



Llangollen Methodist Church
Worshipping by the River Dee

14th July 2019

Number – 1025

Riverside Weekly

We welcome you to join us for our Sunday Worship

11:00 Bible Club at the memorial Hall

11:00 Holy Communion led by Rev Neville Pugh

Let's remember to give to the *Benevolent Fund* this Communion Sunday

Reading:

Luke chapter 10 verses 25 to 37 page 67 in the New testament

Read by Janet

Music by Ted, Neville and recording

Margaret gave out the books,

Janet welcomed you.

Paul & Anna provided refreshments.

Alan Williams is today's steward.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Bernadette Maxwell, who passed away on last Sunday Morning. The Funeral will be at Holy Cross on Wednesday 24th July at 12:30

Congratulations to:

David & Yvonne on their anniversary on Wednesday

Happy Birthday to:

Godfrey on Monday
Bridget & Mabel on Friday

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



Church Diary

Sunday 14th July

11:00 Bible Club at the memorial Hall

11:00 Holy Communion — Rev Neville Pugh

Monday 15th July

6:00 Activity Evening barbecue at Elias & Janet's

Tuesday 16th July

10:00 Coffee Morning by Holy Cross in the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 17th July

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

7:30 Bible Study at Elias & Janet's, continuing in Colossians chapter 2

Thursday 18th July

3:00 After-school Drop-In end of year party at the Memorial Hall

Friday 19th July

10:15 Country Market at the Memorial Hall

Saturday 20th July

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

Sunday 21st July

11:00 All Age Worship — Karen Turley-Rose

Tuesday 23rd July

10:00 Coffee Morning for Welfare House at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 24th July

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

Friday 26th July

10:15 Country Market at the Memorial Hall

Church Gardening

Church gardening will be done as and when volunteers are available

We like to cordially invite all of you from the Church Family to join us for Guinevere's christening on August 18th. Our Reverend Phil will christen Guinevere in the 11.00-o'clock service. After the service (and tea and coffee in the church ;), we would very much like to invite you all to come along for refreshments to the Memorial Hall.

If you would like to make a present; please consider that instead of any presents, we would prefer to raise funds for charities at this occasion. We will put up a donation box for the project „Mwana-wa-Mzako – your child is my child“ and for one of our more local charities. To better plan for the catering, please put your name in one of the lists in church or mail us at familie-gellesch@posteo.de till August 11th.

Ellen, Markus, Cäcilie, Odelie, and Guinevere

“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 1 & 2 Samuel — prepare 1 & 2 Kings

Monday 19th August 7:30 at Llangollen Memorial Hall

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

Friday 23rd July 2:00 at Caergwrle.

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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.

Methodist Church response to Church of England Synod Vote

The Methodist Church has welcomed a vote by the Church of England's Synod backing further steps towards bringing the two churches into Communion with each other through the interchangeability of ministers. The Faith and Order bodies of the two churches will now work on drafting a series of texts, including a formal declaration of a new relationship of communion between the two churches. The progress will be reported back to the Methodist Conference and the Church of England in the next quinquennium along with a recommendation from the House of Bishops as to the next steps. This will happen as soon as possible but before 2025.

Ruth Gee, Assistant Secretary of the Conference and Connexional Ecumenical Officer who was at the debate said: "We are pleased that significant work will continue and that there was much affirmation of the missional imperative of the covenant from members of the Synod. Though we had hoped that the Synod would be willing to move to legislation, we understand the reasons why some members of the Synod felt it important to give this vital matter more consideration. We were heartened by the affirmative comments of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the debate and the overwhelming vote in favour of the proposals. Our journey continues as we pray and work together for the sake of the church and the world and in response to the prayer of Jesus that we might be one".

Speaking at General Synod at the weekend as the new Methodist ecumenical representative, Susan Howdle said: "We have heard something of the rich meaning of Covenant ... I do still retain a sense of excitement and hope at the possibilities which could lie ahead. I want to assure you on behalf of the Methodist Church that we remain committed to our worshipping, witnessing and working together."

Methodist Church recognises a climate emergency

Faced with a climate emergency the Methodist Conference has called on the UK to achieve net zero emissions well before 2050.

This follows recent initiatives including participation in the #TheTimeIsNow Climate Coalition lobby of MPs in London last month as well as engagement with investor bodies on reducing humanity's global carbon footprint.

Single use plastics were singled out at the week-long Conference, being held at the NEC in Birmingham, with single use water bottles or cups unavailable for use by representatives.

The Conference encouraged its members and churches to reduce plastic pollution and for church cafés to consider signing up to a refill scheme, offering free refills for water bottles.

Earlier this year the Methodist Church launched Eco Circuits and Eco Districts in partnership with A Rocha, a Christian organisation engaging communities in nature conservation. The first Methodist Church to receive a Gold Eco Church Award was announced in June as Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church.

