



Llangollen Methodist Church
Worshipping by the River Dee

18th August 2019

Number – 1030

Riverside Weekly

A warm welcome to Guinevere and her family and to everyone joining us for our service this morning

11:00 All Age Holy Communion and Baptism– Rev Phil Poole

Reading:

Romans chapter 12 verses 9 to 21 page 154 in New Testament

Read by Alan

Music by Ted & Peter.

Margaret gave out the books,

Joan is providing refreshments.

Alan Williams is today's steward.

This weeks flowers have been arranged by Sue to celebrate the Christening of Guinevere and the wedding anniversaries among our church family this month

Congratulations to Godfrey and Audrey on the birth of a daughter last Saturday

Anniversary Congratulations to:

Norman & Elisabeth on the 10th

Elias & Janet on the 15th

Ted & Marion on the 19th

Godfrey & Audrey on the 19th

Paul & Anna on the 28th

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



Church Diary

Sunday 18th August

11:00 All Age Holy Communion and Baptism— Rev Phil Poole

Monday 19th August

7:30 Book of the Month Club at the Memorial Hall

Tuesday 20th August

10:00 Coffee Morning by the League of Friends of the Orthopaedic Hospital at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 21st August

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

Friday 23rd August

10:15 Country Market at the Memorial Hall

2:00 Family Film Afternoon at the Memorial Hall

5:00 Friday Film Night at the Memorial Hall

Sunday 25th August

11:00 Morning Worship — Martin Woodhall

Tuesday 27th August

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

Wednesday 28th August

7:30 Bible Study at Elias & Janet's, continuing in Colossians chapter 3

Friday 30th August

10:15 Country Market at the Memorial Hall

2:00 Family Film Afternoon at the Memorial Hall

5:00 Friday Film Night at the Memorial Hall

Church Gardening

Church gardening will be done as and when volunteers are available



Starts Friday 9th August

Family film - 2:00-4:00

Followed by Food

12+ film - 5:00-9:00

Film's announced Before showing

Doors open at 1:30.

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Jasmine's year as Youth President

Jasmine Yeboah, 24, will remember her year of being the Youth President of the Methodist Church as a time when she learned about her relationship with herself almost as much as her relationship with God.

Jasmine lives on the Broadwater Farm estate in Tottenham, North London, a place with a challenging reputation but a community that has helped Jasmine to define her faith. "John Wesley described the world as being his parish and I think of Broadwater Farm as being my parish," says Jasmine. "I talk to the people who work on the estate, the people in the laundrette, I see it as a place full of missional opportunity."

Each year the young people of the Methodist Church elect one of their own to represent them, not just to be a figurehead for the young people but to be their voice within the Methodist Church and beyond, shaping Church policies and ensuring that the issues of concern to young Methodists are heard and acted upon.

During the last 12-month's Jasmine has travelled overseas and in the UK. She has been promoting her theme of being 'courageous' and promoting the young people's manifestos, a list of topics and concerns raised each year for churches to discuss and action.

"I started my term travelling to Rwanda. It changed my life," says Jasmine. "Seeing the people learning not just to forgive, but to love courageously. Listening to the testimony after the genocide that killed nearly a million people had a big impact on me. Closer to home, I visited children with terminal illnesses and saw their courage, I visited homeless projects where young people were living out their faith and being courageous to create change.

"I hear adults and young people who want to be courageous and have discovered the power to do what God wants them to do. Even if that is just to say 'hi' to someone or get up and play a bigger role in their church by preaching. There is nothing too big or too small. The Bible tells us to be 'doers' of the word.

"Some people want me to be quieter but God made me a loud person. I want other young people to be themselves, be the person God wants them to be. Sure, you change as you mature but it should be how God wants you to mature.

"Representing the young people, I know they want to see love and fairness. They may have different opinions on some things, such as the marriage debate, but they want people to come together. They want us to look after our environment and to look after those who are outcasts in our society, those who don't have enough to eat, they want to stop knife and gun crime. Part of my role has been to ensure that the Church listens to these opinions and acts upon them. Young

people are not the Church of tomorrow, they are Church now.”

“Now my year is over, I am going to be doing my PGCE. I was unable to take the course when I stood for Youth President. Maybe I wasn’t ready then. I want to become a primary school teacher but my dream is to work somewhere in the world where I can use my skills to really serve and to help those less fortunate than me.

“I want to thank the young people for giving me this opportunity. As much as being able to help and serve, I have learned so much about myself, I was just an average person in Tottenham on the Broadwater Farm Estate who loved to work with young people. Now those things that once disqualified me, God has now used to qualify me in my faith and in life.”

