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Living For Christ

Living to Make Christ Known

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Articles for the June Magazine by 12th May please

If you include your personal contact details in your article then it will be assumed that you are giving consent for these to be included in the paper copy of the magazine, which will be in the public domain.

'Dream Big' continued and 'Talking Jesus'



By the time that this reaches you, Linda and I will have led an all-age worship service on the theme of 'Sharing the Message of Jesus' Love for Everyone' and two 'Dream Big' prayer meetings (related to gratitude, forgiveness and adventure) will have taken place.

Since then the board in the Narthex (on the way to the kitchen) will have been gathering material related to our prayers, thoughts and dreams concerning the future mission of our church. Please have a look at the board and add self-adhesive stars to those ideas that you feel God wants us to investigate further. To continue the process, an open meeting has been arranged for May 13th at 7.45pm in the Coffee Lounge, when we can consider the fruit of all our praying, thinking and dreaming and seek to address the question of 'What is God saying to us?' through all of this. Please come along, if you are able.

You may have seen in the last magazine or in this one the advert about the 'Talking Jesus' course¹. This is a new course designed to help encourage and enable Christians to share their faith with others. It is going to be run at CHMC in the Coffee Lounge on the first and third Sundays of the month (when we no longer have evening services) in May, June and July from 4.00pm-5.30pm.



TALKING
JESUS

¹ The 'Talking Jesus' course has been devised by Roy Crowne (Executive Director of 'Hope'), Dr. Rachel Jordan-Wolf (National Mission and Evangelism Advisor to the Church of England) and Dr. Andrew Ollerton (a Bible Teacher).

The outline of the sessions are:

May 5th: 'Everyone Talking Jesus' – *Jesus asked, 'Who do people say I am?'*

May 19th: 'What motivates us?' – *Jesus said, 'Go and make disciples.'*

June 2nd: 'Living Distinctly' – *Jesus said, 'Let your light shine before others.'*

June 16th: 'Our Story' – *Always be prepared to give the reason for the hope you have.*

July 7th: 'God's Story' – *We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us*

July 21st: 'Go on talking Jesus' – *Pray that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ.*

"As the Methodist Church reaffirms its calling to evangelism, I commend the 'Talking Jesus' course as one of the ways in which we might grow in confidence and witness to the love of God at work in our lives."

Revd Canon Gareth J Powell,
Secretary of the Methodist
Conference

Each session will include prayer, a Bible passage, watching some video material, discussing issues raised in the session and time to reflect upon what you have learned. There is a course book for participants, so if you intend to come along please let Linda Rayner know so that sufficient books can be obtained. (We will be inviting those interested from Trinity, Cheadle, to come and join in this course with us.)

Gordon Kennedy (a Minister at a Parish Church in Edinburgh) writes of his experience of 'Talking Jesus':

"We have had 13 people on our course from 20s to 70+ year olds. The films stimulated enthusiastic conversations, but best of all many have tried talking about Jesus. I have found this to be one of the most fruitful courses I've offered in our congregation."

As the advert below says: 'Most people struggle to talk about Jesus.' This course provides you with an opportunity to engage with thinking about how you might share your faith confidently and naturally with others. Perhaps this might be just what you need to help you grow further as a disciple of Jesus Christ.²

In this post-Easter period, may you know the presence of the risen Christ with you and the hope that he gives.

Philip.

² If you are not able to attend the course, please pray for those who will be leading it and those who are participating in it.

Talking Jesus

**MOST PEOPLE STRUGGLE TO
TALK ABOUT JESUS.
THIS VIDEO-BASED COURSE
WILL INSPIRE YOU
TO SHARE YOUR FAITH"**

Promising lots of fun, conversation, and helpful ideas.

6-sessions

1st and 3rd Sundays each month

4.00pm starting May 5th

in the coffee lounge

Come and Worship

Sunday 5th May

10.30am All age morning worship including the baptism of Lennox Wilkinson, led by Mrs. Margaret Parker and Rev'd Philip Peacock.

No evening service.

Sunday 12th May

10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion and prayers for healing and wholeness, led by Rev Philip Peacock.

Young Church & Reflect

6.30pm Evening Worship, led by Rev'd Louise Gough.

Sunday 19th May

10.30am Morning worship, led by Rev Louise Gough.

10 for 10.30am Taste in the coffee lounge.

4pm United Circuit Easter Offering service at Heald Green.

Sunday 26th May

10.30am Morning worship, led by Rev Alan Mimmack.

Informal Worship in the coffee lounge & **Reflect**.

6.30pm Evening worship with holy communion and prayers for healing and wholeness, led by Rev Philip Peacock.

Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre for Wythenshawe.

Wythenshawe has a terrible combination of deprivation factors of which debt is a huge one. Our community research shows us that locally people see debt as one of the biggest problems so we are doing something about this! Our Debt Centre will open in June this year, with a local Debt Centre Manager who will work with the skilled team at CAP headquarters in Bradford. Our Debt Centre will be able to help about 4 new clients a month as well as supporting existing clients until they reach a fully debt free life. That means nearly 50 households a year can get our support to move to having their money under control and be out of debt.

