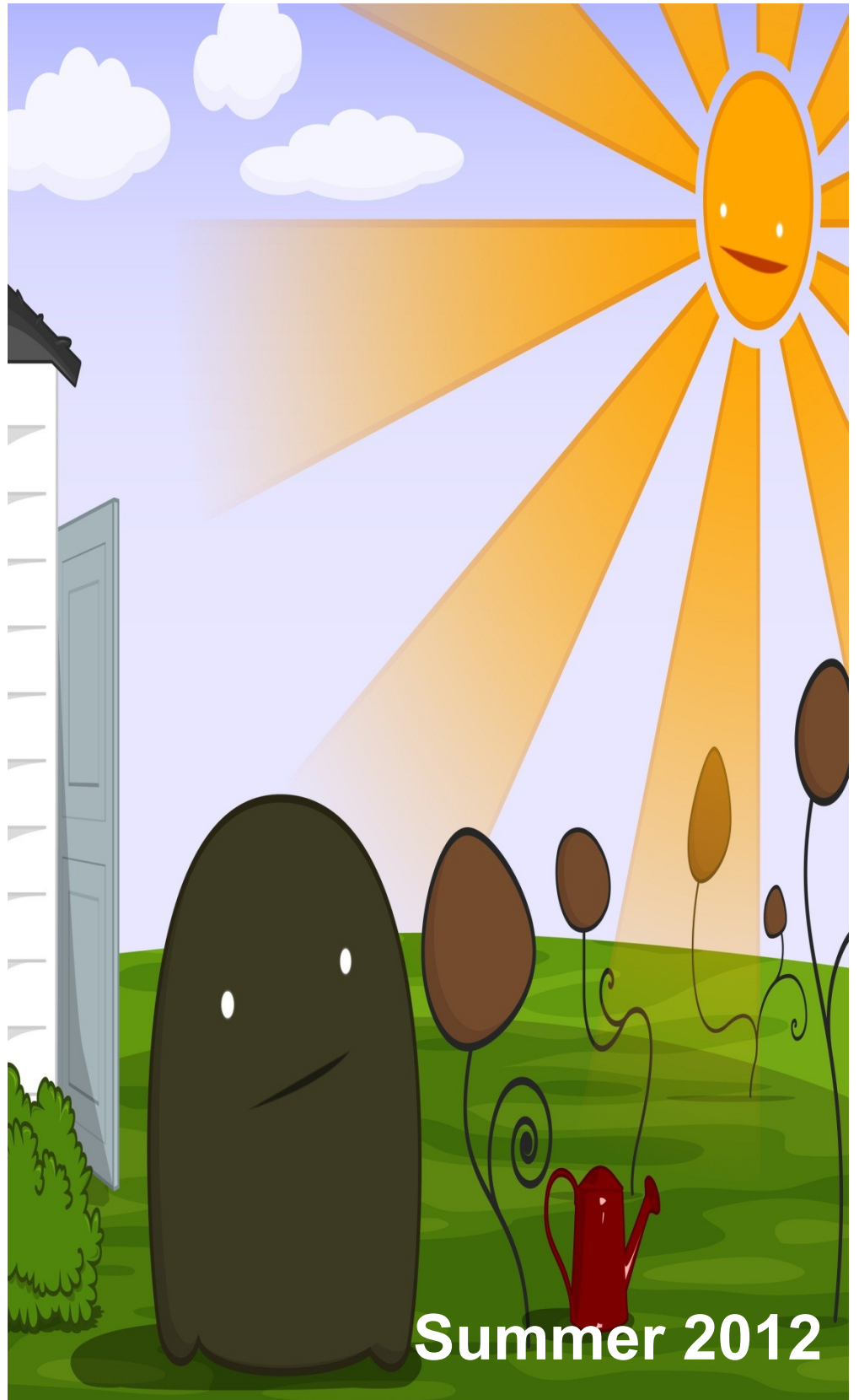


# The Messenger



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# Musings from the Manse

Dear Friends,

As you may know, on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012, I will embark on what has been a long awaited trip for me. From being a small child listening to Bible stories, to being an adult training for Ministry, I've wanted to see if the pictures painted in my mind as I read the Scriptures, will match up to reality.

