



4th November 2018

Number – 990

Riverside Weekly

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for our worship today

11:00 Morning Worship led by the Discussion Group

6:00 Praise & worship at the Memorial Hall

Music provided by Ted Blackman.

You were greeted at the door by John Newbrook

Books were given out by Sue Smith

Refreshments by Sue Smith

Today's steward is Jeanette Robinson

*Flowers provide by Alan Williams
Memories of Andrea*

Praise & Worship

This month we are lacking the usual musicians.

If you would like to bring CD's with songs you would like to sing, we will all join in.

We will consider the lectionary reading for today –

Mark chapter 12 verses 28 to 34.

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



Church Diary

Sunday 4th November

11:00 Morning Worship led by the Discussion Group
6:00 Praise & worship at the Memorial Hall

Monday 5th November

2:00 Dementia Friends by Lynda Hall at the Memorial Hall

A training/information session for anyone who is interested in making our church more welcoming and accessible for those suffering from dementia. Of particular interest to pastoral visitors, stewards, worship leaders and carers.

Tuesday 6th November

10:00 Coffee Morning by the St Collen's Ladies Fellowship at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 7th November

10:00 Prayer Group meet in the vestry — you are very welcome to join us
11:00 Church Gardening all helpers welcome
4:00 Cytûn Meeting at the Upper Room
7:30 Bible Study at Paul & Anna's – the book of Hebrews 6:13 to 8:13

Thursday 8th November

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

Sunday 11th November

10:30 Parade and Remembrance service at the War Memorial
11:30 Communion Service led by Rev Phil Poole

Monday 12th November

2:00 Home Group at 5 Gerddi y Bache
6:00 Games & activity evening at the Memorial Hall

Tuesday 13th November

10:00 Coffee Morning by FLIME at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 14th November

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

Thursday 15th November

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

Celebrating 150 years of a Christmas Tree Festival in Llangollen

Have you started planning yet your entry for this year's 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 6th December between 12noon and 4pm with dismantling on Thursday 3rd 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 before Saturday 1st December.

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.

The cost will be £12 per head – Yvonne and David will be collecting names and money in advance.

Shoe Boxes

Some of you have been asking what we are collecting to go in the Shoe Boxes, so here's a selection of ideas;

toothbrush & toothpaste, hair accessories, flannel and soap, stationery, gloves, hats, scarves, new socks and underwear, soft toys, games, small ball, sweets.

We are also collecting items for a Family or Home Box – candles, cooking utensils, plastic containers, teatowels, pegs, headscarves, hairbrush etc. etc.

You might like to donate some money towards the cost of distributing the boxes — the recommended donation per box is £2.50.

Please mark an envelope clearly that the contents are intended for this purpose. We are meeting together – anyone is welcome – on Monday November 12th from 2pm in the Church to cover and fill boxes. Do come along to help – even if only to make the tea!

All completed Shoe Boxes should be brought to Church on or before Sunday November 18th at the latest for delivery to the warehouse in Wrexham.

Thank you for your support.

Defibrillator

A new defibrillator machine will be installed on the wall of Riverside Banc (the old HSBC in Bridge St.) and free demonstrations on how to use it are available to anyone interested between 10 am and 2pm on Tuesday November 6th in the Cafe of this new activity centre.

“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 months session will be repeated four times, in different places, so everyone can attend when and where it is convenient)**

Review Genesis —prepare Exodus

Monday 19th November 7:30 at Llangollen

Tuesday 20th November 2:00 at Gresford and 7:30 at Wrexham

Friday 23rd November 2:00 at Caergwrle.

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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

Social and Fundraising 2019.

We are starting to plan activities for next year. If you have any ideas for social or fundraising events please let one of us know and then we'll have a meeting to collate ideas and publish a calendar of events.

Many thanks

Yvonne and Sheila

Messy Church Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported our coffee morning last Tuesday.

Almost £130 was raised to support the on-going work of the exciting group.

Some of the religious programmes on TV & Radio this week

BBC1 13:45 Sunday 5th November — Songs of Praise

Wilfred Owen Special

Songs of Praise remembers Wilfred Owen, one of the greatest war poets in the English language. He was killed in action a hundred years ago on 4 November 1918, during what became one of the very last battles of World War I. Aled Jones and Frank Field MP discuss how Wilfred Owen captured both the horrors and, as he saw it, the futility of war.

