

Dear Friends,

A lot has happened in the life of our Circuit over the last two months and I feel very blessed that as from 1st September 2009 we will have two new part time presbyters serving in our Circuit. Rev Pat Billsborrow, an active and enthusiastic retired presbyter living in Northwich, will work three days a week and take preaching appointments. Rev Pat will have pastoral charge of Kelsall and Oakmere with Ashton. She began her ministry in Hebburn and Jarrow, moved to Scunthorpe in the Lincoln and Grimsby District as the minister prepared to become an Ecumenical Minister of a Church which combined the Church of England, the United Reformed Church and the Methodist Church under a single ministry and then moved to a priority appointment in Birkenhead in the Liverpool District. Three years ago she "sat down" in Northwich but undertook the pastoral care of a small church in that circuit and during the past year for six months acted as Superintendent with five churches. When the opportunity came to help us she readily agreed. The second presbyter, Rev Sue Levitt is an In Service Training presbyter and Sue will also work three days a week. She enjoys working with people of all ages, has been a teacher, an MHA Chaplain and a lay employee. She is looking forward to coming to the Delamere Forest Circuit and will work across the Circuit with different ministry teams in order to gain experience. She will use the rest of her time to complete her MA which is about evangelism in rural communities. Both of these presbyters will bring a wealth of experience to our Circuit and both Rev Steve and I are looking forward to working with them within our ministry teams.

In order to continue to be relevant in our changing society the Methodist Church is encouraging circuits and churches to look at developing ministry teams who work together for mission. The types of these ministry teams echo the 'Our Calling' document and they include ministries which enable God-centred worship and prayer, ministries which help people to grow and learn as Christians, ministries which engage with the everyday acts of love, kindness and service of the people of God in the world and ministries which encourage patterns of witness and evangelism. In short, they are ministries to equip the holistic discipleship of the people of God. The Circuit staff hopes to develop teams within the Circuit and churches to share this exciting work. In Norley the ministry team will include two paid people, myself and Mrs Andrea Ellams who has been appointed as a Young Families worker in Frodsham. She will continue and develop the work our team does in the school in Norley.

Yours in Christ

Pat

Pastoral Piece

It would appear to be true, 'that time flies as you get older'.

I can hardly credit that six months of the year have gone by. What happened to our 'Summer Weather'?

Anyway folks it is time to let you know about our Pastoral Care.

Since the last Outreach edition, our minister Pat Christopher has met with the pastoral team on Tuesday 21st June 09. As with most things, we needed to up-date our list for pastoral visitors and pastoral friends as people move on. This was duly done.

The meeting continued spending some time looking at how we operate and discussing any problems etc. It was generally felt and agreed by the Minister that we are all doing a 'grand job' – keeping in touch with the people on our lists, and getting involved with them when there was a need. We were encouraged to carry on with the good work.

It was reinforced that pastoral visits can be for anyone in the Community. You do not have to be a Church member. The visits are friendly and caring (not religious) and we do respect people's privacy. Flowers, Get Well cards and Sympathy cards are appreciated by the recipients. Ministerial visits can be arranged as required - by a pastoral visitor or a church member requesting one from the minister.

Should you know of anyone out in the Community that would like a visit, please contact us, either via me or a church member. 'Remember we all need someone, at some time in our lives'.

Until next time, 'May God keep watch over you and yours.'

Margaret Hogan

(Pastoral Coordinator)

First Wednesday Walks

The first Wednesday walk for June was led by Tony and Betty Knight and took us from Kelsall to Tarvin and return (by a different route) on a beautiful summer's day. The sizeable group are featured in the picture above.



In July Richard Ramsbottom led the walk around the park at Dunham Massey where he is a volunteer. It was much enjoyed by all, and Tony Knight provided 40 pictures for this edition. Thanks Tony – 1 is shown here.

The August walk was led by Anthony and Heather. This was a fascinating 7½ mile walk from Farndon in excellent weather, past the cliffs on the Dee, along the river towards Chester and circling back through the countryside. What a treat. We were able to welcome Mary Dimelow, Lewis and Oliver to swell our numbers now that school has finished for the summer.

