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Pentecost

Thoughts from the Manse

One of the things that has kept me busiest since I returned to work in February has been preparations for the 2019 Heaton Festival, which will take place in Heaton Park on Saturday 22 June from midday. This will be the fifth Heaton Festival since 2011, and it has grown with every running.

My own role, along with John Smee, is to sign up acts for the Festival stages and to coordinate performances on the day. It involves working closely not just with the acts, but also with Andrea who books the stages and sound systems, the health and safety team, and the sound engineers and roadies who run the systems on the day. The work began before Christmas, and culminates on the day of the Festival, when we expect to be on-site from breakfast time onwards.

There are four stages this year, one more than last year. Local bands perform on the Main Stage, with a range of styles on offer from pop and rock to blues, soul and rap. Younger performers and local buskers appear on the King John's Palace stage, supported for the second time by Youth City Music. The Village Green features performances by community groups, clubs and societies; the exciting and varied programme includes martial arts, steel pans, choirs, traditional and contemporary dance and much else besides. Finally, and marking an important step forward for the Festival, we have a new stage in the field by Heaton Park View, featuring Christian music and song. We are grateful to the team from the Gather Festival for making this expansion of our programme possible.

Of course the Heaton Festival is a community festival, not just a music festival. There are food stalls, craft stalls, stalls publicising local charities and community groups, games and activities for children and young people, art activities, sports activities – something, in other words, for everyone, and all with a deliberately local flavour.

First-timers at the Festival are always surprised to discover it is free. It's not something we do to raise the money – in fact, quite the opposite. The budget this year is £25,000, part of it donated by the congregations of Heaton Churches Together, the rest raised from generous donors by a hard-working team of fund-raisers. The Festival is offered by the churches, quite simply, as a gift to the community.

That is the second thing that surprises people about the Festival – that it is planned, organised and run by local churches. It surprises us, too! The Heaton Festival is far beyond the scale of most summer events run by churches elsewhere. It is only possible because of the hard work of a dedicated team of people who have learned step by step over the years what has to be done to put on a successful event, plus a much larger crew of helpers in the week leading up to the Festival and on the day itself.

A free festival that takes over the whole of Heaton Park, an event with a budget of £25,000 that charges visitors nothing – it all leads inevitably to the question, “why do we do it?” The short answer is, “because we are Christians,” but of course that answer needs further explanation. We do it because we love our community, we love our community because we love our neighbour, and we love our neighbour because God loved us first. We give our neighbours in Heaton this seasonal summer gift because we want them to know the love of God, revealed in Jesus Christ. We stage an event in the open air, in a public space, because we don't want people to think of Christians as people who lead hidden lives, bricked up in church buildings most non-Christians never enter. Faith in the open, faith having fun, faith with a loving human face – that is the Heaton Festival. I hope you will be part of it again this year.

Yours friend in Christ,

Grant

Bible a Month: Sierra Leone

“The King will reply, “I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the last important of these members of my family, you did it for me!”” Matthew 25 40 (GNB).

Sierra Leone is a country on the coast of West Africa. It covers an area of 71,740 sq km, which is approx. 29% of the size of the UK. It has a population of 6.3 million which is about 10% of that of the UK. The literacy rate- people who can read and write, is a mere 48%. Languages include English (used mainly by the literate minority), Mende, Temne, Krio (English-based Creole).

The Bible Society team in Sierra Leone are still facing tremendous heartache in the wake of a disastrous mudslide in Freetown in 2017. The country was only just coming out of the Ebola crisis, so rescue teams had to be even more careful dealing with the aftermath.

Survivors endured further trauma when emergency camps were closed by the government due to overcrowding. Yet despite the enormity of the suffering around them, our team remain hopeful and rooted in the Gospel as they serve survivors in the emergency camps in Freetown.

