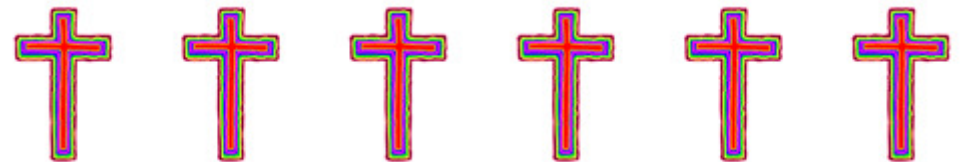


NEWCHURCH METHODIST MAY/JUNE 2010

WEEKS DIARY

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship ***Sunday Kids & Youth Group*** All Age Worship and Parade - 2nd Sunday in the month Café Church (4th Sunday)
	6.00 pm	Evening Worship
Monday	9.15 am	Parents and Toddlers
	6.15-7.15 pm	Rainbow Guides
	6.30-8pm	Brownies
	7.00-8.30pm	Guides
Tuesday	9.15 am	Parents and Toddlers
Wednesday	1.30-3.30pm	Young at Heart for over 55's
Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	3.30pm	Messy Church (Alternate Weeks) - bible based fun for parents and children

To find out about Fellowship/Bible Study Meetings please
speak to the Minister or one of the Stewards
To book a room contact Lay Employee
Shirley Suthers 01706 228234
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Minister Rev David Burrow

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Stewards

am

Jean Altham & Maureen Sutcliffe

Barbara Jones & Nicola Andrew

Elsie Holt

Barbara Hyland & Brenda Simpson

pm

Delia Heap

Sheila Crisp

Please refer to Circuit Plan for contact details.

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FLOWERS

May

	PROVIDERS	DISTRIBUTERS
2	Miss J. Price	Mrs S Crisp
9	Mrs V. Blackburn	Mrs D. Heap
16	Mrs A. Fell	Mrs K. Dawson
23	Vacant	Mrs J. Altham
30	Vacant	Mrs B Simpson

June

6	Mrs B. Coupe	Mrs S Crisp
13	Mrs L. Johnson	Mrs D. Heap
20	Mrs S. Crisp	Mrs K. Dawson
27	Mrs M. Bunting	Mrs J. Altham

If anyone would like to pay for flowers on any of the vacant dates above, please ring Delia

DIARY DATES

May 4th	7.30pm Circuit Network Meeting
9th	CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
9th	6pm Circuit Service at Central lead by Rev D. King. ORDINANDS TESTIMONY SERVICE
16th	10am Service rembering Rev Arthur Hopkins
16th	6:15pm Circuit Service: Dedication of Easter Offering at Longholme
June 7th	7.30pm Circuit Meeting
15th	7.30pm Circuit Network Meeting at Shawforth: Speaker: Rev D. Parkin

A mother was despairing of her young son who was always getting up to mischief, and said to him 'however are you going to get to heaven?' 'Oh that's no problem' he said. 'When I get to the gate of St.Peter I shall go in, and come out, and go in and come out again and again, until St Peter has to say to me 'For heavens sake Dylan, either come in or go out '.....'

ITEMS FOR THE JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Please can you have all articles/items or news ready for 25th June

Items can be left at Watts' News on Burnley Road East, handed to the stewards or best of all emailed to us at adrianc.watts@ntlworld.com

May 4th, 7:30pm at Newchurch, Circuit Network Meeting. Speaker: Mrs Leila Allen. Subject: 'Bacup Family Centre' Bring & Buy Stall and collection.

May 9th, 6pm at Central Rev David King will lead this service which is the ordinands testimony service for Rev. Jan Nendick and Rev. Carolyn Lawrence(Rochdale).

May 16th, 6:15pm Circuit Service for the dedication of Easter Offering at Longholme. Rev. David Burrow will lead this service. Please support if you can.

MISSIONS

The Coffee Morning at Longholme on April 17th raised £160 for Home Missions. Thankyou to all who helped and those who came to support us. From Delia

Please note the Annual Sponsored Walk for World Service and Missions will be held on Friday 9th July led by Jonathan Green from Longholme. Details to follow later.



