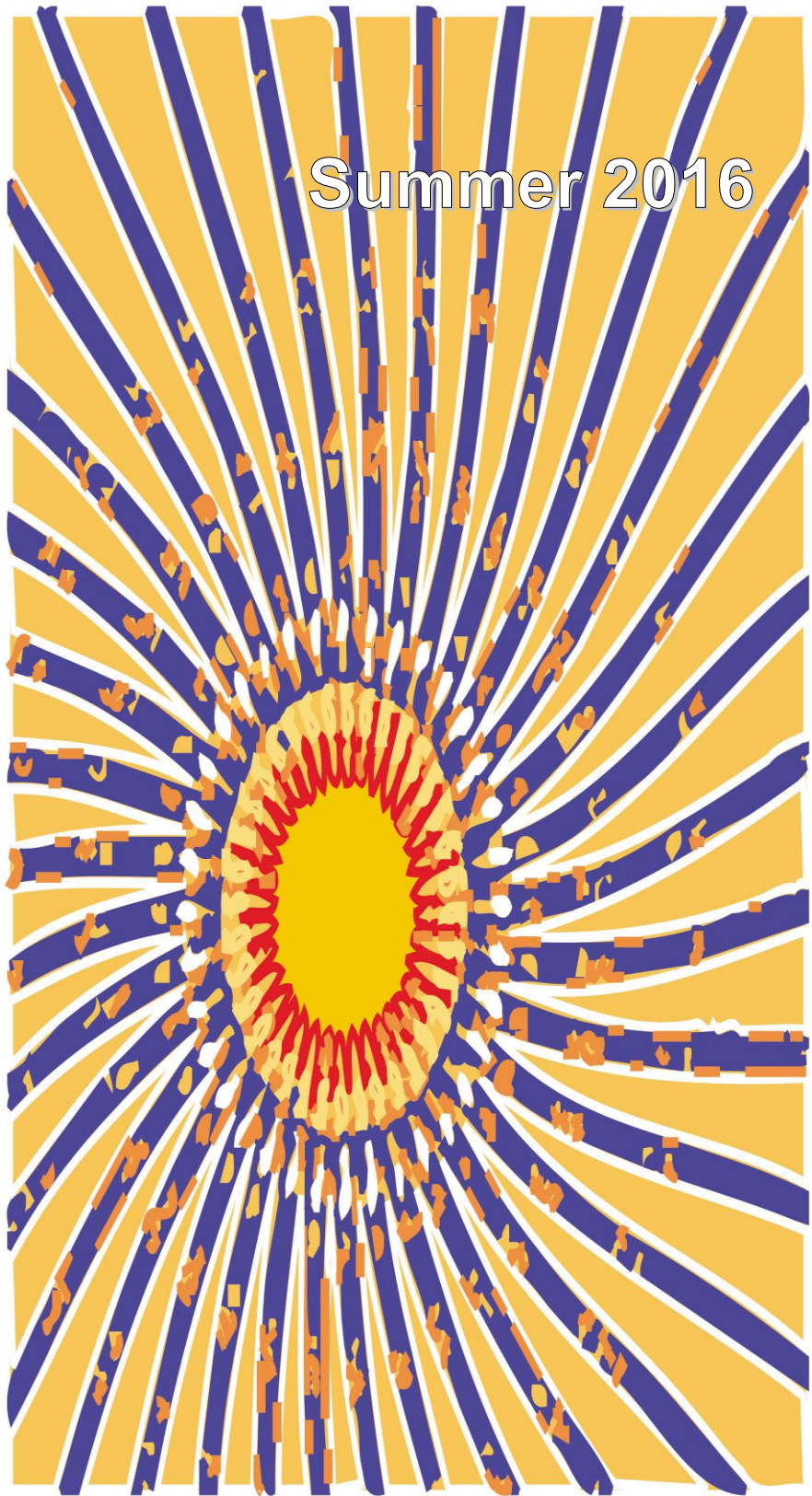


The Messenger



Summer 2016

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Rev Ray Writes

A couple of Sundays back the Christian Church ended the 2016 Easter season by celebrating Pentecost. We celebrated the fact that around this time, about 2,000 years ago, God poured out his Holy Spirit onto his disciples in Jerusalem whom Jesus had trained over a three-year period to build and develop the church. It was an incredible, supernatural and miraculous event which we can only start to imagine from the account recorded in the New Testament book of Acts, chapter 2, verses 1 to 18.