However, I'm under no illusion that things won't have changed, of course they will have. But if I'm to believe the pre-reading material suggested by our Tour Operator McCabe, and our tour leader - Rev Canon Julian Frost, my life is about to change, as I visit places associated with Jesus' birth, life and public ministry.

So that you can follow along with where I will be visiting, here is the proposed daily programme – all I would ask is that you will hold me and my fellow pilgrims in your prayers each day.

## **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June:**

We meet at London Heathrow Airport. EL AL flight LY 316 departs at 1530hrs arriving in Tel Aviv at 2220.

We transfer upon arrival to our hotel in Jerusalem – the Golden Walls Hotel close to the Old City and the Biblical sites we shall be visiting.

## **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June: *An introduction to Jerusalem***

We drive to the Mount of Olives where we have a panoramic view of the walled city. As we look across the Kidron Valley we see the Golden Gate, the Dome of the Holy Sepulchre. On the Mount of Olives we visit the Pater Noster Church, Dominus Fleuit Chapel (for Holy Communion) and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. We also visit the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu (possible site of the High Priest's house).

We drive out to West Jerusalem and the picturesque village of Ein Karem where we lunch at the Sisters of Sion convent and spend time visiting the Church of John the Baptist.

We continue to the Israel Museum to visit the model of Ancient Jerusalem. We also see the Dead Sea scrolls (housed within the Shrine of the Book).

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Jewish Quarter, Temple Mt. & Via Dolorosa.**

We enter the Old City through Zion Gate and walk down through the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall (where we also see the Bar-Mitzvah ceremonies) and ascend the Temple Mount to view the El Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. We finish our morning by the Pool of Bethesda and the Church of St. Anne's. After lunch at the Ecce Homo convent (above the Lithostrotos) we follow the Via Dolorosa through the lanes of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We end the afternoon at the Garden Tomb. This evening we plan to have a speaker to tell us of the current situation for the Christians in the Holy Land.

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Masada and the Dead Sea**

We drive into the Judean wilderness to Herod's desert fortress of Masada, which we ascend by cable car. We have an opportunity to float in the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea before lunch in the Lot Hotel. On our return journey to Jerusalem we call at Qumran (where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered).

The final part of our journey is to Wade Qelt, for a spectacular view of St George's desert monastery.

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Mount Zion & Bethlehem**

We drive to Mount Zion and call at the Dormition Abbey and Upper Room. We then cross into Palestinian territory to visit Bethlehem. We visit the Fields of the Shepherds (Holy Communion) and have time to shop in the olive wood co-operative. We lunch at the Shepherds Tent close by near Beit Sahour. In the afternoon we enter Manger Square and visit the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves. We also visit the al-Shurooq blind school and hear of their work.

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Meet the people**

An opportunity to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the early morning to witness the variety of liturgy, followed by an opportunity to join with the local Arabic speaking congregation at St George's Cathedral. We then journey to Bethany to briefly call at the church and the tomb of Lazarus and the Jeel al-Amal Boys Home, which is supported by the McCabe Educational Trust. After a late lunch we visit the moving Yad Vashem Memorial to the Holocaust.

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June: Caesarea, Tabor & onto Galilee**

We leave Jerusalem, stopping at Abu Guosh (site of Emmaus) and drive to the Mediterranean coast to the Roman capital of Caesarea, where we visit the ruined city, restored amphitheatre and aqueduct. We lunch at Kibbutz Givat Haim. In the afternoon we drive to Mount Tabor and ascend in minibuses to visit the Basilica of the Transfiguration and enjoy the magnificent views over the plain of Armageddon before continuing to Galilee and our hotel by the Sea of Galilee.

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June: Sepphoris and Nazareth**

We drive to the ancient Sepphoris (Zippori) to visit the ruins and to see the marvellous mosaics. This was the major city in Galilee at the time of Christ. We continue to Nazareth where we call at the Nazareth village (a reconstruction of 1<sup>st</sup> Century Galilean life) and have lunch at el-Mejana Restaurant. We visit St Gabriel's Church (Mary's Well), the Synagogue Church and the Basilica of the Annunciation. We return to Tiberias stopping en route to visit Cana, scene of Jesus' first miracle.

