

A vibrant autumn scene featuring several large, colorful leaves in shades of green, yellow, orange, and red, set against a clear blue sky. The leaves are scattered across the frame, with some showing detailed vein patterns.

# The Messenger

**Autumn 2019**

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

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# The Last Three Months

June to August has proceeded in much the same way as usual. At Pentecost Jane helped us produce a 'mobile' full of origami doves to remind us of the Spirit manifesting herself as a dove at Jesus' baptism. This still hangs beautifully over the lectern at the front of church. Taking a lead from this, we took another dove from the Bible in our final meeting of Connexion Zone for this school year. We looked at the role of the raven and the dove in the story of Noah and the children made rather simpler origami birds to remind them of the story and God's care for them. The story of Noah appeared again on the Churches Together stand at Longridge Agricultural Show. Longridge Field Day was the wettest any of us could remember and so there was no tent on the Rec. Instead Churches Together ran the 'café' in the Civic Hall where as many as possible of the afternoon's activities had been relocated. We were 'giving away' tea, coffee and soft drinks as we normally do in the tent but surprisingly received more than £200 in donations! The Agricultural show was about as different as it could possibly be, with the sun beating down and many of the contributors sweltering in the big marquees. As mentioned above the CTLD stand had a display about the Food Bank and an activity area for children. There was a model of the Ark and the children could make masks of some of the animals to take away with them. They were also given scrolls with the story of Noah's ark from a Children's Bible.

On June 9th we were delighted to welcome the new Mayor, Steve Ashcroft, and members of the Council to the morning service. It is a delight that Steve's Mayoress is one of our most active members, Sandra.

Some of our organisations such as the Craft Club are having a summer break after an end of year trip to Boundary Mill and will

restart at the beginning of September. Others such as Monday Menu are bravely carrying on throughout.

In August our new minister Karen and her husband Steve will be moving in and the Rev Janet Titterton and her husband will also be moving into the Circuit. Please continue to support all the Circuit clergy as we start another church year. They are Jane Wild as she takes over the Superintendent's job; Katharine Bland; Ray Borg and Barbara Pettitt who works part-time at Central Methodists. Katharine will be leaving the Circuit in August 2020.

We hope everyone has a good rest and returns with new energy to the work of the church in September.

## **Action for Children**

As I send off a cheque for £529 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

# New Start(s)

God in His mercy is always giving us the opportunity of a new start in our personal lives and relationship with Him but sometimes we find new starts difficult. Last September we welcomed Rev Jane Wild as our minister until the new line-up of ministers after the resignation of Rev Mark Slaney as Superintendent and the Rev Andrew Webb as minister at Bamber Bridge and Trinity, Gregson Lane. Mark has gone to be Chair of District for both Scotland and the Shetland Islands and Andrew to be Superintendent Minister of the Skipton Circuit. We pray for both of them and their families in the challenges that lie ahead. As Mark took on this amazing post in Scotland, the Circuit needed to appoint a new Superintendent Minister. The Circuit and District leadership teams felt that we already had the ideal candidate in the Circuit, in the person of the Rev Jane Wild who accepted the post but knew that she couldn't do it and look after Fulwood and Christ Church as well, so the search began for a new minister for Christ Church and all the other churches in the Circuit which would be losing their minister namely Bamber Bridge and Cuerden Church Primary School; Trinity, Gregson Lane; Penwortham and Kingsfold. We were delighted that the Rev Janet Titterton from Spennymoor in County Durham and the Rev Karen Le Mouton from Sark in the Channel Islands have agreed to come and work in the Circuit. Janet will have Pastoral Charge of Penwortham; Kingsfold and Trinity, Gregson Lane whilst Karen will have responsibility for Bamber Bridge Church and the Cuerden Primary School which is housed in the adjoining building and Christ Church.

We have thoroughly enjoyed having Jane as our minister and are delighted that she will be leading the Circuit team here in Preston Ribble. We look forward to working with her in the future and

thank her for all she has done in the last twelve months. Our prayers and best wishes go to her and all the family and especially to her husband, Stuart, after his recent bout of ill-health.

