



Llangollen Methodist Church

Worshipping by the River Dee

12th August 2018

Number – 979

Riverside Weekly

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship today

11:00 Morning Worship led by Phil Edwards

Music provided by Ted Blackman.

You were greeted at the door by Fiona Owens

Books were given out by Paul & Anna Smith

Refreshments by Elias & Janet Storm

Readings:-

1 Kings 19:4-8 *on page 331 in the Old Testament*

John 6:35, 41-51 *on page 92 in the New Testament*

Ephesians 4:6-5:2 *on page 185 in the New Testament*

Read by Janet Storm, Anna Smith and Fiona Owens

Today's steward is Joan Wilson

Today's Flowers are to celebrate August Weddings and Anniversaries

Peter Hall's funeral will be at Wrexham Methodist Church on Wednesday 15th August at 12:30.

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

Happy Anniversary to:

Elias & Janet on Wednesday

Ted & Marion next Sunday

Godfrey & Audrey next Sunday



Church Diary

Sunday 12th August

11:00 Morning Worship led by Phillip Edwards

Tuesday 14th August

10:00 Coffee Morning by Ruabon Methodist Church at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 15th August

10:00 Mega-Splash —Holiday Bible Club for 6–11year olds — please bring a packed lunch

7:30 Bible Study at Elias & Janet's – Looking at the book of Ruth

Thursday 16th August

10:00 Mega-Splash —Holiday Bible Club for 6–11year olds — please bring a packed lunch

Friday 17th August

10:00 Mega-Splash —Holiday Bible Club for 6–11year olds — please bring a packed lunch

Saturday 18th August

Car Boot Sale in St Collen's Car Park

Sunday 19th August

11:00 All Age Worship led by Deacon Lisa Rathbone

Tuesday 21st August

10:00 Coffee Morning by Friends of the Orthopaedic Hospital at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 22nd August

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

11:00 Church Gardening all helpers welcome

Dinner at Gill & John's

Gill & John's £10 challenge

We intend to hold two 'Lunch Days' at our home – Cefn Uchaf, Nantyr on Saturday 18th and Wednesday 22nd August at 12:30.

There will be two courses with coffee/tea, costing 7:50 per person.

Friends welcome

We can seat 10 each time.

Please give your names with choice of day to Gill/John as soon as you can!

Holiday Bible Club — “Mega Splash”

To all volunteers the dates 15th, 16th & 17th August and plans are coming together — the same club “Mega Splash”, which is based on the book of Jonah, as run in Wrexham very successfully. Make sure that Amanda has your name if you are able to help in any way.

The following items for craft will be needed:-

- Plastic Milk Bottles
- Kitchen Roll Middles
- Boxes of all sizes
- Paper Plates
- Tissue paper
- Craft materials

Please bring to church, or leave at the Memorial Hall.

Let's pray for the Bible Club as the plans are made and the children come along.

Amanda's Recipe Book

For our £10 challenge, we would like to make a Recipe Book of the Church's favourite "sweet" recipes. Therefore, if you have a favourite cake, dessert or preserve recipe that you would be willing to have included in the Recipe Book, we would be grateful if you could give it to us during the next few weeks.

Thank You.

Peter & Amanda

The editor's jottings!

Thanks to everyone for supporting and helping at our coffee morning, £188.50 was raised, well done everyone.

Hospitality during Eisteddfod week raised £752.02

Our best wishes to the Gardening Club for their show on Saturday

Norman



On 4 August 1918 King George V called a National Day of Prayer. One hundred days later the war ended.

Remembrance 100 launches on 4 August 2018 with 100 Days of Peace and Hope – prayers, Bible readings, reflections and peace-making activities. Resources available online at <https://www.remembrance100.co.uk/100-days/>

Jesus said: 'I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.'

John 16:33 (ESV)

Llangollen Methodist Church Social Events Calendar 2018

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 (not in June, July or August)

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

A prayer from Remembrance 100

Almighty God, you sent into the world your
Son, the Prince of Peace, to save us from the
power of sin and evil. May we know his
presence even in the midst of suffering; may
violence cease, and may his justice and peace
prevail. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen

Readings

John 6:35, 41-51 "Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.'" (v. 35a)

Psalms 34

Background

Sometimes it seems like much of life is about feeding different kinds of hunger. Hunger for security keeps us in jobs we might be less than thrilled with. Hunger for youth keeps us buying new face potions and firming creams. Hunger for new life keeps our malls open and online shopping busy. And in all this, we in the west consume far more than we need: we keep buying and getting when our closets are already full. We end up throwing away food.

Jesus offers an end to this insatiable hunger, this cycle of anxious consumption: "... Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (v. 35).

The statement "I am the bread of life" is one of the seven mysterious and evocative 'I AM' statements in John's Gospel, in which Jesus builds a picture of how he relates to God the creator, and also how he expects to relate to people on earth. Others of these 'I am' statements include "I am the gate" (John 10:7) and "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11, 14).