Thelma Commey is to be the next Youth President, having been elected at last year’s 3Generate, the annual Methodist Children and Youth Assembly. She will be welcomed at a service that will take place at Christ the Cornerstone Church in her home town of Milton Keynes on Sunday 1 September. Jasmine advises Thelma to keep God first. “Remember why God placed you here and bring your unique abilities to the role.”

The Youth President for 2020/2021 will be voted for at this year’s 3Generate, the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly, taking place in Southport this November.

Harvest Festival Service *Sunday September 15th 11Am*

Donations appreciated of dry food for local Food Banks .

The Service will be followed by a **Harvest Lunch**

In the Memorial Hall – 12:45 for 1pm

Two course meal plus tea/coffee £11 adults £5 children

Tickets in advance by Sunday September 1st from Amanda, Sheila or Yvonne.

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Readings

Luke 12:49-56 'You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?' (v. 56)

Psalm 82

Background

This passage does not sit well with the gentle and peaceable Jesus of popular imagination. While there is much in the teaching of Jesus and the stories in the Gospels about him that is compassionate and reassuring, his words here point to the disturbing impact of his mission and reveal his sense of impatience, foreboding and frustration.

Jesus intends his teaching to purify and destroy like fire. Even close relatives will be sharply divided in their response to it. But it is not happening! People listen but his words are not getting home. They do not share his sense of urgency.

So the passage ends with the complaint that people can forecast the weather but are incapable of understanding the times they are living in. "Hypocrite" here, as often in the Gospels, means not someone who is consciously putting on an act, but simply someone whose intelligent response to the demands of everyday life contrasts with their failure to respond to the deeper realities of life.

Baptism – immersion in water – is used metaphorically in verse 50 for a testing and potentially fatal experience that Jesus expects to undergo as a result of his work. He does not expect confronting his contemporaries, as he does here, to leave him unscathed. Whether or not at this stage he anticipated actual crucifixion, with hindsight we immediately think of it as the fulfilment of his words.

Today's passage provokes reflection on how renewal comes about. What is old and discredited must be cleared away. What resists reform has to be overcome. Change can be painful. It is easier not to be disturbed!

Sometimes change is vigorously resisted. Renewal can be costly for those who seek to bring it about as well as for those challenged to take

sides with them. But the need for it may be urgent.

To Ponder

Why do you think Jesus felt his work was urgent?

Where is renewal needed today, and at what cost?

How can we read the signs of the times today?

The bible notes author is The Revd Brian Beck

“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 August 2:00 at Caergwrle.

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The editor’s jottings!

“Summer Films” — if you can help and support this venture in any way please come along, you may even enjoy the films!

“Messy Church Coffee Morning” — a big thank you to those who supported and helped at the coffee morning and helped to raise £181.35 to help run Messy Church

“Teams4U” — we especially remember Will and his trip to Uganda.



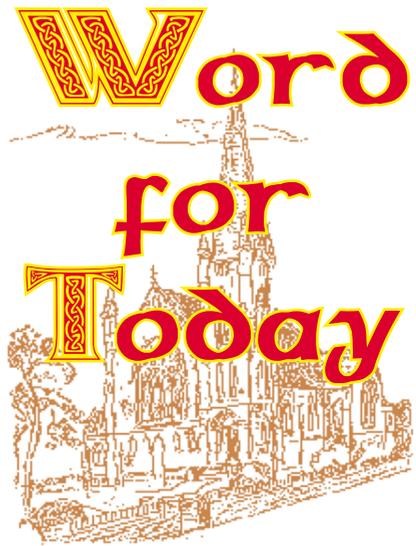
Norman

How To Solve Problems

'The prudent give thought to their steps.'

Proverbs 14:15 NIV (2011 Edition)

EVALUATE the problem carefully and prayerfully. Here's what King Solomon said about reacting impulsively instead of taking time to get all the facts. 'The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps.' 'To answer before listening — that is folly and shame' (Proverbs 18:13 NIV 2011 Edition). When patients are in pain they want quick relief. But the doctor knows that the pain must be diagnosed correctly in order to prescribe the right medication and make the patient whole. For you that means asking yourself, 'Who or what caused this problem? Am I making a mountain out of a molehill? Has it the potential to do real damage, or will I have forgotten about it this time next week?' If you don't diagnose the problem correctly you'll have to go back and start over again, at which point the solution will probably be more painful and costly. Mike Leavitt, former United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, said, 'There is a time in the life of every problem when it is big enough to see, yet small enough to solve.' The key is



to find the right time and be patient when implementing the solution. Inexperienced people expect problems to be settled instantly. But experienced people are like the master sculptor who keeps striking the marble block with steady blows of the hammer. Unlike the rookie who expects to split the stone with one blow, he knows if he just keeps working at it he will eventually succeed.

Pray that you would be patient and prayerful when dealing with problems

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