

Mickleover Methodist Church



.....so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God

Colossians 1:10

July/August 2019

The Mission of Mickleover Methodist Church is to develop a church family which is continually growing in Christian faith, worship and outreach so that all may know the love of God through Christ.

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please to Liz Royle via the Church Office or
Church Magazine email address above .**

Welcome to Revd Gill Sharp

I have just returned from Cliff College Festival, renewed and revitalised by the worship celebrations, the bible teaching and the testimonies shared by exstudents of Cliff College.

I believe these elements of worshipping God, studying His word and sharing how we see Him working in our daily lives are essential for us all as followers of Jesus Christ.

Through the testimony shared on the first evening of Cliff Festival God reaffirmed His call on my life to preach the good news, to journey with those in difficult circumstances and to offer healing and wholeness to all through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I am very much looking forward to serving God in the Derby Circuit from September 2019 at Micklover and Dean Street churches as together we seek to build each other up in the Christian faith and seek to share the good news of Jesus in the community.

I will also be serving as a member of the Chaplaincy team at the University of Derby and I am excited by the potential opportunities this role presents.

My husband Phil is also looking forward to moving to Derby as his daily commute to Stoke-on-Trent will be significantly reduced! Also moving with us is our chocolate Labrador Benjie, who loves everybody but can be a little over enthusiastic at times – you have been warned!



Phil and I have 3 children who are in their 20s. Our two daughters are married; we are moving nearer to Louise who is in Nottingham and leaving Naomi behind in Bolton. Our son Matthew is currently working in New Zealand, and enjoying seeing as much of the country as he can while there.

God bless, Gill

We look forward to welcoming Gill and Phil and Benjie. We give thanks for the coming of Gill and her ministry with us. . May the Holy Spirit lead and guide us in all we say and do and to love as He loves us.

Services in July 2019

Sunday School, meet 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings at 10.00am in the room upstairs at Church.

They come into the Church near the end of the service for "Show and Tell"

Crèche available also on those Sunday mornings,

Refreshments are available after Sunday morning service.

Sunday 7th July 14th in Ordinary Time

10.00am Morning worship - 2nd service looking at Colossians
Hilary Lamont

6.30pm No evening worship service @ Mickleover
Circuit service @ Ashbourne Road Methodist

Sunday 14th July Action for Children Sunday (see below)

10.00am Morning worship - 3rd service looking at Colossians
Holy Communion & All Age Worship
Revd Ted Ager

6.30pm Evening worship - Sandra Greenaway

Sunday 21st July 16th in Ordinary Time

10.00am - Morning worship - 4th service looking at Colossians
Phil Royle

Spark to a Flame in Large Hall - Familiar Words

6.30pm Evening Worship - Revd Ted Ager

Sunday 28th July 17th in Ordinary Time

10.00am Morning Worship - Action for Children
Local Arrangements

6.30pm Evening Worship - Holy Communion
Revd Raymond Lunt

Please remember all the preachers in your prayers, as they prepare and conduct their churches in this Circuit during this month.

Services in August 2019

**Sunday school and Creche taking a break
in August.**

**During morning services there will be a room available
with activities for them**

**Refreshments are available after Sunday morning
service.**

Sunday 4th August 18th in Ordinary Time

10.00am Morning worship - Janet Patmore
6.30pm Evening worship - Revd Jenny Dyer

Sunday 11th August 19th in Ordinary Time

10.00am Morning worship - Holy Communion
Revd Ted Ager
6.30pm Evening worship - Revd Ted Ager

Sunday 18th August 20th in Ordinary Time

10.00am - Morning worship - Jenny Kilgour
Spark to a Flame - check Church notices for details
6.30pm Evening Worship - Terry Root

Sunday 25th August 21st in Ordinary Time

10.00am Morning Worship - Peter Blount
6.30pm Evening Worship - Holy Communion
Revd Ted Ager

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prepare and conduct their services in churches
in this Circuit during this month.*