Christiana, head of the Bible Society in Sierra Leone, says, “Bible Society here is 72 years old and people realise that Christians perform according to what they believe, living a life in service to Christ. Now, people are beginning to ask questions, and news about Bible Society is growing to the four corners of Sierra Leone.

Prayer Pointers

- Praise God for the message of hope and restoration our team are spreading, which has even led to the conversion of some Muslims.
- Please pray for our team, in light of the mass relocation of victims outside of Freetown, that they would maintain the vital friendships made in the camps and continue to lead effective programs.
- Thank God for the provision of audio- Bibles.
- Please pray for the authorities in Sierra Leone, that they might respond to the needs of the mudslide victims and provide vital support towards the rebuilding of the communities left destitute and abandoned.

Your impact

You are a part of a community of Bible a Month supporters who are deeply passionate about the Bible and its impact in peoples’ lives, in England and further afield. To give you an idea of just how much your support has achieved, here is an overview of some of the things you helped make happen in the last year.

1. Over half a million affordable Bibles were distributed in China.
2. In Africa, over two million people experienced the word of God in their heart language for the first time.
3. In the Middle East, nearly 40,000 people received vital support through Bible-based trauma healing and refugee projects.
4. In England and Wales, you helped distribute over 1,200 Bibles in 7 different languages across 21 prisons nationwide. You also supported Open the Book, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

All in all, you've provided messages of hope in the midst of suffering, love in the face of persecution and joy after long years of waiting. So thank you !

From the Bible a Month Newsletter. Feb/March 2019

Get out of the car!

(This is supposedly a true account recorded in the Police Log of Sarasota, Florida.)

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle.

She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!"

The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They got out and ran like mad.

The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then she realised why. It was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a Fris-bee and two 12-packs of beer in the front seat.

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down.

She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing.

He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a carjacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed.

Moral of the story?

If you're going to have a senior moment ... make it memorable

6 Reasons why you should buy Fairtrade Flowers

by Anna Barker

Did you know that during colder months, when you buy a bunch of roses in the UK, they are often grown in Africa?

1. Fairtrade flowers have a lower carbon footprint

One of the most common questions we get is why fly flowers over from East Africa when we can grow them in Europe. So, to find out, Fairtrade commissioned a study about the environmental impact of roses from Kenya compared to those grown in the Netherlands (Treeze, 2018). Greenhouse gas emissions from the production of Fairtrade roses in Kenya were found to be 5.5 times lower and with 6.5 times lower energy demand, even taking into account air transport to Europe. The climate in Africa is ripe for growing flowers, and often in Europe the cost of recreating that environment can come at a heavy carbon footprint.

2. Fairtrade flower farms are reducing water usage

Carbon footprint isn't the only environmental issue that is being addressed on Fairtrade flower farms. Some farms are collecting rainwater for irrigation, whilst others are using wetlands to purify the water that comes out of the greenhouses, through a series of carefully constructed and efficient pools. This not only purifies the water so that there is no water pollution, but it is cyclical; the water is re-used for watering the plants again and again.

3. Fairtrade flower farms protect the environment

The Naivasha region in Kenya is a popular place for flower farms due to its fertile soils and close supply of water from Lake Victoria. Fairtrade flower businesses are well aware that to maintain a sustainable business they need to look after their environment. Many Fairtrade flower farms are piloting natural solutions (from cow manure to compost) to increase productivity and tackle pests without harming the environment. In fact, all the Fairtrade farms in Kenya are making positive conservation steps. Some examples include planting 11,000 trees, collecting litter for fuel for a community cooker, and even running a conservation park!

4. Fairtrade is pioneering gender empowerment

Women's empowerment is firmly on the global agenda, and Fairtrade is leading the way. There have been huge steps forward, but there are still many challenges, and the transitory nature of workers employed in the flower industry means that issues such as harassment are difficult to track. One of the best signs that this is being tackled is that women tend to stay longer on Fairtrade farms, indicating that they are happier with their working environment.

