



Llangollen Methodist Church
Worshipping by the River Dee

15th April 2018

Number – 962

Riverside Weekly

A warm welcome to our worship this Sunday

11:00 All Age Communion – Rev Phil Poole

Please remember to give to the Benevolent Fund this Communion Sunday

Music provided by Peter Brookfield & Ted Blackman.
You were greeted at the door by Norman Pybus
Books were given out by Elizabeth Roberts
Refreshments Elias & Janet Storm
Today's stewards are Peter & Amanda Brookfield

Do join us for tea or coffee after the service this morning

Your Gifts And Talents.

Sunday 22nd April is a Local Arrangement service and in this service we will be talking about gifts and talents. We will be giving out, after the service, £10 to all willing persons/families and we ask you to use your gifts and talents to increase your £10.

Please start thinking what you can do. You'll have plenty of time because we won't be collecting the money until September when we'll receive it during our Harvest Festival service.

Many thanks
Sheila

Happy Birthday to:

Alun (Monday)

Petro Du Preez & Alan Loveless (Wednesday)

Danielle (Thursday)

Margaret Davies (Saturday)



Church Diary

Monday 16th April

2:00 Home Group at 5, Gerddi y Bache — “Philip”

6:00 till 8:00 Games & Activity Evening

Tuesday 17th April

10:00 Coffee Morning by Parkinson’s Support Group—the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 18th April

10:00 Prayer Group meet in the vestry — you are very welcome to join us

Thursday 19th April

11:00 Elsbeth’s Funeral followed by burial in the cemetery and refreshments at the Memorial Hall

3:00–5:15 After school Drop-In at the Memorial Hall for Secondary School Pupils.

Friday 20th April

1:00 “Open the Book” at Ysgol Bryn Collen

Sunday 22nd April

11:00 Morning Worship — Arranged by church members

**If you are available to help with next Sundays Service ,
please see Peter, Norman or Sheila.**

Tuesday 24th April

10:00 Coffee Morning by Llantysilio Church—the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 25th April

10:00 Prayer Group meet in the vestry — you are very welcome to join us

4:00 Cytûn Committee at the Upper Room which will include our farewell to Andrew

7:30 Bible Study at Paul & Anna’s – studying 1 Peter chapter 3

Thursday 26th April

3:00–5:15 After school Drop-In at the Memorial Hall for Secondary School Pupils.

Saturday 28th April

3:00–5:00 Messy Church at the Memorial Hall

Sunday 29th April

11:00 Morning Worship — Nigel Burns

Our condolences to the Heulwen & David on the death of their sister Elsbeth Avril Hughes, who passed away peacefully at the Abbey dingle on Monday. She was 78 and beloved wife of the late Eric (the barber) Hughes.

The funeral will be on Thursday at 11:00 followed by burial in the cemetery and refreshments at the Memorial Hall

Circuit Coach Trip to Cliff Collage for a day of Teaching and Fellowship

Meryl Thomas is organising a Circuit Coach Trip to Cliff Collage, Derbyshire on Monday 28th May, where there will be some teaching on "God's Holy Spirit -A Blaze".

The coach will leave Wrexham at 8.30am and set off back from Cliff Collage at 5.30pm.

Adults: £10; Children: £8. The cost of the coach will be extra.

If you are interested in going or would like further details, please contact Meryl on 01978 354721

Cytun Notice

Revd. Andrew Sully will be conducting his last service in St. Collen's on Sunday April 29th at 11am. It would be good if some representatives from other churches could be there, and anyone is invited to attend the farewell buffet lunch in the Church Hall which follows. So that the caterers have an idea of numbers, please ring Stephanie Morgan 861774 if you are able to go along. We wish Andrew and Mary every blessing as they move to Llandudno.

The editor's jottings!

"*Spring Concert*" — a big thank you to the Llangollen Silver Band and Côr Canu Hardd, from Ysgol Dinas Brân, for an evening of varied music which was enjoyed by performers and audience alike. The collection raised £356.02 to be shared between the Silver Band and Ysgol Dinas Brân fund to refurbish the hall.

Norman



Minister:- Rev Philip Poole ☎(01978) 860877 Email:- philpoole@btinternet.com

Tea Party to support our Youth Work.