**Proposal from Leadership Team for Strategic Priorities for 19-20
accepted at Church Council 12 June 2019**

- 1: Further embed the new organisation structure, working with our new minister and other potential employees to ensure that we are efficient and dynamic and make best use of our volunteers and resources
- 2: Provide a programme of Learning and Pastoral Care, that meets the needs of both the established community and newcomers of all ages and spiritual development, and enable opportunities for evangelism to be developed.
- 3: Devise and implement a means of providing and supporting adult/family diverse worship in the Church Centre every week as an integral part of the worship of our “One Church”
- 4: Identify the unmet or emerging needs of our community and explore new avenues of service, in partnership where appropriate.
- 5: To grow a new community of followers of Jesus, enabling those in Missing Generations who meet across our church activities to grow in faith individually and collectively, nurturing a sense of belonging

In your prayers.....

1. The work of the Leadership Team
2. The Children and Families Worker
3. The summer holiday break from school
4. Church groups on a summer break
5. Revd Gill Sharp and family as they prepare to move
6. Members of the Church family
7. Places in the world where there is conflict, violence, injustices
8. Those who are hungry, ill mentally and physically, homeless, vulnerable
9. World leaders and Politicians - that their policies be for peace
10. Thank God for families and friends
11. Thank God for the beauty of creation in the universe
12. For the 50th anniversary of the Moon landing



A Big Thank you from the Basics Bank

It is always a pleasure to take the food donations to the Basics Bank and invariably to be greeted with “Remind me, are you from Littleover or Micklover”

We always have a chat about something, and this time I mentioned that my daughter-in-law was involved in a scheme in Northampton, where she is given produce but often has too much of certain items that she has difficulty using.

Not surprisingly, I got the same response. I was shown the stock they had of dry pasta and of tea bags which was far more than they could use.

There are some items they never get sufficient ; Shower Gel, Tins of cold meat (corned beef or spam) Tinned Potatoes (550g) and surprisingly Fray Bentos Pies.

She explained that many that they help have little in the way of cooking facilities so often prepare for themselves something simple often just a sandwich or something on toast. Ray

Favourite songs of Bible characters

Noah: Raindrops keep falling on my head.

Adam: Strangers in Paradise

Moses: The Wanderer

Samson: Hair

Job: I've got a right to sing the Blues

Daniel: The Lion Sleeps Tonight

Methuselah: Stayin' Alive

Elijah: Up, Up and Away

Lazarus: The second Time Around





A time of prayer

at 8am for approximately one hour at Church.

If you are unable to come please consider praying wherever you are during this time

Saturday 8th July
Saturday 22nd July

**On the first Wednesday of every month
a time of reflection and fellowship
At 12 noon Weekday Communion
followed by lunch – soup and a roll -
Wednesday 3rd July
Wednesday 7th August**

Dates for your diary

Circuit Farewell Service for Revd KK Yap on Sunday 7th July
6.15pm at Ashbourne Road Methodist Church

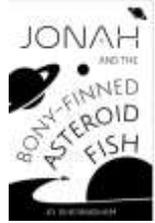
Sunday 21st July - Spark to a Flame at Church –Familiar Words
18th August Spark to a Flame details to come.

Blooming Great Tea Party in aid of Marie Curie on Tuesday 23rd
July 2pm to 4pm at 26 Portland Close - Cakes, teas and coffees,
jams and chutneys, produce from the allotments. Enjoy an
afternoon with friends and raise money for a good cause. Let's
hope the sun will shine!

Sunday 11th August - time of fellowship, fun and families - after
morning Church service. Keep an eye open for more details in
weekly Church notices.

**Circuit welcome service for our new minister Revd Gill
Sharp**, responsible for Mickleover, Dean Street and member of the
Derby University Chaplaincy team and Revd David Owen, the new
minister at Allestree, at Mickleover Methodist Church Saturday 31st
August at 7pm.

Jonah and the bony—finned asteroid fish



The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy + the sci-fi film The Fifth Element + the Discworld Series = a touch of the Wizard of Oz (80 years this August when the film was released with Judy Garland!) = which Bible person would come to mind?