The 'I AM' reminded the Gospel's first audience of the voice that spoke to Moses from the burning bush: "God said to Moses, 'I AM who I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM" has sent me to you.'" (Exodus 3:14) Jesus makes this link specific, speaking of the manna the Israelites were fed with when starving in the wilderness with Moses (verses 49-51, referring to Exodus 16). They had escaped slavery under Pharaoh in Egypt, but were starving: God fed them with manna that fell from heaven every night, but disappeared after the first day. Jesus contrasts this constant need for more with a permanent gift of fullness in the bread he offers.

But the people listening to Jesus' teaching misunderstood entirely. Jesus continued to explain, but did not dumb down or make his message less mysterious. Those who heard and understood, heard and understood. Many also in the verses to come would stop following Jesus because this teaching was too difficult (John 6:60, 66-69).

To Ponder

What do you hunger for?

Many of our consumer goods are made in factories with low pay and poor conditions. Do you think we would consume less if we could see the conditions of production up close? Why or why not?

How do you feel about the notion of eating Jesus' flesh and drinking his blood in Holy Communion?

Bible notes author: The Revd Dr Jennifer Smith

Some of the religious programmes on TV & Radio this week

BBC1 13:45 Sunday 19th August — Songs of Praise

Great Yorkshire Show

The Rev Kate Bottley visits the Great Yorkshire Show, where the chaplain to the Yorkshire Agricultural Society tells her about the show's 160-year history and how the church has always played a central role. Kate finds out more about the challenges facing the agricultural community and meets Kate Dale, the Christian farmer who is reaching out to offer support.

JB Gill visits Thirsk to discover the story of the real-life Yorkshire vet behind the ever-popular books of James Herriot. Herriot was the pen name of Alf Wight, and JB meets his son Jim at the museum that was once his father's veterinary practice and their family home. They walk up to Sutton Bank to enjoy what Alf described as 'the finest view in England' and talk about Alf's Christian values and the enduring success of All Creatures Great and Small in print and on screen.

Radio Wales — 7:30 Sunday 19th August — Celebration — A service from Old Colwyn Methodist Church led by the Rev'd Judith Holliman.

9:00 Sunday — All Things Considered

Radio 2 — 6:00–9:00 Sunday 19th August – Good Morning Sunday with Angie Greaves and Jill Halfpenny

Radio 4(FM) — 5:43am weekdays — Prayer for the Day – A spiritual comment and prayer to begin the day with the Revd Dr Kirsty Thorpe, United Reformed Minister.

8:10 Sunday 19th August — Sunday Worship *Marking the Edinburgh Festival from Greenbank Parish Church, Edinburgh.*

Led by The Rev Dr Martin Ritchie.

Radio 4 (LW) — 9:44 Weekdays — Daily Service

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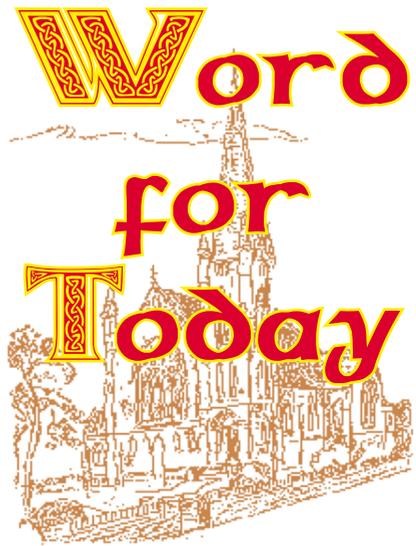
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God Is Directing Your Steps

'The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD.'

Psalm 37:23 NKJV

ELIJAH'S DESTINY was to stand on Mount Carmel, call down fire from heaven, and deliver Israel from idolatry. But he could only get there one step at a time. That's how God works. First God sent him to a brook at Cherith {which means 'covenant'}. At some point in your spiritual journey you must discover that God is a covenant-making, covenant-keeping God. He miraculously dried up the Jordan River, made an axe-head float, and caused fish to swim into an empty net - proving that when He makes a promise He keeps it. When God sent Elijah to Cherith, He told him, 'I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there' (1 Kings 17:4 KJV). Had Elijah gone elsewhere, God wouldn't have met his needs. Why? Because a covenant is two-sided; when you do your part God does His. Next God sent Elijah to Zarephath, saying, 'I have commanded a widow ...to sustain thee' (v. 9 KJV). Think about it: God used a flesh-eating bird and a penniless widow to feed Elijah, so stop



trying to second-guess Him! The Bible says, 'The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD.' So here's the question: if you truly believe that Scripture, why are you complaining, worrying, and trying to figure everything out instead of trusting Him? 'Zarephath' means 'a crucible', a place where metal is refined. If you're going through a fiery trial today, rejoice - God is separating the gold from the impurities in your character. When you've passed the test at Cherith and Zarephath, you'll be ready for the blessing of Mount Carmel!

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