



Llangollen Methodist Church
Worshipping by the River Dee

17th November 2019

Number – 1042

Riverside Weekly

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

11:00 Morning Worship — Reville Neville Pugh

Music provided by Peter and Ted
Janet welcomed you at the door.
Books were given out by Sue
Elias & Janet will be providing refreshments.
Joan Wilson is today's steward.

“Shoeboxes”

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way in preparing shoeboxes for Teams4U this year.

48 boxes were brought to church and a further 4 boxes were assembled from the bag of extras that were donated — a magnificent total of 52 boxes will be sent off very soon.



real people making
a real difference



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



Church Diary

Sunday 17th November

11:00 Morning Worship — Rev Neville Pugh

Monday 18th November

2:00 Open the Book at Ysgol Bryn Collen

6:00 Games and activity evening

Tuesday 19th November

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

Wednesday 20th November

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

4:00 Cytûn Meeting at the Upper Room

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

Thursday 21st November

2:00 Agor y Llyfr, Ysgol y Gwernant

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

Friday 22nd November

9:45 Country Market at the Memorial Hall

Saturday 23rd November

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

Sunday 24th November

11:00 Morning Worship — Rev Phil Poole

Monday 25th November

2:00 to 4:00 Home Group Fellowship Prayers at the Memorial Hall — do come and join us.

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

Tuesday 26th November

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

Wednesday 27th November

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

Thursday 28th November

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

Friday 29th November

9:45 Country Market at the Memorial Hall

Church Gardening will be done as and when volunteers are available

“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 Ezra, Nehemiah and Ester— prepare Matthew

Monday 25th November 7:30 at Llangollen Memorial Hall

Tuesday 26th November 2:00 at Gresford

Tuesday 26th November 7:30 at Wrexham

Friday 29th November 2:00 at Caergwrle.

More Information from Richard 01978 852742

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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 5th

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 7th/8th December and 14th/15th 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!

Readings

Luke 21:5-19 "By your endurance you will gain your souls." (v. 19)

Psalms 98

Background

Jesus appears to have spent a lot of his time teaching in the Temple since his triumphal entry to Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40) and he would have been familiar with its history and importance. Following the return of the Jewish exiles (Ezra 1:1-4) the Temple was rebuilt and stood for 500 years before being significantly extended by King Herod. All those who visited it must have been struck by its size and splendour. Not only was it central to their Jewish faith, the sheer scale of the building would have given a sense of permanence and a reasonable belief that it would last for centuries to come.

The words of Jesus about the utter destruction of the Temple must therefore have been beyond belief to those who heard him. People were admiring the temple's decoration, not unlike the tourists of today stood outside Westminster Abbey or another great cathedral. They can't have been expecting to be told by a visiting Galilean rabbi that what they were so impressed by was soon to be torn down. Such a suggestion must have seemed to be ridiculously far-fetched.

However, those who listened to this story in Luke's Gospel would have had no such surprise. They would have had fresh memories of the horror of the Jewish-Roman war which began in AD66 and led to the siege of Jerusalem and ultimately the destruction of the Temple four years later. Many of those hearing this account may have had direct experience of the hardships resulting from the war and also suffered from the persecution that had then begun of women and men who declared that they were followers of Jesus Christ.

With Remembrance Day having taken place in this past week, it is worth reflecting on the fact that many of the things that give us security through their solidity and apparent indestructibility can be rapidly taken away in the

midst of war. This is the very real experience for millions of people around the world today, as it was for those who faced the horrors of wars in years past. But Jesus told his listeners and those who were prepared to follow him not to be afraid when they hear of wars and insurrections (verse 9), for whilst they may face persecution, betrayal and even death, they will in the end endure (verse 19).

To Ponder

Passages such as the one today, describing events leading up to the end of times, can often be misused and misunderstood. What would you say to those first-century Christians who genuinely thought ‘the end of the world was nigh’?

What things provide you with a sense of security? And how much does your faith play a part in this?

Pray for people around the world living in places where war and persecution is a daily reality, that they may know the peace of God’s presence.

Bible notes author—Dr Richard Vautrey

The editor’s jottings!

“Laughter the best medicine” — Thank you to everyone for all the good wishes, prayers and enquiries into my health. I am slowly getting more like my old self, and will soon be able to be involved with you all again. Elisabeth and I really enjoyed the get well card from church, which caused us both to have a good laugh.



Norman

Wrexham Methodist Circuit
presents

Simeon



a Roger Jones musical
to be performed on
Friday 20th December at Llangollen Methodist Church
and
Saturday 21st December at Wrexham Methodist Church

Rehearsals

Wednesdays 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th November
Wednesday December 4th and Thursday
December 12th

7.30 pm at Wrexham Methodist Church

All are welcome to join us

To order a CD or Score before rehearsals begin contact
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‘If my People’ Prayer Month

Synod Wales and Synod Cymru

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Friday 15 th	Plas Newydd Grounds	9am	Lisa Rathbone	Celtic Daily Prayer
Saturday 16 th	Gresford		Church Members	Prayer Stations
Sunday 17 th	Circuit Churches			
Monday 18 th	Plas Newydd Grounds	9am	Lisa Rathbone	Celtic Daily Prayer
Tuesday 19 th	Rhosymedre	2pm	Phil Poole	
Wednesday 20 th	Llangollen	10am	Elisabeth Pybus	Circuit Prayers
Thursday 21 st	Overton		Martin Woodhall	
Friday 22 nd	Caergwrle	11-2pm	Caergwrle Members	Prayer Stations
Saturday 23 rd	Llangollen Memorial Hall	10am	Lisa Rathbone	Pop Goes Prayer
Sunday 24 th	Circuit Churches			
Monday 25 th	Llangollen Memorial Hall	2-4pm	Yvonne Davies	Fellowship Prayers
Tuesday 26 th	Brymbo		Richard Parkes	
Wednesday 27 th	Honey’s Caergwrle	10am	Trish/Elizabeth	
Thursday 28 th	Wrexham	8pm	Alternative House Group	Prayers in the Evening
Friday 29 th	Plas Newydd Grounds	9am	Lisa Rathbone	Celtic Daily Prayer
Saturday 30 th	Wrexham	10-12	Lisa Rathbone	Prayer Sharing Event

You are welcome to any of the prayer events across the circuit, but please do your best to attend at least one extra prayer gathering during the month. For any more details contact the named leader of the Prayer Meeting.

Be Spiritually Sensitive

'To be spiritually minded is life and peace.'

Romans 8:6 NKJV

PAUL WRITES, 'Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit' (v. 5 NKJV). Passenger planes are designed to fly in two ways — through the skill of a pilot and the commands they receive from the control tower. To 'live according to the Spirit' means obeying His promptings. You do that by going through your day with an awareness of His presence. Submit, as you feel Him tugging at your heart to take a particular course of action, even if you don't quite understand why. You may be prompted to drop a particular conversation, turn away quickly from a certain television programme, walk away from a questionable environment, or even go 'by another way'. (Remember the wise men in Matthew 2:12?) Whatever it is, do it immediately. The Holy Spirit may be warning you about a temptation you'll be unable to resist unless you obey Him there and then. Perhaps there's someone who comes to your mind during the day, and you know he or she is going



through a difficult time and could use some support. Get in touch with them. God wants to minister to that person through you, and He will bless you when you do it. The Holy Spirit may guide you to do a certain thing, or take a risk you never imagined you'd take. The wisest thing is always to submit to His plan, regardless of whether or not it makes sense to you. God knows all things, including your future, and His direction is always for your benefit.

Pray that you would be aware of the Holy Spirit's guidance in your life.

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