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OUTREACH

THE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE FROM NORLEY METHODIST CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP	10.45am
NORLEY@9	9.00am THIRD SUNDAY IN THE MONTH
EVENING WORSHIP	6.30pm
HOLY COMMUNION	TWICE A MONTH
CRAFT CLUB	TUESDAYS AT 10.00am
BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS	BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE MINISTER
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Dear Friends,

August and September mark the end of one year and the beginning of a new year in the Methodist Church and a change in roles for some people in our churches. Our Circuit Administrator will be compiling the directory updates so I would like to thank all those who cheerfully and generously give their time and energy to ensure that Norley Methodist Church is a place of worship, service and outreach.

It seems like yesterday, the day I arrived as your Minister, but as this is my last 'pastoral letter' the time has come for me to 'hand you over' to Rev'd Sue Levitt. As you all know, Sue has served the Circuit over this last year on a half time basis sharing my pastoral responsibilities. It soon became apparent that pastoral care is one of Sue's natural gifts and so I was able to encourage her to take on the full responsibility of pastoral care for the folks in Norley. I'm sure you'll agree with me that she has done this task with commitment, concern and love so I am confident that your future pastoral needs will be fully met.

Sue will also have pastoral care of Kelsall and has put in place a pattern of worship to meet the needs of both churches. At Norley the usual worship pattern will include a service of the Lord's Supper on the morning of the second Sunday and the evening of the fourth Sunday to be taken by Sue or another presbyter. Norley@9 moves to the first Sunday and Sue also hopes to develop an All Age Worship service on the fourth Sunday. This pattern will enable her to be with you on a regular basis.

On a wider note the year 2011 marks the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, which brought the Scripture to people in the English language and, when read aloud, had a dramatic affect on church attendance and on people's lives. Beginning this September and throughout 2011, the Methodist Conference has invited and challenged all those who feel part of the Church to 'Deepen Discipleship' by 'Celebrating Scripture' as a gift from God, by 'Reading the Bible' so that it speaks in our lives and by 'Bearing the Word' into our communities. This focus on the Bible is a starting point for becoming more serious about our discipleship and reminding us of our roots as a disciple-making movement. John Wesley said we were raised by God to bring "Scriptural Holiness" to the land. Watch out for more information about opportunities to meet together for Bible study and fellowship.

Yours in Christ,



Pastoral Piece

Throughout the year the pastoral visitors have done sterling work quietly and unnoticed and yet very much appreciated by all who have received their pastoral care and support throughout the year. I want to express on behalf of the church a huge thank you for all they have done in our name. It will be good to be able to affirm all that they do at the dedication service for the pastoral visitors planned for the evening of 5th September 2010.

It is with regret that I have to report the resignation of Margaret Hogan as Pastoral Secretary during the Summer. However, I have persuaded her to stay on as a pastoral visitor for which I am very thankful. Margaret has been a wonderful help to me during this year and helped me to be able to know when visits were needed. I know her work in organising the distribution of flowers has been appreciated. The people who have received flowers, whom we would not have otherwise known about, have experienced a wonderful ministry of love and care that she has carried out on our behalf. We thank her gratefully for all she has done. I will hopefully find a replacement or perhaps two people who might share the role over the next few months.

Sue Levitt

Craft Club News

Craft Club continues apace. In fact it is quite difficult to keep up with all the ideas for new and interesting projects!

The latest, now under way, is decorating small items, for example photo or mirror frames, with little coloured mosaics. Contributions for shoe-boxes and in due course various attractive and unusual Christmas decorations will come into production. A recent visit to the craft shop at the Weaver Vale Garden Centre has also sparked more ideas.

In the meantime knitting, card making, embroidery, beading etc. continue providing a very pleasant morning enjoyed by all who come. So why not join us? We'd love to see you.

Alison Twinn

First Wednesday Walks

Betty and Tony Knight led the circular June walk of 6½ miles in the Great Barrow area with a most welcome pub lunch, unusually in the middle of the walk. The skeleton hunt in the churchyard was successful. Neither Tony nor Ruth can find pictures from the walk – a shame.