Although the outpouring of God's Spirit in Jerusalem was highly significant, it wasn't the only outpouring. In Acts 10 we see the outpouring of God's Spirit on the gentiles (non-Jews) through an interaction between St Peter and a Roman Centurion named Cornelius. This second outpouring was so remarkable, Luke recounted it twice in two successive chapters of the book of Acts which he authored. The duplication of the account given the high price and scarcity of papyrus at that time underlines its importance.

Explaining the Holy Spirit is an incredibly difficult task. That's because the Holy Spirit is part of God who is mysterious, which means we can know some things and find out more things but we will never have a full picture this side of eternity. The other thing that makes it difficult to explain the Holy Spirit is the fact that her modus operandi has evolved and changed according to the context in which she is working.

If you're an eagle-eyed reader, you may have already spotted my deliberate gendering of the Spirit as female. In case this causes you a problem, let me explain why I have done this. The Hebrew Old Testament name for God's Spirit is "Ruach" whilst the New Testament Greek name is "Pneuma" - both are female nouns! And since we are made in God's image, and we are of both genders, then

I figure God is also of both genders. And since we have two males in Father and Son, I figure our image of God needs balancing with a female Holy Spirit. I'm sure it's much more mysterious and complex than that but it's the best I can offer with my limited theological understanding.

We know that God wants to be involved in every aspect of our lives and that the Holy Spirit is God's way of being here with us, in our world, in our lives and in our time. The Holy Spirit works in us to help us aspire to be the best which we can be - to achieve as much of our potential as possible. The Holy Spirit builds our character by accompanying us through the ups and downs of life. In recent months the Holy Spirit has been helping me to be more patient when I have faced exasperating situations and whilst fighting inner battles with my dark side (yes, I do have a dark side like everyone else!). In the church context the Holy Spirit has been using the imagination of members in my section to show us how to move forward in ministry. And there's more - lots more, but I don't have the space to write about it here.

I wouldn't want you to get the impression that The Holy Spirit is the panacea for all life's problems because that's not true. The Holy Spirit is a helper and encourager not a magician who removes our problems. She helps us through and in our life experiences, and her help is most often seamlessly blended with our own abilities. Who amongst us can pinpoint that time when our patience runs out and her supernatural help to bite our tongue steps in to save the day? Who can tell when their ability to bear up under the pressure of any given situation comes to an end and her supernatural support kicks in to help us endure?

Don't get me wrong, I'm not ruling out the obviously supernatural because it is clear that the Holy Spirit sometimes sees fit to work miracles. But generally speaking, and in my experience, the Holy Spirit works in subtle ways that are often unseen at the time. Sometimes, we can see her work in hindsight if we're willing to look back every now and again. For some of us, seeing the evidence is important. As for me, I don't always need that. In fact, most of the time I take it on faith that the Holy Spirit is working for my good, and I don't need to know when my natural abilities end and her supernatural enabling begins. It's good enough for me to know that the Holy Spirit just gives us the edge to prevail against the odds. The problem is, I can't prove any of this to you. You have to take it on faith - which is as it should be!

Ray

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A Cat

A long, sleek shape goes passing my window
Creeping through the flowers row by row.
Flat on his tummy – he goes by
Watching the birds and a big, blue fly.
One big paw comes out to smite
The blue fly, but it flies away in fright.
Frustrated and looking a comical cat
He sits and washes and thinks that's that.

Margaret Mohyla

Psalm 81:1-3 – "**Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.**"

Ahhh music! God has been generous to give me the gift of music. As some of you may have gathered by now, I love playing music in church. I love listening to others play music and share their gifts in church. Most importantly, I love participating in a church service using music as my vehicle to worship. Whilst music is playing, or I am playing I have found that I can focus deeper on Jesus and His power, love and grace. How amazing is Jesus!? There is nothing better for me than hearing His house fill with beautiful voices lifted to the heavens like a fragrant offering pleasing to the Lord. I am really excited at being close to "passing" the Worship Leader course with Carol Spencer. The possibilities are opening and I am looking forward to becoming more involved in planning and preparing services in the future. Worship leading, in my experience so far, has showed me what a privilege it is to lead people in worship but also how important it is to do the job right. We as leaders have a great role to play in a church service and there are some things to keep in mind when preparing for and participating in the worship service. Here are my 7 tips for leading music in worship. Hope you approve Carol Rose!!

I. Spending Time With God

As Christians, we are connected to an everlasting life-source, God. He is our strength and spiritual nurturer – Psalm 71:7b – "**You are my strong refuge.**" If we are to have our hearts right before God as we enter into leading, we must have a relationship with our Creator. When we spend time in the Word and prayer, we are really telling God that we love Him as our Father and that we love the

relationship that we have with Him. When we are growing in Jesus, then we can be confident to enter His house and lead His people in song. I always set aside quiet time for myself to do this as I need to be in His presence privately before I can worship with others through music. I often find that the 20-minute car journey from Preston helps me to do this!!