Barbara Glasson, President of the Conference, who walked 133 miles along canal towpaths to the Conference raising funds for communities across the world affected by climate change, said:

“As a Church we believe in the possibility of transformation. Our church has heard the voice of communities around the world that are already suffering severe consequences of climate change.

“Our response must be both individual and corporate to do all we can to tread more lightly on the earth.”

Steve Hucklesby, Policy Adviser for the Methodist Church said:

“Next year the critical COP26 international climate summit may well be hosted in London. Our nation has the opportunity to provide inspiration for others. The UK must back up targets with clear policies and urgent investment to bring about a zero carbon future.”

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Readings

Luke 10:25-37 He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' (v. 27)

Psalm 25:1-10

Background

In the wisdom tradition of the Bible, those who study the law (ie the Torah or first five books of the Bible) do so out of love. They delight in it. We should not think of the lawyer who approaches Jesus as seeking to trick Jesus (Luke 10:25), rather his question is deep within the tradition of Jewish debate. The law is discussed and explored because it is a delight. To study the law is to walk the path to God.

Within Christian readings, lawyers are sometimes portrayed as pedantic or predatory which does not reflect the Jewish tradition of Jesus, in which the law is wholly positive. Jesus makes this clear in his response to the question put to him. He asks the expert what is at the heart of the law; and the answer, they both agree, is love. The love that is to be offered to God is all consuming, all that can be given by a person. So too is the love that we are asked to show our neighbour. And the love we give our neighbours is what we must give ourselves. Sometimes it is easier to love one or the other, but the requirement is that we love both our neighbours and ourselves.

The expert in the law asks Jesus about the identity of his neighbour, but the answer that Jesus gives in the parable of the Good Samaritan is focused instead on who acts as a neighbour. It is a subtle shift. The question posed assumes that it is the expert who has something to offer. Yet the answer Jesus gives turns this assumption on its head. Jesus asks him to see what he can learn about love from someone unexpected. What would it feel like to receive kindness and care from someone

who is looked down on, and whose religion and morals are questionable? Surely it is easier to give than receive. Surely it is more comfortable to be the good neighbour than the one in need.

To Ponder

Which character in the parable of the Good Samaritan do you most easily identify with and why?

Do you find it harder to love your neighbour or to love yourself? How might belief in God's love for all help you?

Bible notes author Rachel Starr

The editor's jottings!

"Summer" — we are told that the weather is going to warm up again as we move into the school summer holiday season. We pray that all children and families will have good refreshing times as they enjoy their holidays, we also pray that those who are unable to go on holidays for whatever reason will have a good enjoyable break from school.

We pray that all the youngsters going to the Momentwm camp, run by the Wales Methodist Youth workers, will have a good time, as we pray for all the youth camps this summer.

We pray that the summer activities that Trish is arranging will all be a blessing, Holiday Clubs around the circuit.

Friday film Afternoons & Evenings are being planned for Llangollen. *(Help will be appreciated on Fridays with food and running the necessary technology, See Trish, Norman or Elisabeth if you would like to help in any way)*

Norman

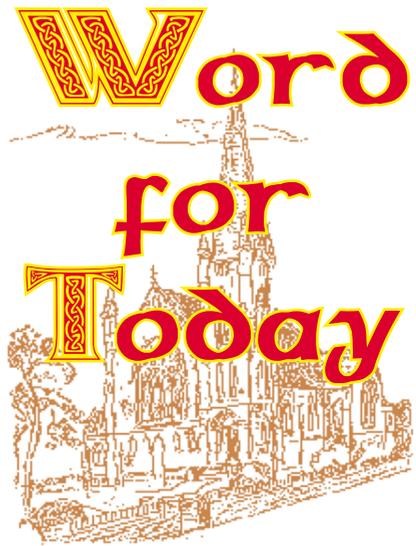


Ask God For A Strategic Plan

‘Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it.”

Isaiah 30:21 NKJV

JESUS UNDERSTOOD God’s strategic plan for His life — the redemption of humankind — and lived each day of His life in the light of it. At the end of His life He could pray, ‘I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do’ (John 17:4 NKJV). Strategic planning is critical to success in any undertaking. And as a redeemed child of God, your strategy should come from God, otherwise pressures and people can take you in the wrong direction. Jesus could easily have been sidetracked by the demands of the crowd and the misguided thinking of His disciples. How did He avoid that? By nights spent in prayer, and predawn meetings with His Father seeking guidance. Jesus lived by this principle: ‘The Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does...I judge as God tells me. Therefore, my judgment is just, because I carry out the will of the one who sent me, not my own will’ (John 5:19, 30 NLT).



When seeking a plan for your life, the first book you should read is the Bible. Don’t adopt someone else’s plan unless God told you to do the same thing, or you’ll end up frustrated. You ask, ‘You mean God has a strategy and a plan for my life and that He will reveal it to me?’ Yes. ‘Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it.”’

Ask God to show you that He has a strategic plan for your life.

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