

The Messenger



Autumn 2018

**Christ Church, Longridge "Living for Christ
at the heart of the community"**

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We are delighted to welcome the Rev Jane Wild as our new minister. She was with us at the Circuit Welcome Service at Central on Saturday (September 1st); she led worship here on Sunday evening (September 2nd) and popped in to Craft Club on Monday morning (September 3rd) – the ladies were delighted to find she is a keen crafter especially but not exclusively knitting and crochet. Clearly, from her activity over her first three days, the distance between here and Fulwood where she lives will be no obstacle. We look forward to getting to know her better and perhaps meeting the rest of the family – her husband Stuart and daughters Hope, Verity and Grace.

Calling All Singers!



**Do you enjoy singing much loved hymns,
psalms and spiritual songs?**

ALL rehearsals are on Tuesdays at

Penwortham Methodist Church at 7.30pm

September 11th & 18th

October 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th

Let Me Introduce Myself

Dear All,

Perhaps I should introduce myself, as I hope we will be seeing more of each other as I begin working with you at Christ Church.

I have been a minister in the Preston Ribble Circuit for a year with responsibility for the Methodist Church in Fulwood. Prior to that I have been stationed in the Manchester, Bristol Frome Valley, and Halifax circuits.

I am married to Stuart who is also a Minister and we have three children.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and sharing in the mission of the Church in Longridge.

As you can see I have not been the minister of a URC church before so in preparation I had a look at the URC website where I found this notice:

The Revd Lucy Berry, a performance poet and United Reformed Church minister, has been named as the first poet-in-residence for the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT). JPIT responds to current social, political and policy issues on behalf of the Baptist Union, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. Ms Berry will write and perform poetry related to the policy areas JPIT work on such as poverty and welfare system in the UK, immigration, political engagement and broader themes around peace and justice. The unremunerated position will commence on Monday 3 September and is marked with a poem specially written by Ms Berry, entitled 'An Empire and a Village'.

In this poem she contrasts the relationship-based village with the corruption of empire and says that within each of us there is the courage to choose if only we will take it.

The Gospel gives us that choice to live in relationship with God or to opt out of that commitment to God and others. I come to you committed to work with you and God and pray that our service together may be to the Glory of God.

God Bless

Revd Jane Wild

Round the (*Picnic*) Table

Our fortnightly session continued to be well supported during the summer term, although with the very hot weather our catering efforts were restricted to lighter menus and lots of fruit. At the end of term, we met in the hall one morning to pack up and label all the crockery and kitchen equipment before work could start on the hall. A busy and productive morning for us all.

Over the summer break we have aimed to have an outing together each Thursday. The summer holidays can seem very long to those with young and very energetic families to entertain, and the chance to get out for a few hours on some kind of 'outing' has been greatly appreciated – and lots of fun! So far, we have had picnics on the Berry Lane school field, a trip to the seaside at Lytham St Annes (where we found the tide was out and the sea about ½ a mile away – but we had plenty of room to run and splash), a visit to Brockholes for a short walk and a long go on their super adventure playground. This week we plan to pick blackberries and then have tea and scones in the foyer.

We said farewell to Ray at a shared meal after the morning service on August 5th. We have all benefitted greatly from his support and input during the past year or so (Yes! we have been running for over 12 months now) and from the initial inspiration and impetus that he has given 'Round the Table'. We are looking forward to welcoming Jane to our sessions and to discovering together the next steps that God has prepared for us.

Walk for June - Entwistle

For the walk this month, we were in the capable hands of the Bolton division and another visit to the splendid facilities of United Utilities and their network of all-weather paths.

Our starting point was the car park at Turton Tower. This interesting manor house was built as a pele tower in the late middle ages. Elizabethan constructions were later added followed by some changes during the Victorian era. Needless to say, the gardens were at their best at this time of year.

Leaving the tower, we crossed the railway bridge that was built to complement the house and joined the Witton Weavers Way, a substantial path that took us high over the surrounding countryside and through woodland before descending down to Entwistle Reservoir. We completed a full circuit of the lake, stopping half way round for lunch at a pair of seats provided for us walkers.

Today, we were pleased to introduce a new member to the walking group, Milo the dog and at this point in the walk, he entertained us, retrieving a ball thrown into the water many times and as this area is very popular with dog walkers, he had quite a few “Chums” to play with. Also, in front of us was the 10ft stainless steel sculpture of a Heron by the Dutch artist, Marjan Wouda's.