2. Practice Practice Practice

It is vital that as musicians we know what songs we are playing/singing and that we have put time into playing/singing them before we lead corporate worship. I have learnt that even if I have played a song or hymn 50 times, I always play better when I have rehearsed it ahead of time. Sometimes things can be more complicated, for example when we omit verses; sing extra choruses or use 3 hymn books at once!! It is so important for musicians to get the music in adequate time from preachers so that they can give as much in their honouring to God as the preacher does. The more time the musician has to prepare the music, the more likely the music is going to be of a higher standard with more thoughtful decisions made for the choices. Piano or organ!? Loud or soft? How many verses? Repeat the last line? Should I have a link? Maybe a solo first verse? The possibilities are endless!!

3. Warm Up Before Starting Service

I usually arrive at church at least an hour before the service starts, when I'm involved in leading the music. This gives me time to set up for the service, switch the organ on, uncover the piano and do a full run-through of the music one more time. When doing this I am able to warm up my whole self both physically and mentally as I get my mind focused on the music and more importantly why we are singing/playing them.

4. Stay Calm

If you start to get nervous in a service, you may show it. When I first became involved in leading worship with the Roses many years ago

(2011!!), I would get nervous and my hands and fingers would tremble and my breath would become short! Everyone that plays a piano or clarinet for that matter knows that sweaty fingers are a nightmare! It is important to remember that you are leading worship for God. The church service is where you bring your worship. So, I've found that it is helpful to concentrate solely on Him. It is so very important to remember that, so you can then forget about the people when you come into His almighty presence with worship. Everyone else fades away when you concentrate on Him.

5. Get Good Sleep

A good night's rest is an amazing tool to help you get going. A proper amount of sleep gives you the energy and stress-relief to start the next day energised. It is important to remember that you represent the church when you play. If you make mistakes just because you're tired, then it will be a disappointment. Newcomers to a church want to see a church that is alive! So I try to make sure that I get that rest to be able to show them how much I love God! I think we should all try and show this.

6. Eat Breakfast

This may sound silly but food nourishes the body and mind. With a proper breakfast you will be able to do your best during service. It can be difficult to do anything in life while your stomach is growling at you. Instead of focusing on what you should be, you will focus on fixing your hunger. The focus should be on Jesus. That is why you are there. You shouldn't be thinking what the biscuits might be today while you are playing the 1st hymn! Although I must admit from time to time I have been distracted by that thought!

7. Forgiveness

This may seem an odd tip for leading music in worship but for me this is the biggest one of all. Matthew 5:23-24 says, "***if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before***

the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." I think that it is also implied that if you have something against someone, you must also forgive them as well before offering your gift. Being able to lead a congregation in worship is a gift, not a monetary one but a spiritual one. This is a very wise verse because if you have something against someone and it is bothering you, you won't be able to give your entire being to worshipping God. You will be thinking of who wronged you. Even if you cannot get to them to reconcile, you must be able to forgive them anyway and let go of what they have done to you. Then you will be able to participate fully.

In my time building up my love for Jesus through leading music in worship I have found that I have developed my process to preparing. This list is by no means exhaustive and a little tongue-in-cheek but I hope that it might prove helpful when thinking about the time that goes into music preparation. Perhaps you might pray for the musician(s) leading the music before a service as you might do for a preacher.

Thank you.
Jason

What a counsel of perfection! It makes me think of trying to get ready for services with babies and toddlers to get ready as well; of car break-downs or lifts that don't turn up and many other things that have prevented me from following all this good advice. Hallelujah! When Jesus said 'I am with you always'. He really meant it. It's wonderful to see Jason growing in faith and enjoying his ministry in music but it's also wonderful to know that when things conspire against us, God still undertakes for us. C.S.

Sister Janet Edwards

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Sister Janet on February 23rd just a couple of weeks after her 82nd birthday. Although Janet had had serious heart trouble in the past and had recently suffered a number of painful conditions, we were truly shocked when she died very suddenly at home in her armchair.

Janet had led a full and eventful life and leaves a number of books, poems and hymns which will continue to pass on the message of love for her Saviour and her Saviour's love for her and all the world. Janet's delight was to preach and though sometimes very tired, she continued in this calling right to the end of her life.