Roughly 50% of all workers on flower farms are women, this is higher than many other sectors, and so there is a real opportunity to pave the way to better gender equality. Fairtrade Africa have run training courses on Fairtrade farms to raise awareness about women's rights, what constitutes harassment and how to implement an effective gender policy.

It goes further: Fairtrade Standards require farms to have gender committees, which are working hard to promote equality and protect workers from discrimination. The standards also call for equal representation on all farm committees; the gender committees are crucially helping to change attitudes, challenge negative behaviour and stereotypes about gender and they are having a positive effect on the wider community. This is the key to unlocking sustained and long-term change.

5. Workers on Fairtrade flower farms are some of the first moving towards a living wage

Low wages. The biggest battle we are fighting today within global supply chains. Overcoming this obstacle is core to Fairtrade's mission. However, it is complex and cannot be solved by simply asking farms to pay higher wages. At Fairtrade we collaborate with a wide range of stakeholders, including businesses, farmers and workers to come up with plans for the sector to increase wages, and within our system we recently reviewed our Flower Standards and introduced a minimum floor wage in 2018.

In Ethiopia, where there is no legal minimum wage, this has driven workers' wages up considerably. Though we still need to increase wages further, in the meantime the Fairtrade Premium supports farmers and workers by reducing their costs, and it covers bursaries for children's education, healthcare and subsidised food outlets. Some Fairtrade farms offer on-site housing and transport to work.

The Premium is also used to open the door to higher earning roles, with opportunities for adult education courses and training for employees. The crucial thing though is that it's up to elected committees to decide how to invest the Fairtrade Premium, putting more power in the hands of workers.

6. Fairtrade flowers are worth it

Fairtrade strives towards improving wages for those who produce the goods we consume, providing better working conditions, essential safety equipment and strategies to protect workers from exploitation or issues such as sexual harassment.

I'm sure you'll agree that this is all essential, but we must also all take responsibility to share the cost equally across the entire value chain, for farms cannot bear the burden alone. Ask yourself: would you be willing to pay more for Fairtrade flowers if the money went back to the workers?

We should all feel blooming good about Fairtrade flowers, for more children have access to education, and workers are protected when you choose Fairtrade.

Fairtrade flowers are a driver of genuine, sustained positive change.

From the Fairtrade blog, Feb 2019

Thank You

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for all the cards, flowers, telephone calls and visits I received following my second foot surgery. It's good to be back at church worshipping with friends.

Audrey Matfin

I would like to thank everybody for their prayers, cards, flowers and telephone messages which Norman and I received when I fractured my hip at Easter. It is now over 4 weeks since I had the hip replacement and I am home. I am doing the exercises which I was given by the physio department when I left the hospital. At my latest check-up the hospital seemed pleased with my progress.

Sandra Nossiter

Uganda Mission this Year 20th August to 4th September:



Dear Friends,

Uganda Mission 2019 is here. Time does not seem to be on our side! God willing, the team goes on 20 August to 4th September this year. We are hoping that a team of five people will be able to go. All is in the hands of God.

I want to thank the leadership and every individual who prays, supports and donates for World SSubi Seeds (Seeds of Hope). God is doing great things through you.(St. Georges). Lives are being changed.

When time like this, draws near, I ask myself, (ask for £5 again?) Yes **£5.**

Every year we have gone on our mission to Africa, God has surprised us. Every year we turn to God; the God of impossibilities to make a miracle.

God works through His people. I remember a story in the Bible when Jesus wanted to feed the 5000 - there were only 5 loaves and two fish. He changed everything and people were fed.

I ask you in His Name to give willingly and feed a child/children.

Last year we ministered to over 900 Children in two centres; this year we expect the number to go beyond 1000. Please give as you can. Give your 5 loaves, give your two fishes. God will change it, and the children will be fed. All donations payable to St. George's, and the money will be transferred . **Thank you.**

Solomon.