On our way again, we passed many wild flowers, including Wild Orchid and numerous ducks plus half a dozen Cormorants. We ended this part of the walk by crossing the dam and after a little bit of forest, Wayoh, the next reservoir, came into view. This we followed along its western shore until we came to another dam; by this time Milo was leading us and he seemed to know where he was going.

After a little road walking, we arrived at Chapelton and a halt at the tea rooms for a little refreshment in the garden. From here, it was a short walk back to the tower.

After experiencing such awful weather for so long, it is so nice to go out walking in these beautiful conditions and here in the North West, we are blessed with some of the loveliest countryside to enjoy. Many thanks again to Bill for leading us and to a well-behaved Milo for the entertainment.

Linda & Eddie Grange

Action for Children

As I send off a cheque for £643.44 to Action for Children, I would like to thank all those who during the year have contributed to this worthwhile charity, by either giving and serving the refreshments or by buying them at coffee mornings.

Having supported this charity all my life, when it was known as the National Children's Home, I am very grateful for the way in which people help, through the Church, to continue and further the work of Action for Children.

I am always conscious that God came into the world as a child, and think it is our responsibility to help vulnerable children develop in a stable, caring and loving environment. Even in this affluent country, there are still many children who do not enjoy such homes, and by supporting this charity you are giving under-privileged children and young people a better chance in life.

Again, many thanks for your support throughout the year.

Mel

Walk for July - The Kourtaliotis Gorge

As a general rule, we start our monthly walks within a one-hour drive of Longridge. However, this month we stretched the ruling a little and went to the south of Crete and undertook a beautiful walk in the White Mountains and down the Kourtaliotis Gorge. There are three significant gorges in Crete, the largest being the Sameria at 18 kilometres. The Kourtaliotis is much shorter, but in some ways more challenging.

We started the adventure by travelling by mini-bus from Plakias, along scenic roads to the head of the gorge, from where our excellent young Italian guide took us down many steps to visit a small church. From here, we climbed back up the many steps, followed by a descent down many more to the foot of the gorge. The next section followed the river, which we crossed four times. At this point we had a thunder storm to add to the excitement and the terrain was a little rough in places but good fun. Finally, the path opened up and we started a climb up to the main road, which we followed for a mile or so, before taking a long, winding path down to the Preveli Bridge and Monastery and a stop at a pleasant taverna by the river for lunch.

The second part of the walk was at a high level and offered many splendid views down the gorge to the south. Eventually, the sea came in to view and the river met the Libyan Sea at Preveli Beach. Unfortunately, we were unable to follow the river all the way and had to take a path around a high headland. From here, looking south, we were a mere two hundred miles from the African coast. To the beach, you guessed it, we had to stagger down another long flight of steps before diving into the sea for a welcome swim.

Before leaving the beach, there was something else to see. A palm forest had been planted at the last stretch of the river, so we

followed the path through it, which proved to be quite a contrast to the surrounding landscape.

Now it was back to Plakias by boat. The small beach boats are flat bottomed, to enable them to land on the beach. However, this feature doesn't contribute to their sea-going qualities and the sea was very rough. Quite an exciting voyage!

Crete is a beautiful island, the largest of the Greek islands and to offer organized walks in one of the best parts was very welcome. The owner of the business responsible for the walks was British, so maybe they may come up with more exciting adventures in the area. We certainly enjoyed it.

Linda & Eddie Grange

Friday Coffee Rota - Autumn 2018

Sep 7	Linda Grange	Oct 26	Margery Cook
Sep 14	Liz Marven	Nov 2	Sue Lawson
Sep 21	Sue Lawson	Nov 9	Liz Marven
Sep 28	Sandra Ashcroft	Nov 16	Sandra Ashcroft
Oct 5	Liz Marven	Nov 23	Margery Cook
Oct 12	Margery Cook	Nov 30	Linda Grange
Oct 19	Linda Grange	Dec 7	Sandra Ashcroft

Kitchen Diary

As you may have noticed, there has been quite a bit of work going on this summer to refurbish the hall kitchen. Things don't happen on their own and this is to give you a flavour of what has been happening and the number of people involved. I must say that everyone has been really helpful and cooperative, working well together to get through this with a minimum of disruption.

JULY

Thursday 19th At last after months of consultation and planning we can make a start. 'Round the Table' stalwarts arrive first thing and pack away all the kitchen equipment and crockery.