A large number of people from all over the country, gathered at Christ Church on March 10th to remember Janet and give thanks to God for a life well lived. Her love of music was to the fore as some of her own music was featured in the service and the Orton Male Voice Choir joined us all the way from Cumbria to sing in her memory. The Rev. Eileen Appleyard, a friend of many years, told us about Janet's life before most of us knew her and the Chair of the Lancashire District, Rev. Paul Davis, gave thanks for Janet's life and service on behalf of the Methodist Church as a whole and of the Order of Deacons (Janet preferred the title 'deaconess').

Our condolences go to all Janet's family and friends but especially to Rev. Elizabeth Hodgkiss with whom Janet had shared a home for many years. We believe that Janet is safe and happy in her Saviour's keeping but it is still hard for those who miss her most.

We also send our sincerest condolences to the family of Harry Slater who died in April. Many years ago Harry had been the Treasurer of the Congregational Church which later became Longridge URC which in turn joined with Longridge Methodists to form Christ Church. In the last few years Harry received regular visits from a church pastoral Visitor and was a regular donor to the church.

Sad News from Sierra Leone

Some of you will have followed the story of the Lancashire Methodist partnership with the Methodist Church in Sierra Leone. On Thursday May 12th John Spencer received a message from Sarah Moiwo at the Training Centre in Kailahun. When he rang her back she was in floods of tears because there had been a car crash and the Rt. Rev. Francis Nabieu had been killed. Francis was the President of the Methodist Conference in Sierra Leone when we began our partnership and made all the arrangements for our early visits. The newspapers in Sierra Leone have headlined him as the Minister who did not run away. We don't know anything about the other church leaders but Francis stayed throughout the Civil War and put a lot of energy into helping to rebuild the country afterwards. His immediate family were sent out of the country but his father died in a refugee camp in Guinea. He remained President for eleven years and was much respected by the leaders of the recovering country. When he eventually was able to pass the baton to the Rt. Rev. Arnold Temple, it was decided that he should come to Britain to give his successors 'room'. He spent 5 years in Circuit Ministry in York and then, last September, moved to a church in Croydon. He was on a visit to Sierra Leone when his taxi left the road and hit a tree: the driver and a woman passenger as well as Francis, were killed. It is difficult to get any further details at present but our prayers go out to his family and all of the church in Sierra Leone as well as the congregations in York and Croydon.

AGM

The Annual Church Meeting took place on May 8th.

Pastoral Report May 2016

We have had some high points and some more difficult times this year. One high point came in December and January when we welcomed eight new members to the church and once again, I would like to welcome Sandra Ashcroft; Audrey Barnes; Leanne and Mungo Gilchrist; Mick and Ann Hull; Jason McMahon and Claire Tuffin to our roll. Another highlight of the year has been the beginning of monthly afternoon services at Plessington Court where a number of our members now live. These have been well attended and brought us into contact with a number of new people. Of course this has meant stopping the services at Park House where none of the residents were attending any more.

We have inevitably lost a number of members during the year. Sheila Freeman has moved away as have one or two others. In February we had the sudden death of Sister Janet Edwards who we all miss very much but rejoice that she is at home with her Lord. Three other people from our community roll, who have all had close connections with the church have also died -- Vena Slater; Edna Taylorson and, very recently, Harry Slater. We remembered them in a moment of silence and a prayer.

Altogether then our membership stands at 54 of whom, four are disabled or housebound in some way and 11 do not attend regularly although these include some who have moved away and will eventually be removed.

Our Community Roll still stands at just over 100 households who receive the magazine. We have lost some people but gained others. The same goes for our Postal List of magazine subscribers while others have opted to follow us on the Web Site rather than receive paper copies. We would not have been able to maintain this without the help of quite a number of people as health and family issues have once again seriously affected the Pastoral Visiting Team.

Once again we have been blessed with a number of people volunteering to help with the work of the church in all sorts of capacities --- you may have noticed new names on the coffee rotas and new faces (and hands) helping with the music etc. We are grateful in God's name, for all who help. It is easy for us to think we are few and it is all too much but we see new shoots all over the place.

Perhaps the most difficult part for some of us is the lack of children at the Sunday Services. Sadly, we have also had to close Sunday Connexion Zones for the time being. Once a substantial number of those who attended moved up to secondary school, they felt that it was no longer something they wanted to attend. Geoff, John and I found ourselves running a club for just our grandchildren which seemed not to be a sensible way of continuing. However, our partnership with Barnacre Road School continues. Our half-termly Wednesday services have continued, sometimes in church and sometimes down at the school. Howard Roscoe is a school governor and he and Anne Norcross are helping the children create a garden. Howard has also been involved as the children have become part of the 'Rocket' experiment connected to Tim Peake's mission to the International space station. We hope to have more information in the next Messenger. John has recently been invited to lead one of their school assemblies; several people have volunteered to help with walking the children to church and back and providing refreshments and the children themselves, contributed beautiful models for our Exhibition of Stable Scenes at Christmas. God moves in different ways in different times and we believe we are part of a chain that will give these young people a knowledge of Jesus through both word and action.

