



Llangollen Methodist Church

Worshipping by the River Dee

13th May 2018

Number – 966

Riverside Weekly

A warm welcome to our worship this Sunday

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

11:00 Bible Club at the Memorial Hall

11:00 Holy Communion – Rev Patrick Rudden

Let's remember to give to the Benevolent Fund this Communion Sunday

Music provided by Ted Blackman.

You were greeted at the door by Sheila Spedding

Books were given out by Rachel Horne

Refreshments Jackson Family

Readings:–

Matthew 28:16–20 (*page 32 in NT*) — Sue Cheshire

Acts 1:1–18 & 20–26 (*page 111 in NT*) — Yvonne Davies

Today's steward is Sue Cheshire

Happy Birthday to:

Grace Parry (*Today*)

Sue Davies (*Wednesday*)

Sue Smith (*Thursday*)

Elisabeth Pybus (*Thursday*)



Church Diary

Sunday 13th May

11:00 Bible Club at the Memorial Hall

11:00 Holy Communion — Rev Patrick Rudden

Monday 14th May

2:00 Home Group at 5, Gerddi y Bache

Tuesday 15th May

10:00 Coffee Morning for Christian Aid — the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 16th May

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

11:00 Church Gardening all helpers welcome

Thursday 17th May

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

Friday 18th May

12:45 “Open the Book” at Ysgol Bryn Collen

Saturday 19th May

9:00 Coffee at the Memorial Hall and Christian Aid Street Collection

Sunday 20th May

11:00 United Pentecost Service in Riverside Park

Monday 21st May

6:00–8:00 Games and Activity Evening

Tuesday 22nd May

10:00 Coffee Morning by Llangollen Flower Club — the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 23rd May

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

11:00 Church Gardening all helpers welcome

7:30 Bible Study at Elias & Janet’s – studying 1 Peter chapter 5

Thursday 24th May

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

Saturday 26th May

10:00 Coffee Morning by Mike Winward for his granddaughter’s trip to Scout Jamboree — at the Memorial Hall

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

Sunday 27th May

11:00 Morning Worship — Carl Squire

News from Cytûn.

Christian-Aid week is now here from 13th–20th May.

Tuesday 15th May 10:00 — Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall, our help and support will be needed to make this united event a success.

Saturday 19th May 9:00 — Street Collection, with coffee available at the Memorial Hall, we are to provide collectors to cover the 12:00 till 1:00 slot, if you can only collect at other times, other groups won't mind you joining them, Help will also be required for serving coffee.

Sunday 20th May 11:00 — Pentecost service at the bandstand, help with readings and refreshments will be required

The editor's jottings!

“Cliff College Trip” — The Circuit trip to Cliff College has had to be cancelled, due to low numbers and Meryl is ill in hospital..

“Tea Party” — big thank you and congratulations to the Brookfield family for organising a wonderful event. Also a big thank you to all who donated to the fund to continue to pay for our youth worker, raising a marvellous £1040.

“Pentecost Sunday” — if you can help with the refreshments after the United Service in Riverside Park, please let one of the stewards know. If you are available to do a reading during the service please let Elisabeth or Yvonne know.

“Summer Meal” — if you intend to come please make sure your name is on Gill or John's list.

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Chapel Anniversary — Sunday 20th May

10:45 Special Service led by Kate Lewis

*7:30 Choral Concert by Lleisiau Clywedog Ladies Choir conducted
by Sheila Birkhead.*

Holiday Bible Club – August

We are planning to have a three day Holiday Bible Club in August.

We plan to run from Wednesday 15th till Friday 19th August.

We are looking for people to help with all of our activities

Story Telling — Craft activities — Games — and lots of fun —
refreshments

If you are available to help in any way please let Amanda, Norman,
Elisabeth or Trish know.

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

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

John 17:6-19 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.”
(v. 16)

Psalm 1

Background

Do you think that Christians should separate themselves from the world?

I have a friend who became a Christian in his twenties. As he enthusiastically committed himself to his new-found faith, he made the bold decision to destroy some vinyl records from his prized collection because he felt they were ‘of the world’ and therefore a bad influence on him. I remember watching him destroy the vinyl in the garden and wondering if he was making the right decision.

In this passage from John’s Gospel, Jesus is praying for his disciples, just before his arrest and crucifixion. It is a long and heartfelt prayer. Jesus seems to be suggesting that his followers are different because they belong to God, not to the world. Belonging to God sets them apart as holy people. However, even as they are called to be different and ‘separate’, they are also called to live in the world and be a witness to others.

How then, should we understand these words? Some Christians respond to the idea of not being ‘of the world’ by deciding to turn their backs on anything seen as secular, surrounding themselves instead with Christian music, books, church-related activities and friends. This is not bad in itself, but I am not sure this is what Jesus meant. Disciples are called to be in the world, and also to model a different way of living. This may bring trouble and opposition, but the call to identify first and foremost with Jesus remains.

Today is the first day of Christian Aid Week, when many Christians are visible in their local communities as they take part in events and door-to-door collections to raise money and to help others. Sometimes they are welcomed, but on other occasions they are ignored or refused.

And yet Christian Aid Week is a good example of living in faith in our world today. It is not about being separate from the world and its needs, but seeking to make a positive and hopeful contribution, motivated by a love of God and neighbour.

To Ponder

Do you think that Christians should only read Christian books or listen to Christian music? Why?

How can you live distinctively in a predominantly secular world?

Bible notes author: The Revd Mandy Briggs

Some of the religious programmes on TV & Radio this week

BBC1 14:40 Sunday 13th May — Songs of Praise

Young Choir of the Year (Final)

Aled Jones hosts the final of the Young Choir of the Year 2018 competition from the Pontio Centre in Bangor. The junior and senior choir finalists sing their choice of inspirational song to impress the judges and lift the trophy

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 the Rev Kate Bottley*

Radio 4(FM) — 5:43am weekdays — Prayer for the Day – *A spiritual comment and prayer to begin the day with Rania Hafez, Senior Lecturer at the University of Greenwich and Fellow of the Muslim Institute.*

8:10 Sunday 20th May — Sunday Worship — Thy Kingdom Come — *As Christians celebrate Pentecost, when God sent his Holy Spirit to the Church, our service of Holy Communion is from Down Cathedral in Downpatrick. The service is led by Dean Henry Hull, the preacher is the Rev Adrian Dorrian and the music is led by the Cathedral Choir, directed by Michael McCracken.*

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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Separating The Sheep From The Goats

*'He will separate the people as a
shepherd separates
the sheep from the goats.'*

Matthew 25:32 NLT

Jesus describes the judgment day in these words: 'All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me"' (vv. 32-36 NLT). How will Jesus separate the sheep from the goats? And how will you know which one you are? Jesus says those on the right — the sheep — will be those who fed Him when He was hungry, brought Him water when He was thirsty, gave Him lodging when He was



lonely, clothing when He was naked, and comfort when He was sick or imprisoned. The sign of the saved is their concern for those in need. Compassion doesn't save them — or us. Salvation is the work of Christ. But compassion is the consequence of salvation. The sheep will react with a sincere question: when? When did we feed, visit, clothe, or comfort you? Then Jesus will answer, 'Every time you showed compassion — you did it to me!' Try to keep that in mind as you go through this day.

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