Now we look forward to getting to know our new Minister Karen and her husband Steve. There is a welcome service for both Karen and Steve and the other new minister, Janet and her husband Barry, at Penwortham Methodist Church on Sunday September 1st. If you would like to go and need transport, please see John or Henry. There will be an earlier opportunity to meet Karen as she will be leading our service of Holy Communion on the morning of Sept. 1st. Please pray for Karen and Steve and Janet and Barry (and the dog, Wesley!!!) as moving so far into completely different ministries is quite daunting.



<b>Penwortham Methodist</b>
<b>7.30pm – 9.00pm</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> August</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> October</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b>

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Socks for Refugees collection. Please be aware that the collection will be stopping soon. Full details will be in the church notices.

# Walk for May - Marles Wood – Dinckley

This month, we decided to embark on a fairly local walk and one that is quite scenic. The weather was very much on our side and the walking conditions looked good.

The start of the walk was Marles Wood car park, from where we did a little road walking before entering a series of fields and the first of many stiles. Milo the dog has now mastered the techniques of stile crossing and is quite an expert. Eventually, we arrived at a farm and on to the busy A59 at Copster Green.

After a little road walking, we turned off down a drive towards Copster Hall and through a field where some sheep ran away from us, except one large ram that decided to walk ahead to a small farm where the lady farmer informed us that the beast was her late husband's pet and was very independent and bossy. After the farm, we descended to a wooden bridge across a stream, followed by a climb up to a stile and on through Dinckley Grange to a quiet lane. A feature of this walk was the very long grass that we encountered everywhere and made an easy walk quite strenuous.

We crossed the lane and entered another drive up to a big house and into more fields and the highest part of the walk. Here, we stopped to admire the fabulous view, with the full extent of Longridge Fell ahead and Pendle to the right. We were now heading for Aspinalls Farm, which meant passing through a pasture with a herd of very frisky cattle in it. I didn't like the idea of crossing this field, with or without a dog, so we managed to find another way along the side of the farm, where we found a number of footballs hidden in the long grass. Of course, we had to indulge in a little game of Finney and Lofthouse?

Now, we were heading downhill to the River Ribble and the Dinckley Ferry Footbridge. This bridge was destroyed in the floods a while ago and has recently been rebuilt, much higher and stronger and what a splendid job they have made of it! We had lunch by the bridge and then started the last part of the walk, following a beautiful stretch of the river back to Marles Wood.

This turned out to be a beautiful walk, helped by the splendid weather and good conditions underfoot. However, next time we will make sure that the farmer has cut the grass in the fields first!

Linda & Eddie Grange

## **Rev Karen Le Mouton**

Until 2010, Karen was a teacher ending up as deputy head of a large primary school in Jersey and trained as a Local Preacher in the Jersey Circuit. She began her training as a minister. First, she was a lay minister in Sark and then continued this work as she trained part-time for the ordained ministry. She was ordained in 2017. From her teaching experience she has developed her work among children and young people, but she enjoys working with all age groups and is currently studying for a Certificate in Working amongst Older People.

When you first meet Karen, you will notice her beaming smile and then perhaps you will have a second take and think you recognise her. This is because she featured in the TV Series 'An Island Parish' in 2012/13.

We are really looking forward to working with her here in Longridge.

# Round the Table

After a busy and successful summer term we met with our friends from Inglewhite to review progress and to think about the way forward for Round The Table. With their input we have been able to develop the church-based support that we provide. We feel that at present we have a comparatively stable and robust team and can organise and run our fortnightly sessions without feeling too stretched.

At the same time we feel to have lost some of the original style and ethos of Round The Table and need to ensure we continue to provide opportunities for individual growth and increased commitment amongst the families who take part and are considering some of the ways that this can be addressed. For example, we are looking at Scripture Union's 'Explore Together' material which is in many ways quite close to the way that 'Round The Table' runs and which could provide more scope for us all to learn and share together in a variety of different ways.

