



Llangollen Methodist Church  
Worshipping by the River Dee

14<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Number – 987

# Riverside Weekly

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

11:00 Bible Club at the Memorial Hall

11:00 Morning Worship led by Martin Woodhall

Music provided by Ted Blackman and Peter Brookfield.

You were greeted at the door by Fiona Owens

Books were given out by Elizabeth Roberts

Refreshments by Anna & Paul Smith

Readings by Janet and Paul:-

*Amos 5:6-15, page 878 in the Old Testament*

*Mark 10:17-31, page 43 in the New Testament*

Today's steward is Joan Wilson

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October — Cytûn Coffee Morning, to raise funds for the lovely tea we will be serving at the Town Carol Service.

Offers of help on Tuesday very welcome!

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

**Happy Birthday to:**

Yvonne on Tuesday

**Happy Anniversary to:**

David & Catherine on Friday



*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October*

11:00 Bible Club at the Memorial Hall

11:00 Morning Worship led by Martin Woodhall

*Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October*

2:00 Home Group at 5 Gerddi y Bache

6:00 Games and Activity Evening at the Memorial Hall

*Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October*

**10:00 Coffee Morning by Cytûn at the Memorial Hall**

*Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October*

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

11:00 Church Gardening all helpers welcome

*Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October*

9:00 Messy church Planning Meeting at the Buttered crust

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

*Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October*

**“Guess who’s coming to dinner” see page 6 for form if you haven’t booked yet**

*Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October*

9:00 Llangollen Prayer Breakfast meet at the Buttered Crust, then go to the Hall for prayer — contact Lisa for details.

*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October*

11:00 All Age Communion led by Rev Phil Poole

*Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October*

7:00 Church Council at the Memorial Hall

*Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October*

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

*Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 4:14 to 6:16

*Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October*

15:00 to 17:00 Messy Church

*Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October*

11:00 Morning Worship led by Carl Squire

*Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October*

2:00 Home Group at 5 Gerddi y Bache

*Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October*

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

# *Celebrating 150 years of a Christmas Tree Festival in Llangollen*

Have you started planning yet your entry for this years' important Christmas Tree Festival held at Llangollen Methodist Church? This is a popular event, taking place in December, where visitors vote for their favourite trees.

As usual we have two categories, this year being Traditional or A White Christmas. As you can imagine it is a closely fought competition with much fun to be had in participation.

You will need to supply and decorate a small tree, no taller than 5 feet (1.5 metres) using an appropriate Christmas theme. You might like to link the decoration to your business or organisation, or just be creative. Any lights used must be battery operated. Hard bases are provided for you to cover with a cloth or paper as you wish. It is an opportunity for you to promote your business with small business cards or promotional materials being allowed around the base of your tree.

Setting up of the trees will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December between 12noon and 4pm with dismantling on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January between 12noon and 4pm.

To register your intention to enter please contact Janet and Elias Storm on 01978 253177 or email us at [eliasandjanet@gmail.com](mailto:eliasandjanet@gmail.com) before Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## *£10 Challenge.*

Thank you to all those who took part in, and helped to raise, the brilliant sum of £687.04 to date. There is still some outstanding money to come.

Many thanks — Sheila

## *The editor's jottings!*

Now we are in all the busyness and activity of Autumn, lets all consider what we can do to help and join in some of the church activities — plenty of ideas this week!

*Norman*



## *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, around the circuit, 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, in different places, so everyone can attend when and where it is convenient)**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 7:30 at Llangollen**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2:00 at Gresford and 7:30 at Wrexham**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Caergwrle.**

More Information from Richard 01978 852742

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## Some of the religious programmes on TV & Radio this week

### BBC1 14:00 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October — Songs of Praise

Rev Kate Bottley is in Birmingham to hear how Christianity is at work in this modern, multicultural city. She visits Winson Green to meet the Christian couple who have dedicated their lives to working in urban areas. They have some unusual ways of connecting with people, including walking their alpacas to the local school and back.

Josie d'Arby catches up with Julian Lloyd Webber, principal of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, and hears from students aiming to become the next generation of cathedral organists. There is also a special performance from past student, singer-songwriter Laura Mvula.