The July walk was led by Heather & Anthony and was around Audlem, Cheshire. Twelve intrepid souls, plus Sox, completed the walk and we were pleased to welcome two new walkers, Ken and Margaret from Hatchmere Park. This will go down in history as being the first walk where we had our picnic lunch under a canal bridge to shelter from the rain. The walk took us past the many locks of the Shropshire Union canal & then along the Cheshire/Shropshire border. It was not all bad news however – it did stop raining as we finished the walk and the ladies did not need their 20p pieces!

Peter and Sheila Hills ably led our August 8 mile walk around Ellesmere in Shropshire's Lake District. For the 8 who tackled the long distance (plus Sox), we were richly rewarded with wonderful views of the lakes and features of the Llangollen Canal.

Our next walk in September will be led by Richard and Di Ramsbottom. This will be a 4.5mile, 9 stile walk with a picnic lunch starting from Brereton Heath Country Park around Swettenham. Meet at Norley Methodist Church at 9.45 for 10.00am departure. We look forward to seeing you there.

Future walks will be held on

Wednesday September 1st
Wednesday October 6th
Wednesday November 3rd

Bruce Lane

Safari Supper weekend – thanks to everyone.....

We enjoyed yet another most successful Safari Supper on July 24th. We are immensely grateful to the four families who kindly opened their homes for each course and to those who helped them, to Hazel Dale and Ruth Lane who bore the brunt of the planning and arrangements, to all who prepared food and organised tables and chairs and shelter (especially to John Dimelow for transport), and to everyone who bought tickets, came along and supported us yet again. We managed to host 139 diners, firstly for starters at Ruth and Peter Hosker's, then the main course at Ruth and Bruce Lane's, followed by dessert at Peter and Pauline Gates'. We rounded off the evening at James and Hazel Dale's. The weather co-operated, and many attendees thought it was the best Safari Supper ever.

A very big THANK YOU to you all.

And a special 'thank you' to Ruth and Bruce Lane for offering us hospitality for the Sunday lunch-time 'eat-up'. Some 39 of us first shared in an outdoor Holy Communion as a church family in the back garden at Howell Croft, and offered the Rev Pat Christopher our thanks for serving us as our minister at Norley since she came to the Circuit in September 2004. It was a fitting conclusion to the weekend.

Ticket sales amounted to £1589, the raffle raised £186, expenses were £571.58 and donations of £283.90 (including gift aid) were received. We are delighted to announce therefore that a surplus, after paying expenses, of **£1487.32p** was contributed towards charitable giving and Church funds over the weekend – a magnificent result indeed.

John Bell

Christian Aid Collection

Thanks Everyone

The Norley village Christian Aid collection raised the grand total of £1,572.67, very similar to last year's total. £576.66 of the total was Gift Aided.

Many thanks to all who gave.

A Big thanks to all the collectors from St John's and particularly those from our church of -

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

The coordinators this year were Sylvia Clarke and Diane Ramsbottom

Diane Ramsbottom

Church Council Meeting on June 10th

This Church Council, chaired by Sue Levitt, received and reviewed reports on our activities during the last year. A booklet had been prepared by John Bell from the contributions from all the Church organisations and committees. Copies of the booklet are available from John Bell for those interested. The content shows a lively and active Church in worship, service, evangelism, learning and caring – the 5 elements of our mission.

Amongst other items recorded elsewhere in this and previous editions, the meeting noted with regret the resignation of Margaret Hogan as the coordinator of the pastoral care system, but were pleased to hear she was continuing as a pastoral visitor, and that Sue was hoping to recruit a successor soon.

It was also disappointing to hear that Christians Together in Kingsley, Crowton and Norley has been dormant in the past year, and that invitations for us to send 2 observers to the Parochial Church Council had also ceased following the arrival of Peter Rugen, the new Vicar. The outcome of the meeting between Peter and Sue was reported to the meeting. We affirmed our commitment to welcoming Gladys and Helen to attend our Church Council.

In the discussion on Andrea's youth work, it was agreed to hold a Christmas Holiday Club in December 2010, and to persevere with the lunch club at the school. Other options would be discussed at the next Church Council in September.