The first Wednesday walk for September 2009 will be on the 2nd September. The walk will be led by Ruth and Bruce. We will be following one of Jan Darlington's circular walks for 6½ miles from Netherton Hall in Frodsham to Helsby Hill. There are a few stiles. Please bring a picnic lunch to eat on the top of Helsby Hill.

Forthcoming walks are

Wednesday October 7th

Wednesday November 4th

Why not join us for a great day out? We meet at the Church normally at 9.45 for a 10am departure. See you there.

Christian Aid Collection

Thanks Everyone

The Norley village Christian Aid collection raised the grand

total of £1,508.14. This was approximately £250 less than last year, maybe due to the credit crunch! £723.70 of the total was Gift Aided.

Big thanks to our collectors –

**Julie Littler, Bruce Lane , Diane and Eric Hodgson,
Michael Gough, Judith and Alan Forrest, Margaret Hogan,
June Fay and Dorothy Rose.**

**In addition a Quiz Aid event was organised for Christian Aid week
which raised a further £130.**

The coordinators this year were Sylvia Clarke and Diane Ramsbottom

Diane Ramsbottom

Youth Work in Norley

We continue to be grateful to Saro, Hazel and Beryl Colley-Davies for the wonderful assemblies at Norley School on Thursdays, and the assistance given by Barry on the weeks he has attended. The assemblies are appreciated by the pupils. The team feel able to continue for the next school year without a youth leader's support if necessary, basing the assemblies on the Twelve Baskets series of publications.

Barry Watkin continued with the after school club up to the summer break, which has been attended with great enthusiasm. Unfortunately the arrangements to purchase some of Barry's time for this work from King's church were only for a year, and cannot be continued, so we have to say farewell to Barry. We are most grateful for all he has done over the past 4 years, and we wish him and Linda, and his growing family well in the future.



We are delighted to report that the work with Norley School will continue to be supported. Andrea Ellams has been appointed as a part time Youth Worker at Frodsham church, and the circuit have agreed to extend her hours so she can continue the after school club at Norley School and assist with the assemblies.

We look forward to welcoming Andrea in September as the school re-opens after the summer.

Summer Safari – August 15th

The date was changed this year from the one in June due to Ruth's and Hazel's illnesses, and Lesley Gough and Heather Davies took over the organisation (though it proved quite difficult to stop Ruth and Hazel continuing to organise the event). Would anyone come to a Safari in the middle of the summer holidays? Fears were groundless and over 130 tickets were sold, and about 125 turned up on a fine and warm evening to enjoy the feast.



Starters were held at the Church where Rita Gadd and Beryl Colley-Davies were the hosts, ably assisted by an army of helpers – in the main Rita's grandchildren.

The main course was at Bruce and Ruth's home, supported by another army and the egg team in the morning. Matthew and Rebecca did sterling work with the drinks. The desserts were at Ruth and Peter Hosker's, and we

finished up at Peter and Pauline Gates for tea and coffee, cheese and biscuits etc. Parking was at Hatchmere Car Park and our grateful thanks go to the car park attendants – John and Lewis Dimelow and Richard Ramsbottom. It was at Peter and Pauline's that the raffle was drawn after Philip had sold the tickets. Almost everybody in the church who was around that weekend joined in – helping at the houses, donating food, preparing the offerings or giving raffle prizes.

The next day about 20 people came to Ruth and Bruce's after the morning service for the traditional eat up of the leftovers, again in fine weather. Well done everybody.



Band of Hope and Joy

The Band of Hope and Joy had the last rehearsal before the summer break when we were also able to celebrate Yvonne's special birthday. We had some singing, some goodies to eat and a lot of enjoyable fellowship.

We, along with the Harmony choir, will meet in the not too distant future to prepare for Harvest.

Saro

Craft Club

On the 7th July we celebrated Yvonne's 50th birthday by surprising her with a buffet lunch along with a birthday cake and even a balloon – organized by Liz and Pearl and held at Pearl's house. It was a treat to see the look of surprise on Yvonne's face. We all certainly enjoyed ourselves and Yvonne was most appreciative.

On the 14th July we paid a visit to Bridgemere Garden Centre. First stop was for a coffee, and duly refreshed we made our way to the craft area browsing around the various sections. This was followed by a tasty lunch. After a well earned rest we participated in a little more browsing and buying. All too soon it was time to head off home, tired, spent up but well satisfied with our purchases.

