



Llangollen Methodist Church

Worshipping by the River Dee

7th October 2018

Number – 986

Riverside Weekly

*A warm welcome to everyone joining us for our
worship today*

11:00 Morning Worship led by Maureen Jones

6:00 Praise & Worship at the Memorial Hall

Music provided by Ted Blackman and Peter Brookfield.

You were greeted at the door by John Newbrook

Books were given out by Jeanette Robinson

Refreshments by Tommie & Petro Du Preez

Readings by Gill and Markus:–

Mark 10:2–16, page 43 in the New Testament

Hebrews 2:5–12, page 208 in the New Testament

Today's steward is Jeanette Robinson

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



Happy Birthday to:

Marion today

Alexis today



Church Diary

Sunday 7th October

11:00 Morning Worship led by Maureen Jones
6:00 Praise & Worship at the Memorial Hall

Tuesday 9th October

10:00 Coffee Morning by Seion Ladies Fellowship at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 10th October

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 2:10 to 4:13

Thursday 11th October

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

Friday 12th October

12:30 “Open the Book” at Ysgol Bryn Collen

Sunday 14th October

11:00 Bible Club at the Memorial Hall
11:00 Morning Worship led by Martin Woodhall

Monday 15th October

2:00 Home Group at 5 Gerddi y Bache
6:00 Games and Activity Evening at the Memorial Hall

Tuesday 16th October

10:00 Coffee Morning by Cytûn at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 17th October

10:00 Prayer Group meet in the vestry — you are very welcome to join us
11:00 Church Gardening all helpers welcome

Thursday 18th October

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

Friday 19th October

“Guess who's coming to dinner”

Sunday 21st October

11:00 All Age Communion led by Rev Phil Poole

Teams4U

Dave Cooke(from Wrexham) is an inspirational man – and his talk to us on Monday evening had us all spellbound. Perhaps some of us went along expecting to hear heart- warming stories about how well the Christmas Shoebox Appeal goes down in Eastern Europe – and yes that does still happen through his organisation, and yes, our Church will be supporting it again this year. However, some of us were shocked out of our comfort zones as he regaled us with stories of the other projects he’s involved in. Do you recall that awful school hostage situation in a school in Beslan in Russia in 2004? Well Dave Cooke was asked to take a team of people in to help begin the healing process after that, and seeing the difference this team made to the lives of children and their community led him to set up Teams4U in 2006. Now they operate in many places around the world.

One of the projects is based in Uganda, following the return of abducted child “soldiers”. Those children are traumatised by the atrocities they were forced to commit, often on their own families. Now T4U are making a massive difference to the lives of Ugandan children through their water, sanitation and hygiene work. By improving toilet and hand washing facilities many more children are staying healthy and in school. And through their “Develop with Dignity” programme there has been a huge decrease in school absenteeism of young girls by providing them with sanitary products and underwear. Teams of volunteers go out each year to progress this work, and need financial backing to do so. There are leaflets at the back of the Church about how we can support this valuable work. We can all take the opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child.

More information can be found on www.teams4u.com

Yvonne Davies.

Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported the coffee morning on Tuesday. We raised £129.50.

Job Vacancies

1) Do you enjoy spending time with children?

Would you like the opportunity to take a turn learning with, and from them on a Sunday morning in church.

We are looking to expand our rota as both of our circumstances are changing at the moment.

So if you feel you could share this encouraging part of God's work, please have a word with either of us.

All the resources needed each week are available to use, just add your own enthusiasm and love.

Amanda & Elisabeth

2) There is an amazing opportunity to share God's truth with a whole generation of children in Llangollen, most of whom will never come to church.

"Open the Book" needs to add more members to the team, so if you feel as excited as we do about the bible, do come and find out more. No previous acting experience is needed, just some time on a Friday every fortnight, and a little nudge from God.

Have a chat with Janet or Elisabeth if you feel this might be you

"Book of the Month" club

A book reading group reading the Bible

Led by Richard Parkes the group will read a book from the bible each month and then meet to learn more about and discuss the book. (Each month's session will be repeated four times)

Monday 29th October 7:30 at Llangollen

Tuesday 30th October 2:00 at Gresford and 7:30 at Wrexham

Friday 2nd November at Caergwrle.

More Information from Richard 01978 852742

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Fish and Chip Supper followed by a film

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 83 year 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.

Some of the religious programmes on TV & Radio this week

BBC1 15:00 Sunday 7th October — Songs of Praise

Goodwood Revival

The Rev Kate Bottley meets Christian car fans at the Goodwood Revival classic car races. Chaplains Antony Feltham-White and Keith Morrison explain why they bless the race track, and the owners - the Duke and Duchess of Richmond - describe how they welcome a Christian presence at the event. Opera and Christian singer Jonathan Veira performs and tells a story of a friendship forged through a love of classic cars. Kate meets Rev Adam Gompertz, car designer and artist, who has brought his love of God and cars together in his role as a clergyman. Current Blue Peter presenter Radzi Chinyanganya celebrates 60 years of the children's TV show with former presenters and Christians Tina Heath and Simon Thomas.

Radio Wales — 7:30 Sunday 14th October — Celebration an act of worship broadcast from Christian communities all over Wales.

9:00 Sunday — All Things Considered

Radio 2 — 6:00–9:00 Sunday 14th October – 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 Richard Reddie from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

8:10 Sunday 14th October — Sunday Worship *To Be Made a Saint A Mass to celebrate the canonisation of Oscar Romero, former Archbishop of San Salvador at Leeds Cathedral.*

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

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?

