



Llangollen Methodist Church

Worshipping by the River Dee

9th June 2019

Number – 1020

Riverside Weekly

*We welcome you to join us as the Llangollen Churches
celebrate Pentecost*

**11:00 United Pentecost Celebration –
Fr Lee Taylor**

Readings:

Psalm 104 verses 24 to 24, page 565 in the Old Testament

John Chapter 14 verses 15 to 17 and 25 to 27, page 103 in the
New Testament

Acts chapter 1 verses 1 to 11, page 111 in the New Testament

Read by church representatives

Music by Peter and friends

Janet welcomed you at the door,

Anna & Paul gave out the books,

Markus & Ellen provided refreshments

Sue Cheshire is today's steward

Happy Birthday to:

Amanda today

Ted tomorrow

Rev Phil on Thursday

Anna on Thursday



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



Church Diary

Sunday 9th June

11:00 United Pentecost Service.

Monday 10th June

9:30 'Open the Book' rehearsal at the Memorial Hall

Tuesday 11th June

10:00 Coffee Morning by FLIME at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 12th June

10:30 Raymond Jones' Funeral at Pentrebychan

Thursday 13th June

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

Friday 14th June

10:15 Country Market at the Memorial Hall

Sunday 16th June - Father's Day

11:00 Morning Worship — Tim Guy

Monday 17th June

2:00 'Open the Book' at Ysgol Bryn Collen

730 Book of the Month Club at the Memorial Hall

Tuesday 18th June

10:00 Coffee Morning by Rhosymedre Chapel in the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 19th June

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

11:00 Church Gardening

7:30 Circuit Meeting at Gresford Methodist Church

7:30 Bible Study at Elias & Janet's, starting in Colossians chapter 1

Thursday 20th June

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

Friday 21st June

10:15 Country Market at the Memorial Hall

Saturday 22nd June

3:00 till 5:15 Messy Church at the Memorial Hall

Sunday 23rd June

11:00 Church Anniversary — Trish Earlam — followed by the church picnic at Plas Newydd.

“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 Mark — prepare Joshua, Judges and Ruth

Monday 17th June 7:30 at Llangollen Memorial Hall

Tuesday 18th June 2:00 at Gresford and 7:30 at Wrexham

Friday 21st June 2:00 at Caergwrle.

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Church Anniversary and Picnic

Sunday 23rd June

The service will be led by Trish Earlam, our Circuit Youth Worker and will be an all age service.

We invite families and friends as well as regular church attenders to join us for a picnic at Plas Newydd following the service. Bring your lunch and chairs or rugs to sit on.

In the event of it being wet we will have picnic and games in the Memorial Hall

Please share transport where you can.

Hospitality Week

For the past five years, we have co-ordinated the Hospitality Week at the Memorial Hall during the Eisteddfod, offering a welcome and outreach to many visitors to the town, as well as providing extra funds to help purchase a number of resources to enhance the worship life of our church.

We feel that the time is right to step down from the co-ordinating role this year and ask if someone (or a small team of people) would like to take it on. It is not too burdensome of a task – just organising for a minimum of three volunteers per day (Monday to Friday) to help provide and serve refreshments for visitors.

If you are interested in helping with this, please see Amanda for more information.

Amanda & Peter

50 years of Preaching

It will be the 50th anniversary of John Wiggall being a preacher in the Methodist Church on 7th July this year.

Wrexham Methodist Church are putting on a tea for him at 4 pm in their church and all are invited.

Can we take cake along please

Help with Children

In order to comply with Safeguarding requirements, there always needs to be at least two adults present when supervising children's activities.

It would help our children's leaders if we had a list of people who are able to sometimes help. You will only have to be present and join in the activity, all the planning and preparation will be done by the leaders.

If this interests you, Amanda has a list where you could sign up.

Sponsor for Air Ambulance

Sam Pybus and a number of colleagues from Airbus are aiming to climb the “Wales 3000”, all 14 peaks over 3000feet in 24 hours on the 15/16th June.

This is a sponsored event raising much needed funds for Wales Air Ambulance.

There is a sponsor form available if you could sponsor this energetic effort.

Homemade Saturday 29th June from 12:00 to 4:00

Elias & Janet are hosting a “Homemade Saturday” when tea, coffee, cakes and homemade goodies will be for sale.