Given the fact that many of us are getting older and finding it harder, we need to be very careful about the activities we undertake in future. We need to listen carefully to God's guidance in order to maintain our witness here in Longridge so that we do not over stress the willing or assume that younger people can simply do more. Above all, I believe it is the caring ethos of this church which enables us to be an essential part of the community here in Longridge. -CS

Craft Club

I have taken the liberty of writing a brief report as Hazel is finding things more difficult at the moment. However, she is still there every week keeping an eye on all that happens. Numbers have fluctuated during the year as some have got much less agile and decided they can no longer manage to come. A big splash in the Longridge News last Autumn brought in some new members and others come by personal invitations of friends. We have an annual trip. Last year we went to Keswick and some of us visited the Pencil Museum. On the way we had a coffee break at Sandilands Methodist Church in Kendal where we were made very welcome. Sadly, the church was badly damaged in the winter floods and, despite their own problems, the church became the centre of relief work for the surrounding estates. This July we plan to go to Farfield Mills at Sedbergh and then into Kendal. We have a Christmas lunch out and once again we would like to ask permission to hold a Craft Sale on the 19th of November. Some of the Craft Club members also help Pam with the long and tiring job of covering the shoe boxes with Christmas wrapping paper.

P.S. The shoe box dates look like being earlier this year so we need to get cracking on covering the boxes from the beginning of September. Empty boxes and articles to go towards filling them will be gratefully received. Last year's boxes went to Liberia C.S.

Safeguarding and Interim Financial Reports were also received.

A number of appointments were made and others were confirmed in office as follows: -

Council Members (date due for retirement or re-election in brackets)

Hazel Scott (2017)	Pam Cliff (2018)	Geoff Balson (2019)
Betty Warren (2017)	David Rose (2018)	Elizabeth Hodgkiss (2019)
Henry Rose (2018)	Susan Lawson (2019)	Carol Spencer (2018)
Jason McMahon (2019)	John Spencer (2018)	Margaret Mohyla (2019)
Mel Watson (2018)	Howard Roscoe (2019)	Carol Rose (2019)
Claire Tuffin (2019)		

Church Secretary/URC Sec./Minutes/ Communications Mel Watson

Stewards Carol Rose (Senior Steward), Henry Rose,
Carol Spencer, John Spencer, Mel Watson

Chair of Finance Group Henry Rose

Finance Group Ian Lawson, Margaret Mohyla and Mel Watson

Reps. To Circuit Meeting Susan Lawson, Carol Spencer, John Spencer,
Jason McMahan

Area Meeting/URC Synod Susan Lawson

Gift Aid Susan Lawson

E-mail contact Henry Rose

Music Co-ordinator Carol Rose

Music Accompanists Geoff Balson, John Dixon, Jason McMahan, David Rose,
Jenna Jackson, Henry Rose, Claire Tuffin

Junior Church Leaders John Spencer, Jane Turner

Connexion Zone John Spencer, Howard Roscoe and Anne Norcross

Cradle Roll Secretary Mel Watson

Pastoral Secretary Carol Spencer

Notices Co-ordinator Margery Cook

Safeguarding Officer Jane Turner

Communion Stewards Mel Watson; Sue Lawson and Sandra Ashcroft

Pulpit Supply Carol Rose

Flower Secretaries Mandie Walker, Pam Cliff

World Church Secretaries Susan Lawson/David Rose

Mites Scheme Finance Group

Authorised Person(s) for Weddings Sue Lawson, Claire Tuffin

Chair of Property Committee John Spencer

Property Stewards Judith Dixon and Henry Rose

Lettings Secretary Judith Dixon

Messenger Editor and Web Site Robin Spencer

Churches Together Reps. Minister, Pam Cliff, Margaret Mohyla,
Hazel Scott, John Spencer

Christ Church Guild Chair	Sue Lawson
Christ Church Guild Secretary	Audrey Barnes
Action for Children	Mel Watson
Home Missions	Sue Lawson/David Rose
Christian Aid Contact	Pam Cliff
Friday Coffee Rota	Margery Cook
Ramblers	Eddie and Linda Grange
Craft Group	Hazel Scott (assistant Carol Spencer)

Please note that officially all current office holders remain in post until August 31st. New appointees will take over on September 1st 2016.