On Saturday 12th May at 1pm, there will be a Tea Party at the Memorial Hall in aid of our Circuit Project, which this year is to fund our Circuit Youth Worker, Trish Erlam for a further three years.

Trish is doing some fantastic Christian work with children and young people across the Circuit, and in Llangollen where she co-ordinates the After School Drop in for Secondary School Pupils and helps with the Games & Activity Evenings. Trish will be speaking to us more about her role as Circuit Youth Worker at the Tea Party.

Do please come along and enjoy a Traditional Afternoon Tea, some live music and a chat and support this very worthwhile cause.

So that we know the exact numbers to cater for, please could you purchase your tickets in advance from Amanda, Peter or Sheila during the after-service fellowship.

If you are unable to attend the event but would like to support our Youth Work, any donations may be given to Sheila.

Thank you.

Amanda.

A Date for Your Diary

For all Church Friends & ex-This'n'That-ers...

Advanced notice of our Summer Evening meal

This will be held on Monday 11th June

at

Sweeny Hall, Oswestry

7:00 for 7:30

We would love you to join us in sharing this time of friendship together, transport can be arranged for non-drivers.

Names to Gill or John please by Sunday 3rd June if possible (Friday 8th June at the latest).

2 course menu with coffee/tea for £22

Menus available nearer the date!

Llangollen Methodist Church Social Events Calendar 2018

May

12th May, 1pm (Memorial Hall) – Tea Party with live music to celebrate the Royal Wedding! In aid of the Circuit Project (Youth Work). Tickets: £8.95 Adults, £6.00 Children

June

11th June 7:30pm – Church Summer Evening Meal at Sweeny Hall, Oswestry. Arrive at 7pm for 7.30pm sitting. Cost £22.00 per person

July

2nd July, 7pm (Methodist Church) – To begin Eisteddfod Week, “Festival Praise”. Music led by the Salvation Army Band and Songsters and guest artists. Doors open from 6.30pm. Free entry. Offering for Charitable Causes

2nd–7th July (Memorial Hall) – Hospitality and Outreach Week (various times – please check back for further details)

15th July, 1pm – Family Summer Picnic, with games

August

4th August – Canal Boat Trip with Afternoon Tea

September

17th September (Memorial Hall) – Harvest Supper, with “Home-Grown” entertainment!

October

1st October (Memorial Hall) – Dave Cooke speaking about Teams 4U. Refreshments available

19th October – “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner!”

November

16th November (Memorial Hall) – Fish & Chip Supper and Quiz Night

December

4th December, 10am – 12pm (Memorial Hall) – Church Christmas Coffee Morning.

Regular Events

1st Tuesday of each month, 10am - 12pm – Church Coffee Mornings, at the Memorial Hall

1st Friday of each month, 12:30pm – “Souper Friday”, at the Memorial Hall

3rd Monday of each month, 6-8pm – Games Night, at the Memorial Hall. Open to all ages

Readings

Luke 24:36b-48 (Alive in Christ) "Peace be with you." (v. 36)

Psalm 4

Background

There are some extraordinary passages in the Bible and this ranks very highly! Jesus had, to all rational minds, been killed on the Friday once and for all. On the Sunday, Mary Magdalene and a number of other women had gone to the tomb, found it empty and then had a conversation with a couple of 'angels' about Jesus being raised from death (Luke 24:1-12). The women rushed to the disciples who, unsurprisingly, did not believe them. Later that night, two followers find the disciples in Jerusalem and report that they have met with the risen Lord, whilst on the way to Emmaus, a few miles away (Luke 24:13-26).

"While they were still talking about this", and wouldn't we all want to know exactly how that particular conversation was going, "Jesus himself stood among them" (v. 36). Extraordinary! Unbelievable!

"Peace be with you." Those are the first words Jesus utters. What is the essence of the peace that Jesus bestows on them at this point? They are startled, frightened and quite clearly dumbfounded about this apparition, who turns out neither to be a vision nor a ghost, because Jesus is able to be touched and also able to eat food (verse 42). This is the resurrected Jesus, flesh and Spirit.

To be honest, I wonder how much of the ensuing conversation the disciples understood at the time. What was going on? How can this have possibly happened? "In their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering"(v. 41). I am not at all surprised that the disciples have no words attributed to them in the whole of this extraordinary meeting. All the words written in Luke's account are the words of Jesus. What could the disciples possibly say?

