



Llangollen Methodist Church

Worshipping by the River Dee

16th September 2018

Number – 983

Riverside Weekly

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for our Harvest Festival today

11:00 Harvest Festival and All age Communion led by Rev Richard Parkes

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

Music provided by Ted Blackman & Peter Brookfield.

You were greeted at the door by Elisabeth Pybus

Books were given out by Margaret Davies

Refreshments by Gill & John Newbrook

Reading by Grace Parry:-

Mark 4:26-32 Page 36 in the New Testament

Today's steward is Joan Wilson

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

We thank the ladies of the church for the wonderful decoration for our harvest & Heulwen for her donation towards flowers.

Flowers in the porch provided by Jeanette to celebrate Her & Phil's Silver Wedding.

Happy Birthday to:

Tommie on Saturday

Happy Anniversary to:

Gail & Max

Phil & Jeanette

Wendy & Andy



Church Diary

Monday 17th September

2:00 Home Group at 5 Gerddi y Bache

6:00 Harvest Supper & Entertainments at the Memorial Hall

Tuesday 18th September

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

Wednesday 19th September

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

11:00 Church Gardening all helpers welcome

Thursday 20th September

3:00 After-school Drop-In at the Memorial Hall

Saturday 22nd September

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

Sunday 23rd September

11:00 Morning Worship led by Collen Ndoro

Tuesday 25th September

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

Wednesday 26th September

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 Paul & Anna's – the book of Hebrews 1:5 to 2:9

Thursday 27th September

3:00 After-school Drop-In at the Memorial Hall

Sunday 30th September

11:00 Morning Worship led by David Young

Change to Plan

Maureen Jones will now be coming to lead our worship on Sunday 7th October

Harvest Festival 16th September 11:00

Harvest Gifts

Once again we are asking for donations of dry foodstuffs to be given to the Wrexham Food Bank for distribution in the region. Their stocks of pasta, UHT milk and tins of rice pudding are particularly low at the moment, but anything would be very welcome! Thank you.

Harvest Supper

The harvest supper this year is on Monday 17th September at 6pm and will include hot pot, bread and butter, a dessert and a cup of tea to follow. The cost will be £7.

If there are any volunteers willing to provide some entertainment please let me know ASAP so that I can put a programme together.

Many thanks
Sheila

Reminder

Will all those who took up the £10 challenge please remember to let us have your proceeds in by or on Harvest Sunday or as soon as possible afterwards.

Many thanks
Sheila

Worship Consultation Meeting

“The next Worship Consultation Meeting will be held at church after worship (around 12.30pm) on Sunday 23rd September. The meeting is open, and everyone is invited to attend. This is an important meeting to review our worship during the current quarter and plan our worship for the next quarter (December to February). We also be considering our monthly evening Praise & Worship Service. If you wish to contribute but are unable to attend, please contact me. Many thanks. Peter.”

Church Garden

Now that the season is changing once more, we wonder if any individual, couple or group would enjoy sponsoring or planting up and tending one of the tubs in the church garden.

If this appeals to you please see Elizabeth or Elisabeth as soon as possible

Action 4 Children Boxes

Would everyone with an Action 4 Children collecting box please let Catherine have it by the end of September for emptying and counting.

From Remembrance 100

Persevering Prayer

Rise up, O judge of the earth;

repay to the proud what they deserve!

O Lord... how long shall the wicked exult?

Psalm 94:2-4 (ESV)

A prayer

Heavenly Father, as we pray for revival in our nation we cry out to you, 'O Lord! How long?' Pour out your love on our land, and help us to persevere in prayer, we pray in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen

An action

Giving activates spiritual breakthroughs.

Be very open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. He will lead you to sow your time, talent and treasure..

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 Film — Edie at the New Dot Cinema

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

Social and Fundraising Group

Friday 16th November; Fish and Chip Supper (with Apple Pie dessert) in the Memorial Hall at 6pm, followed by walking round together to the Town Hall to see the Dot Cinema’s showing of “Edie” at 7.30pm. This is an inspiring story of determination when 83year old Edie (played by Sheila Hancock) embarks on an adventurous climb of Mount Suilven in Scotland. Total cost to be confirmed – Yvonne and David will be collecting names and money in advance.

Readings

Mark 8:27-38 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' (v. 27)

Psalm 116

Background

This passage is sometimes described as being like a bridge or a turning point in the story of Jesus as recorded by Mark. Up to this point in the gospel story Jesus has been very active, journeying from village to village, teaching and healing people. The powerful activity of Jesus has been offered generously to all he has met and included all kinds of people normally excluded by others. Jesus, and the disciples, know that to include non-Jewish people will draw attention to him, and them, from the religious leaders. The disciples, however, do not seem at first to have much insight of what they have become involved in. It is intriguing that Jesus seems interested in public opinion – the question is not addressed initially to the disciples about their understanding of Jesus' activity, "Who do you say that I am?", but rather the first question is, "Who do people say that I am?" This then seems to be a sifting of public opinion by Jesus through the seeking of some feedback from the disciples. Jesus is curious and seeks information from the disciples about what is being said about him by others. The disciples give a variety of answers with a common thread – Elijah, John the Baptist, or one of the prophets. No one tells Jesus that the people think he is an upstart carpenter or a revolutionary – he is clearly a man of God with a powerful and prophetic message and an ability to transform lives.