During the last year John Spencer has been recognised as a Worship Leader. This position is reviewed every three years. Jason McMahon is currently taking the Worship Leader Course and on completion will be eligible to be appointed to this role by the Church Council. Worship Leaders can help plan acts of worship and participate in a number of ways but may not preach and must always work with a recognised preacher (Minister or Local Preacher).

Our thanks also to Frank Warren, Ann Hull, June Roebuck, Liz Marven, Sheila Beresford, Beryl Murrant, Leanne and Mungo Gilchrist and many others who appear on coffee rotas; do Bible readings and help out in a thousand and one ways to make our church a warm and welcoming place.

Retreat in Daily Life

At the beginning of March a group of us from Christ Church joined with Christians from St Wilfrid's, Hurst Green and Stonyhurst joined in a 'Retreat in Daily Life'. We had the opportunity to share some of our experiences during Sunday morning worship at Christ Church and this prompted requests for a written account, - so here goes!

Guided prayer was a central element of the Retreat. Each participant committed to praying for 30 minutes every day during the weeklong retreat, and to a daily meeting with a prayer guide to reflect on that prayer time. There were also optional (but highly recommended!) workshop sessions in the evenings covering 'Different ways of praying', 'Images of God' and 'Rule of life'. These sessions contained many pearls of wisdom and nuggets of good sense. One that struck me as particularly relevant was that 'Good people are often tempted to do too much'. How are you standing up to temptation??

One way of praying that I found particularly helpful is known as 'imaginative contemplation'. You select and read a passage from the Gospels such as one of the healing accounts. Putting the text aside you take some time to imagine the scene in your mind and you then put yourself into it, following and responding to the events as they unfold and ending up with your own interaction with Jesus. I found this method of praying was both very helpful and refreshing, but also rather revealing and healthily disturbing.

This may sound a bit of a challenge and it was useful to have a 'led' contemplation with the whole group during one of the workshop sessions. This helped us to get hold of the timing and pace that works best (i.e. unhurried). It is also important to 'unpack' your prayer session afterwards to understand and absorb what you have learnt. Whilst I could manage to do this on my own I found it was much easier when talking to my prayer guide.

We thought about different ways to pray and about the way we order our daily lives, our individual 'rule of life'. 'Each of us came away from the retreat with different lessons. I am trying to develop the habit of having a 10-minute prayer time at the end of each day, a thankful review to identify and highlight God's action ('an 'examen' prayer). Leanne is focussing more on being still and calm with God to enjoy His presence more, whilst Mungo has found better use for the 'dead time' he has to spend commuting to and from work.

Each one of us was brought closer to Jesus by our different experiences on retreat. It brought us closer to 'knowing the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge' and of being 'filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.' (*Ephesians 3, 19*).

So yes, it was worth it.

If you would like to hear more about the retreat please talk to any of us (Anne Norcross, Howard Roscoe, Mungo & Leanne Gilchrist and Ray Borg) or, if you are on the Internet, you can look up the organisers website on www.prayasyougo.org.

Howard Roscoe

THE PRAYER OF A TREE

(COPIED: SUBMITTED BY M. MOHYLA)

YOU WHO WOULD PASS BY AND RAISE YOUR HAND
AGAINST ME, HARKEN ERE YOU HARM ME.
I AM THE HEAT IN YOUR HEARTH IN A COLD WINTER NIGHT
THE FRIENDLY SHADE SHIELDING YOU FROM SUMMER SUN
AND MY FRUITS ARE REFRESHING DRAUGHTS
QUENCHING YOUR THIRST AS YOU JOURNEY ON.
I AM THE BEAM THAT HOLDS YOUR HOUSE,
THE BOARD OF YOUR TABLE; THE BED ON WHICH YOU LIE;
THE TIMBER THAT BUILDS YOUR BOAT.
I AM THE HANDLE OF YOUR HOE; THE DOOR OF YOUR HOMESTEAD; THE
WOOD FOR YOUR CRADLE;
THE SHELL OF YOUR LAST RESTING PLACE.
I AM THE GIFT OF GOD AND FRIEND OF MAN.
YOU WHO PASS BY, LISTEN TO MY PRAYER. HARM ME NOT.

Walk For March Preston Guild Wheel (Part Three)

After our prolonged absence from the walking scene, we decided to tackle a somewhat less challenging but interesting trek to start us off and the Guild Wheel proved to be ideal. The last two walks had to be abandoned due to the atrocious weather that we encountered during the earlier part of the year.