The peace that Jesus gives to his disciples is actually the reassurance that, from now on, he will always be present. Such comfort is as true today as it was all those years ago. Knowing that Christ is alive in one's life can be such a strength, giving all believers the ability to live courageously, knowing that they are accompanied by Christ. The Emmaus Road story of companionship moves excitingly into the disciples' room in Jerusalem, and continues into daily life today wherever you hear the same words of peace.

Jesus is saying to each of us today, "Peace be with you." May we all know the reality of his presence and feel fully alive in Christ.

To Ponder

“Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave ... His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high; who died eternal life to bring, and lives, that death may die.” (Singing the Faith 347). How might such faith be reflected in your life and worship today?

“Where there is peace, God is” (George Herbert). Take time today to settle in prayer, and appreciate the presence of God in your life.

Bible notes author: Michael King

Some of the religious programmes on TV & Radio this week

BBC1 16:10 Sunday 15th April — Songs of Praise

Christian Compassion

Songs of Praise celebrates faith and compassion by marking 50 years of the Christian overseas aid charity Tearfund. Presenter Claire McCollum talks to a top chef whose view of chocolate has been transformed by a trip to a west African cocoa farm and she meets the aid workers who survived the Nepal earthquake of 2015. Hymns and songs on the theme of compassion Beauty For Brokenness, written by Graham Kendrick for Tearfund’s 25th anniversary.

Radio Wales — 7:30 Sunday — Celebration

9:00 Sunday — All Things Considered

Radio 2 — 6:00–9:00 Sunday – Good Morning Sunday – With Jason Mohammad and Jill Halfpenny

Radio 4(FM) — 5:43am weekdays — Prayer for the Day – A reading and a reflection to start the day with Jasvir Singh OBE, Chair of City Sikhs.

8:10 Sunday 22nd April — Sunday Worship — New Life in Christ — The scriptural story starts in the garden and ends in the city. In today’s service, the Bishop of Edmonton, the Rt Revd Rob Wickham, explores stories of resurrection hope in churches across inner city London

Radio 4 (LW) — 9:44 Weekdays — Daily Service – A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music

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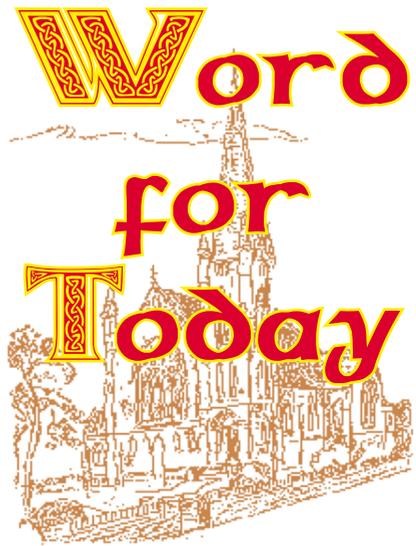
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Seek To Glorify God

'The whole earth is full of His glory!'

Isaiah 6:3 NKJV

The distinction between sacred and secular is a false dichotomy. All things were created by God and for God — no exceptions. Every note of music, every colour on the palette, every flavour that tingles the taste buds. Arnold Sommerfeld, the German physicist and pianist, observed that a single hydrogen atom which emits one hundred frequencies, is more musical than a grand piano which emits only eighty-seven frequencies. So every single atom is a unique expression of worship. According to composer Leonard Bernstein, the best translation of Genesis 1:3 is not 'And God said'. He believed a better translation is 'And God sang'. The Almighty sang every atom into existence, and every atom echoes that original melody in three-part harmony by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Super-sensitive sound instruments have discovered that earthworms make faint staccato sounds, while whale songs can travel thousands of miles under water. Lewis Thomas put it this way: 'If we had better hearing and could discern the descants of seabirds,



the rhythmic timpani of schools of mullets, and even the distant harmonies of flies hanging over meadows in the sun, the combined sound might lift us off our feet. And some day they will. Glorified eardrums will hear this Scripture fulfilled: 'Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!"' (Revelation 5:13 NIVUK 1984 Edition). Today make it your goal to glorify God in all that you do.

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