When the question of identity is asked directly of the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?", Peter receives a revelation and displays an insight he has only just been given – "You are the Christ". Peter goes on to express his objection to Jesus' declaration that he must suffer. He objects, not so much because he doesn't understand, but because he sees the contradiction of a Messiah, a Saviour, of God, suffering. It does not make sense to Peter – but it is God's chosen way. To follow Jesus, the disciples learn, is to faithfully walk this same chosen way.

To Ponder

Does it matter what others think about Jesus? Why?

What are the consequences of being a person of faith?

Some of the religious programmes on TV & Radio this week

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

Rhyl Air Show

As the RAF marks its centenary, Aled Jones is at the Rhyl Air Show in north Wales to hear the extraordinary stories of two Second World War pilots, Welsh local hero David Lord, who was awarded a posthumous Victoria Cross, and 97-year-old Ernie Holmes, a Lancaster bomber pilot who miraculously survived being shot down over occupied territory.

Josie d'Arby visits Winchester Cathedral 100 years after a simple gravestone inscription inspired the creation of the worldwide movement Alcoholics Anonymous.

And the programme meets Christian Joey G, who is using rap music to bring the message of Jesus to the young people of north Wales. There is also a special performance by Blake and The Military Wives Choir, as well as hymns and songs from north Wales and across the UK.

Radio Wales — 7:30 Sunday 23rd September — Celebration — A service from Llanyrafon Methodist Church in Cwmbran led by the Rev'd Sue Lawler

9:00 Sunday — All Things Considered

Radio 2 — 6:00–9:00 Sunday 23rd September – Good Morning Sunday with Rev Kate Bottley and Jason Mohammed

Radio 4(FM) — 5:43am weekdays — Prayer for the Day – A spiritual comment and prayer to begin the day with Dr Ed Kessler, Director of the Woolf Institute.

8:10 Sunday 23rd September — Sunday Worship *The Nature of Discipleship — The Rev. Dr. Peter Stevenson reflects on the experience of following Jesus 'on the way' by drawing attention to the hopeful message which the church is called to communicate.*

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

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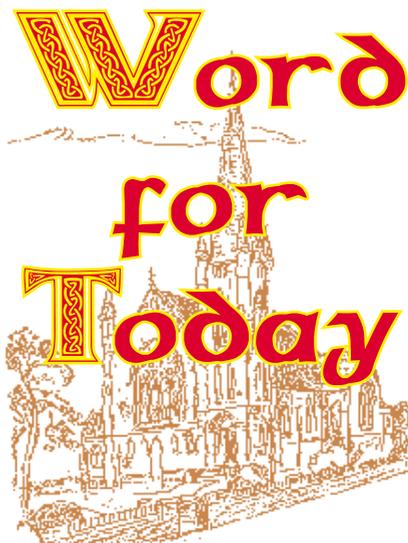
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DON'T RUSH TO JUDGMENT

*'Do not make...premature
Judgments.'*

1 Corinthians 4:5 AMPC

PREJUDICE — is pre-judging. It makes you see those who don't endorse what you believe as enemies. You attribute commendable qualities to the circle you move in, and negative ones to those outside it. That's not what Jesus did. He befriended and fellowshipped with sinners and societal outcasts — without compromising who He was or endorsing their lifestyle. The Bible cautions against 'hasty...premature judgments', and reminds us that 'the Lord... will...bring to light... things that are [... hidden]...aims, (motives and purposes) of hearts' (v. 5 AMPC). He's the only one qualified to 'discern the thoughts and intents of the heart' (Hebrews 4:12 ASV). So if you're inclined to jump 'to conclusions...before all the evidence is in' (1 Corinthians 4:5 MSG), here's some food for thought: 1) Face your prejudice. List all the people you don't count as friends, people you actually go out of your way not to have a relationship with, and start loving them 'by... actions and true caring' (1 John 3:18



NCV). 2) Drop the mask. Look inside your heart and ask yourself what it is about the other person that bothers you. Are there similarities between you? Are they expressing something you're hiding from? 3) Get to know the other person. Paul said, 'I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some' (1 Corinthians 9:22 NLT). Whether or not you decide to continue the relationship, you'll discover the power of your mind to obstruct, delude, and turn something into what it's not. Plus you'll have a better chance of winning others to Christ, because 'love never fails' (1 Corinthians 13:8 NKJV).

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