



# Llangollen Methodist Church

Worshipping by the River Dee

13<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Number – 1038

# Riverside Weekly

*A warm welcome to everyone joining us for our  
Worship this morning*

**11:00 Bible Club in the Memorial Hall**

**11:00 Holy Communion — Rev John Wiggall**

Readings:

2 Kings Chapter 5 verses 1 to 15 page 340 in the Old Testament

Luke chapter 17 verses 11 to 19 page 76 in the New Testament

Read by Elizabeth & Anna

Music provided by Peter

Margaret welcomed you at the door.

Books were given out by Jeanette

Jeanette will be providing refreshments.

Jeanette Robinson is today's steward.

**Happy Birthday to:**

Debbie yesterday

Keith today

Tony today

Yvonne on Wednesday

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October is being marked as "Homeless Sunday"

A special service is to be held in St Giles Church, Wrexham at 3:00 in remembrance of the 12 homeless people who have died in Wrexham in the past year.

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



# *Church Diary*

## *Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October*

11:00 Bible Club in the Memorial Hall

11:00 Holy Communion — Rev John Wiggall

## *Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October*

2:00 Home Group, meeting at Jeanette's home

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

## *Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October*

10:00 Coffee Morning by Rotary at the Memorial Hall

## *Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October*

10:00 Prayer Group in the vestry incorporating Circuit Prayers — you are very welcome to join us

## *Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October*

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

## *Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October*

9:45 Country Market at the Memorial Hall

## *Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October*

4:00 Historical & Spiritual tour of St Collen's Church see details on page 3

## *Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October*

11:00 Morning Worship — including a report on Will's visit to Uganda

## *Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October*

2:00 Open the Book at Ysgol Bryn Collen

7:00 Church Council at the Memorial Hall

## *Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October*

10:00 Coffee Morning for Messy Church in the Memorial Hall

## *Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October*

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

7:30 Bible Study at Elias and Janet's, continuing to look at the Advent Readings

## *Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October*

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

## *Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October*

9:45 Country Market at the Memorial Hall

## *Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October*

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

*Church Gardening will be done as and when volunteers are available*

## *Monday Home Group*

Meetings at 2:00 for tea and chat, 2:30 bible study and prayer will be at 5, Gerddi y Bache , phone Yvonne 01978 860557.

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, October 28<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>, November 25<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## *Action for Children Boxes*

Its time for the 'Action for Children' collecting boxes to be emptied.

Please bring to church and give to Catherine, or leave in the vestry for Catherine to collect.

Many thanks to everyone who has a collecting box.

## *“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 Chronicles— prepare Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther*

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 7:30 at Llangollen Memorial Hall**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2:00 at Gresford**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 7:30 at Wrexham**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2:00 at Caergwrle.**

More Information from Richard 01978 852742

revrparkes@btconnect.com

## *October Social Event*

Our Church Social Team have arranged for a 'Historical and Spiritual Tour of St Collen's Church', followed by afternoon tea on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 4:00 pm.

Cost £10 (£8 for concessions).

If you would like to join this group tour, please let Yvonne know by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

## Readings

*Luke 17:11-19 Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean?' (v. 17)*

*Psalm 111*

## Background

What emotions do you think Jesus conveyed in his voice when he said, "Were not ten made clean?" Might it have been frustration, disappointment or surprise? God's healing has unexpectedly broken into the lives of ten men whose lives were marred by a dreaded skin disease. If it was leprosy then the condition would have developed slowly and initially been recognised only by the individual and his closest family and friends. As it became more noticeable the wider community's fear would mean that the individual was ostracised to the edge of society – hence "keeping their distance". The slow gradual development of the condition is contrasted with Jesus' sudden instruction to "Go and let the priest examine you."

The twist in the story is that it was a Samaritan who chose to return, throw himself at Jesus' feet and offer thanks. As in Luke 15 it is the Samaritan 'outsider' who does the right thing and embodies righteous actions. For the people of Jesus's day this would have been shocking, as Samaritans were viewed with high suspicion. Yet it is this person who acts properly and offers thanks. The spread of the gospel is beginning to reach beyond Israel to all nations. Might the emotion in Jesus' voice also convey joy and excitement that it was a Samaritan who is responding to God's freedom?

When I was at Sunday school I recall my lovely teacher concluding that it is important not to be like one of the nine that failed to say thank you. That is true. But another angle is to rejoice that the goodness of God embraces the ten men including the Samaritan who others might reject.

## To Ponder

Some people write down each day three things for which they are thankful. On New Year's Eve they have a list of a 1,000 blessings to offer back to God in praise. Might you start? What would be on your list today?

Is there a difference between 'healing' in verse 15 and 'being made well' verse 19?

How much do you know about Hansen's disease and the work of the Leprosy Mission?

*Bible notes author—The Revd Tony Morling*

Wrexham Methodist Circuit  
presents

## *Simeon*

*a Roger Jones musical*

to be performed on  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
Venues to be confirmed

## **Rehearsals**

Wednesdays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>  
7.30 pm at Wrexham Methodist Church

## **All are welcome to join us**

To order a CD or Score before rehearsals begin contact  
Deacon Lisa Rathbone 01978 860877  
or email [lisa.rathbone@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lisa.rathbone@hotmail.co.uk)

## *Cytûn Dates:*

Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>; Cytûn Coffee Morning, Memorial Hall. Helpers from 9am please. No raffle – tombola instead. Please help supply small wrapped items. Cakes and produce, sales table, guessing game etc.

Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>; Remembrance Sunday.

Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>; Town Christmas Festival. Memorial Hall available as a venue – refreshments? Holy Cross has a sales table. Publicity for Town Carol Service could be ready to hand out.

Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>; Toy Sunday. Donations of new toys, unwrapped, and toiletries suitable for teenagers welcome.

Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>; Town Carol Service. Afternoon Tea at 5pm, Service at 6pm.

## *Christmas Tree Festival*

Llangollen Methodist Church invite you all to enter a tree in this year's Christmas Tree Festival.

Date to set up your entry – Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>

Trees should be no more than 4 foot high and only battery powered lights are allowed.

The themes this year are 1) traditional or 2) recycled

The church will be open over the weekends 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> December and 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> December for public viewing, and visitors are invited to vote for their favourite tree. The winner will be announced at the Town Carol Service.

More details to follow, but you can start to gather your decorating team and get your thinking caps on!

*“Coffee Morning”* — Thank you to everyone who supported the Cytûn Coffee Morning . £270 was raised toward the afternoon tea at this year's Town Carol Service on December 15<sup>th</sup>

## *Changing lives, one box at a time.*

“People say, ”it’s just a shoebox” but it isn’t. It tells that child, or that family in Eastern Europe that someone, somewhere, has done this for them; that someone cares about them. Each shoebox brings joy and excitement into what is often quite a bleak existence.

Last year we helped towards Teams4u sending over 51,000boxes!

Complete boxes can be brought to Church by Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> – designated “Shoebox Sunday “. Boxes can be decorated or wrapped in Christmas paper. Contents are either for a Girl, Boy or Home. Labels will be available – 3-5yrs, 6-11yrs or 12plus if for a child. Each box needs to be accompanied by a £2.50 donation (or more) to cover transport costs. Gift Aid if you can.

Alternatively – or as well – we can donate gifts suitable for shoeboxes for others to use. Please place these on the table at the back of the church. We also need wrapping paper and large rubber bands to go round the boxes. Anything not used by us will be taken to the warehouse with the boxes. Here are some ideas, or look online at [www.teams4u.com](http://www.teams4u.com)

### *For a child*

Toothbrush & toothpaste, hair accessories, soap/facecloth, stationery and paper, gloves, hat & scarf, new socks/underwear, soft toy, game, puzzle, small musical instrument, toy vehicle, small rubber ball, sweets.

### *For Family or Home*

Candle, cooking utensils (no knives), plastic containers, t-towels, hairbrush, plastic utensils, bowls and cups, small decoration, soap, washing-up cloths, clothes pegs, headscarf, new socks/underwear, make-up, small toiletries.

Please do NOT include food (except for sweets), medicines, war related items (such as toy soldiers/guns) fragile items (such as glass/ceramics), aerosols or anything flammable, sharp items, novels.

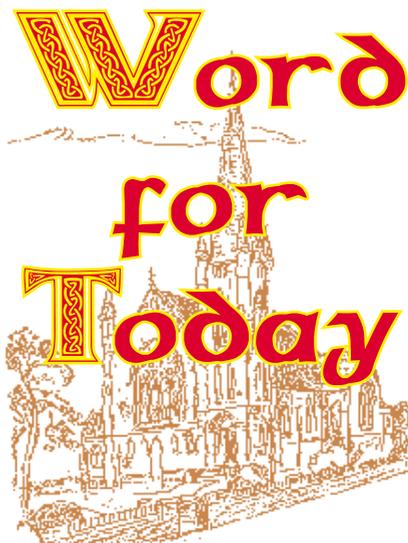
Please join us in church for a communal making-up of boxes on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10;00 (even if only to make us a cup of tea!).

## *The Power Of Your Testimony*

*‘Go...tell them how much the Lord has  
done for you.’*

*Mark 5:19 NIV (2011 Edition)*

THE MOST powerful testimony of all — is a life that can't be explained without God! People may dispute your theology, but your testimony, that's something else! Six different times Paul stood before hostile audiences, and each time he gave his personal testimony. No arguing, no debating — just his story. Dr David Yonggi Cho built the world's largest church in South Korea (one million members). He was won to Christ by a lady he met only once. She shared her testimony, moved on, and Cho, a former Buddhist, never found her again. Your testimony is an awesome thing, especially when it's backed by a consistent lifestyle. People who won't listen to others will listen to you, relate to you, and respond to you if you'll share your story. And when you do, keep in mind four things: 1) Be interesting. Give them the short version and avoid clichés. Jesus is exciting; He came to bring '[life] more abundantly' (John 10:10 NKJV). 2) Be specific. Talk about: a) how it used to be; b) how you met Jesus; c) how it is



now. 3) Be honest. Don't say, 'All your problems will disappear when you become a Christian.' The Christian life is a battlefield, not a playing field. Let people know you still have struggles but something important has changed — you're no longer alone: 'Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world' (1 John 4:4 KJV). 4) Be warm. Don't try to arm-wrestle them into the kingdom. Be gracious, sow the seed, and leave the harvest to God. Now, 'Go...tell them how much the Lord has done for you.'

*Pray for opportunities to share your  
testimony with others.*

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