Jonah and the bony—finned asteroid fish by Jo Sheringham is a futuristic, humorous retelling of the story of Jonah. God's call to Jonah arrives on the screen of a rusty metal message-bot. Jonah responds by running away to the space-port of Joppa, Planetary Gateway to the Stars where he boards a scruffy haulage cruiser called Sheol II, heading for the far flung planet of Tarshish.

Jonah is 'semi-retired'. In 2 Kings 14.25 he gave an important message from God to King Jeroboam II. His days of high level politics are behind now and he can't really be bothered to get involved in the messy, dangerous business of 'propheting' again.

But God knows Jonah better than he knows himself. He has one more adventure in front of him—to prophesy to the king of Nineveh.

The characters Jonah meet along the way, the no nonsense captain and crew of Sheol II, the king of Nineveh in his hermetically sealed chamber and the post-bot on the outskirts of the city, all teach him something important about the heart of God and the prophet's role.

A good example of a very familiar Bible story. Looking at it with fresh eyes deepens the thoughts of the character of Jonah and his relationship with God. A book for all children and adults as well.

A Colossian Quandary

A few months ago, I agreed to take part in a preaching series for Bible month in our church. As a result, a couple of weeks ago, Janet arrived with a booklet on Colossians, which was to be the subject for the month.

This came as a surprise to someone who thought Colossians were some sort of waterproof overshoe. I realised that I would have to preach on the writings of St. Paul which is something that I have rarely, if ever, done; as Paul and I do not see eye to eye and have not done so since my teenage years.

I must confess that I find his writings, on the whole, to be dogmatic and overbearing, and am pretty sure that he and I would not get on very well together. I find that many of his writings are not compatible with my own personal view of Christianity and often wonder to myself what on earth possessed the compilers of the Bible to include his writings into the canon.

I question where Paul gets his authority from and what sets him above many others. To state that he met with the risen Christ is fine, but then again so have many others over the centuries, some of whom we regard as saints, others have ended up in secure institutions and the majority just get on with leading good Christian lives to the best of their ability.

I suppose that, as Paul was brought up as one of the Pharisees, who were very strict on having a set of rules and regulations, it is understandable that he brings that background into his writings.

I accept that Paul did a great deal to spread Christianity in the early years, and was one of those who spread the word amongst those who were not of the Jewish faith.

If it was left at that, I could probably hold him in higher regard, but maybe, through no fault of his own, he has been elevated above his status by many within the church.

Perhaps I do Paul a disservice, as maybe it is with those who put too high a regard on his writings with whom I have a problem. This stems back to my time as a student in Liverpool when I was told by one of the Christian societies that I would not be able to join as I could not name the time of my conversion, and did not subscribe to what they termed as “the Pauline Doctrine”.

It seemed to me that they held the writings of Paul above those of other teachings in the Gospels and other letters, which was something I found difficult to come to terms with.

Over the years, I have come to the view that, whereas the very high church places a large emphasis on the Virgin Mary, the evangelical wing places a large emphasis on the teachings of Paul. In many churches it will be the case that the service readings are Paul’s letters, and there is often no Gospel reading at all, or if there is, it is not the subject of the sermon. This is also the case with many preachers who do not choose a reading from the Gospels as the focus of the service.

Thus it is that in the Bible month, we are to study the letter to the Colossians, rather than one of the Gospels (or a portion thereof). Most of the Bible studies I have attended tend to be either the epistles or a part of the Old Testament, which makes me ponder as to why this is the case.

When I look at the teachings of Jesus, I believe that He asks more questions than supplying answers, He challenges us to solve problems for ourselves in the light of His example than providing a list of regulations. For many of us this poses problems, as we realise that there are no easy solutions and in trying to live out our beliefs we constantly face challenges and dilemmas. We accept these challenges and try our

best to live up to the Gospel message, but constantly fall short, trusting that our frailties are understood by other Christians and by Christ Himself.