We are aware of opportunities to expand our appeal within the town and now feel that we are in a position to respond to some of these. For example, there are a number of practical topics affecting everyday life on which people are asking for further information and we may be able to arrange outside speakers to join us to cover some of these.

The autumn term promises some challenges and excitement as we seek to follow God's leading in the way forward for Round The Table. You are all most welcome to come and see how this all works out in practice. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons of each month, and our next few dates are:

September 12th and 16th  
November 14th and 18th

October 10th and 24th  
December 12th



# Walk for June - Around Whalley

For our walk this month, we decided to explore the countryside to the south of Whalley. This is an area that we hadn't visited before, so we were quite looking forward to a scenic and varied landscape dominated by the River Calder.

Our starting point was the car park at Spring Wood, from where we entered the splendid grounds of Whalley Golf Club, carefully crossing the fairways to the club house and on to a quiet lane for a short stretch and then into the fields towards the interesting Read Old Bridge which carries the lane over Sabden Brook. From here, it was back into the fields, following the line of a wood into Read Park with splendid views across to Darwen Tower and Winter Hill. Eventually, we arrived at the drive to Read Hall, but as we weren't invited to coffee with Mr. Big, we turned right, down to the A671. This, the Burnley road, was extremely busy in both directions and we were very glad to be safely across it and walking down a pleasant bridleway and on through a popular garden centre towards another busy road, the A680 Accrington road.

The next stage of the walk was dominated by the lovely River Calder. We joined a path heading west and popular with dog walkers and after half a mile, we found a pretty spot by the river for a leisurely lunch. From here, the navigation got a little complex, but we left the river and climbed a steep embankment, following the edge of a wood on a series of indifferent paths. However, we were fortunate to encounter two walking groups coming in the opposite direction who managed to point us the right way. After quite a long climb, we arrived at a small hamlet of beautifully restored farmhouses, one in particular having a massive upper lounge window overlooking the valley and river. Yes, I could live there!

Now, Whalley came into view, but first we had to walk down one of the steepest country lanes ever encountered. Yes, we were certainly walking the right way round! When we got to King Street, a little rest was enjoyed at the bus station before completing the walk by turning into Brooks's Lane and picking up a footpath back up to Spring Wood, passing under the by-pass.

This walk turned out to be a bit of a navigational challenge in places. However, the route was quite scenic all the way and we were blessed with splendid weather, quite surprising considering how bad a week it was.

Linda & Eddie Grange

## Friday Coffee Rota - Autumn 2019

Sept 6	Margery Cook	Oct 25	Sandra Ashcroft
Sept 13	Howard Roscoe	Nov 1	Margery Cook
Sept 20	Sue Lawson	Nov 8	Howard Roscoe
Sept 27	Sandra Ashcroft	Nov 15	Sue Lawson
Oct 4	Margery Cook	Nov 22	Sandra Ashcroft
Oct 11	John Spencer	Nov 29	John Spencer
Oct 18	Sue Lawson		

## Church Flowers - Autumn 2019

Sept 1st	Margery Cook	Nov 3rd	Brenda Head
Sept 8th	Linda Grange	Nov 10th	
Sept 15th	Hazel Scott	Nov 17th	Carol Rose
Sept 22nd	Claire Tuffin	Nov 24th	
Sept 29th	Sue Lawson	Dec 1st	Hazel Scott
Oct 6th		Dec 8th	Margery Cook
Oct 13th	Mel Watson	Dec 15th	
Oct 20th		Dec 22nd	<i>Church Flowers</i>
Oct 27th		Dec 29th	<i>Church Flowers</i>

Thank you to everyone who kindly donates flowers or money towards flowers.