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June: The Lakeside Ministry**

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee. We drive to the north of the lake and visit the ruins of Capernaum, Jesus' Galilean base. We continue to Mensa Christi (where Jesus' appeared to his disciples after His resurrection) and celebrate Holy Communion on the shores of the lake at Tabgha beside the Church of the Loaves and Fishes. Lunch is at the Convent of the Beatitudes. We visit the church and garden which commemorate the Sermon on the Mount. After lunch, we return to the lakeside and sail back across the Sea of Galilee from Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar (where we see the 1<sup>st</sup> Century fishing boat exhibition) to Tiberias, returning by mid-afternoon to allow time to relax and swim.

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June:**

Homeward bound after an early start!

Whatever this pilgrimage holds for me or my fellow travellers remains to be seen. I can only speculate – but no doubt you will hear how things went in the next magazine!

Yours in Christ,

Helen <><

## **Some thoughts for Pilgrim Travellers:**

'I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go the house of the Lord".  
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
(*Psalm 22*)

Ten measures of beauty God gave to the world: nine to Jerusalem  
and one to the remainder.

Ten measures of sorrow gave God to the world: nine to Jerusalem  
and one to the remainder. (*Jewish Talmud*)

*A Prayer by Janet Morley:*

Jesus our brother, as we dare to follow in the steps you trod, be our  
companion on the way.

May our eyes see not only the stones that saw you but the people  
who walk with you now;

May our feet tread not only the path of your pain but the streets of a  
living city;

May our prayers embrace not only the memory of your presence but  
the flesh and blood who jostle us today.

Bless us, with them, and make us long to do justice, to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with our God.

Amen.

# Music in the Afternoon

How refreshing it was to hear some quality music performed by a group of young musicians at Christ Church on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. This was the second concert in the 'Music in the Afternoon' series, covering a wide span of musical styles ranging from Mozart to Miserables, with many stops on the way.

These musicians - all from the Preston area - were brought together by Carol Rose who has worked with them individually over recent years.

David Rose demonstrated his versatility in playing the drums and the cello (not at the same time). His 'Swing Time' got the proceedings off to a really rousing start. The playing of a sonata by Brevval was both sensitive and had rich tonal quality. Later in the programme he performed two short cello pieces by Mary Cohen – one of which was completely pizzicato, the other full of humour. David concluded his performance with an exciting and skilful 'Slick Sticks for Six.'

Jason McMahon is a fine clarinettist. His rich tone and sound technique showed up well in two Tartini movements and in the sensitive playing of 'Après en Rêve.' 'Frensham Pond' by Wm Lloyd Webber (father of Andrew and Julian) was a lovely rendering of what might be described as typically English music.

Daniel Dwyer reflectively performed the well-known slow movement of the Mozart 'Clarinet Concerto' and then an 'Allegro' by the same composer. He changed to flute with two delightful movements of early French music by Couperin in 'Dances for Flute.'

Megan Edmondson is a singer with a stage presence and style in abundance, and it comes as no surprise that she has just been awarded a scholarship in Music Theatre at Laine Theatre Arts in London. Here is a voice that is full of music and which captures the

sensitivity of her chosen repertoire. Particular highlights for me were 'Send in the Clowns' - sung with much insight of the character – and 'On My Own' from Les Miserables.

All of the performers were involved in a '**Christian Aid Reflection**' – a moving combination of images, voices and instruments. It helped us to focus on the needs of the world and - whilst we were sitting and enjoying the music of the concert - it made us realise just what suffering and needs there are in this so-called modern world of ours.

'**Fallen**' the first performance of a piece by Jason McMahon is based on words from Isaiah and Revelations and was performed by Jason, Daniel and Carol. This is an extraordinary work – one that needs to be heard more than once to really appreciate its significance. The move from the almost painful dissonance of the instruments to that of the vocal harmony at its conclusion makes a powerful statement and the composer is to be highly congratulated.

This was a very satisfying and enjoyable concert in front of a large and appreciative audience. Grateful thanks are due to Carol Rose for her fine accompaniments and for providing a platform for these young musicians to show off their talents and at the same time raising funds for Christian Aid.