It was also agreed that a discussion group on the booklet 'Time to Talk of God' (published by the Methodist Church in 2005) would begin in the Autumn. It will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of the month, from 7.30 pm to 9 pm, starting on October 13th.

Bruce Lane

Music at Norley

The Harmony Choir and the Band of Hope and Joy continued with the rehearsals after Easter. Both choirs rehearsed anthems and songs suitable for the morning service on Sunday, 1st August.

However, due to unavoidable circumstances the final rehearsals were cancelled and they were not able to contribute to worship as planned.

Rehearsals will resume in September.

The Little Stars continue to learn new songs during the first part of the regular Sunday school. Now that they are able to read, learning new songs is getting easier. They continue to enjoy making music for worship.

Saro Jesudason

Children's work in Norley

Have you ever been fishing?

It is a long time since I tried fishing. Perhaps you never have. Talking to some children about their holidays in the summer, they had discovered fishing. You could see the excitement on their faces as they explained how they caught the fish and how many they had caught.

Jesus in Matthew 4 v18 22 said. 'Come with me and I will teach you to catch people.'

This reminded me that Peter, Andrew, James and John were fishermen. These disciples made their living by catching fish until one day Jesus asked them to follow him and they left their nets and went with Jesus. What attracted these men to Jesus? Perhaps it was God's Love. God's love attracts people just like the fish is attracted to the big juicy worm.

God wants us to catch people with love. Jesus showed people God's love. We too can show God's love to others.

May we in this coming year show God's love to the children and adults that we meet.

Train a child in the way that they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it. Proverbs Chapter 22 v 6

Andrea Ellams

Au Revoir and Welcome

The Revd Pat Christopher will no longer be our minister from the start of September 2010 as she is taking on responsibility for Tarvin Methodist Church instead, but remaining as Circuit Superintendent. We celebrated all that Pat has done for us since she has been our minister at the Safari Supper Eat-up Lunch on 25th July and we marked the occasion by giving her a cheque for £128 as it is 128 years since the foundation stones of our current church



were laid. We also invited her as our guest to the chapel weekend away in October at Grange over Sands.

We shall enjoy Pat returning to Norley to preach, but know that we shall see less of her in the future.

The Revd Sue Levitt will be our minister from the beginning of September and we have got to know Sue during the last year as she has been working with us whilst completing her training. Sue will also have responsibility for Kelsall Methodist Church and the training of local preachers. Please note Sue's study day is a Tuesday.

Sue's husband, Peter, is also a minister and will be working in the Northwich and Winsford Circuit from the start of September. As I write this, Sue and her husband Peter are in the process of moving to the Tarvin manse whose address is 14 Tarporley Road, Tarvin, Chester CH3 8ER, where Sue's phone number will be 01829 741022. Peter will have a different phone number so that they can keep their responsibilities separated (No mixing of sheep and goats by mistake!!!). Sue's e-mail remains the same: suelevitt@yahoo.com.

Even before Sue's official arrival she has been busy, taking her first wedding – that very happy occasion on July 30th when Craig & Dorothy were married, and just two weeks later, she led Kath Hardy's funeral. Sue's arrival will be officially celebrated on September 4th with a meal and entertainment – see the advert elsewhere in Outreach.



Ruth Lane

Diary

Craft Club meets from 10am to noon in the Open Door room on Tuesday (unless the notices say otherwise)

