



Llangollen Methodist Church

Worshipping by the River Dee

23rd June 2019

Number – 1022

Riverside Weekly

*We welcome you to join us in celebrating our Church
Anniversary*

11:00 All Age Worship – Trish Earlam

Readings:

Colossians chapter 1 verse 24 to Chapter 2 verse 15 from both
the NIV and The Message

Read by Paul & Elisabeth

Music by Peter, Thomas & Trish

Anne welcomed you at the door,

Sue gave out the books,

Tommie & Petro provided refreshments

Joan Wilson is today's steward

**Don't forget the church picnic at Plas Newydd after this
mornings service.**

**Please share cars and make sure that everyone has
transport**

Happy Birthday to:

Nan on Friday

David on Friday



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



Church Diary

Sunday 23rd June

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

Monday 24th June

2:00 Home Group at the home of Sue Cheshire, Holly Oak, Nantyr Road, Glyn Ceiriog.

6:00 Games & Activity night — walk to the Castle — do join us if you feel energetic.

Tuesday 25th June

10:00 Coffee Morning by Llangollen Museum at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 26th June

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

11:00 Church Gardening

Thursday 27th June

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

Friday 28th June

10:15 Country Market at the Memorial Hall

Saturday 29th June

from 12:00 till 4:00 Homemade Saturday at Penllwyn, Dinbren, Llangollen LL20 8ED

Sunday 30th June

11:00 Morning Worship — David Pickstone

Monday 1st July

7:00 Festival Praise with The Wrexham Salvation Army Band and Songsters — light refreshments

Tuesday 2nd July

10:00 Our Eisteddfod Week Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall

Thursday 4th July

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

Friday 5th July

10:15 Country Market at the Memorial Hall

12:30 Eisteddfod Week Souper Friday and afternoon tea

Sunday 7th July

11:00 Morning Worship — lead by church members

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.

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 at Penllwyn, Dinbren, Llangollen LL20 8ED. As there is limited parking places, sharing cars where possible will make parking easier!

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

The Welsh 3000 & Airbus Charity Challenge

Last Saturday (15th) having started their walk at 4:00am the Airbus teams made good progress

Conditions were difficult with cold, wet weather and many had to abandon the route part way.

After reaching the summit of 8 of the peaks, Sam slipped coming down Y. Garn, damaging the ligament on his knee, and had to abandon the walk at that point.

As he said though, the Glyders and the Carneddau will still be there, and all teams aim to complete the challenge at a later date.

Sponsorship monies can be paid in part or in full and will be very gratefully received to support the work of Wales Air Ambulance.

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*)

This will be followed by a service of thanksgiving at 6:00

BBC Recording at Gresford Methodist Church

On Monday (24th June) a service will be recorded for BBC Radio Wales.

Do come along for 6:30 start, a chance to sing some great hymns and share with people all over Wales and maybe the world!

Faith & Science

On Sunday 14th July Prof Alan Gilles will be taking the service at Gresford Methodist Church.

We are invited to join a lunch time discussion on the link between faith and science, led by Prof Alan Gillies, Professor Emeritus of Medical Informatics at University of Central Lancashire

Bring your own lunch — drinks provided.

“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 Joshua, Judges and Ruth — prepare 1 & 2 Samuel

Monday 8th July 7:30 at Llangollen Memorial Hall

Tuesday 9th July 2:00 at Gresford and 7:30 at Wrexham

Friday 12th July 2:00 at Caergwrle.

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A welcome to Llangollen International Eisteddfod Week

Festival Praise

at

Llangollen Methodist Church

Princess Street

the church with the Spire by the River

Monday 1st July at 7:00

doors open from 6:30

Wrexham Salvation Army

Band and Songsters

Compère — Revd. John Wiggall

All Welcome : light refreshments

Readings

Luke 8:25-39 All the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. (v. 37)

Psalm 22:19-28

Background

With every outrage of humanity's behaviour the arguments rage: Did they do what they did through illness or through evil, and therefore, planned intent? In some cases the answer is clear, in other cases difficult to define.