The next 'Music in the Afternoon' is on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July, when the South Pennine Singers under the direction of Geoff Balson will present a programme of choral music ranging from Madrigal to Musical.

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We send the church's warmest congratulations to Karen Norman and James Kitchen (not forgetting Isabelle) on their wedding on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 60 Second Prayer

Longridge is, generally speaking, a pretty quiet place to live and it's not all that easy to imagine what it must be like to live in other parts of the world where the freedoms we take for granted do not exist. Dr Patrick Sookhdeo, international director of Barnabas Aid, has no such problem. He tells of 'the growing catalogue of death, injury and sheer brutality meted out to Christians'; for no other reason than that they believe in Christ.

Mindless brutality elsewhere in the world often leaves us at a loss. The problem seems too huge, too remote. We can, and do, support world missions, but Dr Sookhdeo also suggests a much more effective and powerful way: the Apostle Paul's request to the people of Corinth: by prayer. 'You help us by means of your prayers for us, and so it will be that the prayers of many people for us, will be answered and God will bless us.' (2 Cor. 1:11)

Do we believe that?

If it became a habit to give one or two minutes to prayer as we sit down with a coffee, wait at the check-out, or get stuck in a traffic jam, would we choose to offer up those few moments, knowing they could make all the difference?

There's one way to find out.

Our sincerest condolences go to Derek and Jean Norman and all the family on the death of Derek's father John and to the family of Arthur Smith especially his daughter, Anna. Since moving to live with Anna in Grimsargh, Arthur had become a faithful and much loved member at Christ Church and he is sorely missed.



**Did you know.....** that at 9am on the first Sunday of each month, a small group of people get together in a corner of Christ Church, and spend time in prayer.... for Christ Church and the people who come through its doors.... for the community to which Christ Church belongs.... in fact for anything which happens to be on the minds of those who attend.

After about half-an-hour or so we then share in a simple breakfast of cereal and toast, whilst chatting about cares and concerns, joys, achievements and wellbeing.

It's called the 'Prayer Breakfast' – and I firmly believe it is a *vital* part of the life of our church.

I've no doubt that as Christians we all have time in our day that we dedicate to talking with God – it's part of the discipline of Christian life. Prayer is one of the cornerstones of spiritual health and wellbeing, and no matter how good or how bad we feel we are at it, God listens to our often incoherent thoughts, and really doesn't mind if we're not word perfect. In actual fact, we're not telling Him anything He doesn't already know, so whether we are reciting a prayer from a book, or trying to piece together words of our own, as long as what we are trying to get across is from the heart, that's all that matters.

We may not always think that we use the right words – our minds may wander onto other things – but just for a while, we try to give God our full attention and bring to His attention the things we want to talk to Him about.

Prayer can be a powerful tool when carried out individually – but imagine the potential power of prayer when people come together and pray together! When we join our voices as one and bring to God those things which matter to us as a church and as a church family, the possibilities are endless. Yes we share in prayer during our worship – but it comes amongst all the other elements which go to make a Sunday service. The Prayer Breakfast is a concentrated period of time in which to voice the things which are on our hearts and minds – and is a wonderful opportunity to share and gain strength from each other.

Christ Church's Prayer Breakfast may be a small yet dedicated group – but we'd like it to grow!

We'd like it if all those who are able, could come and add their prayer power to the pot! You don't even have to actually say a prayer if you're not comfortable in praying out loud – there are periods of silence for God to listen to unspoken prayers.

What is important is the sharing together and praying together about matters which concern us – the food is just an added bonus, and we all need to eat breakfast!!

So, remember: 9am on the first Sunday of the month – Communion Sunday. I hope to see YOU there! -- Helen <><

# Walk For March - Cuddy Hill

Cuddy Hill is an area north of Woodplumpton. The starting point of the walk was the Plough At Eaves, a remote pub with a long and interesting history, dating from 1625 and used as a refuge by both sides during the Battle of Preston. A century earlier, The Battle of Cuddy Hill was fought here, between the Tudors and the Scots.

Starting from the pub, we walked through fields and on into a private garden. During the drive down, the weather looked distinctly gloomy, but as forecast, the clouds started to lift and as we later approached the canal, the sun made an appearance.