Points to Ponder

- Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth and your heart for love. *Simple Reminders.com*
- If you had not suffered as you have, there would be no depth to you as a human being, no humility, no compassion. *Eckhart Tolle*
- No act of kindness, however small, is wasted.
- Leave footprints of kindness wherever you go.
- Don't be afraid to start over. It's a chance to build something better this time.
- People who are spiritually minded tend to suffer from anxiety and depression more. But this is because their eyes are open to a world that is in need of repair. They literally have an increased ability to feel the emotions of people around them. *Simple Reminders.com*
- Before you assume, learn the facts. Before you judge, understand why. Before you hurt someone, feel. Before you speak, think.
- Do not ask God to guide your footsteps if you're not willing to move your feet.
- I look around and see so much fear, people getting more and more comfortable with their hate, more at ease being mean, more united in their separation. And I think, NO. Not me. I will not get lost in this fearful world. I will not play with bullies. I will continue to be brave and kind. I will speak for real unity. And no matter what, I will never stop loving. *Scott Stabile. Clergy Coaching Network.*
- Success is the courage to continue. Work steadily. Live passionately. Fail gracefully. Persist!
- You're never too important to be nice to people.
- The greatest moment of your life is NOW. Not because it's pleasant or happy or easy, but because it's the only moment you've got. *Clergy Coaching Network.*
- Some people would rather debate doctrine or beliefs or tradition or interpretation than actually do what Jesus said. It's not rocket science. Just go do it. Practise loving a difficult person or try forgiving someone. Give away some money. Tell someone, "thank you". Encourage a friend. Bless an enemy. Say "I'm sorry" Worship God. You already know more than you need to know. *John Ortberg*
- We aren't called to fill the pews with members. We are called to fill the world with disciples.

Smile!

- Just had some Pork and Egg Gala pie. Can anyone tell me where you get those long eggs from?
- As you all know I was always willing to go that extra mile, especially when I was working on the taxis.....
- I remember when I joined the Navy one of the instructors said, “a real good cure for seasickness, is to sit under a tree”
- The current Mrs V said she wanted to go to Switzerland to watch The Monkees. I thought she was joking, then I saw her face, now I’m in Geneva!
- I’ve developed a craving for pouring fabric conditioner over my food. The doc says I’m just Comfort eating.
- A nine year old girl has disappeared after using moisturiser that makes you look ten years younger.
- Sad news. The managing director of Dulux paints has died of hypothermia while trekking across the Atlantic. Paramedics said he could have done with another coat.
- I’ve been learning to guess the weight of dogs. I picked up a few pointers yesterday.
- I’ve got no respect for one armed butlers. They can take it but not dish it out.
- Gave up my small business, dating site for chickens. Couldn’t make hens meet.
- My wife is going to a fancy dress party as a Rastafarian and she’s asked me to do her hair. I’m dreading it.
- I’m not saying my wife is big but the coast guard had to ask her to leave the beach so the tide could come in.
- At a recent job interview: “What’s your name?” “Dave Stupid Shut Up Smith”. “Do you suffer from Tourette’s, Dave?” “No, but the vicar at the christening did”
- Why are they calling it Brexit when they could be calling it The Great British Break Off?

With thanks to LIVERNEWS, the Liver Patient Support Newsletter

The Big Book

This book that I'm seeing in front of me now,
is old and tired like an elderly man in care.
It has lived a long time and has always been around.
The beauty of your love and your unfolding plan.
It's more than a book that's lived through the years,
It is a collection of stories, faith and tears.
To some it is a list of what is right and wrong,
to others it is the way, the truth, and how to be strong.
It is a media centre of history, culture and creeds.
It's everything that we will ever need!



When I was younger than I am now,
This book was always somewhere around.
It was all about Christmas, Easter and Judea.
Stories that made me feel happy and gave me cheer.
Animals, Jesus, colourful coats, floods and sheep and sometimes goats.
In those days I don't think I understood.
It was all pretty pictures and colourful folk.