The debate about demon possession and mental health issues is one such debate. The lines are not easy to define from the stories of Jesus that we read. Suffice to say that medical knowledge and understanding was not as advanced in Jesus' day.

From a background of working in the field of mental health for a time, I know that mental health issues are very real, very difficult, hard to pin down and are only reluctantly shared even today with a wider society for fear of rejection. But what interests me most in today's passage is the reaction of the general population to the events that unfold before them.

Anger I could understand – they had just lost a good part of their income when the herd of pigs threw themselves into the water and probably drowned.

Delight that the undesirable wandering the tombs and the edges of the community had gone I would see as reasonable.

But, Luke tells us, they reacted with fear – wanting Jesus to go away.

Were the events of the day too much for them to cope with? Did they recognise the power and authority embodied by Jesus and wonder ‘Who next?’ – looking at each other? Or was it simply that this was a threat to their security and everyday living upsetting the status quo?.

To Ponder

Whatever their reasoning, the people’s response was fear. What fear do you harbour within yourself – perhaps you are even unwilling to give it a name?

What is the worst that could happen if you named and dealt with that fear?

How could you see God helping you to ‘name and shame’ your fear so that you could be free?

Bible notes author The Revd Una McLean

The editor’s jottings!

“A busy time of year!” — It’s that busy time of year as the town gets ready for the Eisteddfod. Roads cleaned, hedges trimmed, verges cut it all takes place now as we get ready.

Many of those who used to give so much time and effort are getting that much older and frailer that they must now take a rest and let a younger generation take on the tasks.

We pray that all working at the Eisteddfod and around town making visitors welcome, will be kept safe, and that every visitor will be blessed by their visit to our town.

May all the competitors and performers have a wonderful time, and may our town ring with music and dance all week



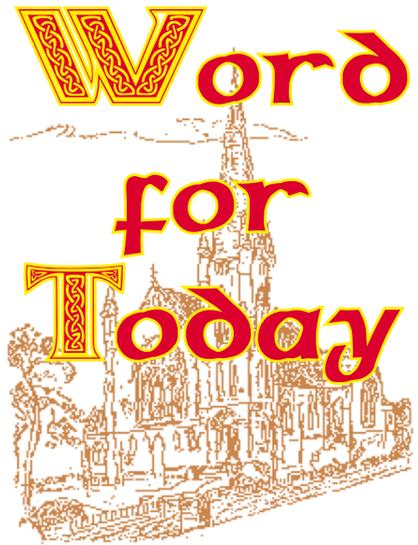
Norman

Ask, 'Is There A Better Way?'

'The LORD will command the blessing on...all to which you set your hand.'

Deuteronomy 28:8 NKJV

ALMOST ANYBODY can spot the problem, discuss the problem, and complain about the problem. But a solution-oriented person looks for ways to solve the problem. Murray Spangler was such a person. As a department store cleaner, he decided that the only way to overcome the boredom of his job, which consisted of sweeping floors, was to find a more innovative way to do it. Plus, he had the added incentive of being allergic to the dust he was sweeping every day. Then a thought came to him: 'Instead of sweeping up the dust, maybe there is a way to suck it up.' Where do such creative thoughts come from? God, our Creator. And since you are His offspring, He will share His ideas with you. Spangler's questions led him to invent a crude but workable vacuum cleaner. He then sought out an old friend in the leather business to finance the manufacturing of his invention. The man's name was H.W. Hoover. Not only did Hoover vacuum cleaners become very popular, but



'hoovering' became for at least one generation synonymous with sweeping floors. Built into every obstacle is an opportunity; every question, an answer; every problem, a solution. So don't be afraid to question methods, systems, and equipment and ask, 'Is there a better way?' The world has been enriched by people who dared to ask that question. And you can be such a person, for God promises to bless 'all to which you set your hand'.

Ask God to help you be more creative in your thinking.

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