This stretch of the Lancaster Canal was quite pleasant, with open views of the fells to the East, including Parlick. (We will return one day!). A lone Heron took off from the water, guiding us to the bridge where we were to leave the canal and take to the footpath through Woodplumpton.

At the South end of the village we arrived at St Anne's church, part of which may date back to the 13th century, and having tried the village stocks, we entered the churchyard and enjoyed our lunch on the seats provided for us.

Before leaving, we had a look at the grave of Meg Shelton, a local witch, buried there in 1705. We then headed away from the church, under sunny blue skies, over fields and along a quiet lane to a farm, over a large open field to a canal bridge and a return to the canal, this time walking North. Eventually, we arrived at the same canal bridge as we had left it earlier and headed to Bell Fold Farm. This farm yard is always exceptionally tidy, unlike most farms. Walking away from the farm, we were attacked by a sudden and vicious squall, which fortunately didn't last very long and now it was on the home run, across more pastures to a stile which brought us out onto the lane from where it was a short walk back to the start.

This turned out to be a pleasant walk in an area steeped in history with the ever popular Lancaster Canal as its core.

## Walk For April - Beacon Fell - River Brock

The walk this month embraced two of the best features of our local area, which are probably well known to everyone.

Starting from the main car park at Beacon Fell on a pleasant and clear morning, we started the ascent through the forest to the trig point at the summit. Here we stopped to admire the view before starting the descent and we were greeted with a strong, cold northerly wind which stayed with us down to the lower area and the farms. After a short road section, we entered the fields again via a series of stiles and walked down a long field to a lane and a stile to connect with it. Unfortunately, the stile was in the next field, so we had to retrace our steps and return down the correct one. Sorry!

We were now on the quiet lane leading to Bleasdale and on to the River Brock, where a well hidden stile led us on to the river path. The beautiful river valley was just starting to bloom and may be at its best in a week's time.

Here we had the choice of the old path, a bit tricky in places, or an alternative along adjacent fields, which was quite boggy. We chose the former which meandered along the river bank and eventually arrived at the Waddacar Scout Camp, where our peace was shattered by hundreds of young Beaver Scouts! However, we had our lunch stop here, sat on a log overlooking the quietly flowing river.

Lunch over, we continued along the pleasant river path as far as Brockmill and the familiar car park. We try, if possible, not to end our walks with a hill, but unfortunately, this one was the exception. We started our climb back up to the fell along the steep White Lee Lane and then entered the field paths, initially through a small copse and then up to Beacon Fell itself, through the woods and back to the car park.

We had twice, recently, changed this walk for an alternative, waiting for the right conditions to make the most of what it had to offer. I think that we all agreed that the wait was worthwhile. -- Linda & Eddie Grange.

## EVERYBODY WELCOME

This was the name of the study series which we had in Lent. We pride ourselves on being a welcoming church but our thought-provoking discussions showed us that there are improvements we can consider making. For instance, if someone visiting the church asked for a leaflet with information about services; activities or contacts would we all know where to find them? We have four notice boards in the foyer; one in the kitchen and one in the corridor at the back of the Hall. Do you know what kind of notices are on each board? Would you know how to get permission to put up a notice or place advertising leaflets in the church? Can any of us be sure, when there is a visitor whether they have visited our church before? How do we think people perceive our building? Is it easy to just pop in? Do some find it too plain as a place of worship? Do some people see our foyer as cluttered? There are many more things to be asked and if you feel strongly about any of them, why not let a member of the council know about your ideas or, better still, come along to a meeting. All meetings are open. There are a few matters where only those with formal church membership can vote and a very, very few where only elected members of the council can vote but everybody's opinions are welcome.

Our best wishes and prayers also go to Sophie Tyson who was baptised on April 1<sup>st</sup> and to mum, Emily and dad, Peter together with all the rest of the family especially great-grandmother Hazel.

# Ladies' Guild

Having come to the end of our winter programme on April 19<sup>th</sup> with a very interesting visit to Longridge Heritage Centre, we have now arranged some activities for the summer(?) season, which are listed below and on the church notice board.

Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, a visit to the Playhouse Theatre Preston – tickets £7 will be collected from the theatre foyer prior to the play, which begins at 7.30pm.