There are still a number of dates available during the last third of the year if you would like to put flowers in church. You can either arrange them yourself; buy ready made arrangements or just pass the flowers to Claire Tuffin who will arrange them for you. If you do not wish to be responsible for a particular Sunday or don't have a Sunday which has a special meaning for you, you can always put donations in the Flower tin in the foyer and Claire will use it to make sure that there are always flowers in church to enhance our worship and as gifts to the sick and bereaved.



# NORTH WEST Air Ambulance CHARITY

The North West Air Ambulance Charity's helicopters fly 365 days a year, with the doctors and paramedics on board providing rapid treatment and hospital transfers to patients across the entire North West region each year – an area covering 5,500 square miles and 8 million people. Since it launched in 1999, the charity has flown more than 17,000 missions across the region, with the ambulance called out an average of five times a day, rising to ten in summer. Just as many critically injured patients would not survive without the service that the charity provides, the North West Air Ambulance would not be here without the support of its community of fundraisers and partners. The charity is completely reliant on public and corporate donations, We don't receive government or NHS funding and so are reliant on our volunteers and supporters to help keep our lifesaving helicopters in the sky. To keep the North West's Air Ambulance Charity helicopters operational and helping to save lives, needing to raise over £9.5 million a year to support its lifesaving service.



Northwest air ambulance charity shop in Longridge are currently looking for retail volunteers to help, we also have opportunities all over the North West region. We don't ask for any specific commitment in order to help keep volunteering as accessible as possible, but many of our volunteers help out for around half a day a week. From sorting donations and working on the till to creating enticing window displays, there are lots of ways to get involved in our shops - all of which help to raise vital funds which save lives across the region every day. It's a highly rewarding role and can easily fit around other commitments. If you would like any further information, please email [volunteer@nwaa.net](mailto:volunteer@nwaa.net)

# Walk for July - Clitheroe And The Ribble

The walk this month should have started at the Three Fishes Hotel, but when we arrived, the site was closed off, so we decided to start the walk at the half-way point, Edisford Bridge at Clitheroe.

Leaving the car park, we headed out on the Longridge road to Edisford Bridge. Here, Openreach were digging up the narrow road, controlled by traffic lights. Now, when does a walking group become a vehicle? When the lights changed, things got a little complicated as we walked single file with no footpath and a high hedge for over half a mile before we saw our escape route, a quiet farm track on the left. This took us through nice countryside and good paths before we emerged onto the Whalley road at the Three Fishes Hotel.

From here, we walked towards Whalley for a little way before turning left at the Aspinall Arms Hotel to join the Ribble Way, the main part of the walk. With the river on our left, we followed a young couple towards a herd of cattle. The young couple then turned around and passed us, not wanting a confrontation with the animals but we showed them the stiff upper lip! The walk continued along the river with plenty of wildlife to enjoy, followed by a section where we went inland for a while before returning and as we got closer to Clitheroe, the number of dog walkers became quite numerous.

Soon, we found a pleasant seat to enjoy our late lunch, where we spent some time enjoying the beautiful weather and watching the wildlife. By now the dog walkers were returning and most of them stopped for a chat. We learned quite a lot about Clitheroe and local politics but not a mention of B----t. We were now back at the Edisford Bridge area and needed to find our way back to the car park via a number of local tracks.

Despite the dodgy start, this turned out to be a good walk, mostly following a splendid section of the Ribble. If we had brought our cossies, we could have finished off with a swim in the pool!

Linda & Eddie Grange

# Christ Church Worship and Events

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

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

AM Rev Karen Le Mouton Holy Communion  
PM Circuit Service of Welcome at Penwortham  
for Rev Janet Titterton and Rev Karen Le Mouton

## **Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10am Craft Club resumes  
7–8.30pm Monday Menu. Transport available

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

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

## **Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>**

7.00pm CTLD Meeting about Refugees (see John Spencer for more details) at St Wilfrid's

## **Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>**

AM Harvest Service Mrs Carol Poole  
3pm Rev Karen Le Mouton Plessington Court

## **Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Circuit Meeting at Ingol (tbc)

## **Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>**

9am–1pm Longridge Market Café at the Civic Hall hosted by Christ Church. If you are able to help, please see John Spencer.

