday 16th February.

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