This book that I'm seeing in front of me now,
Gave me questions and misgivings when I was a young man.
I started to look with wide open eyes.
Could it be, that I'm banished, from your stories written inside?
The more I understand, and the more I translate.
The more I can see myself within your template.
Your writing is strong, your language is clear,
the older I am, the more I can hear.

This book that I'm seeing in front of me now.
Is talking to me like a rock star and loud.
Your colourful expressions, your clarity and strife,
Your beautiful creation, that gave us all life.
Everything is there for us to adore.
I must learn as I live, I must understand more,
your truth, your grace, I feel greedy for glory,
It's the brightest and greatest, it's my love story.
I need to touch it, I do believe, It's amazing, it's everything to me.

This book that I'm seeing in front of me now
It's contemporary, it's current, it's state of the art.
This book worships life and the human race,
You and me, we are all included.
It's a discussion of truth, It's a meditation of faith.
Without this book where would we be?
I don't wish to think of a world without thee!
A world that needs your love and care.
A world that needs to hear your prayer.

By Mark Burdon *A Church Steward at Trinity Methodist Wallsend and a Trainee Worship Leader*

“No Deal' Brexit endangers poorest families”

“The risks of an unplanned 'No Deal' Brexit endanger poorest families” – statement from Church Leaders

As Church leaders, we have chosen not to make political statements around Brexit. Members of the Churches we represent have in good conscience come to different conclusions; some voted remain and others voted to leave.

At present the risks that flow from an unplanned “No Deal” Brexit endanger the poorest families in our nation and therefore we feel compelled to speak up.

As Christians we are called to demand justice for the millions locked in poverty. A No Deal Brexit risks tightening poverty’s grip on families up and down the country.

Over the past decade, our Churches have witnessed and responded to the slowly rising tide of hunger in the UK. A No Deal Brexit risks restricting the nation's supply of food and increasing prices. This, alongside further cuts to benefits from Monday 8 April, could have grave consequences for many in our communities.

Many charities are warning us that food supplies to the most vulnerable are most at risk: hospitals, prisons and those reliant on surplus or donated food. Supplies of essential medicines are likely to be disrupted. Again the most vulnerable will be the least able to cope with this.

We urge that all possible efforts continue to be made to avoid an unplanned No Deal Brexit given the consequences for the most vulnerable in our society. Should the decision, or indecision, of political leaders, together with a lack of preparation, expose the poorest to these risks, it will be the responsibility of Government to ensure these families are protected.

We continue to pray for our politicians and for all who are experiencing poverty.

Rev Lynn Green, General Secretary, Baptists Together

Rev Michaela Youngson, President of the Methodist Conference

Mr Bala Gnanapragasam, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference

Mr Derek Estill, Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church

Revd Nigel Uden, Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church

5th April 2019 – from Facebook

Thank You

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Mark, Andrew and myself, I would like to thank you so much for all the kind words, hugs, cards, prayers, messages and phone calls after the unexpected death of my sister Christine, and then only a few days later, of her husband Ernest. Christine and Ernest were active members at St George’s before they were married and had many happy memories of their time here. I am sure some of you will remember them well.

I know that many prayers were said by my church family at St George’s and these have given us comfort during this difficult time.

God bless you all, Judith, Mark & Andrew.

Northern Synod Prayers

We are asked to pray for the following people and places within Northern Synod.

June

- 2nd Environment Sunday: Green apostle Rev'd Trevor Jamison. Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Gosforth; Rev'd Peter Holwell and Ms Mary Bellshaw (Community Worker) who are part of the ministry team; chair of Newcastle Methodist District, Rev'd Stephen Lindridge.
- 9th PCM (Presbyterian Church of Mozambique), the churches in the Limpopo presbyteries in and around Gaza Province.
- 16th Refugee Week
- 23rd St Columba's URC, Billingham; Ms Ann Honey (Church Related Community Work Minister); Stockton URC; St Andrew's Mission, Thornaby; St George's URC, Hartlepool; Rev'd Sue Fender
- 30th South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area (SENEA) (Methodist and URC) and President Rev'd Marie Attwood.