We started the walk from the Preston Bus Station, walking across town to Avenham Park and stopping to admire what is probably the best view in Preston, from the top of the steps, looking down at the park and the River Ribble. Next, we joined the riverside path out of the park, past the Continental Hotel, crossed Fishergate into Strand Road and re- entered the riverside pathway past the Docklands area and down to the lock gates. This is a pleasant stretch and there was little evidence of the effects of the winter floods.

As we were now on the docks, (Or should we say Marina), we decided to call at Morrisons for a comfort stop and to have a look at the splendid photograph of the docks, taken during the earlier part of the last century.

Now it was time for lunch, so we found some seats situated by the remains of a ramp which led down to the water that was the site of the world's first Roll On - Roll Off ferry, operating between Preston and Larne in the early nineteen-fifties.

After another length of river, we passed "Motor City", a collection of car dealerships and entered the boring stretch along the main road out to Blackpool as far as the footbridge at Lea, which we crossed and joined the splendid Ribble Link, which joins the Lancaster Canal to the Ribble and the national canal system. From here we continued to the University sports field and the canal bridge, where we left the Wheel and walked south to Haslam Park. The

canal was bustling with bird life, with the usual ducks and swans joined by a lone Cormorant.

From the park, we had another 'bus journey to town and the end of the walk.

Although this was quite an easy walk, I was surprised to be informed by those with the technology that we had covered some eleven and a half miles! Let us now hope that the countryside will dry-out so that we can engage in the walks that we all enjoy.

Linda & Eddie Grange

Flower Rota

Jun 5th	Esther Wolstenholme	Aug 7th	Beryl Murrant
Jun 12th	Beryl Murrant	Aug 14th	<i>Vacant</i>
Jun 19th	Beryl Murrant	Aug 21st	Margaret Mohyla
Jun 26th	Hazel Scott	Aug 28th	<i>Vacant</i>
Jul 3rd	Sandra Ashcroft	Sep 4th	<i>Vacant</i>
Jul 10th	Margaret Mohyla	Sep 11th	Esther Wolstenholme
Jul 17th	Margery Cook	Sep 18th	<i>Vacant</i>
Jul 24th	Sue Lawson	Sep 25th	<i>Vacant</i>
Jul 31st	Hazel Scott		

Friday Coffee Rota

Jun 3rd	Mrs S Lawson	Aug 5th	Rev E Hodgkiss
Jun 10th	Mrs L Grange	Aug 12th	Mrs M Cook
Jun 17th	Mrs B Warren	Aug 19th	Mrs E Marven
Jun 24th	Rev E Hodgkiss	Aug 26th	Mrs S Lawson
Jul 1st	Mrs M Cook	Sep 2nd	Mrs L Grange
Jul 8th	Mrs E Marven	Sep 9th	Mrs M Cook
Jul 15th	Mrs S Lawson	Sep 16th	Rev E Hodgkiss
Jul 22nd	Mrs L Grange	Sep 23rd	Mrs E Marven
Jul 29th	Mrs B Warren	Sep 30th	Mrs B Warren

Owing to sickness we are getting low on helpers.

If any one would like to help on Fridays please see Margery Cook.

*M*usic makers

*Meet each Friday for
worship preparation*

7.00pm-8.30pm

All welcome to

'Explore and Enjoy...

*Hymns, Psalms and
Spiritual Songs!'*

Christian Aid Week at Christ Church

Recent 'CHOIR and QUIZ' events at Christ Church have raised funds in support of the work of Christian Aid. Clive and Jane Turner led teams of four in a light hearted quiz evening. Organised by John Spencer, the evening raised £115.

The 11th edition of Music in the Afternoon, organised by Carol Rose, went on to raise a further £472, bringing the total to date to £587.

Held on May 22nd the occasion saw a welcome return of the South Pennine Singers under the direction of Geoff Balson and Sue Temperley. Aably accompanied by Valerie Shoemith, the choir did not disappoint and led an afternoon of choral and solo performances which delighted the appreciative audience.

Choral items, both accompanied and unaccompanied, ranged from Haydn and Finzi to Bacharach, with stops along the way of folk song arrangements and songs from the shows. The men's section gave their own unique rendition of 'There is nothing like a dame' from South Pacific, whilst the ladies led a gentle arrangement of 'Dona Nobis Pacem', a Song for Peace. Solo vocal items included Andrea Goffee's endearing 'If I loved you' from Carousel, whilst Evelyn Fawcett, as well as being the amusing compere gave a delightful comic performance of 'A Singlet for Cecil' – whilst knitting the garment! By way of a contrast, a solo 'Trumpet Tune' was performed by David Parkins. The concert programme showed the singers' versatility and technical ability, especially in the testing articulation of 'Cy Cole's 'Rhythm of Life' and the full choral sound of Haydn's 'Insanae et Vanae Curae.'