In between our social activities we do actually manage some craft. At the moment we seem to be doing our 'own thing' which includes embroidery, beading, card making, knitting and rug making etc.

We are such a friendly little group – we really are!! New members would be made most welcome. The coffee and chat is enjoyable too.

June Fay

Diary

Unless otherwise stated in the notices the following group meets weekly at Norley

Craft Club Tuesdays 10.00am – noon in the Sunday School Room

October 2009

Friday	2 nd	2.00pm	Decorate the Church for Harvest
Saturday	3 rd	6.00pm	Harvest Supper and Entertainment
Sunday	4 th	10.45am	Harvest Festival - John Bell of Cuddington
		6.30pm	Harvest festival – Revd Pat Christopher - Sacrament
Wednesday	7 th	9.45am	First Wednesday Walk
Sunday	11 th	10.45am	Miss Wendy Ross-Barker of Liverpool
		6.30pm	United Service at St John's Norley
Wednesday	14 th	12 noon	Open Door Lunch
		2.30pm	Network Meeting at Bunbury
Thursday	15 th		District Lay Employees Day
Sunday	18 th	9.00am	Norley@9
		10.45am	Dr Ruth Lane of Norley
		6.30pm	Mr Geoff Robinson of Helsby
Thursday	22 nd	12 noon	Open Door Lunch
Sunday	25 th		British Summer Time ends (clocks back)
		10.45am	Revd Pat Christopher – Sacrament and dedication of new driveway.
		6.30pm	Mr Neville Ford of The Hurst

November 2009

Sunday	1 st	10.45am	Mr Eric Watchman of Durham
		6.30pm	Mr John Bell of Cuddington
Wednesday	4 th	9.45am	First Wednesday Walk
Remembrance	8 th	10.45am	Revd Pat Christopher – Parade Service
Sunday		6.30pm	United Service at St John's Norley
Wednesday	11 th	12 noon	Open Door Lunch
		2.30pm	Network meeting at Ashton
Sunday	15 th	9.00am	Norley@9
		10.45am	Mr Mike Ridley of Bunbury
		6.30pm	Revd Bernard Dodd of Frodsham
Sunday	22 nd	10.45am	Mrs Rita Watkin of Warrington
		6.30pm	Revd Pat Christopher - Sacrament
Thursday	26 th	12 noon	Open Door Lunch
Sunday	29 th	10.45am	Special United Service at St John's Norley (no morning service at Norley Methodist Church)
(1 st Sunday in Advent)		6.30pm	Mrs Sheila Fath of Helsby

December 2009

Wednesday	2 nd	9.30am	First Wednesday Walk
Sunday	6 th	10.45am	Gift Service – Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child
Thursday	10 th	12 noon	Open Door Room Christmas Lunch
Sunday	13 th	3.00pm	Christingle Service & Tea for Cradle Roll
Sunday	20 th	9.00am	Norley@9
		4.00pm	Carol Service
Friday	25 th	10.00am	Christmas morning service led by Rev Sue Levitt

New Circuit Ministers

Following the departure of Revd Ann Rigby-Jones to pastures new, the circuit are delighted to welcome **Revd Pat Billsborrow**, a supernumerary minister from Northwich and **Revd Sue Levitt**, a probationer minister in training to join Steve and Pat as the Circuit ministerial team. We look forward to working with them.

James Dale's thought for the quarter :-
***The Church is like a nail – it has a head, a body and a point.
 When we put our nails together daily in prayer,
 we are all firmly joined in our faith.***

Harvest Supper & Harvest Festival

Prepare for a weekend of fun and fellowship.

The church will be decorated for Harvest on Friday October 2nd starting at 2pm.

The Harvest Supper will be on Saturday October 3rd in the Open Door Room starting at 6pm and will be followed by entertainment.

The Harvest Festival services on October 4th will be led by John Bell at 10.45am and Pat Christopher at 6.30pm.

This year the Spiritual Committee have agreed that our gifts at Harvest Festival should be non-perishable food with a reasonable shelf life which will be sent to a charity in Manchester that John Bell works with. The food can be used for three purposes:-

- in the drop-in centre in central Manchester, for giving young people, who are often homeless, a decent meal
- to give to young people who are starting in rented accommodation & have sparse financial resources

- to use in cookery classes that the charity runs to help youngsters learn how to nourish themselves properly

John will compile a list of preferred foodstuffs during September.

