



Llangollen Methodist Church

Worshipping by the River Dee

20th May 2018

Number – 967

Riverside Weekly

A warm welcome to our worship this Sunday

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

*Today's Flowers given by Norman
to celebrate Elisabeth, Rose and Betsi Rose's Birthdays.*

**11:00 United Service for Pentecost at Riverside
Park**

Music provided by the Llangollen Silver Band.
Refreshments at the Methodist Church



When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks

Acts Chapter 2 verses 1-4 from The Message

Happy Birthday to:

Mavis (Thursday)

Cacelie (Saturday)



Church Diary

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

10:30 Stewards meeting at the Buttered Crust

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

Tuesday 29th May

10:00 Coffee Morning for Nightingale House — the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 30th May

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

11:00 Church Gardening all helpers welcome

Friday 1st June

12:30 to 1:30 Souper Friday come and join us for a soup and roll

Sunday 3rd June

11:00 Morning Worship — Maureen Jones

6:00 Praise & Worship at the Memorial Hall, Rev Phil Poole

Tuesday 5th June

10:00 Our next Coffee Morning — the Memorial Hall

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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 17th 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!



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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

Acts 2:1-21 "And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were seated." (v. 2)

Psalm 104

Background

This week's readings from both the Old and New Testaments remind us that the witness of the Spirit of God has been experienced in a variety of ways across the ages.

However, today we focus on the passage which tells us about the events of the day of Pentecost, the day that is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. The language of this passage is expansive, expressive and extraordinary, trying but falling short of capturing in words a life-changing experience. It was as if a sudden wind had been felt by all present – not just something that came and passed and then was gone, but something which took over the whole place where the disciples were and completely enveloped them. The language is hyperbolic because the experience of that day was so overwhelming that it defied description in normal language. If the language were music and the instrument an organ, then all the stops would be out and played at full volume. Here was a decisive moment in the life of the disciples and the fledgling Church – making explicit the new life in Christ to the activity of the Spirit of God. No-one was excluded from this experience – the list of place names testifies to that fact.

The words of the prophet Joel (verses 17-21) (Joel 2:28-32) are transformed from a prophecy of destruction and end times to a declaration of new life.

To Ponder

Imagine you were there on that very first day of Pentecost – try your hand at expressing your amazement at what happened in your own language.

This passage is sometimes used to encourage or explain the fact that some people 'speak in tongues' in our own day. What are your feelings about the purpose and impact of 'speaking in tongues' these days?

Bible notes author: The Revd Jennifer Potter

Some of the religious programmes on TV & Radio this week

BBC1 14:25 Sunday 20th May — Songs of Praise

Manchester Remembered

On Pentecost Sunday Kate Bottley is in Manchester to hear from survivors and families of the Manchester terrorist attack one year on. She meets a woman who tragically lost her son that night and a Methodist minister who was in the arena with her 11-year-old twin daughters.

With hymns from churches across Greater Manchester and a very special performance from Katherine Jenkins and Parrs Wood High School choir.

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 Bishop Richard Chartres, Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal.

8:10 Sunday 27th May — Sunday Worship — One year after the terrorist atrocity at a concert full of young people in Manchester's MEN Arena, the Bishop of Manchester Dr David Walker reflects on the way the faith communities of this diverse city came together to say no to further evil and revenge, and to begin to bring healing to individuals and communities across the city.

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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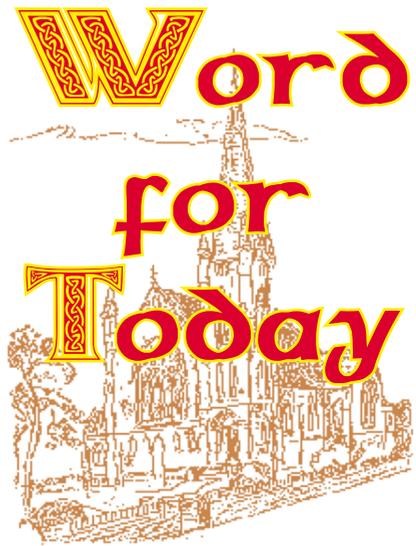
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What is God saying to you?

'In all things God works for the good of those who love him.'

Romans 8:28 NIV

Novelist A.J. Cronin had been practising as a physician for almost ten years when he developed a gastric ulcer that required complete rest. So he went to a farm in the Scottish Highlands to recuperate. He says, 'The first few days of leisure were pleasant enough, but soon the enforced idleness of Fyne Farm became insufferable...I'd often, in the back of my mind, nursed the vague illusion that I might write. I had actually thought out the theme of a novel – the tragic record of a man's egotism and bitter pride... Upstairs in my cold, clean bedroom was a scrubbed deal table and a very hard chair. Next morning I found myself in this chair facing a new exercise book open on the table, slowly becoming aware that, short of Latin prescriptions, I'd never composed a significant phrase in my entire life. It was a discouraging thought, as I picked up my pen. Never mind, I began.' Even though Cronin struggled to write five hundred words a day and ended up throwing his first draft on the farm's



rubbish heap, he finished Hatter's Castle. The book was dramatised, translated into twenty-two languages, and sold some five million copies. The world had lost a physician, but gained a novelist. When God gives you a dream, sometimes the circumstances required to fulfil it won't be to your liking. In Joseph's case it involved betrayal and false imprisonment. But that's what it took to get him to the throne of Egypt. So ask God today, 'What are You saying, or trying to show me, in the middle of this situation?'

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