September 2010

Wednesday	1 st	9.45am	First Wednesday Walk
		10.30	Coffee and Chat at Kelsall
Saturday	4 th	6.00pm	Welcome party for Rev Sue Levitt
Sunday	5 th	9.00am	Norley@9
		10.45am	Deacon John Clarke of Ashton
		6.30pm	Revd Sue Levitt – Sacramento
			Dedication service for the Pastoral Visitors
Wednesday	8 th	12noon	Open Door Lunch
		2.30pm	Network meeting at Bunbury
		7.30pm	An evening with Moody and Sankey at Ashton
Thursday	9 th	12.30pm	Soup Lunch at Tarvin
Saturday	11 th	9.30am	Autumn Synod at Longton Central Hall
Racial Justice & Peacemaking	12 th	10.45am	Revd Graham Carter, former President of the Methodist Conference - Sacramento
Sunday		6.30pm	United Service at St John's Norley
Monday	13 th	12.30pm	The Hurst Soup Lunch
Tuesday	14 th	7.30pm	Circuit Meeting at Frodsham
Wednesday	15 th	5.15pm	Messy Church at Tarvin
		7.30pm	Norley Methodist Church Council
		8.00pm	Café Church at The Hurst
Friday	17 th	5.15pm	Messy Church at Frodsham
		7.30pm	Ashton Harvest – Revd Pat Billsborrow
Sunday	19 th	10.45am	Mr John Bell of Cuddington
		10.45am	Oakmere Harvest – Mr Colin Higginbotham
		6.30pm	Mr Mike Ridley of Bunbury
Wednesday	22 nd	7.30pm	Local Preachers Meeting at Tarvin
Thursday	23 rd	12 noon	Open Door Lunch
		12.30pm	Soup Lunch at Tarvin
		2.30pm	'Together for Tea' afternoon at The Wyches, Kingsley to raise funds for Save The Family
Saturday 25 th – Sunday 26 th			Celebration of Methodism in Frodsham at Frodsham Methodist Church
Saturday	25 th	10.00am	Decorate the Church for Harvest
Back to Church	26 th	10.00am	The Hurst harvest – Mr Nic Willis
Sunday		10.45am	Revd Sue Levitt – Harvest Festival All Age Worship
		2.30pm	Farm Harvest Family Celebration at Old Hall Farm, Hillfoot Lane, Kingsley.
		6.30pm	Revd Sue Levitt – Harvest Festival - Sacramento

October 2010

Sunday	3 rd	9.00am	Norley@9
		10.45am	Mr Edgar Gregory of Frodsham
		6.30pm	Mr Andrew Ellams of Frodsham
		6.30pm	Blakelees Harvest – Mr Keith Ineson
Wednesday	6 th	9.45am	First Wednesday Walk
		10.30	Coffee and Chat at Kelsall
Thursday	7 th	12.30pm	Tarvin Soup Lunch
Friday 8 th – Sunday 10 th			Church Weekend Away at Grange-over-Sands

October 2010 (continued)

Sunday	10 th	10.45am	Joint Service at Oakmere (Mr Edgar Gregory)
		6.30pm	Joint Service at Blakelees (Revd Bernard Dodd)
Monday	11 th	12noon	The Hurst Soup Lunch
Tuesday	12 th	7.30pm	Spiritual Committee meeting – Howell Croft
Wednesday	13 th	12 noon	Open Door Lunch
		2.30pm	Network meeting at Oakmere (Autumn Gifts)
		7.30pm	'Time to Talk of God' at Norley Methodist Church
Friday	15 th	5.15pm	Messy Church at Frodsham
Sunday 17 th – Sunday 24 th			One World Week
Healthcare	17 th	10.45am	Mr Geoff Robinson of Helsby
Sunday		6.30pm	Mrs Judy Ford of The Hurst
Wednesday	20 th	5.15pm	Messy Church at Tarvin
		8.00pm	Café Church at The Hurst
Thursday	21 st	12.30pm	Tarvin Soup lunch
Sunday	24 th	10.45am	Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child
		10.45am	Mrs Elizabeth Holmes of Frodsham – All Age Worship
		6.30pm	Revd Sue Levitt - Sacrament
Wednesday	27 th	7.30pm	'Time to Talk of God' at Norley Methodist Church
Thursday	28 th	12noon	Open Door Lunch
Sunday	31 st		Clocks go back – end of British Summer Time
		10.45am	Mr Mike Ridley of Bunbury
		6.30pm	Professor Neville Ford of The Hurst