There are Christians and churches who find that this is not their view and they need to have answers and therefore turn to Paul and the Old Testament to find the support they need. We all are different and need a variety of ways of living out our faith.

Some of us relish the puzzle, whilst others turn to the back of the book to find the answers. We each have our own way and within the broad church there is a place for all of us.

I would love to hear your views on this and hope that they will be shared with other readers of this August (& July!) publication, so please open up a discussion in these pages – although we may have to wait until September as this is the bumper bonus July/August magazine.

Have a great summer and, if it rains, write an article!

Phil Royle



Bible Month Colossians at Mickleover Methodist

Four Colossians themed morning services:

30th June - Terry Root

7th July: Hilary Lamont

14th July ...Revd Ted Ager

21st July Phil Royle

Four Bible Study sessions at church on Thursday evenings starting from 7.30pm:

June 27th, July 4th, July 11th, July 18th

Taste of Colossians

Colossians 3:1

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 1:15

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation

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Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God..

Colossians 3:12

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,

Colossians 4:2

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving

Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful

Colossians 1:14

in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 3:2

Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

Colossians 1:17

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:10

so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Wordsearch

As I put together this magazine the Cricket World Cup is in progress. These cricket test matches are only a few of the games played throughout the country, from the glorious surroundings of Lord's to the greens in the shadow of countless village churches - not to mention school playing fields and even beaches. It is truly England's summer game and this Wordsearch contains words related to cricket and how it is played.



wicket
batsman
fielder
ball
bowler
googly
spinner
silly

crease
yorker
boundary
umpire
slips
midwicket
cover
catch

stumped
balls
gloves
bouncer
wide
dismiss
drive
hook

When I Say I Am A Christian

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not shouting, "I am saved!" I'm whispering, "I get lost; that is why I chose this way."

When I say, "I am a Christian," I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Someone to be my Guide.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging I am strong. I'm professing that I'm weak, and pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are all too visible, but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, which is why I cry his name.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I do not wish to judge. I have no authority; I only know I'm loved.

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Postscript from Roots on the Web

The ongoing struggle to change the way in which countries relate to each other and to God's creation has been highlighted these past weeks. The potential damage of the ongoing trade wars between China and the USA and the EU shows how no country is an island, and individuals in one country will be affected by decisions made across the world. Equally, the apocalyptic tone of the climate-change warnings issued this week show that, thirty years from now, the breakdown in our relationship with creation will reap catastrophic results. This will not be averted by individual action, but by all people recognising the link between their own behaviour and the impact on the environment and people living in other parts of the world.

If God's Spirit is living in us, how is he urging us to live, and to engage with governments and charities on these global issues?.

Retiring Collection for July—Action for Children - celebrating 150 years of giving the gift of childhood.

On 9 July 1869, the Revd Thomas Bowman Stephenson set up a children's home to give love, hope and education to children living on the streets of London. He found a group of children living under the arches of Waterloo Station and moved by what he gave these children a safe and loving home, an education and hope for the future - the gift of childhood.



Tragically across the UK today vulnerable children and young people continue to experience similar challenges - of neglect, abuse and homelessness. With the support Action for Children can make sure every child has the best start in life, a safe and loving home, and the opportunity to fulfil their potential so that they can grow up with the best start in life, safe and happy. A century and a half later, the spirit of the founder remains the charity's inspiration. They take action on behalf of over 300,000 children, young people, parents and carers across the UK. Their mission is to do what's right, do what's needed and do what works for children.

The charity helps children through fostering or adoption and by intervening early to stop neglect and abuse. They make life better for children with disabilities. They influence policy and advocate for children. They work with other support services, charities, local governments, health services and are supported by experts and specialists.

To reach more children they need donations, not just money, but old unwanted clothes, gifts in wills, collecting boxes and retiring collections. 92p of every £1 spent goes directly towards helping children and families. 44p turns children's and families lives around, 23p helps children with disabilities, 16p helps find loving homes, 8p supports young people to find training and employment. 8p goes towards the next £1, £1 supports changing policies to help children.