The Social and Fundraising Team invite you and your friends to participate in a fun social event on FRIDAY OCTOBER 19th which will hopefully also generate some Church funds .

We are looking for people to volunteer to host a meal – either at lunch time or in the evening. Hosts decide how many guests they would like to cater for (2 or 4 or more?)

Hosts do not purchase a meal ticket – their contribution is the food. Guests are invited to “bring a bottle” to the meal if they wish.

Guests book in by purchasing a meal ticket at a cost of £20 – see below. We will then match you with a host. Hosts will not know who their guests will be until you knock on the door and you will not know who your fellow guests will be! Surprise! Surprise!

Please return the form below with ticket money if necessary to Yvonne & David Davies (tel;860557) by Tuesday 16th October.. You will then be contacted with final details.

I/We would like to take part in the LMC “Guess Who's Coming to Dinner” event

Name(s)

Tel.number:

Please tick ;

I/We would

a) like to be hosts for

a lunch time meal _____

an evening meal _____

for _____guests (as well as ourselves!)

OR

b) like to be mystery guests at

a lunch time meal _____

an evening meal _____

c) we would need transport _____

Special dietary requirements/restrictions;

Amount enclosed £ _____

Readings

Mark 10:2-16 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. (v. 15)

Psalm 8

Background

Jesus was a Rabbi, a teacher of the Torah. This may seem simple enough to state, but it has implications. For a start it means he is teaching from the perspective that the law is a given but needs interpreting. That was the job of Rabbis. You will notice how often Jesus says, "You have heard it said, but I say to you..." This typical Rabbinical phrase is not about undermining a law, but effectively saying, "your previous understanding is insufficient". Jesus was a Rabbi and he had much to say about some of the contemporary interpretations of the Mosaic Law. One of his repeated ways of interpreting the law is to emphasise how much more profound it is than one might imagine. We can recall in Matthew 5 his teaching on murder (v. 21), adultery (v. 27), divorce (v. 31), vows (v. 33), revenge (v. 38) and loving your neighbour (v. 43). A repeated point is made. The law is not only about the outwards signs or behaviours, but about the inner person, their intention and character.

In Mark, Jesus is underlining the teaching about divorce in a similar way. He seems to be making it harder and more rigid. His concern, however, is not to add a more severe level of rules and behaviours. His concern is about the character of the person, their very being. The Kingdom of God is not for those who simply obey the rules. Entry into the Kingdom is not to be made easier by modifying the rules and making them a little bit easier; nor is it made harder by a more severe interpretation. You don't get into the Kingdom that way at all. In fact, you only get into the Kingdom if you are a wholly new creation. Read again John 3:1-21. In the story from Mark's Gospel, children are taken as an example not because of their innocence, but because our discipleship begins when we are born again. It is only when we are born of the spirit that we can behave as new creatures, bearing the fruits of the Spirit, "for which there is no law" (Galatians 5:23). In this new dispensation the way we are treated is about God's Grace, our behaviour is not what we do to earn God's love, but what we do because we find we are loved. To be born again, like children, is to be in Christ and thus free from condemnation (Romans 8:1)

To Ponder

The law is not difficult to live by. It is impossible. How does that challenge you, encourage you or disturb you?

What is it about children that might make our entry into the Kingdom easier?

Bible notes author: The Revd Dr Mark Wakelin

A Father's Blessing

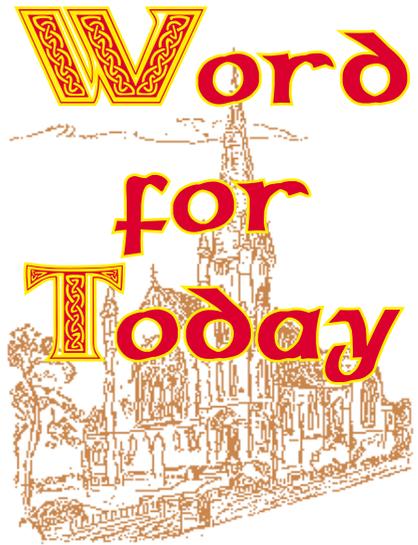
*'May God give you of heaven's
dew and of earth's richness — an
abundance.'*

Genesis 27:28 NIV (1984 Edition)

LET'S LOOK at the two of the ingredients of a father's blessing:

1) The power of prayer. Here's how Isaac, who was a farmer, prayed for his sons: 'May God give you of heaven's dew and of earth's richness — an abundance of grain and new wine.' Dad, have your children ever heard you praying for them to succeed in life? Perhaps they've heard cutting and critical words like: 'How could you be so stupid? Don't you ever think? You'll never amount to anything!' If so, apologise and ask their forgiveness. Then create opportunities for them to hear you talk to God about them by name; to hear you speak blessing over them. What a powerful thing is a father's prayer of blessing over his family!

2) The vision of a glorious future. The Bible says, 'When there's no vision, the people get out of control' (Proverbs 29:18 CEB). School counsellors grieve over



the lack of vision in their students. Many of today's kids see nothing ahead for them but economic gloom, unemployment and hard times. They need somebody to believe in them; to assure them they can succeed and live happy lives; to know their best days are ahead. Isaac didn't wait for his boys to devise their own vision for the future. No, he prayed for their future success, for their rise to prominence, and for respect with their family and society. Dad, your kids need you to motivate them in the right direction.

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