



Llangollen Methodist Church

Worshipping by the River Dee

17th March 2019

Number – 1008

Riverside Weekly

We welcome you to join with us as we Worship Jesus

11:00 All Age Worship – Martin Woodhall

Readings:

Luke 13 verses 31 to 35 found on page 72 in the New Testament

Genesis 15 verses 1 to 11 & 17 to 18 found on page 184 in the Old Testament

Philippians 3 verse 17 to 4 verse 1 on page 190 in the New Testament

Read by Grace, Sue, Elisabeth

Music by Ted Blackman & Peter Brookfield

Norman welcomed you at the door,

Jeanette gave out the books,

Sheila provided refreshments

Sue Cheshire is today's steward

Prayer for Christchurch, New Zealand

God of peace

We pray for those caught up in the events in New Zealand, for those killed and wounded, and for those who will mourn.

We pray for the people of the emergency services as they respond, and for community leaders and faith leaders as they work to heal broken communities.

Soften the hearts of those who are motivated by hate and bring peace to your precious people of New Zealand. In Christ's name. Amen

Michaela Youngson, President of the Methodist Church in Great Britain

Happy Birthday to:

Norman — Saturday

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



Church Diary

Sunday 17th February

11:00 All Age Worship — Martin Woodhall

Monday 18th March

2:00 Open the Book at Ysgol Bryn Collen

6:00–8:00 Games & Activity night at the Memorial Hall

Tuesday 19th March

10:00 Coffee Morning by Friends of the Health Centre at the Memorial Hall

1:00 Lent Study “The time is now” at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 20th March

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

Thursday 21st March

10:00 till 12:00 Workshop On Dealing With Stress And Anxiety

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

Friday 22nd March

10:15 Country Market at the Memorial Hall

12:00 Lent lunch at Holy Cross

Saturday 23rd March

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

Sunday 24th March

11:00 Morning Worship — Naomi Squire

Worship consultation after the service

Tuesday 26th March

10:00 Coffee Morning by FLIME at the Memorial Hall

1:00 Lent Study “God is present” at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 27th March

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

7:30 Bible Study at Paul & Anna’s, continuing in John’s Gospel chapter 17

Thursday 28th March

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

Friday 29th March

10:15 Country Market at the Memorial Hall

12:00 Lent lunch at Holy Cross

Sunday 31st March – Mothering Sunday

11:00 Mothering Sunday Communion — Rev Richard Parkes

Church Social Events.

If you are interested in planning some social events for the Church for the rest of year, there will be a meeting to discuss ideas on Tuesday 19th March at 10am at the Memorial Hall (during the Coffee Morning). If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to contribute some ideas, please contact Amanda.

Worship Consultation Meeting.

Our Worship Consultation Meeting will take place at church following Worship next Sunday, 24th March. The meeting is open to everyone and will focus on the worship life of the church for the period of the next Circuit Plan, 1st May to 31st July. If you have some thoughts and ideas about worship and would like to share these, please come along — if you can't make it, but would still like to contribute, please contact Peter.

Wrexham Methodist Circuit

Workshop On Dealing With Stress And Anxiety

For Pastoral Visitors and those interested in the topic. The aim of the Workshop is to help us come to an understanding of how we can deal with everyday stress and anxiety. It will be facilitated by Cynthia Fenton Jones and Yvonne Davies.

When; Thursday March 21st 2019

Time; 10am – 12noon.

Venue; Memorial Hall, Market St., Llangollen.

Please let us know if you are coming by contacting Yvonne with your name and telephone number ; yand.davies@btinternet.com or 01978 860557.

Thank you.

Llangollen Country market

The Country Market is now open every Friday from 10:15 at the Memorial Hall



Thank you for your donations!

2018 stock donated:	2018 parcels distributed:
July 933kg	175
August 1840kg	184
September 2502kg	180
October 6231kg	193
November 4628kg	192
December 8783kg	190 + nearly 400 hampers!

As you can see everyone was very generous at Christmas! Whilst we are extremely grateful for this and could not operate without public support; it is a huge logistical challenge to store and sort the influx of donations in December. Please do remember that we prepare Christmas hampers in November ready to go out in December and then we close for a couple of weeks over the Christmas period to give our hardworking volunteers one break in the year!

What do we need?

Tin openers	200ml fruit juice cartons
Tinned rice pudding	Tinned fruit
Plastic bags	Deodorant
Shampoo	1L fruit juice

Donations can be taken to our warehouse, located on Dean Road (LL13 9EH), through the white fences. We are open on Tuesdays and Fridays between 10am and 3pm. Alternatively you can donate in store at Tesco, Asda and Sainsburys

STAFF!

Thanks to a grant from Asda we have been able to employ a new Warehouse Manager as well as a Project Manager
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New packs available:

Our volunteers found that they often met people coming for a food parcel who had limited cooking facilities. We now have Kettle Packs and Microwave Packs available for those that only have these items available.

Baby Essentials

Organisations working with local families in need can come to our warehouse or request delivery of products such as nappies, wipes and baby food that have been donated to us.

WINGS

'Women In Need Getting Support' is a project run by volunteers in partnership with Wrexham Foodbank. We pass on your donations of sanitary products to our clients via our six distribution centres plus local schools and organisations working with women in need.

Daring to See God Now

"An ecumenical course for discussion groups in five sessions, written by Bishop Nick Baines, comprising course booklet, audio material and transcript. Ideal for Lent, yet not Lent-specific."