**Morning service 28th July celebrates
150 years of Action for Children.**

Retiring Collection for August - Methodist World Mission

Our aim is to celebrate diversity and to promote partnership between people of widely differing cultures and ages from all parts of the world who are rooted in the Christian faith.



The May 2019 edition of the newsletter has articles from partner churches and organisations, from Colombia using grants to provide, workshops for vulnerable women, safeguarding issues in South Africa, visit of the Aldersgate Renewal Ministries to the Caribbean, and a report from the East Asia seminar held in Hong Kong. Also a section on Mission Partner news.

A growing number of churches and circuits are building twinning links with Methodist Partner Churches around the world. Their aim is to share and learn in mission, understanding, culture and worship across Methodist communities together.

Some prayer points: pray for the Global Relationships team as they seek to serve and build relationships with the world church. Pray for those seeking to introduce safe practices to the Church across the world. Pray for Christian sisters and brothers persecuted for their faith in various parts of the world.

The annual conference is an opportunity to meet members of overseas churches and to find out at how others worship, express their faith and view the world. It also facilitates working more closely in mission with other branches of the World Church involving people from around the world who support mission based on partnership

You can get involved in world mission - by providing **prayer support**. making **a donation towards our work** or to the work of the Methodist Church in Britain's Fund for World Mission.



Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read 'Heaven's Grocery Store'.

As I got a little closer, the door came wide open, And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels. They were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care." Everything a Christian needed was in the Grocery Store. And if you couldn't carry them, you could come back for more.

First I got some PATIENCE. LOVE was in the same row. Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that wherever you go.

I got a box of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH. I couldn't miss the Holy Spirit, for He was all over the place. I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me win the race And though my basket was getting full, I remembered to get some GRACE.

I didn't forget SALVATION, for salvation, that was free. So, I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me. Then I went to the counter to pay the grocery bill, for I thought I had everything to do my Master's will.

As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in, For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run into SIN. PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf. SONG and PRAISES were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel, "Now how much do I owe?"

He just smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go!"

Again I smiled at him and said, "How much do I really owe?"

The Angel smiled again and said, "My child, Jesus paid your bill a long time ago."

Sparky's slot



Am I glad to come into the warm and dry! I love swimming, especially on my back—not that I do a lot of it. but my paws are fed up of getting wet and snuffling in the mud is not much fun.. .

But what's this I could smell—bacon butties—yum yum my favourite.

It seems that today is Fathers Day and apparently we say thankyou to God for our dads. Hedgehog dads have very little to do with their hoglets.

We had some jokes - groan, groan, typical Dad jokes I understand.

Here's a hedgehog joke— what's a hedgehogs favourite flavour of crisps? Prickled onion—ha! ha very funny!

There were people writing, talking and colouring at the tables. I listened at one table—they had some Dad sayings and talked about fathers, theirs and God.

With a full tum, dry spines and claws I felt rather sleepy - zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz see you next time, something about words and memories—can't remember what.



Coming soon to UK roads—a new road sign for small creatures - warning drivers to slow down - do not squash us please. A rather handsome picture of a hedgehog, if I may say so!

Tongue in cheek!

A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am?"

The woman below replied, "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 59 and 60 degrees north latitude and between 107 and 108 degrees longitude."

"You must be an engineer," said the balloonist

"I am" replied the woman, "How did you know?" "Well", answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip. The woman below responded, "You must be a politician."

"I am," replied the balloonist, but how did you know?" "Well" said the woman, "you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow it's not your fault."