While the choir took a well-earned breather, John Spencer, Carol Rose and Jason McMahon led a thought provoking reflection with

images entitled 'In the Name of Christ' – words taken from the song of the same name, composed by Carol for the 50th anniversary of Christian Aid Week.

The programme ended with some community singing of 3 hymns concluding with 'How Great Thou Art' accompanied by piano and organ in a rousing finale. Following a presentation to Geoff, acknowledging his new role of President of the South Pennine Singers, he then conducted a final piece, his own arrangement of the Irish Blessing.

More opportunities to support Christian Aid will be on Thursday June 2nd, when Christ Church are hosting a Coffee Day at the Civic Hall.

Also, on Friday/Saturday July 22nd & 23rd, there will be a bucket collection event at Booths in Longridge, where volunteer helpers will be much appreciated.

Carol Rose

Christ Church Worship and Events

SUNDAY JUNE 5TH 27th Anniversary Celebrations

AM Rev Michele Jarmany (Holy Communion)

PM Mr Henry Rose (Praise 'n' Prayer)

SATURDAY JUNE 11TH Longridge Field Day

If you are able to help with the CTLG Tent on the field,
please see John or Carol Spencer

SUNDAY JUNE 12TH

AM Mrs Carol Rose with guests Daisy and Poppy Haresnape

PM Rev Elizabeth Hodgkiss (Holy Communion)

SUNDAY JUNE 19TH

AM Mrs Denise Johnson

3PM Rev Ray Borg (Plessington Court)

SUNDAY JUNE 26TH

AM Rev Ray Borg

PM Mrs Carol Rose

SUNDAY JULY 3RD

AM Rev Ray Borg (Holy Communion)

PM Rev Mark Slaney

MONDAY JULY 4TH

Craft Club Trip

WEDNESDAY JULY 6TH

Connexion Zone (helpers from 9.30 please)

SUNDAY JULY 10TH

AM Mr Martin Beck

PM Mr Eric Bainbridge

SUNDAY JULY 17TH

AM Mr Ernest Wrennall

3PM Rev Ray Borg (Plessington Court)

FRIDAY/SATURDAY JULY 22ND/23RD

CTLG - Christian Aid Collection at Booths

SUNDAY JULY 24TH

AM Rev Barbara Pettitt

PM Rev Elizabeth Hodgkiss (Holy Communion)

SUNDAY JULY 31ST

AM Dr Carol Spencer

PM Circuit Service for Healing and Wholeness at Kingsfold

SUNDAY AUGUST 7TH

AM Rev Ray Borg (Holy Communion)

PM Mrs Carol Rose (Praise 'n' Prayer)

SUNDAY AUGUST 14TH

AM Rev Elizabeth Hodgkiss

PM Rev Ray Borg

SUNDAY AUGUST 21ST

AM Rev Nigel Lemon

3PM Rev Ray Borg (Plessington Court)

SUNDAY AUGUST 28TH

AM Rev Malcolm Hickox

PM Rev Elizabeth Hodgkiss (Holy Communion)

Additional Dates

Wednesday June 8th

7.30PM Preachers' and Worship Leaders' Meeting at Ashton

Saturday June 11th

7.30PM Methodist National Youth Brass Band Concert at Nelson (Christ Church Methodist/Roman Catholic). See John or Carol Spencer for details.

Tuesday June 21st

7.30PM Preston and South Ribble Circuit Meeting at Bamber Bridge.

Friday July 1st

7.00PM Meeting to discuss the future national strategy for the deployment of URC ministers at Fulwood URC. All elders (elected council members) welcome.

On a Ship

Walking on the top deck
Leaning over the rails
Looking at the waves beneath
Hoping to see the whales:
But only flying fish
Showing their silver flash
The porpoise jumping in and out
Enjoying such a splash
The sea's changing colours
Green and blue with a white crest
Then dark and angry, tossing the ship
From side to side, before a rest.
This is a life when on the sea
Which can be an experience for you and me.

Margaret Mohyla

Services at St Wilfrid's Church A

SUNDAY

10.45am Morning Worship &
Junior Church

3.00pm Afternoon Worship*

*Normally 3rd Sunday at Plessington Court

6.30pm Evening Worship

MONDAY

10.00am Craft Club

7.45pm The Guild*

*1st Monday of month

FRIDAY

7.45am CTL Morning Prayers*

*At St Wilfrid's in 2016

10.00am Coffee Morning

7.00pm Music Makers

SATURDAY

9.30am Christ Church Ramblers*

*As announced – please see notices

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