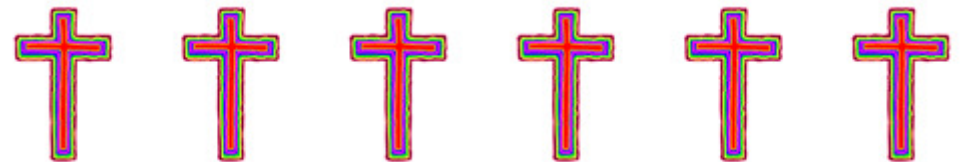


# NEWCHURCH METHODIST JULY/AUGUST 2010

## WEEKS DIARY

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship <b>***Sunday Kids &amp; Youth Group***</b> All Age Worship and Parade - 2nd Sunday in the month <b>Café Church (4th Sunday)</b>
	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**

**July**

	<b>PROVIDERS</b>	<b>DISTRIBUTERS</b>
4	Miss J. Price	Mrs B Simpson
11	Mrs V. Blackburn	Mrs S Crisp
18	Mrs A. Fell	Mrs D. Heap
25	Holiday	

**August**

1	Holiday	
8	Vacant	Mrs K. Dawson
15	Mrs D. Heap	Mrs J. Altham
22	Vacant	Mrs B. Simpson
29	Mrs P. Brennan	Mrs S. Crisp

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

**DIARY DATES**

<b>July</b> 4th	6pm United Service with St Annes Church at Newchurch
9th	6.15pm Longholme Circuit Sponsored Walk
11th	Action for Children Sunday
11th	After morning service, Church Council AGM
25th	10am Café Church
<b>August</b> 1st	6.30pm United Service at St Annes
8th	6.15pm Longholme
22nd	10am Café Church with Ron Suthers

**ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**

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

**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](mailto:adrianc.watts@ntlworld.com)**

## MISSIONS

**Friday, July 9th 6.15pm** Longholme the Annual Sponsored walk for World Service and Missions. Please be there to sign in at 6.15 prompt. The walk is to the 'Halo'. Jonathan Green will lead it. Delia Heap has the sponsor forms or take one off the noticeboard in the hall, but let Delia know if you do so that she knows how many are going from Newchurch.

The Annual Circuit Meeting for Womens Network on the 4th May at Newchurch raised £30 and the Network Easter offering envelopes raised £65. The quiz for the football service raised £100 on the 13th June and the collection at the circuit service also raised £100 for World Missions. This was an excellent service arranged by Karen Spencer and David Burrow. The quiz was won by Mrs Marion Lord from Bacup.

**Herbert, the young boy we sponsor at Newchurch.** If you wish to sponsor him the annual donation of £12 or more for 1 year if you wish are now due. If you would like to help to sponsor him please see Sharon Watts or Jessica.

Will all **JMA collectors** please note the boxes will be emptied for the year 2009/10 on August 8th or before if you are going on holiday. Delia must have the money by August 15th latest. Thankyou.

Dear Friends,

According to the radio the three biggest events in the world are happening as I write: the World Cup, Wimbledon and Glastonbury. Where do the Olympics fit into this? I don't know, but there is one thing that seems to link all of these events - a willingness on the part of hundreds of thousands of people to make a phenomenal commitment to be there, whatever the cost, in order to experience all that happens at first hand. There is no wonder people get upset when proceedings do not turn out as they expect. If I'd paid the price of a ticket to South Africa to watch my team put up a miserable performance I would be upset too; my sympathies go out to all the fans of the nations whose teams didn't even seem to be bothered about being there.

Personal commitment is, on the whole, something to be praised, but there is something else that connects the above events too. All those who attend are making an offering of themselves, their time and their finance because they think that the people they have travelled to see are worth it. That's a pretty good definition of worship. In the last church newsletter I wrote a good deal about worship and it is important to keep mentioning it. God created us to worship him. When you read the descriptions of heaven in the Bible there is a lot of worship going on, and it's not surprising. The people of heaven are offering to Jesus all they believe he is worth - their grateful worship. And they are grateful because Jesus was willing to die on the cross so that we might go to heaven: is that not worth our worship?

I have thoroughly enjoyed the Worship Leaders course at Newchurch and as I expected, I have learnt a good deal, I have been inspired, by Debbie, Nicola and Barbara, and I now I look forward to all that is to follow. At the Church AGM we will affirm Debbie and Nicola as recognised Worship Leaders and then over the next few months I trust everyone else will encourage them as they seek to learn even more about leading God's people in worship on the job! Looking even further ahead I do hope that their example and courage will PTO

inspire others so that we can do the course again with many more people getting involved.

Do please try and attend the *AGM* as it is an important meeting to enable everyone to have their say and get more involved in church life.

To close with I am reminded of the story of the woman in Africa who walked several miles to church every week. It seemed nothing would ever stop her worshipping her Lord until one year the rains were very heavy indeed. Floodwaters had cut off her village and the members of the congregation waited for several hours for her to arrive on the Sunday, anxiously watching the horizon. They were just about to give up when, in the distance, they saw a figure approaching. It was their friend and fellow worshipper. Overjoyed to see her they asked about her journey, "It wasn't too bad" she answered, and then she put her hand to her chin and said "The water only came up to here". Commitment to worship God, in and through Jesus Christ, flows from our love for God, and our love for God is our response to His amazing love, shown to us on the cross. Jesus alone is worthy of our worship, let us seize every opportunity to offer it to him.

Yours in Christ, David

### **Hospice News**

Upto the 31st May we had collected £243.57p for the Hospice, this makes a grand total to date of £2,327.31p. Thanks to all who have contributed to this total. If you would like a box please see Maureen Sutcliffe.

ASHOKA After the success of last years meal at the Ashoka Restaurant at Rawtenstall we have booked a further one for Thursday 23rd September at 7pm.

Saturday 31st July We are happy to announce that Rev. Tony Brazier will marry Constance (Connie) Ocansey from Accra, Ghana. We wish them well and pray that they may have many years of happiness together.

## *Exercise for people over 50*

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10lb potato sacks. Then try 50lb potato sacks and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.

Hi everyone,

Just wanted to tell you all about the Worship Leader Course that Nicola and I have been taking with David.

We have nearly finished, but the journey through has been most enlightening.

I have been able to take part in a Service, also I have been invited to be a Steward (we will see how this goes). I have learned all about what it takes to put a service together, this makes me very appreciative of all the efforts week after week the lay preachers and ministers go to on our behalf.

Bringing the word of God to life in worship each week is no mean feat.

If anyone has the opportunity to take part in the course you will not regret it. I hope you get as much out of the course as I have.

Debbie

### The Journey

'Father God Almighty' as we pray and worship we think of one great story in the Old Testament.

#### **Moses**

Long ago God asked Moses to free his people. Still today God is asking us "free my people" so they will be able to join us on the most incredible journey ever taken. The path of Jesus Christ and through him to God.

The way we do this is to show by example in the life we lead and to make the most of all opportunities to speak about God and our faith and Pray Pray Pray!

So Father God be with us this day and empower us to go out and fulfil all you are asking of us.

In awesome wonder of you  
Father God  
Amen

## **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.