Answer to **CROSSLINKED**:

North American	time zones	Horse riding	stylescross	London under -	ground stations
Central	Eastern	Mountain	Pacific			
Bareback	English	Jumping	Western			
Maltese	Red	Southern	Victoria			
Circle	District	Jubilee	Northern			

A traveller's Guide to Heaven (Part 2)



Vaccination and Inoculation: Injections are not needed as diseases are unknown at the destination. “God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.” (Revelation 21:4)

Currency: Supplies of currency may be forwarded ahead to await the passenger's arrival. Deposits should be as large as possible. “Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.” (Matthew 6:20)

Clothing: A complete and appropriate new wardrobe is provided for each “He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation; He hath covered me with the robes of righteousness.” (Isaiah 61: 10)

Time Changes: Resetting of watches will not be necessary (to adjust to any day/ night schedule). “The city hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it ; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.there shall be no night there.” (Revelation 21: 23, 25)

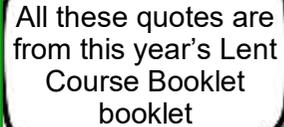
Reservation: Booking is now open. Apply at once. “Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Coronation Ceremony:

The highlight of the journey is the welcoming reception and coronation which awaits each new arrival. “There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing. (2 Timothy 4:8)

Quotes

God's love is unchangeable; He knows exactly what we are and loves us anyway. (Billy Graham, evangelist)



All these quotes are from this year's Lent Course Booklet booklet

Repentance means you change your mind so deeply that it changes you. (Bruce Wilkinson, Christian teacher)

The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none. (Thomas Carlyle, philosopher and essayist)

Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until they have something to forgive. (C S Lewis, Christian apologist)

By turning your eyes on God in meditation, your whole soul will be filled with God. Begin all your prayers in the presence of God. (Francis de Sales)

The time for action is now. It's never too late to do something. (Antoine de Saint Exupéry, French writer)

The purpose of the Gospel is to make bad men good and good men better and to change human nature. (David Mckay)

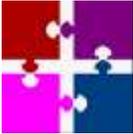
In the end what matters is not how good we are but how good God is. Not how much we love Him but how much He loves us. And God loves us whoever we are, whatever we've done or failed to do, whatever we believe or can't. (Archbishop Desmond Tutu)

Social responsibility becomes an aspect not only of Christian mission but also of Christian conversion. It is impossible to be truly converted to God without being thereby converted to our neighbour. (Revd Dr John Stott)

Reasons for going to Church.....

Some go to church to talk a walk. Some go there to laugh and talk.
 Some go there to meet a friend. Some go there, their time to spend.
 Some go there, a fault to cover. Some go there for speculation.
 Some go there for observation; Some go there to doze and nod;
 The wise go there to worship God

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CROSS LINKED

This puzzle is a variant of the popular “Only Connect” TV quiz. Sort the words into four sets of four – all of which have a connection.

The clues in the rows across are connected by a common word or phrase. Enter this link in the fifth column.

This quiz is a great mind stretcher. Our unconscious minds are actually very good at finding connections between random things and this game helps to exercise that part of the mind. With each connection made we are literally connecting the neurons in our brain—all of which is good news for our concentration, creativity and long term mental health. Plus when you eventually complete the grid and find the link it feels like a great achievement!

Bareback	Red	Jubilee	Mountain	
Victoria	Central	Jumping	Maltese	
District	Southern	Circle	English	
Pacific	Northern	Eastern	Western	

Sentences actually typed by medical secretaries in NHS.



1. The patient has no previous history of suicides.
2. Patient has left her white blood cells at another hospital.
3. Patient's medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40 pound weight gain in the past three days.
4. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for a year.
5. On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it disappeared.
6. The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
7. The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
8. Discharge status; alive, but without my permission.
9. Healthy appearing decrepit 69 year-old male, mentally alert, but forgetful.
10. Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
11. She is numb from her toes down.
12. While in ER, she was examined, X-rated and sent home.
13. The skin was moist and dry.
14. Occasional, constant, infrequent headaches.
15. Patient was alert and unresponsive.
16. She slipped on the ice and apparently her legs went in separate directions in early December.
17. She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life until she got a divorce.
18. . Patient was seen in consultation by Dr Smith, who felt that we should sit on the abdomen and I agree.
19. The lab test indicated abnormal liver function.
20. Skin: somewhat pale but present.
21. The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.
22. .Patient has two teenage children but no other abnormalities

Faith and the dandelion

I remember as a young boy picking dandelions for my mum. The smile that came to her face and the gentle kiss on my forehead reconfirmed what I already knew. “Darling those are the prettiest flowers I’ve ever seen.” She would say. “How about we put them on the table where everyone can see them.” I’m convinced they were beautiful since they always made her happy.