July

- 7th Northumbrian Industrial Mission and Mrs Fiona Usher, Chaplain Team Leader.
- 14th The work of Synod Executive Committee
- 21st St James's URC, Alnwick; Warkworth URC; Rev'd Joan Grindrod-Helm. The work of LMMR (Local Mission and Ministry Review)
- 28th PCM, their office staff at Church House, Khovo, Maputo.

August

- 4th The work of Pastoral Committee and Convenor, Rev'd Stephen Collinson
- 11th Ponteland URC; St John's Wideopen; St Aidan's URC, Hexham; Horsley URC.

Did you know ??? Where's it from?

Hooligans: This is all down to a nineteenth century Irishman named Patrick Hooligan who was notorious for fighting- especially in bars. He was also incredibly strong, so much so that his party piece was to lift four large men onto his back and then stagger across the bar-room floor. After a while his reputation for fighting spread so far that bars- even bars he had never visited- would put up signs saying that Hooligan would not be served. Eventually his name became an eponym- that is to say that any brawling man would be called a hooligan.

Sniper: this goes back to the days when marksmen would hone their skills by shooting snipe (wading birds), hence the term, "sniper"

Money called "Bread": it comes from Cockney rhyming slang- Give me your money=
Give me your bread and honey

Portmanteau words

These are words formed by combining two other words. Here are some that have passed into the English language.

- advertorial**, from advertising and editorial
- bankster**, from banker and gangster
- biopic**, from biographical and motion picture
- blog**, from web and log
- Bollywood**, from Bombay and Hollywood.
- endorphin**, from endogenous and morphine.
- frappuccino** from frappe and cappuccino.
- malware**, from malicious and software
- mocktail**, from mock and cocktail
- netiquette**, from (Inter)net and etiquette.
- pixel**, from picture and element
- skyjack**, from sky and hijack.
- skype**, from Sky and peer-to-peer
- spork**, from spoon and fork
- staycation** from stay and vacation.

URC LECTIONARY READINGS 2019	
02-Jun-19	Acts 16 vs 16-34, Psalm 97 (or 2Kings 2 vs 1-15, Psalm 2, Revelation 22 vs 12-14, 16-17, 20-21, St John 17 vs 20-26)
09-Jun-19	Acts 2 vs 1-21, (or Genesis 11 vs 1-9), Psalm 104 vs 24-34, 35b, Romans 8 vs 14-17, or Acts 2 vs 1-21, St John 14 vs 8-17 (25-27)
16-Jun-19	Proverbs 8 vs 1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5 vs 1-5, St. John 16 vs 12-15
23-Jun-19	1Kings 19 vs 1-4, (5-7), 8-15a, Psalm 42 <i>and</i> 43 (or Isaiah 65 vs 1-9), Psalm 22 vs 19-28, Galatians 3 vs 23-29, Luke 8 vs 26-39
30-Jun-19	2Kings 2 vs 1-2,(6-14), Psalm 77 vs 1-2,11-20, (or 1 Kings 19 vs 15-16,19-21), Psalm 16, Galatians 5 vs 1, 13-25, Luke 9 vs 51-62
07-Jul-19	2Kings 5 vs 1-14, Psalm 30 (or Isaiah 66 vs 10-14) Psalm 66 vs 1-9, Galatians 6 vs (1-6), 7-16, Luke 10 vs 1-11, 16-20
14-Jul-19	Amos 7 vs 7-17, Psalm 82 (or Deuteronomy 30 vs 9-14) Psalm 25 vs 1-10, Colossians 1 vs 1-14, Luke 10 vs 25-37
21-Jul-19	Amos 8 vs 1-12, Psalm 52 (or Genesis 18 vs 1-10a), Psalm 15, Colossians 1 vs 15-28, Luke 10 vs 38-42
28-Jul-19	Hosea 1 vs 2-10, Psalm 85, (or Genesis 18 vs 20-32, Psalm 138, Colossians 2 vs 6-15, (16-19), Luke 11 vs 1-13
04-Aug-19	Hosea 11 vs 1-11, Psalm 107 vs 1-9, 43 (or Ecclesiastes 1 vs 2, 12-14 and chap 2 vs 18-23) Psalm 49 vs 1-12, Colossians 3 vs 1-11, Luke 12 vs 13-21
11-Aug-19	Isaiah 1 vs 1, 10-20, Psalm 50 vs 1-8, 22-23, (or Genesis 15 vs 1-6) Psalm 33 vs 12-22, Hebrews 11 vs 1-3, 8-16, Luke 12 vs 32-40