The Centre needs about £20,000 a year which will allow us to appoint the local Debt Centre Manager. Recruitment will start after Easter.



Applications have been made for both Connexional (National) and District Methodist grants. These should cover about half the cost for the first 5 years. We now need to start raising money directly. We are making plans in faith that the money will come. Meanwhile we are setting up a new bank account and will then be looking for regular and one-off donors (legacies also welcome). If we can find 130 regular donors giving an average of £10 a week then with gift aid we will be able to run sustainably. If we get more than that then we will be able to help more people.

The main black line shows the area we expect to serve



Please get in touch with Dave Warnock dave.warnock@methodist.org.uk if you would like to give or know more. Our Wythenshawe team will happily come and talk to any group about the project and the way CAP works - get in touch with Dave if you are interested.

Christian Aid Week 12th – 19th May

Christian Aid Sponsored Walk- Saturday 11th May

This year there will be the choice of walking 3, 6 or 8 miles, suitable for all ages, dogs also welcome. We have two new self-guided gentle 3 mile walks, a new 6 mile Lyme Park Circuit and the 8 mile route around Lyme Park introduced last year. Start and finish at St Martin's Church, Shrigley Road North, Higher Poynton, SK12 1TE. Register at St Martin's on the day between 9.30 and 10.30am. Preview the routes and collect sponsor forms from the Christian Aid noticeboard in the Narthex. A donation to Christian Aid in lieu of sponsorship is also welcome.

If you are not planning on walking, will you consider being able to help for a couple of hours on the day? To ensure the event runs smoothly we need volunteers to help with putting up and taking down route signs in Lyme Park, help with the registration and refreshments at St Martin's and marshals to cover the checkpoints.

Please note the date of the walk- Saturday 11th May and join us and enjoy one of the walks, volunteer to help or sponsor a walker.

Further information and offers of help, please contact Gill Smith.

House to House Collection- 12th – 19th May

If you are able to help deliver or collect envelopes for the House to House Collection please contact Susan Bethwaite.

Thank you

Big Brekkie Breakfast - Sunday 12th May 9.30am – 10.15am

Come to our Big Brekkie!!

**Sunday 12th May
9:30am to 10:15am
in the church hall.**



We'll be serving a delicious breakfast while raising money to fight poverty and help save lives.



Update from Tiddlywinks Plus

Our Tiddlywinks Plus session on the morning of Monday 14th April was great fun, with 9 children taking part. We learned why Easter is so important and watched Scripture Union's video, "3 Friends and the Miracle Maker." We decorated egg shaped biscuits and created suncatchers, 3D crosses and scratch art eggs. We located errant chicks and received balloons with the all-important Jesus is alive message.

Received from Steve Hough minister at Stockport Baptist Church

Since Nov 2015, we have seen a steady stream of Iranian asylum seekers arrive at our church - most of them after fleeing persecution in Iran for converting to Christianity from Islam. We have baptised over 40 of them and helped many more with their asylum claims, housing needs, family situations and the various problems they face trying to establish a new life for themselves in a foreign country.

Our most pressing need is some accommodation for those who have been refused visas and have been made destitute by the Home Office. They are not allowed to work, do not receive any benefits, cannot legally rent any accommodation and are in limbo, waiting to apply for a 'fresh claim'.

We currently have 4 of our asylum seekers in this situation and are trying to support them with food, pocket money, transport costs and somewhere to stay. We have managed to acquire a small 3 bedroomed shared apartment in the centre of Stockport temporarily, in which we are able to put up to 3 destitute asylum seekers, but we need to cover the cost of the rent of approximately £400 a month.

If anyone would like to support us financially to help pay the rent, then please could you direct them to our website which is 'www.stockportbaptist.org' which has a Donations page which gives all the information about the different ways to donate including a link to our Justgiving Page.

We very much appreciate all the support that we have received from the churches and other organisations in Stockport and want to thank you for your support and reassure you that the refugees appreciate everything that has been done for them.

Church Family

Membership

Maggie Nabb has transferred her membership to CHMC. She was welcomed in the Easter Sunday morning service on 21st April.

Baptism

The baptism of Lennox Wilkinson will take place in the morning service on 5th May.

Bereavement

We continue to pray for the families of Joyce Bell and Garfield Davies (see below).

Colin Taylor died on 12th April. We remember Kathryn and the rest of the family in our prayers.

Thanks

Jean and Trevor Stretton send their thanks to members of the Church for the kindness, support and gifts received during Jean's illness

Transport

If any church member is aware of someone who cannot come to Sunday Morning Service for lack of transport please let me know
George Lea



Flower Visitor for May is



Ann Booth

In our prayers

We remember in our prayers those who have been in hospital recently, and those who are very poorly.

We continue to pray for those who are listed in our prayer book.