1. The Good News of God
2. The time is now
3. God is present
4. Change your mind
5. Live it!

Contributions from: Prof Keith Ward, Rachel Lampard, Bishop David Wilbourne and Cathy Galvin.

Mark's Gospel begins with Jesus 'proclaiming the Good news of God'. But, what is this 'good news', and who is it for? Taking Mark 1.14-15 as a starting point, this course raises important questions about change, repentance, and how we can become in ourselves living evidence of the good news. Examples are taken from the rest of Mark's Gospel as well as contemporary and historic Christians."

The editor's jottings!

Wrexham Food Bank— items on these pages come from the foodbank newsletter.

Next week — items for inclusion must be with me by Tuesday evening, thank you.

Norman



Readings

Luke 13:31-35 'How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings' (v. 34)

Background

Jesus' character

Verse 31 shows the duplicity of human beings. Herod, a 'crafty fox', is reported as being as hostile to Jesus as he had been to John the Baptist; but elsewhere he is determined only to 'see' Jesus (Luke 9:9, 23:8). The Pharisees, often blind to Jesus's message and criticised for it (Luke 11:42-44), now masquerade as his friends.

Verse 32. In contrast, Jesus has a message for Herod and the Pharisees: he is not for turning. Nothing will deflect him from his mission, which has been given and shaped by God. He will carry on as planned, doing God's work of exorcising and healing. Jesus's time may be short, but it is always focused on his goal. He is afraid of no one.

Jesus's goal and fate: God's judgement on Jerusalem

Verse 33. Jesus is heading for Jerusalem. According to popular legend (it is not demonstrated in scripture), true prophets feel a divine compulsion to go to Jerusalem, only to meet their death. Jesus will meet the same fate; for his words too are the words of God.

Verse 34. Jesus therefore speaks an oracle of God loosely based on the Jewish scriptures: see Isaiah 60:4, Zechariah 10:6-10, Psalm 147:2-35, Isaiah 40:11. Time and again God has wanted to gather the chosen people as a hen gathers her chicks close, for love and safety. But always the people resist God. They stone to death God's messengers.

Verse 35a. Jesus cites a further judgement of God, from Jeremiah 22:5 (see also Jeremiah 7:34): the holy city and temple will be abandoned by God. (Luke would have read these words through the lens of what happened in AD 70: the Romans destroyed city and temple.)

Jesus reveals when the crisis will come, for himself

Verse 35b. Jesus must be on his way with his appointed tasks. His listeners will next see him close to Jerusalem, in a crowd of pilgrims, singing psalms as they journey to Jerusalem for Passover. Psalm 118:26 is cited, as it will be again (slightly modified) in Luke 19:38.



To Ponder

How much do we value faithfulness, consistency and reliability in our attitudes and relationships? Reflect on how much this means to us when a family member or friend behaves like this; and when they don't.

In European culture, Christian commitment rarely, if ever, is a life and death choice. But how do we support, and learn from, Christians in many parts of the world who are persecuted and martyred?

This coming week: How much is already programmed in the diary? How much is vague or blank time? How will we cope with the unplanned and unexpected? How far ahead do we like to plan, and how do we feel when plans have to be changed?

Bible notes author: The Revd David Deeks

Monday House Group

We will not be meeting during Lent, but everyone is encouraged to attend the Lent Study Course being run by Phil on Tuesdays at 1pm in the Memorial Hall starting March 12th instead.

We will recommence on Monday 29th April at Yvonne's house. Once again, we invite anyone to join us – come and try us out!

Summer Term dates (avoiding Bank Holidays):

April 29th

May 13th

June 10th

June 24th

July 8th

July 22nd

Plastic Milk Bottle Tops

“A colleague at work is trying to help a friend who's 4 year old daughter suffers from Spina Bifida. The young girl needs a new, specialized wheelchair which is very very expensive. The main body of the wheelchair is made from the same plastic that milk bottle tops are made from, and the manufacturer of these chairs has said to the parents that if they can collect the weight of the chair in milk bottle tops they will make the little girl a chair for free.

Obviously this is an enormous amount of milk bottle tops! I would like to give her a helping hand, so, if you can save your milk bottle tops and let me have them when you remember I'd be most grateful.” Doreen from Maes Collen

Elisabeth has put a plastic basket at the back of church to collect the tops, and she will pass them on to Doreen

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We're All On The Same Team!

'The way you treat others is the way you will be treated.'

Luke 6:38 CEV

JESUS SAID, 'Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticise their faults...That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging' (Matthew 7:12 MSG). Think about it. Do you really want to live your life judging and being judged? One Christian author puts it this way: 'We were created to be in community, ..[Not] treat each other with a spirit of judgment... There's something in us that permits us to vie for a better impression of ourselves by belittling someone else. It rages through the teenage years, and should end when we 'grow up', but instead it mutates...We judge each other's relationships when our own are crumbling ...or their parenting skills when our own are hanging by a thread...Someone who never exercises is "lazy"...Someone who hides their feelings is "cold"... we judge who has what job, who's busier, who has more stress, who has it "rougher". Someone tells us bad news and we secretly rejoice that it's not us...someone shares good news and we call them arrogant.



But no one wins because we're all on the same team.' Instead of judging and criticising, Paul says, 'When we have the opportunity to help... we should do it' (Galatians 6:10 NCV). So: a) Look for a way to bless somebody who is not in a position to reciprocate. b) Identify someone you can encourage today. c) Go out of your way to make someone feel special. Jesus said: 'If you give to others, you will be given a full amount in return...The way you treat others is the way you will be treated.'

Ask God to help you avoid judging others.

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