Tear Drop Prayer

Get
up Off
of your knees.
Come out of your
churches, your mosques,
your temples. God can hear
your prayers for peace, justice,
and hope in this broken world just
fine while you're out creating peace,
working for justice, and giving hope to
this broken world. When are we finally
going to realize that humanity is the solution
to inhumanity. When will we finally understand
that we are all drops of the same ocean, hurting
together, healing together, hoping together?
So don't just pray for hands to heal the hurting.
Pray with hands that are healing the hurting.
Don't just pray for arms to help the helpless.
Pray with arms that are helping the helpless.
Don't just pray for feet to respond to need.
Pray on feet that are responding to need
Don't just pray for someone to do something.
Be someone who does something.
Don't just pray for answers.
Be the answer

Donations to Contact

If you would like to give a donation towards the costs incurred in the production of our bi-monthly church magazine Contact, - for paper, copying costs- please place your gift into the small brown labelled envelope which is distributed with this printed copy, and simply put it in the church offering plate when you come to church. Your donation will be very much appreciated.

If you receive your copy by email but would like to help towards costs, there will be some spare brown envelopes at the back of church.

Thank you!

Sandra Nossiter/ Dorothy Barker

Hire of Halls. Rooms and Church

Our premises are available for letting as follows:-

Regular Hires - based on a maximum of a 3 hour session

Large Hall: £45
Minor Hall: £30
Meeting Room: £15
Church: £45

One-off Hires - based on a maximum of a 3 hour session

Large Hall: £60
Minor Hall: £40
Meeting Room: £20
Church: £80

If you want to book any of the above, or require further information please telephone Mr Harry Fawcitt, telephone number 2403129.

If any church members wish to hire the halls for private functions (at 50% discount) please check in the church diary first to make sure your date is free, then contact Harry to confirm booking. This avoids double bookings. A Hiring Agreement will need to be signed- as required by Synod.

There is no fee for church-related activities but in some cases a Hiring Agreement may have to be completed.

Coffee Rota for Sundays

June

	<u>Set Up</u>
2 nd	Solomon & Youth Church
9 th	Ann & Renee
16 th	Kim & Meetra
23 rd	Tony & Babs
30 th	Solomon & Youth Church

Serve

Solomon & Youth Church
Ann & Renee
Kim & Meetra
Tony & Babs
Solomon & Youth Church

July

7 th	Ann & Renee
14 th	Team A
21 st	Tony & Babs
28 th	Solomon & Youth church

Ann & Renee
Carole & Ivy
Tony & Babs
Solomon & Youth Church

August

4 th	Clare
11 th	Team A

Youth Church & Clare
Carole & Ivy

Diary

June

- 1st Wedding (Hannah Cadwallader)
- 2nd 10.00 am Praise worship led by the minister. To include Holy Communion
11.00 am Traditional worship led by the minister.
- 9th 10.00 am Praise worship led by Norman & Sandra Nossiter, Angela MacKenzie
11.00 am Traditional worship led by Rev'd Peter Moth, retired URC minister.
- 16th 10.00 am Praise worship led by the minister
11.00 am Traditional worship led by the minister
- 22nd 12-7 pm. **HEATON FESTIVAL**
- 23rd 10.00 am Praise worship led by Solomon
11.00 am Traditional worship led by Mrs Pat Gurr, Methodist Local Preacher.
- 30th 10.00 am Praise worship led by the minister
11.00 am Traditional worship led by the minister.