Years later I moved into my own home and my neighbours were consumed with the war they’d declared on the “dreaded dandelion.” I sheepishly grinned within because I knew they were up against a worthy opponent. Nonetheless, they brought in their heavy artillery and advanced across the battlefield destroying and crushing under their feet, mum’s favorite flower.



One early morning, while having a cup of coffee, admiring the beautiful array of yellow dining room flowers canvassing my “No War Zone.” I was reminded, everything and everybody that God created is beautiful and valuable in His eyes, designed with a purpose.

I’ve learned three valuable lessons from the dandelion. First, they will bring a smile to a mother’s eyes. Second, they aren’t destroyed when they’re exposed to heat. Thirdly, they spring forth the next morning full of life, no matter how hard they were hit the day before.

And, a final thought to pass on about the dandelion is, even though you can’t see it at dawn’s break, doesn’t mean it’s not there. So is, our faith the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen. The dandelion springs forth with new life when exposed to the morning sun, just as our faith becomes alive when we’re exposed to the “Son.”

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Regular Activities at MMC

Mon-Fri	10.00am	Church Office open until 12.15pm	
Mon-Fri	9.15am	Preschool group-Term time only	Crèche
Mon	1.30pm	Little Micklers -Toddlers -Term time only	Large Hall
Mon	6.00pm	Derwent Beavers	Large Hall
Tue	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship	Wesley Rm RRoom
Tue	6.30pm	Red Fox Cub Scouts	Large Hall
Wed	9.30am	Prayers and meditation	Chapel
Wed	5.00pm	Dove Beavers	Large Hall
Wed	5.30pm -	Girls Brigade - Explorers/Juniors/Seniors/	Large Hall
Wed	7.30pm	Wesley Guild	Wesley Rm
Thurs	6.30pm	Brown Bear Cub Scouts	Large Hall
Fri	10.00am	Drop in café -Refreshments & chat <i>9.15am 4th Fri</i>	Social Area
Fri 4th in month	10am	Scrabble	Wesley Rm
Fri	7.30pm	Kinder Scouts	Large Hall
Sat 1st month	12noon	Lunch (except January)	Large Hall
Sat	10.00am	Fairtrade café & Traidcraft stall (not every month check weekly church notices)	Wesley Rm

Diary for July 2019

Tues 2nd	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship - Members Tell us about your kitchen
Tues 2nd	4pm	Messy Church - Praise God
Weds 3rd	7.30pm	Wesley Guild - next meeting starts 11th September - Revd Gill Sharp
Fri 5th	10.00am to 12noon	Café
Sat 6th	12noon	Lunches
Tues 9th	1pm to 6pm	Women's Fellowship outing to Byrkley Garden Centre and tea at Marsh Farm.
Weds 10th	10am to 12noon	Funtime - coffee, games and fellowship
Weds 10th	7.30pm	Wesley Guild summer evening coffee meeting
Fri 12th	10.00am to 12noon	Café
Tues 16th	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship - next meeting 10th September - Revd Gill Sharp
Friday 19th	10.00am to 12noon	Café
Tues 23rd	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Blooming Great Tea Party Details in this magazine
Weds 24th	10am to 12noon	Funtime - coffee, games and fellowship
Weds 31st	10am to 12noon	Funtime - coffee, games and fellowship

Bible studies/House groups

Thursday mornings 10am 233 Ladybank Road

Thursday evenings 7.30pm at Church July 4th, July 11th, July 18th

Diary for August 2019

Fri 2nd	10.00am to 12noon	Café—next opening 6th September
Sat 3rd	12noon	Lunches
Weds 14th	10.00am to 12no	Funtime - next meeting 11th September
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