Joyce Bell

Joyce came to CHMC to a Sunday morning Service just after her husband had died. Brenda Mason recognised her as they had both worked at Hursthead School, Joyce was the cook, Brenda helped her to settle into Church. Joyce became very involved with many activities working in the kitchen at Tuesday club and continued for many years until her health deteriorated. She was a stalwart member of Women's Fellowship, taking charge of the register (There were 50 plus members) and taking the money. She came to Contact from the start. As for her spiritual needs she was a regular attender at morning services and was there in January/Feb until she became ill. She had massive heart surgery about 20 years ago, but with her determination she made a wonderful recovery and continued driving, when she had to stop driving nothing deterred her, she used public transport to continue her work at CHMC.

Joyce was a very reliable, conscientious lady who made a great contribution to CHMC and will be sadly missed

Myra Woodcock

In her later years Joyce became a Cameo Member. Initially she brought people herself in her car until Ring and Ride took over. She was always immaculately dressed and we the helpers always looked to see what she was wearing. She was a lover of jigsaws and when we went out on trips she would always buy some new ones but only 1000 pieces would do.

She was always very appreciative of what happened at Cameo and we all loved her. We will miss her and her lovely smile

Val Pickwell

Garfield Davies

Lord Davies of Coity, Garfield to us all, was a well-known and well-liked member of our congregation, faithfully worshipping with Marian at CHMC for almost 40 years. Garfield had risen from his humble beginnings in the village of Coity near Bridgend to the grandeur of the House of Lords in London. Early on in his working life Garfield was elected as ETU shop steward at Port Talbot steelworks, keen to make a difference to the lives of the workers by negotiating better rates of pay and conditions. Garfield progressed from shop steward to the role of general secretary of the USDAW trades union. During his time at USDAW he led the battle against Sunday trading and he served as TUC international spokesman and chairman of FIET. In these latter roles he (and Marian) travelled widely and met many distinguished people and had lots of tales to tell of these visits.

Apart from travelling abroad with his work he was also very involved in local charity work, sitting on various committees and holding presidential roles. In 1997 Garfield was awarded the CBE. For 40 years he had worked for fellow workers keeping the union alive and effective in the face of an anti-union government.

Garfield was not only a member of the House of Lords he was also a member of a House of Women! Having 4 daughters, 6 granddaughters and 2 great granddaughters, together with three grandsons, made him a well-loved family man. He was a humble, gracious and unassuming man. Garfield had a strong faith and prayer was very important to him, attending morning prayers in the House before taking his place especially if decisions were needed to be taken.

Garfield achieved many things during his career. It certainly was a case of "From Overalls to Ermine" as his book is entitled. We will all miss his smile and his lilting Welsh accent.

Duncan Booth

For Your Diary

Banner Group

Meets on Tuesdays at 1.30pm

Cameo

A meeting place for the elderly on Tuesdays 10.30am -2.00pm

Foodbank

Continues on the second Sunday of the month all gifts gratefully received.

Network SUMMER PROGRAMME 2019

Meets every Thursday at 2:30pm. Through the summer on:

6th June Strawberry Tea with Bring and Buy with
"Summer Theme"

18th July Lunch at Wilmslow Garden Centre

15th August Beetle Drive & tea

Reflective Worship

Is on Tuesdays at 7pm-7:30pm.

Refugee Prayer Group

A small group still meets regularly to share information, and to PRAY, as it seems as if thousands of people are on the move, as refugees, across the world.

We usually meet on the First Monday of each month, at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome. Please see the Sunday Notice Sheet for the venue.

Rock Solid Youth Group

Meets 7:15-8:30pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in term time.

Scouts

Thursdays at 7:15pm.

Toddlers Wednesdays at 10:30am

Baby Chat Thursdays at 10:30am

Tiddlywinks Fridays at 10:30am

A few green tips

" wash at thirty unless it's dirty"

" dry your washing outside unless it's awful weather,
try not to use a tumble dryer"

" switch off the lights when you leave the room"

" use the bus or walk, if possible, leave the car at home"

Woodley Methodist Church is organising concerts during 2019. They would welcome our support. Tickets are £8 each available either at the door (if available) or from Phil.

There will be an organ concert by Jonathan Scott on a Friday in September, date to be confirmed. Tickets £9 each available as above. More details and poster later

An additional concert in aid of Epilepsy Action will be in Romiley Forum on Saturday 8th June at 7.30pm, by the Werneth concert band. Tickets £8 each, as above. More details and poster later.



Church Life
Homegroups



Monday			7pm
Monday			8pm
Monday			8pm
Tuesday			8pm
Wednesday			7:45pm
3rd Thursday Thursday			10am – 12 noon

Home Groups meet on the first and third weeks of each month

MEETING TOGETHER

People to contact

Sunday

Young Church	10.30	
Great Heights	20.00	(not currently meeting)

Tuesday

Cameo	10.30
Banner Making	14.00
Reflective Worship	19.00
Rock Solid	19.30

Wednesday

Toddler Group	10.30
Contact	14.30
The Singers	18.45

Thursday

Baby Chat	10.30
Network	14.30
Scouts	19.15

Friday

Tiddlywinks	10.30
Beavers	18.30
(6- 8years) Parish Rooms	
Cubs	18.30
Thorn Grove Guide HQ	
Focus	19.30

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