Monday June 11<sup>th</sup>, a canal walk from Guy's Court, starting at 6.30pm followed by a meal about 7.30pm – earlier if the weather is not good.

Monday August 20<sup>th</sup>, meal at the Corporation Arms 6.30pm for 7pm – pay on the night.

Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, coffee evening in Church from 7pm.

All welcome.

## WWW

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# Music in the Afternoon

(3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) At Christ Church, Longridge

*presents*

## South Pennine Singers

Directed by Geoff Balson

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 2.30pm

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Now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year, the South Pennine Singers is a chamber choir based in Burnley. Its members are mainly from the Burnley area with others from Rossendale, Pendle, Littleborough and Preston.

Repertoire of the choir varies from madrigals, extracts from larger choral works, hymns, folk songs, arrangements of popular songs and songs from Musicals.

The choir performs about a dozen concerts each year – some in Burnley and others much further afield – and is looking forward to performing in Longridge.

Tickets on Sale soon from Geoff Balson.

### Friday Coffee Rota

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<b>Jun</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Mrs M Crew</b>	<b>Aug</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Mrs S Lawson</b>
	8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mrs S Lawson</b>		10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mrs M Crew</b>
	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Rev E Hodgkiss</b>		17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Rev E Hodgkiss</b>
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Mrs E Marven</b>		24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dr R Mazumdar</b>
	29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dr R Mazumdar</b>		31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Mrs M Cook</b>
<b>Jul</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mrs M Cook</b>	<b>Sep</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mrs E Marven</b>
	13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mrs A Barnes</b>		14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mrs A Barnes</b>
	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mrs L Grange</b>		21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Mrs O Hurlstone</b> & <b>Mrs B Warren</b>
	27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mrs B Murrant</b>		28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mrs L Grange</b>

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# Dates for your Diary

## **Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9.00am Prayer Breakfast

10.45am Church Anniversary Service (please note this is one week earlier than usual to coincide with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration and Bank Holiday weekend)

**We will be holding a Jubilee Celebration 'Big Lunch' immediately after the morning service.**

**As many people may not receive this magazine in time, we will use all our other means of advertising to try to ensure everyone knows.**

6.30pm There will not be an evening service at Christ Church, as there is a Circuit Service at Penwortham for the receiving of the Easter Offering. This is the money we put in the special envelopes at Easter for the work of the World Church.

## **Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Longridge Field Day: Look out for the ADA group's portrayal of Joseph and his coat of many colours. Don't forget to visit the Churches Together in Longridge Tent.

## **Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>**

URC Retreat Day (details on notice in foyer) with Rev Michele Jarmany (booking required)

## **Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>**

4.00pm Farewell Event for Garo Kilagi, at Brierfield. Garo is a minister from the Uniting Church of Papua New Guinea who has been ministering in Accrington and Burnley for the last seven years. Later this year he will return to resume his work in his home country. Please pray for him and his family especially the children, one of whom was born here; one came as a pre schooler and the older two girls are at Secondary school. They will have little or no memory of their homeland and may find it very difficult to settle into a very strange way of life for them.

### **Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup>**

7.00pm Fulwood Methodist Church/Crossroads Centre  
Ordinands Testimony Service for the Rev Katharine Bland who will be ordained at the Methodist Conference in Plymouth in July.

### **Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup>**

As part of the Preston Guild Celebrations there will be an Art Exhibition called 'Visible Faith' at the UCLAN Arts Centre. Admission Free. Details are in the Plan and on the Notice Boards in the Foyer.

### **Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm Circuit Meeting at Penwortham

### **Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Circuit Quiet Day (details on Back of Plan) leader Pat Preston

If you would like a time of quiet withdrawal to be able to think about more profound spiritual matters, we recommend the URC retreat day with Michele Jarmany or the Circuit Quiet Day with Pat Preston.

### **June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>**

Methodist Conference in Plymouth. During each conference, a special service is held to give thanks for the lives of Methodist Ministers who have died during the past twelve months. We are very much aware that amongst those remembered this year will be Enid Balson and our prayers go with Geoff as he attends that special occasion.