November 2010

Wednesday	3 rd	9.45am	First Wednesday Walk
		10.30am	Coffee and Chat at Kelsall
Thursday	4 th	12.30pm	Tarvin Soup Lunch
Sunday	7 th	9.00am	Norley@9
		10.45am	Mr Ian Johnson of Tarporley
		6.30pm	Mrs Ann Wright of Oakmere
Monday	8 th	12noon	The Hurst Soup Lunch
Tuesday	9 th	7.30pm	Local Preachers Meeting at Ashton
Wednesday	10 th	12 noon	Open Door Lunch
		2.30pm	Network meeting at Ashton
		7.30pm	'Time to Talk of God' at Norley Methodist Church
Thursday	11 th	11.00am	Service of Remembrance – Tiverton Cenotaph
Remembrance	14 th	10.45am	Revd Sue Levitt - Sacrament
Sunday		6.30pm	United Service at St John's Norley
Wednesday	17 th	5.15pm	Messy Church at Tarvin
		8.00pm	Café Church at The Hurst
Thursday	18 th	12.30pm	Soup Lunch at Tarvin
Friday	19 th	5.15pm	Messy Church at Frodsham
Sunday	21 st	10.45am	Mrs Ann Wright of Oakmere
(Prisons Week)		6.30pm	Mr Philip Garner of Norley
Tuesday	23 rd	7.30pm	Circuit Meeting at Blakelees
Wednesday	24 th	7.30pm	'Time to Talk of God' at Norley Methodist Church
Thursday	25 th	12 noon	Open Door Lunch
Advent	28 th	10.45am	Mr Matthew Barnard – All Age Worship
Sunday		6.30pm	Revd Sue Levitt - Sacrament

December 2010

Wednesday	1 st	9.30am	First Wednesday Walk
Sunday	5 th	9.30am	Norley@9.30
Wednesday	8 th	7.30pm	'Time to Talk of God' at Norley Methodist Church
Thursday	9 th	12 noon	Open Door Room Christmas Lunch
Sunday	12 th	4.00pm	Christingle Service & Tea for Cradle Roll

Norley Harvest Festival

Come and help us decorate the church for Harvest on Saturday September 25th starting at 10am.

We are delighted that our own minister, Sue Levitt will lead the Harvest Festival services on September 26th at both 10.45am and 6.30pm. Come along and join the celebrations.

The morning service will include the collection of Harvest Gifts. We are asking for be non-perishable food with a reasonable shelf life which will be sent to the Young People's Support Foundation (YPSF) in Manchester, the same group we gave to last year. YPSF offers various services to deprived and needy young people – supported housing in their first tenancies (when they have often been thrown out of their own homes because of dysfunctional and abusive families), young refugee resettlement, homelessness prevention advice, social welfare advice, daily food provision and shower facilities for homeless youngsters, sexual health and drug education, financial advice, and so on.

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

NO!

Shoe boxes will be collected at the Gift Service on October 24th and soon after taken to the depot for their rapid onward journey to needy children around the world.
Ruth Lane

FARM HARVEST FAMILY CELEBRATION - OLD HALL FARM, HILLFOOT LANE KINGSLEY.

From 2.30 pm on SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER. Free parking,
Free refreshments, Folk band, Music by local schoolchildren, Hilltop panoramas, children's activities,
YOUNG CALVES, locally grown food display.

IT'S FREE TO ALL, but there will be a collection for the
'Agricultural Chaplaincy Team' offering help to farmers in crisis.

PS bring a folding chair !

Time to Talk of God

Come and discuss this thought provoking book on discipleship in ordinary life in the world.



Discussions will be held at church
from 7.30pm – 9.00pm
on 13th and 27th October
10th and 24th November
and 8th December



'Time to Talk of God' is a booklet, first presented as a report to the Methodist Conference in June 2005. It is regarded as one of the best publications the Church has produced in recent years.

An invitation to YOU to come to a Party to Welcome Sue as she becomes our minister

*on Saturday September 4th at 6pm
at Norley Methodist Church*

**A superb 3 course meal and good fellowship
You couldn't ask for more!!!**

You are invited to an evening with

MOODY AND SANKEY

At Ashton Methodist Church Wednesday 8th September at 7.30pm

Led by Susie Treeton & Audrey Woods

Refreshments to follow.

Norley Methodist Church Weekend Away

8th - 10th Oct 2010 Abbot Hall Hotel, Grange

The weekend is almost here. We have 25 adults and 4 children booked to attend.