ALSO NW Regional preparation day for World Day of Prayer 2020 at Our Lady and St. Edward, Fulwood. If anyone



wants to know more or could represent Christ Church,  
please see Carol Spencer

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

AM Mr Stephen Gregory  
PM Rev Karen Le Mouton

### **Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm Local Preachers & Worship Leaders meeting at Longton  
Methodist Church

### **Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup>**

6.30pm CTLD (please watch notices for time, venue Christ  
Church)

### **Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm Christ Church Council Meeting

### **Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm CTLD Harvest Meal at the Civic Hall followed by  
entertainment. Tickets £13 from Margaret Mohyla or  
ring Dot Little 783998

### **Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>**

AM Mrs Zoe Ainsworth with Mrs Patricia Alla-Cudjoe  
3pm District One Mission Event at Leyland  
With Rev Cleopas Sibanda and the Zimbabwean  
Fellowship Choir and Rev John Howard-Norman on his  
pilgrimage in France  
4pm Service cancelled (~~Service of Healing and Wholeness at  
Bamber Bridge~~)

### **Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>**

AM Rev Karen Le Mouton Holy Communion  
PM Rev Janet Titterton

### **Monday October 7<sup>th</sup>**

7–8.30pm Monday Menu (for lifts please see John Spencer)

### **Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>**

10am URC Steering Group at Fulwood URC

### **Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>**

10am–4pm ‘Come and Sing’ Day with the Valley Singers

Please see notices in foyer for details

### **Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>**

AM Dr Carol Spencer

4 – 6pm Circuit SPACE at Ashton

### **Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>**

7pm Circuit Pastoral Secretaries’ and Visitors’ Meeting at  
Bamber Bridge (see Carol Spencer for details)

### **Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>**

9am–1pm Lancashire District Preachers Training Day at Leyland  
Methodist Church

### **Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>**

AM Miss Ruth Dowson

3pm Rev Karen Le Mouton Plessington Court

### **Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>**

AM John & Carol Spencer Shoebox Service

As last year the boxes will be distributed by Blytheswood  
– more detail available soon.

PM Rev Karen Le Mouton

### **Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>**

*9am–1pm* Longridge Market Café at the Civic Hall hosted by Christ Church. If you are able to help, please see John Spencer.

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

*AM* Rev Karen Le Mouton Holy Communion  
*PM* Mrs Lynne Watson

### **Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>**

*7–8.30pm* Monday Menu

### **Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>**

*10am* Rev Karen Le Mouton  
*10.50am* CTLD service at Memorial Gardens  
*4 – 6pm* Circuit SPACE at Bamber Bridge

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

*AM* Mr Martin Beck  
*3pm* Rev Karen Le Mouton Plessington Court

### **Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>**

*AM* Mrs Sue Davies  
*PM* Mr Harry Duckett

### **Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>**

Craft Fair (more details later)

### **Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Monday Menu Christmas Meal  
Please see notice board to sign up

*All Welcome to .....*

## *'Monday Menu'*



*3 Courses of  
Coffee, Company &  
Conversation*

*Plus*

*Specials Board  
Food for Thought*



*Every First Monday*

*7.00pm – 8.30pm*

*Transport Available,  
Please see Henry or John*

Congratulations to all those who have done well in their exams and especially to Verity Wild who has achieved the necessary results for her to take up her place at York University in the Autumn.

**When evening shadows fall,  
And old we are you see,  
A time to sit and reminisce,  
And think what used to be.  
Our memories are so precious,  
No one can take away,  
Thoughts with fond remembrance,  
Our lives of yesterday.**

A Poem by Francis Gay submitted by Margaret Mohyla

# Activities

## SUNDAY

**10.45am** Morning Worship &  
Junior Church

**3.00pm** Afternoon Worship\*

\*Normally 3rd Sunday at Plessington Court

**6.30pm** Evening Worship\*

\*As announced – please see notices

## 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 Christ Church in 2019

**10.00am** Coffee Morning

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