Dear Friends,

The days between Easter and Ascension are interesting times. Jesus' followers must have wondered when and where he might appear next; he always took them by surprise so each day would have dawned full of expectation: 'Would Jesus show up today and what would he have to say?' Our sense of expectation plays an important part in our faith. Do we expect to meet with God each day? Do we set off to worship services filled with the expectation of meeting the risen Jesus in a new way? In the Worship course, which has just started on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in the lounge, expectation in and of worship is something we have begun to address. Over the coming weeks it will play an important part as we look various topics: 'The structure of Worship', 'The Leader's presentation', 'Preparation for leading worship', 'Leading Prayer in Worship', 'Bits and Bobs' and 'Enabling Worship'. No two courses are ever the same so I attend expecting, not only to learn from the participants but also to learn new things from God himself. It would be lovely to see you there adding your own expectations to the pot.

After Jesus' ascension the following 10 days were a time of waiting for the disciples. What was going to happen next? What had Jesus meant when he promised them power from on high? At Pentecost the disciples discovered exactly what he meant and what an amazing surprise - above and beyond all their expectations? Waiting patiently on God is something I am not very good at. How do you find it? Patience is part of the fruit of the Holy Spirit so it is something that God expects to see in our lives; I for one have to work on it.

For us all there is a need for a patient expectation to see God at work. This doesn't mean we sit back and let things happen around us, but come together in worship and service so that when God works we are ready to join in. This has happened on many occasions at Newchurch in the past; cast your mind back and identify where and when God has been at work.

Thank you to everyone who joined in the Lent course with St Nicholas and then in the Holy Week services. Lent was a time of waiting expectantly on God, and the wonderful worship of Good Friday and Easter Sunday the climax and realisation of the risen Jesus meeting with us in person. Such is the joy of worship when expectations are realised. I pray that Pentecost will again be a time of rejoicing as we worship together in the power of God.

May God fill us again with his Spirit as we open our lives to him in expectant worship and service.

David

SHAPE UP FOR MISSION

Seeking growth – sharing fellowship – engaging in mission
Keynote Speaker Rev Dr Phil Meadows (Cliff College)

At Aspull Civic Hall, Woods Road, Wigan, WN21PJ
On Saturday 19 June 2010

9.30am Drinks 10.00am (Prompt start) – 4.00pm
(Bring your own food – drinks provided)

Limited tickets (free) – **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**
Contact: Rev D Burrow

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH DAY With the Wigan Circuit Rock Bus

For children of school age
At Aspull Methodist Church (near Aspull Civic Hall)
On Saturday 19 June
9.30am Drinks 10.00am (Prompt start) – 4.00pm
(Bring your own food – drinks provided)

Limited tickets (free) – **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**
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Sunday 16 May at 10am - a service remembering the 4th Rossendale 'Hopkins Own' scout group which will be followed by refreshments with lots of photos, letters and memorabilia on display.

Monday 17 May 7.30pm at Stacksteads Methodist – a meeting of the Circuit's Action for Children group to plan our fundraising. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday 26 May –Young at Heart group's trip to Skipton followed by cream tea on the canal boat at Foulridge. Places available - see Shirley for details

Smarter than your grandchildren?

This is how some children responded to questions about the Bible. Their answers have not been retouched nor corrected. (i.e. incorrect spelling *has* been left in).

- (1) In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis. God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.
- (2) Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night
- (3) Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
- (4) Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
- (5) The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.
- (6) The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- (7) The seventh Commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
- (8) The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.
- (9) St. Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
- (10) Christians have only one spouse. The is called monotony.

Thanks to Ken Bowden.



Our Centenary Year is certainly turning out to be a very exciting one.

Recently, we took part in Operation Nightingale which is a competition for Guide Groups throughout Rossendale. This year was held at Gincroft Campsite in Edenfield in the dark and we had to undertake different challenges including cooking on trangia stoves, making a rocket, matching up countries with their capitals and finishing with Hot chocolate. To our delight - we won! We have held the trophy for the past 4 years which is an amazing achievement. Well done to those who took part; Heather Cudworth, Liane Mason, Hannah & Lucinda Lageard and Chloe Payne.

One of our ex-guides who is now a Young Leader with the Rainbows, Andrea Mason, has been selected by the Rotary Club of Rossendale, to take part in a regional Outward Bound leadership course. Andrea firstly had to be recommended to the Selection Committee and then once they had narrowed the suitable candidates down to four attended an interview at Sykeside Hotel. Simone went with Andrea and the two of them can thoroughly recommend the creamcakes there!

At the beginning of May we will be camping within the grounds of Warwick Castle and will get the opportunity to see the Trebuchet being fired. We will also get the opportunity to explore the grounds before it opens to the general public.