Friday 20th John and Henry strip out the old cupboards and units and put them aside for re-use. They get rid of the old cooker. Hurray!

Tuesday 24th Remove the old tiles and some of the skirting boards.

Wednesday 25th Met James, Simon, Steve and John to coordinate kitchen fitting, plumbing, electrics, new boiler and carpentry.

Saturday 28th ATC move their huge cupboard out of the kitchen to its new location.

Monday 30th Simon and Alan strip out exiting pipework and remove old boiler. Complete removing skirting boards.

Tuesday 31st Steve and his mate run new electric cabling. James delivers first batch of stainless steel tables. Meet Nick to discuss plaster repairs.

AUGUST

Wednesday 1st Nick sorts out plasterwork.

Friday 3rd Alan amending pipework and drilling through wall for new waste pipes. James delivers more tables and equipment.

Saturday 4th Henry boxes in pipes for boiler.

Tuesday 7th James back – He had delivered the wrong rack and came to swop it for the right one!

Wednesday 8th Mark fixes wall cladding. Looks good, but he has clad the boxing in that Henry did although I asked him not to. I haven't the heart to ask him to take it off again.

Thursday 9th Pete and Rob arrive to screed floor. Pete slashes his own wrist and goes to Chorley A&E for stitches. I mop up the blood.

Friday 10th Nathan rips up old vinyl (difficult) and screeds floor. There are gaps between the plaster and the floor. Arrange with Nick to fill them in. Phone Simon to sort out replumbing for next week.

Saturday 11th Box in the central heating pipes because Nick couldn't plaster up the hole they come through – it was too big.

Monday 13th Ian lays floor. Looks better already!

Wednesday 15th Steve fixes cables and sockets for electricity. Take cladding off the box out for the boiler pipes (it shouldn't have been on there in the first place). Alan and Andy in to plan plumbing work. Evening delivery of pipe and fixings for the plumbers.

Thursday 16th Busy day. Andy plumbs in water supplies but then has to go to hospital to have his eye looked at (nothing to do with our work). Alan arrives and continues plumbing and Andy returns to help later on. James here mid-afternoon to unpack and position the tables and equipment.

Friday 17th Andy continues to plumb in the new sinks and dishwasher.

Things are really moving on now but there is still some way to go. 'Await next week's exciting instalment!'

Credits

Kitchen Equipment

Floor and Walls

Plumbing

Electrical

Plastering

Carpentry, heavy lifting, everything else

Odd-Job man

James Taylor

Rishton Floorcraft (Frank, Matt, Mark, Pete, Rob, Nathan and Ian)

Simon Smith, Alan and Andy

Steve Baines

Nick Wilcock

John and Henry

Howard

Walk for August - The Singing Ringing Tree

The Singing Ringing Tree is a piece of public art, high up on the Pennines, south of Burnley and is a sculpture constructed out of metal tubes in the form of a windblown Hawthorn. With the right wind strength and direction, the tree, “Sings” or “Rings”. Most visitors to the sculpture simply drive to the car park and walk along a short footpath. Not our walking group though. We added it in to a strenuous eight-mile walk!

Starting from the car park on Limey Lane, we skirted the northern end of Clowbridge Reservoir and began the long, steep climb up to Crompton Cross, an ancient waymarker and on to The Pennine Bridleway, created by Mary Towneley and the highest point of the walk. From here, it was downhill with a good view of the next reservoir, Clough Bottom. Much of this walk was on the splendid paths of United Utilities, similar to those we often encounter in the Bolton area.

Next, we followed the Bacup road with a parallel pathway to a point where a farm track took us down a very long, steep descent to a pretty isolated farm. On the way down, we stopped for lunch at a small memorial to Mary Townley. From the farm, we now had to start the long climb, out through fields, across the main road and up a very steep access track which must be quite lethal in winter conditions. Now we were back on the moors, still climbing and feeling the heat, but still managing to admire the beautiful moorland landscape. Finally, after a tricky stile, the “Tree”, started to appear on the horizon, steadily getting ever closer.

We were the only people present at the site and as there was no wind whatsoever, there was no tune to be had! Having taken a “Selfie”, we moved on, along a path, across the road and up another

hill and through a plantation, down into a valley and up another hill and back down to Clowbridge Reservoir.

This turned out to be quite a strenuous walk, particularly in the hot summer conditions that we have been experiencing recently. Perhaps we should have a look at future walks in the Burnley area. If anyone wants to visit this artwork, I suggest that you study the weather forecast and wait for a strong, southerly gale!