DOES THIS MEAN THERE WILL BE NO SHOE BOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD?

NO!

Shoe boxes will be collected at the Gift Service on December 6th and taken on December 7th to the depot for their rapid onward journey to needy children around the world.

Ruth Lane

Open Door Lunches

As we approach the Autumn we look forward to another season of lunches together twice a month in the Open Door room. If you haven't tried them yet do come along - you might just be surprised who you see. All you have to do is give in your name by the previous Sunday and turn up for 12 noon on the day - we will do the rest. The dates for this quarter are : -

Wednesday October 14th

Thursday October 22nd

Wednesday November 11th

Thursday November 26th

You may also like to note that there will be no Wednesday lunch in December and the Christmas lunch will be on **Thursday December 10th.**

Happy Lunching!

Joan Bell

Church Finances

As we near the end of the financial year, I can report that collections have averaged £218/week, some £10/week higher than that achieved last year, thanks to your generosity. At this level, the collections just fail to cover the assessment of £11,476 and about £100 has to come out of our tax rebate and other income to pay the assessments. The Gift Aid tax recovery, which will be of the order of £2,500 will be a very welcome addition to the funds.

Since the last report six months ago we have not had any major fund raising activities, but we have benefited from 2 donations from the Open Door lunches of £300 (in March) and £500 (in July), a further donation of £100 from the Craft Club, a donation of £480 for the renovation of the Church entrance top step, a regular annual £200 donation, and a further £77 since the last report donated under 'Buy a Ton of Crush and Run'. We were also donated £300 in response to an appeal from Tarn Taran in India for funds to help pay the centre development manager.

Routine expenditure in the last six months has been much as expected – the two Assessment quarterly cheques (in total £5,738), and the usual run of utility bills, fire equipment inspections, Outreach, and maintenance items (e.g. piano and organ tuning, gardening), The one abnormal addition was the 5 year electrical inspection bill of £287.

Broadly it is still true that the Collections and Gift Aid meet the Assessment and the routine running costs. Our fund raising and donations are used for our charity giving and Church projects.

Project expenditure has been enormous in the last 6 months as the Church disabled access, drive and car park project was finished off with expenditure overall of £11,500 (of which £8100 was from grants), in addition to the purchase of an amplifier and speaker for the Clavinova and guitar of £237, and a new more powerful fan for the kitchen.

We continued to give money away to worthwhile charities to the tune of £1500 – with major amounts to Tarn Taran (£584 in total), Alzheimers (£200), Crossroads (£200) and the Christian Aid Sri Lanka appeal (£200). The Wave Youth Club visit broke even (actually made a surplus of £24).

Overall then the reserves, which we had built up for the drive project, have taken a hammering, but costs were close to budget, and we still retain adequate funds for our cash flow needs. We are doing OK.

Bruce Lane

Norley@9

Join us at Norley Methodist Church for an early, informal time of worship and praise on

October 18th at 9.00am

November 15th at 9.00am

- a service for all lasting about 45 minutes

Carol Singing Dates and Routes 2009

Please make note of the dates and come and help us take the Christmas message to the village

Date	Route	Meeting Place and Time
Tuesday 15 th Dec	Fingerpost Lane, Cow Lane	6.30pm at the Church
Thursday 17 th Dec	Any houses left on Cow Lane Moss Lane The Paddocks, Forresters Close, School Bank, Westview Road	6.30pm at the Church
Saturday 19 th Dec	Maddock's Hill Hough Lane Gadbank High Street Breech Moss	6.30pm at the Church
Sunday 20 th Dec	Crabmill Lane, Part of School Lane Ruloe, Marsh Lane, Sandiway, Delamere Park Cuddington	6.30pm at the Church (after the Carol service)
Monday 21 st Dec	Spare night if rained off earlier	6.30pm at the Church

Date	Route	Meeting Place and Time
Wednesday 23 rd Dec	Post Office Lane, The Spinney, Bottom of School Lane, Ashton Road	6.30pm at the Church
Thursday 24 th Dec	Gallowsclough (James') Then normal route from Hatchmere Caravan Park	6.00pm at Gallowsclough

Any offers of refreshments would be welcome – please let Bruce know as soon as possible