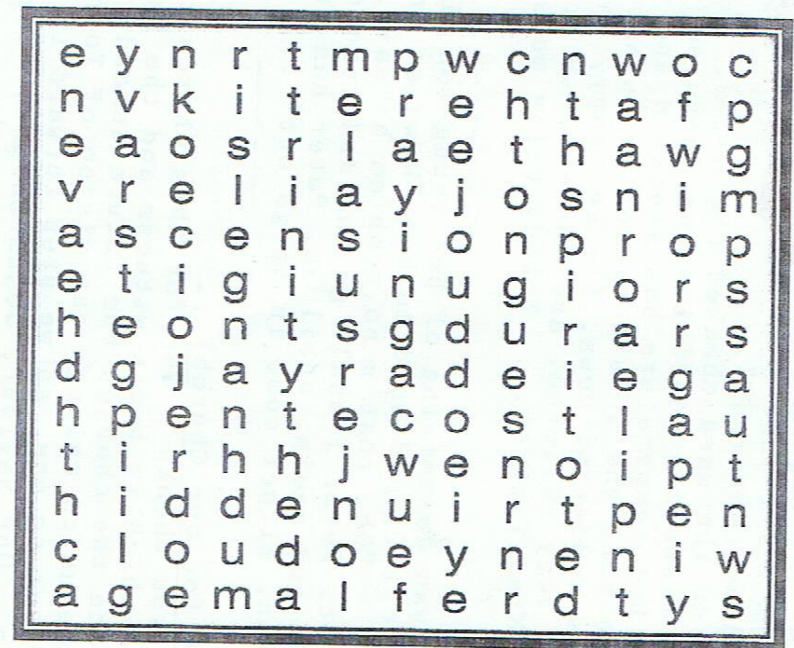
We can't wait to see what we can up with next!

ASCENSION DAY WORDSEARCH

What a joyful month May is in the church calendar. On Ascension Day (13th) we remember the completion of Jesus work on earth and his return to his rightful place in heaven.

But he did not leave his followers all on their own for on Pentecost (23rd) the Holy Spirit was sent from heaven to the followers of Jesus. He did not come quietly! Instead, there was a roaring of wind, tongues of flames and such rejoicing that all Jerusalem was stirred up. It was a dramatic birth for the Christian church!

Finally on Trinity Sunday (30th) we celebrate the very nature of our God: manifest in the love shown to us by God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.



Find the following words.

Ascension angels clouds sky hidden heaven Jerusalem
Trinity glory Pentecost praying upper room tongues flame
wind rejoice wine praise triune Father Son Spirit Godhead
love

Guides and Brownies

The Rainbows have recently been on a months African (Newchurch) Safari. We made passports packed our suitcase with home made binoculars and camera's and flew with Newchurch airways via the lounge, to south Africa.

Once we arrived we camped under the stars and sang songs around the campfire. (pop up tents around a halogen heater in the lounge).

The next day we travelled on safari taking in the sights of the big five through our binoculars. (various soft toys placed effectively around the church, with several Guides providing sound effects).

After an exhausting month away we travelled home whilst enjoying Madagascar as the in flight movie, with popcorn of course. Everyone enjoyed the trip and returned quite excited to tell their parents of the journey.

You may think that the Guiders are a little mad however, we just feel we have a rather good imagination and its amazing how wonderful Newchurch Methodist can be when we use a little imagination.

COME AND SUPPORT CHRISTIAN AID!!

We are holding a 'Soup and Sandwich Lunch' after the morning service coffee on Sunday 9th May. Absolutely everyone is welcome and so please do come along and support us. £2.00 charge for Christian Aid.

Charles, I doubt that's what Jesus meant when He said we must be born again...



GIFT AID

The amount we are able to reclaim on the giving to the church every year is very important to us and hopefully, if you pay tax, you are already allowing us to do that. Unfortunately the amount we can reclaim has reduced to 25p from 28p in the £. Our expenses however are unlikely to decrease in similar fashion and I continue to struggle to pay our way.

Raising enough through regular giving to meet our commitments continues to be a problem and now we will be under even more pressure. We all need to think about whether there is anything more we can do, for example,

- Increase our regular giving;
- Make a one off donation;
- Allow us to reclaim the tax on your giving if you don't already;
- Make a bequest to the Church in your Will.
- Help with any fund raising;

We are doing what we can to encourage community groups which will bring in some much needed revenue. However, we can't get away from the fact that we are a small number of people faithfully supporting our church. The best we could hope for is to encourage more people into our church which would enrich our worship and have a positive effect on our income.

If you aren't in a position at the moment to respond to any of my above suggestions, please pray that others are able to help and that together we can find some solutions to our money problems.

Thank you.