July

- 7th 10.00 am Praise worship led by the minister. Baptism.
11.00 am Traditional worship led by the minister, to include Holy Communion.
- 11th 7.00 pm Development Elders PLUS Property Committee
- 14th 10.00 am Praise worship led by Judith Das, a Development Elder here.
11.00 am Traditional worship led by Mr Ian Patterson, URC Accredited Lay Preacher.
- 18th 7.00 pm **CHURCH MEETING**
- 21st **Last day for articles for the August/Sept Contact.**
- 21st 10.00 am Praise worship led by the minister
11.00 am Traditional worship led by the minister.
- 28th 10.00 am Praise worship led by John Smee and Jim Grieve.
11.00 am Traditional worship led by Prof John Derry, URC accredited Lay Preacher.

August

- 4th 10.30 am Songs of Praise, led by the Elders. To include Holy Communion.
- 11th 10.00 am Praise worship led by Sharon Cowey, a Development Elder here.
11.00 am Traditional worship led by Rev'd John Durrell, retired URC minister.

Rotas					
June	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Duty Elder	Miss Foster	Mrs Barker	Mrs Cowey	Mrs Das	Miss Hall
Door Stewards	Mr & Mrs Renton	Mrs Das & Mrs Cadwallader	Mrs Matfin & Mr Armstrong	Mr & Mrs Hall	Miss Foster
Communion Stewards	Mr Hall & Miss Clough				
Flower Arranger	Mrs Barker	Mrs Renton	Mrs Nossiter	Mrs Wilkes	Mrs Hutton
Flower Donations	WEDDING	Mrs Cartman	Mrs Cadwallader	Mrs Croft	<i>No donor</i>
Flower Delivery	Mrs Barker	<i>Volunteer, please?</i>	Mrs Croft	Mrs Matfin	Mr Nossiter
Offering Count	Mr & Mrs Fawcitt	Mr & Mrs Renton	Mr & Mrs Cowey	Mrs Matfin	Mr & Mrs Nossiter
Screens Set up	Mr Renton	Mr Renton	Mr Barclay	Miss Hall	Mr Barclay
Screens operate	Mr Fawcitt	Mr Renton	Mr Armstrong	Miss Hall	Mr Barclay
Rotas July 2019					
	7th	14th	21st	28th	August 4th
Duty Elder	Mr Hall	Mrs Nossiter	Mr Solomon	Miss Clough	Miss Coates
Door Stewards	Mr & Mrs Fawcitt	Mr & Mrs S Cowey	Miss Coates & Miss Clough	Youth Church	Mr & Mrs Renton
Communion Stewards	Mrs Hall & Mrs Das				Mrs Cowey & <i>A.N. Other</i>
Flower Arranger	Mrs Barker	Mrs Renton	Mrs Nossiter	Mrs Wilkes	Mrs Hutton
Flower Donations	Mrs Das	Mrs Croft	<i>No donor</i>	<i>No donor</i>	Mr & Mrs Armstrong
Flower Delivery	Mrs Fawcitt	Miss Foster	Mrs Willford	Miss Clough	Miss Ward
Offering Count	Mr & Mrs Fawcitt	Mr & Mrs Renton	Mr & Mrs Cowey	Mrs Matfin	Mr & Mrs Nossiter
Screens Set up	Mrs Wilson	Mr Renton	Mr Barclay	Mr Renton	Mr Barclay
Screens operate	Mrs Wilson	Mr Renton	Mr Armstrong	Mr Fawcitt	Mr Barclay