



Llangollen Methodist Church

Worshipping by the River Dee

2nd December 2018

Number – 994

Riverside Weekly

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for our worship today

11:00 Morning Worship led by David Pickstone including
Llangollen's Joy Service

Circuit Service at Overton Methodist Church

4:30 Afternoon Tea followed at 6:30 by 80th anniversary
Service with Sankey hymns

Music provided by Ted Blackman & Peter Brookfield.

You were greeted at the door by John Newbrook

Books were given out by Marion Blackman

Refreshments by David & Catherine Jackson

Readings:

Isaiah 52:7–12 page 699 in the OT — Gill Newbrook

Luke 21:25-36 page 81 in the NT — David Jackson

Today's steward is Jeanette Robinson

**Sunday 9th December our church will be closed and we
will join St Collen's Church as they welcome
their new vicar**

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

Happy Birthday to:

Sue Cheshire — Yesterday

Lottie — Wednesday

Nimrod — Thursday

Bernadette — Friday

Sandra — next Monday

Happy Anniversary to:

Jack & Eileen — next Monday



Church Diary

Sunday 2nd December

11:00 Morning Worship lead by David Pickstone — Toy Sunday

Monday 3rd December

Preparing church for the Christmas tree Festival

7:30 Circuit Meeting at Wrexham Methodist Church

Tuesday 4th December

10:00 Our Christmas Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall

1:00 Advent Bible Course at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 5th December

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

7:30 Bible Study at Paul & Anna's — the book of Hebrews chapter 11

Thursday 6th December

10:30 Setting Up Trees for Christmas Tree Festival

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

Friday 7th December

12:30–1:30 Souper Friday, join us for soup, roll and tea or coffee

Saturday 8th December

10:00–3:00 Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 9th December

11:00 Church Closed — attending service at St Collen's church

12:30–3:30 Christmas Tree Festival

Monday 10th December

Home Group Lunch

6:00 till 8:00 Games & Activity evening at the Memorial Hall

Tuesday 11th December

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

1:00 Advent Bible Course at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 12th December

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

Thursday 13th December

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

Friday 14th December

12:30 'Open the Book' at Ysgol Bryn Collen

Saturday 15th December

10:00–3:00 Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 16th December

11:00 Holy Communion — led by Rev Patrick Rudden

12:30–3:30 Christmas Tree Festival

5:00 Llangollen Carol Service at the Town Hall

Tuesday 18th December

10:00 Coffee Morning by Ysgol Bryn Collen at the Memorial Hall

1:00 Advent Bible Course at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 19th December

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

7:30 Bible Study at Paul & Anna's — the book of Hebrews chapters 12 & 13

Thursday 20th December

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

Saturday 22nd December

3:00–5:00 Christmas Messy Church

Sunday 23rd December

11:00 Family Nativity Service

Help Needed

The Tree Festival Rota will be in church as of this Sunday, please fill in when you will be available to help steward the festival this year.

Lots of volunteers means it won't be a burden for a few people.

All you are required to do is encourage visitors to vote for their favourite tree, and offer refreshments.

Christmas Greetings

If you want to join in the 'Church Greeting Leaflet' and support Nightingale House, please use the forms that are now available.

Help the 'Young Uns'

If you could keep and bring along clean cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls) Janet would be really grateful

Watch the show in February to see how they are used!

There's a box for them at the back of church

Action for Children

A big thank you to everyone who has collected for Action for Children using a collection box in their home. As a church we have raised £259.73 this year.

Do carry on raising much needed funds. If anyone else would like a collecting box, please see Catherine

Llangollen Methodist Church Carvery Lunch

This will be held at the White Waters Country Hotel, Llangollen.

We will meet for a 1:15 lunch on Sunday 13th January 2019.

Cost will be £11.00 including gratuity, desert and coffee are extra.

Non church members and friends are very welcome to join us.

Transport can be provided.

Please give your name to Alan Williams if you intend to come.

Nos o Aeaf/Winter's Tales

(Seasonal words and music) with Cantorion Collen Singers

(conductor Eirwen Jones):

Accompanist Owen Roberts:

Myfanwy Grace (Soprano):

Gabriel (Baritone):

Adam and Claire Tranmer

(Narrators).

Tickets £8 to include a mince pie and a 'Winter's Cup', in aid of the Canal Boat for Disabled People. English Methodist Church, 23rd December, 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

The editor's jottings!