Radio Wales — 7:30 Sunday 11th November — Celebration — A service to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War, presented by the Rev'd Jonathan Woodhouse, a Baptist minister and former Chaplain General of the British Army

9:00 Sunday — All Things Considered

Radio 2 — 6:00–9:00 Sunday 11th November – 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 Shaunaka Rishi Das, the Director of The Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies

8:10 Sunday 11th November — Sunday Worship *For the Fallen*

To mark the centenary of the Armistice which brought fighting to an end on the Western Front in World War One, Sunday Worship comes from the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. The Hospital is the home of the Chelsea Pensioners - veterans of the British Army who served in Korea, the Falkland Islands, Cyprus, Northern Ireland and World War Two - many of whom take part in the service, along side the staff who care for them.

Radio 4 (LW) — 9:44 Weekdays — Daily Service In times of trouble:

A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music, led by the Rev Sharon Grenham-Thompson

BBC1 20:30 Saturday 10th November — Huw Edwards presents the Royal British Legion's annual Festival of Remembrance from the Royal Albert Hall in London. In the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and members of the royal family, Sir Tom Jones, Sheridan Smith, Sir Bryn Terfel, Tom Fletcher and Danny Jones, Sheku Kanneh-Mason and the Kingdom Choir perform alongside the Central Band of the Royal Air Force and the Band of HM Royal Marines.

Readings

John 11:32-44 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' (v. 32)

Psalm 24

Background

In many of our churches, as we turn the calendar over into November, we shall be remembering those whom we have loved in life and lost, for a while, in death. November is very much the season of remembering with All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Remembrance Sunday falling within it. As Methodist people we do not have a great tradition of engaging with the saints in a formal manner. We do, though, name as saints, those who have inspired us, supported us, loved us in the faith. We recognise that we are the people who we are because of the influence of the people we have met along the way. The author of the epistle to the Hebrews gives us the language of the cloud of witnesses, church tradition speaks of the Communion of Saints, and we are comforted by the knowledge of a continued connectedness with those who have gone before us.

The hymn assigned for today inspires us to thankfulness and hope and gives us words to express them. John Bell inspires us to remember all those saints who have shown the love of God through the way they lived their lives. He challenges us to consider not just the saints who have been formally recognised through the processes of the Church, but the everyday saints who have led us on our way. His hymn is a celebration of the faith of the ordinary people, whose lives reflect the glory and grace of God, who put others before themselves, who put themselves on the line for the sake of the gospel. Our lives are, in Christ, blessed by their having passed by this way.

To Ponder

Do you find the traditional image of the saints helpful in your faith, or are they too remote or too 'special'?

Who in your life do you recognise as a saint because of the way in which they have inspired you or supported you in the faith?

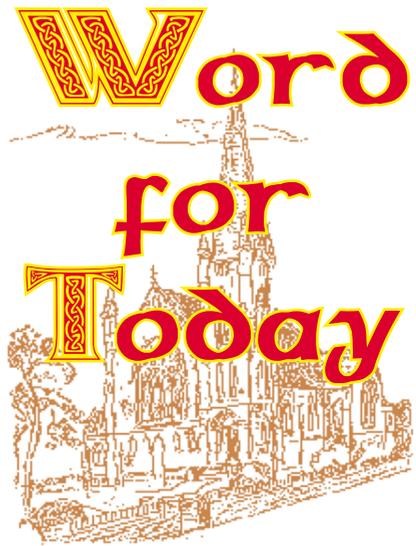
Bible notes author: The Revd Dr Adrian Burdon

Your Good And His Glory

'If you suffer for doing good and... endure...this is commendable before God.'

1 Peter 2:20 NIV (2011 Edition)

MANY OF the people we admire in Scripture were badly treated. And God permitted it to happen. Think about Daniel being thrown to the lions, and Joseph being tossed into prison. They did nothing to deserve it. The Bible says: 'If you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is commendable...To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps' (w. 20-21 NIV 2011 Edition). Notice, you are 'called' to overcome difficulties. There's purpose in your pain. And nothing can touch you without first passing through your loving heavenly Father's hands. He anticipated it all, and everything you're going through right now is preparing you to serve Him more effectively. Paul said, 'At my preliminary hearing no one stood by me. They all ran... But it doesn't matter — the Master stood by me and helped me spread the Message' (2 Timothy 4:16-17 MSG). Paul didn't see it as simply enduring, he saw it as advancing! So be encouraged; you're growing in grace [becoming more gracious]



and in the knowledge of the Lord (see 2 Peter 3:18). You're in the preparation process. 'But I don't understand,' you say. Then listen to Joni Erickson Tada: 'If God's mind was small enough for me to understand, He wouldn't be God. Sometimes I can't stand being in this wheelchair, but there God's grace takes over. Even in my handicap, God has a plan and purpose for my life.' Whether God takes you out of the situation or brings you through it, trust Him. He's working for your good and His glory.

Ask God to help you remember that He is working your good and is glory in all situations.

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