For Black History Month the programme finds out about the faith and food that the Caribbean community has brought to the city, and there are hymns from St Germain's church in Birmingham.

**Radio Wales — 7:30 Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October — Celebration** — A service from Trinity Methodist Church in Rogerstone, Newport led by the Rev'd Gordon Gresswell.

9:00 Sunday — All Things Considered

**Radio 2 — 6:00–9:00 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Mark Dowd, freelance writer and broadcaster

8:10 Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October — **Sunday Worship** *Postcards from the land of grief — A reflective journey from loss to hope with the Rev Richard Littledale.*

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

## ***Rhosddu Autumn Fair***

There will be an autumn fair at the Rhosddu chapel on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm. Various stalls including cakes, preserves, books, bric-a-brac, knitted items and a grand raffle for a hamper and other prizes. Tickets £1 to include refreshments.

**Help me not to worry about the future but to live each day.**

**You know what is ahead of me.**

**That's all I need to know. Amen**

© Hilary Jefferies, worship leader, Stockland Green Methodist Church, Birmingham

## *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 10:17-31 You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me. (v. 21)*

*Psalm 90:12-17*

## Background

When we were children, some of us learned to sing a hymn that began “Gentle Jesus, meek and mild, look upon a little child.” Well, the Jesus we read of in this passage from Mark’s Gospel is certainly not meek and mild here! He has just shown the gentler side of him in accepting the children as we read in verses 13-16 and then this man comes and greets him. He asks a simple question: “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?” At first the answer seems very straightforward, for the man knows well the commandments given to the people through Moses and feels that he has been following them faithfully, but then ... Jesus looks at the man, with love it would seem in his eyes, and gives him the crunch instruction – not an easy instruction – to put away his wealth, for it seems he was a wealthy man, and give away all that he had to help those less fortunate than he was. Then he could build up his treasure in heaven.

Two simple words follow from Jesus: “Follow me”. Sadly, the man was not having any of that and went away grieving, but the encounter stood as a lesson to the disciples gathered around who had certainly made sacrifices of home and employment to follow him. They were clearly disturbed by what Jesus had told the man and Peter begins to argue with him, reminding Jesus that they had already done as he had demanded of them. We can perhaps hear the anger in his voice and his sense of unease that they were being criticised. Jesus, however, turns back to him and the others, giving value to what they had done on his behalf but suggests they have been storing up “brownie points” for themselves, and gives them a reminder that it might be that the one who gives up most won’t be the highest ranking when it comes to eternal life.

## To Ponder

What message does this encounter with the rich man have for us in the wealthy western world today?

How does this encounter challenge you to look more closely at how you use your time, your talents and your wealth?

Do we sometimes work hard at being evangelists in the church and in the world, hoping that it will gain us “brownie points” despite the words in verse 31?

*Bible notes author: The Revd Pat Billsborrow*

## *Understanding Your Heavenly Father*

*'They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father.'*

*John 8:27 NKJV*

THE PEOPLE in Jesus' day found it hard to grasp the concept of God as a Father. Lord, king, judge, they understood — but not Father. The Old Testament rarely speaks of God as Father, whereas the New Testament mentions it often. Until Jesus came and revealed the Father, He remained a mystery. 'No one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him' (Matthew 11:27 NIV 2011 Edition). And many of us still don't comprehend His fatherhood and the rich blessings we have in Him. 'Father', God's all-inclusive name, incorporates everything we could ever need, while disclosing how He feels towards each one of us. It exemplifies every trait of the best father imaginable. Think what a loving, all-powerful father would do for a needy child. Your heavenly Father will do all that for you — and then some! When you recognise God as your Father, your fears dissolve and you start to believe that



all your needs will truly be met. Jesus said, 'Don't be afraid...it gives your Father great happiness to give you the [benefits of His] Kingdom' (Luke 12:32 NLT). It makes God happy to offer you the resources of His kingdom! Why? Because He loves you as much as He loves His Son Jesus! Jesus prayed you'd know with confidence that your Father 'loved [you] in the same way [He has] loved me' (John 17:23 MSG). As His redeemed child, you have all the benefits that come with membership in the household of God' (Ephesians 2:19 KJV).

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