'Church Christmas Fayre' — on Tuesday 4th December, now is the time to start getting baked goods prepared and items for sale and the tombola. *With a little work and support we can make this a very successful event!*

From the New Plan — Sunday 2nd December — Circuit Service following afternoon tea at Overton, celebrating their 80th Anniversary;

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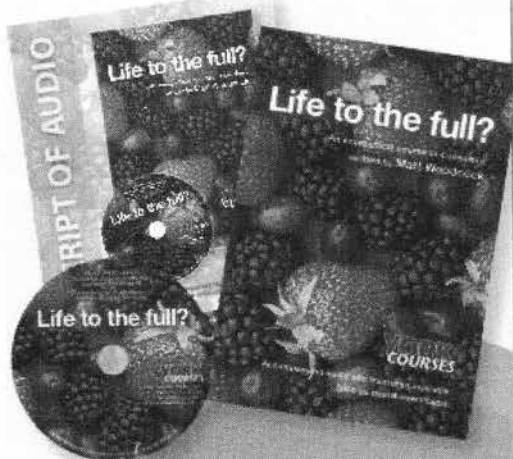
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In the Memorial Hall

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Or just come along to the first session

Readings

Luke 21:25-36 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.' (v 33)

Psalm 80

Background

How do you make sense of a world in turmoil? How do you cope when all your certainties are shaken and everything that you hold dear begins to collapse? These are questions that preoccupied many people – Christian as well as Jewish – during the period when the New Testament was written. One way of responding to them was through apocalyptic literature. The word 'apocalypse' comes from a Greek word meaning 'revelation' or 'disclosure' and examples of apocalyptic writing in the Bible include Daniel 7-12 and Revelation. Apocalyptic uses vivid – and sometimes violent – language to point out signs of God's future intervention within situations that seem harsh and meaningless. In this passage from Luke's gospel, we find Jesus using the language of apocalyptic to point to the way in which the kingdom of God will emerge from the confusion and cruelty of the world. Within the chaos of natural disaster and human tragedy there are signs of God's radical intervention and redemption. The phrase 'Son of Man' has puzzled biblical scholars for many years, but it seems to be a way for Jesus to identify his ministry with the coming victory of God and the establishment of a kingdom of justice and peace.

The world of 21st-century Britain is, of course, very different from that of 1st-century Jerusalem. Yet many of the same questions haunt us and those with whom we share this planet. Brexit means that we live in a period of political and economic uncertainty. Climate change means that the patterns of weather we have been used to can no longer be relied on. Around the world vast numbers of people are living in desperate circumstances because of war, famine and corruption. Advent is a season for facing up to the realities of a world that has drifted away from the intentions of God. Because we are part of the problem, we need to repent. But Advent is also a season of hope as we look for Christ's victory over those forces of sin and evil that seem to have the upper hand. Jesus' advice to us is the same as his advice to those he spoke to two thousand years ago: "Be alert at all times."

To Ponder

What are the present-day realities that you need to take responsibility for?
How might Advent be a time of solidarity with those whose lives seem without hope?

What is the good news that Jesus speaks within our context?

Bible notes author: The Revd Dr Richard Clutterbuck

Llangollen Town Carol Service

Sunday December 16th

Music by:

Llangollen Silver Band and various Choirs



All are welcome in the Llangollen Town Hall.

Afternoon tea served from 5pm

Service starts 6pm

It's An Inside Job

'It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go... the Helper will not come to you.'

John 16:7 NKJV

EVEN AS the disciples' hearts ached about Jesus' departure, He assured them it was to their 'advantage' because it would open a new era of power and authority for them (see John 14:12). Being 'under new management' wasn't the end, but a continuation of Christ's ministry as the Holy Spirit took the baton from the Son's hand and placed it in theirs. The Son would leave, but the Spirit would 'abide with [them] for ever' (John 14:16 KJV). This was their 'advantage'. The Spirit would enter their human bodies and live permanently in them! This is no tentative, vague connection. It's God's Spirit choosing us as His permanent dwelling place. Have you ever considered the 'advantage' this gives you? For example, you might awake tomorrow feeling stressed, weary, and irritated, and these feelings could easily dictate your day. But because the Spirit lives in you, these things don't have to control you. Paul writes, 'Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you?' (1 Corinthians 6:19 NKJV).



Once you accept that promise by faith, you become God's temple. You can be at work, driving the kids to school, walking the dog, waiting for biopsy results, or attending the funeral of your best friend, and as you go about your everyday life God's Spirit is living in you. Can you see now why Jesus told the disciples it was good for Him to leave and send the Holy Spirit? Whatever you do, don't let this life-changing truth slide by you!

Thank God for the gift of the Spirit living inside of you.

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