Linda & Eddie Grange

Church Flowers - Autumn 2018

Sept 2nd	Elizabeth Hodgkiss	Nov 4th	<i>Church flowers</i>
Sept 9th	Linda Grange	Nov 11th	Carol Rose
Sept 16th	Hazel Scott	Nov 18th	Claire Tuffin
Sept 23rd	Claire Tuffin	Nov 25th	Jason McMahon
Sept 30th	Sue Lawson	Dec 2nd	Hazel Scott
Oct 7th	<i>Church flowers</i>	Dec 9th	Margery Cook
Oct 14th	Mel Watson	Dec 16th	Beryl Murrant
Oct 21st	<i>Church flowers</i>	Dec 23rd	<i>Church flowers</i>
Oct 28th	Brenda Head	Dec 30th	<i>Church flowers</i>

Thank you to everyone who donates or arranges flowers. If anyone wishes to be included in the flower rota please speak to me or fill in one of the forms at the back of church. Alternatively, donations towards the cost on 'Church flowers' weeks are always welcome and can be placed in the flower fund tin. If anyone is able to help with distributing flowers to our church family, this would be greatly appreciated. Also, please let me know if there is someone who would appreciate a gift of flowers e.g. due to illness, bereavement or a special anniversary or birthday. Thank you.

Claire Tuffin

Christ Church Worship and Events

(Worship times 10.45am & 6.30pm unless otherwise stated)

Saturday September 1st

3pm Circuit Welcome Service at Central Methodist

Sunday September 2nd

AM Professor Alan Gillies

PM Rev Jane Wild

Monday September 3rd

7-8.30pm Launch of our NEW 'Monday Menu'

3 courses of 'Coffee, Company & Conversation'

Sunday September 9th

AM Mrs Elizabeth Fletcher

PM Joint Circuit Celebration at Leyland
(Please see notices for details)

Wednesday September 12th

7.30pm Local Preachers & Worship Leaders meeting at Bamber Bridge

Sunday September 16th

AM Rev Jane Wild **(Harvest & Holy Communion)**

3pm Rev Jane Wild **(Plessington Court)**

Monday September 17th

7.00pm Christ Church Council Meeting

Wednesday September 19th

7.30pm Circuit Meeting at Kingsfold

Sunday September 23rd

AM Mr Martin Beck

PM Praise 'n' Prayer

Sunday September 30th

AM Dr Carol Spencer

4pm Circuit Service for Healing and Wholeness at Penwortham

Monday October 1st

7-8.30pm Monday Menu

Saturday October 6th

10am-1pm URC Missional Partnerships Fellowship
At Chorley URC – please see noticeboard for details.

Sunday October 7th

AM Mr David Evans
PM Rev Jane Wild (Holy Communion)

Sunday October 14th

AM Rev Nigel Lemon
4 – 6pm Circuit SPACE at Fulwood

Sunday October 21st

AM Rev Jane Wild (Holy Communion)
PM Rev Jane Wild (Plessington Court)

Sunday October 28th

AM Dr Carol Spencer (Shoebox Service)

Sunday November 4th

AM Mrs Carol Poole
PM Praise 'n' Prayer

Monday November 5th

7-8.30pm Monday Menu

Sunday November 11th

10am Henry & Carol Rose Followed by CTLD Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Gdns
4 – 6pm Circuit SPACE at Fulwood

Saturday November 17th

Christ Church Crafts Fair (Please see notices for details)

Sunday November 18th

AM Rev Jane Wild (Holy Communion)
3pm Rev Jane Wild (Plessington Court)

Sunday November 25th

AM Mrs Jenny Berrill
PM Mr Tony Bonser

Monday December 3rd 6.30pm Christ Church Meal at the Corporation Arms

All Welcome to our new....

'Monday Menu'



*3 Courses of
Coffee, Company &
Conversation*

*Plus
Specials Board*



*Sep 3rd ~ Oct 1st ~ Nov 5th
7.00pm - 8.30pm*

(Need Transport? Call 07745 806186)

Services Festival Activities

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*

*Term Time

7.00pm Monday Menu*

*1st Monday of month

WEDNESDAY

9.30am Christ Church Ramblers*

*As announced – please see notices

FRIDAY

7.45am CTL Morning Prayers*

*At St Paul's in 2018

10.00am Coffee Morning

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