### **Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>**

9.00am Prayer Breakfast

### **Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup>**

2.30pm A concert with Geoff Balson and the South Pennine Singers  
We have had two delightful Sunday afternoon concerts already this year and here is yet another opportunity to spend a most enjoyable Sunday afternoon. More details elsewhere.

### **Monday July 9<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am from Church. Craft Club Trip to the Lake District.



### **Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm The Peake Lecture at the UCLAN Arts Centre. Speaker Dr. Peter Oakes

This is one of the regular lectures organised by the Lancashire Theological Society which are usually held at Ashton Methodist Church. This is to be held during the Exhibition of the Methodist Art Collection as part of the Guild Celebrations --- so you could kill two birds with one stone!

Full details of both the Lecture and the Art exhibition are on the noticeboards in the foyer.

### **Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

4.00pm Farewell Service for Rev Peter Sheasby, his wife Christine and daughter Anna. Peter has been the minister at Fulwood Methodists for 11 years and has led worship at Christ Church on many occasions. Christine is a local preacher and has also led worship at Christ Church before becoming seriously ill about two years' ago. She has now made a good recovery, but is not able to do as much as she once did. Christine, under her maiden name of Odell, has also written many books and, though you may not always have been aware of it, prayers written by Christine are frequently used in our services. Peter and Christine have been good friends to Christ Church during their time in Preston and we pray that their move to Retford and Worksop goes well and they soon settle to the new avenues of ministry there.

### **Tuesday August 28<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Malcolm Hickox at Fulwood Crossroads Centre (Fulwood Methodist Church)

### **Advance Notice**

**Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup>** Coffee Day at the Civic Hall

**Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>** Methodist Synod

**Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>** 7.30 pm Concert in aid of the Necrotising Fasciitis Society with a Welsh Male Voice Choir (full details later). The Choir will also be joining with us at our morning service on the Sunday which will be led by the Rev Ron Lewis --- a real Welsh feast.

Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> CTL Harvest Meal

Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> Coffee Day at the Civic Hall



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**Looking Towards God - NW Synod Quiet Day**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

at Christ Church, Little Lever, Bolton BL3 1JE

Jesus said

“Come away a while and rest”

This is your time to rest and pray.

**STOP** and dwell in the silence

**LOOK** at our lives in the world

**LISTEN** to the scriptures

**WALK** the pilgrim way



If you would like to join us please book with

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Before Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

(Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided)

## **Garndiffaith Gleemen Male Voice Choir**

### **Harvest Celebrations September 29th & 30<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Garndiffaith is a village located in Torfaen, in the Eastern Valley of South Wales. It is a small rural area situated between Talywain and Varteg, three miles north of the town of Pontypool and 3.5 miles south of the town of Blaenavon. It is part of the Abersychan suburb of Pontypool.

The choir has formed part of The World Choir and performed at Cardiff Arms Park. Also annually at The Royal Albert Hall.

They also support many local charities and sing at weddings and funerals. The choir is twinned with the Alt Wiesloch Male Voice Choir (based near Heidelberg in Germany) Doreen and Chris Marsden who are members of our church have toured with the choir around Wiesloch and Doreen spoke of her charity work. She explained to them that her son had passed away 11 years from having a tooth abscess that developed into gangrene. She named the charity after him. The Lee Spark NF Foundation.

Doreen and Chris hold the choir dear to their hearts as their friend who passed away three years ago was the oldest member of the choir and served 42 years with them. But they are still in touch and Doreen still enjoys touring with them when they go to their twinned town of Weisloch. She asked the choir would they like to give a concert in Lancashire to support her charity their reply was.' How could we refuse an invitation to support such a worthwhile cause and also miss the opportunity to see Lancashire'. The choir are looking forward to this visit.

We hope you will support us and have a really good time also.

Look forward to seeing you all.

# Weekly Activities

## **SUNDAY**

**10.45am** Morning Worship &  
Junior Church

**6.30pm** Evening Worship\*  
\*2nd Sunday at Park House

## **MONDAY**

**10.00am** Craft Club

**7.45pm** Ladies Guild\*  
\*2nd and 4th Monday each month

## **FRIDAY**

**7.45am** CTL Morning Prayers

**10.00am** Coffee Morning

## **SATURDAY**

**9.30am** Christ Church Ramblers\*  
\*2nd Saturday each month

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