They are hoping to raise the remaining £200 needed by Will for his Teams4U trip.

Bernadette sends greetings and her love to us all.
She is content and well cared for in the Abbey Dingle.
Let’s remember to pray for all folk in our Care Homes

The editor’s jottings!

“*Coffee Morning*” — thanks to everyone’s help we raised £122.10 at last Tuesdays coffee morning.

“*Typing errors*” — as usual a few errors crept in last week, I hope we have got everything correct this week

“*non e-mail*” — I apologise if you have emailed me and have had no response, it is due to technical problems, BT have again said that they have now cured!



Norman

Readings

John 14:8-17, 25-27 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.' (vs. 15-17)

Psalms 104

Background

The celebration of Pentecost begins with Jesus' promise in John 14 that the Father will send the Advocate, which is the Spirit of truth. At various points in the Gospel, John refers to the spirit or Holy Spirit using the Greek word 'pneuma', which has multiple meanings – such as breath, wind, or spirit. This rather general term allows Jesus to make pun-like play of words. For example, in the conversation with Nicodemus (John 3:1-9), Jesus says: "What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." (vs. 6-8)

'Pneuma' is the most-often used term in the Gospels for references to the Holy Spirit, the human spirit, or the energy and life that enlivens all flesh. It is, therefore, striking that John employs an unusual Greek term, 'parakletos', in chapter 14. The NRSV translates this word as Advocate, which tends toward connotations of a legal case or courtroom. Perhaps this relates to the qualifying phrase in which Jesus refers to the 'parakletos'/Advocate as "the



Spirit of truth”.

The Advocate will teach the disciples and reveal to them what is true. In this sense, the ‘parakletos’ is a communicator. Communicate literally means to be in union with or to join in unity. The ‘parakletos’ brings the followers of Christ into union with the ongoing presence and revelation of God. There is an implication that what the Word, incarnate in Jesus Christ, has accomplished in being the sign of God’s presence in the world will continue through the coming Advocate/’parakletos’. The community united to God the Father and God the Son through the Spirit continues Christ’s work of revealing the love and glory of God in the world.

To Ponder

In the 21st century, how helpful is it for the Church to talk about speaking the ‘truth’? Why?

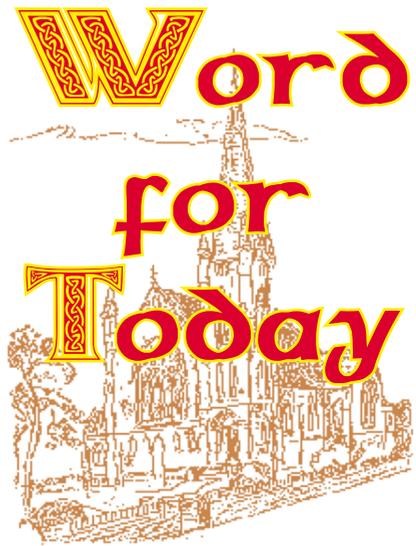
What is the role of the Church as a community in revealing the love of God in the world?

Pray That God Will Open Their Heart

*‘As she listened to us, the Lord opened
her heart.’*

Acts 16:14 NLT

SOME OF us think that successful people are difficult to win to Christ because they don't have the same needs as others. But they do. Everyone has an emptiness within them that only God can fill, and He wants to use you to fill it. Consider the story of Lydia. 'One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth...As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying. She and her household were baptised, and she asked us to be her guests. "If you agree that I am a true believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my home." And she urged us until we agreed' (vv. 14-15 NLT). Not only did Lydia respond to the gospel, she opened her home so that others could come and hear it too. In many cases it's easier to reach successful people with the gospel. Why? Because they know that to be successful you must be open to new ideas and concepts. And they understand that in order to enjoy continued success, you must stay open to change. Don't let



the fact that someone is not your social peer keep you from telling them about Jesus. Note the words, 'As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart.' It's your job to tell them, and it's God's job to open their heart! So sow the seed of His Word into their life when you have an opportunity, and believe that the 'Lord of the harvest' will do the rest.

*Ask God to open the hearts of the
people you meet today, so that you can
tell them about Him*

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