A programme for the weekend with options and choices will soon be issued by Alison and Joan, including a walk on the Friday and Saturday afternoons to be led by Richard and Di.

Pat has offered to arrange transport for those requiring it to and from Grange, and anyone who needs transport should let Pat know by the 19th September.

Bruce will shortly ask for the rest of the money, and John (Bell) will advise you of the room assignments.

All looks set for a great weekend – see you there.

Alison, Joan and Bruce

Open Door Lunches

Lunches on the 2nd Wednesday and the 4th Thursday are still going well- enjoyed by the guests and helpers alike.

Around 30 guests enjoy a two course lunch followed by hot drink and chocs. - all for £3.50!

If you don't already join us or you know of anyone who would like to join - a warm welcome awaits.

Please book in by the previous Sunday.

Future Dates:

Wednesday September 8th

Thursday September 23rd

Wednesday October 13th

Thursday October 28th

Wednesday November 10th

Thursday November 25th

Christmas Lunch Thursday December 9th

Di Ramsbottom (on behalf of the "team")

Church

Finances

As we near the end of the financial year, I can report that collections have averaged £237/week, some £20/week higher than that achieved last year, thanks to your generosity. At this level, the collections cover the assessment of £11,932 and about £400 is left over towards our charitable giving and the maintenance and running costs of the Church. 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 had the major fund raising from the Safari Supper of £1487.32 (see article by John Bell) and donations from the Open Door lunches of £300 and the Craft Club of £100, as well as £300 from individuals which was also gift aided. Thanks everybody. In addition rental income for the Open Door room has amounted to some £475 so far.

Routine expenditure in the last six months has been much as expected – the two Assessment quarterly cheques (in total £5,966), and the usual run of utility bills, fire equipment inspections, gas boiler service, Outreach, and maintenance items (e.g. piano and organ tuning, gardening), There were 2 unexpected bills for organ repairs due to problems with the couplers.

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 in the last 6 months has been devoted to the refurbishment of the Lounge as a Sunday School room, now completed at a cost of £860, and the removal of the troublesome conifer at the side of the Church at a cost of £200.

We continued to give money away to worthwhile charities. In the last 6 months we gave away a further £1150 to a range of charities – Practical Action, Samaritans, CLEM, the Poppy Appeal, Connexional Property Fund, Englesea Brook, the Easter Offering and MHA.

Overall then the reserves which were reducing rapidly have been stabilized by the Safari Supper surplus, and will be boosted by the annual tax rebate cheque. With no major project work anticipated on our building, we still retain adequate funds for our cash flow needs. We are doing OK.

Bruce Lane

In Memoriam

Kathleen Hardy

We have all gathered here this afternoon to celebrate and give thanks for the life of Kathleen Hardy and you will all have come with your special unique memories of her some will be of happy times and bring a smile to your face in the remembering, others will be of more poignant moments which may well bring a tear to your eyes and that's fine and as it should be.

And whilst all your memories may well be of different times and occasions and may be special and significant only to you, from all I have been told about Kath I am sure they are filled with love. For she loved her God and knew His love for her ... she was a little dynamo full of God's love from the top of her head to the tip of her toes. She radiated God's love for her throughout her life in so many different ways - Her faith and her love of her Lord meant such a lot to her and she wanted to share that love with all she met, following Jesus' example as the way the truth and the life

Oh how I wish I'd known her!!

Kathleen was born at Moss Side Farm in Antrobus, one of 4 children. She had 2 sisters, Elizabeth and Marion and a brother Geoffrey all of whom she outlived. In her younger days she worked on the family farm and attended the local school and Methodist chapel where she was to become a Sunday school teacher and a choir member.

On her father's retirement in 1959 they moved to Norley to live at Windy Ridge. After the death of her father, Kathleen went to work for Mr. Alan Parry, firstly in the chicken rearing establishments and then in his shops. Kathleen loved her life working for Mr. Parry and did not retire until 2002 at the ripe age of 86 years young!!!

During her time at Norley she became an active member of Norley chapel, as well as the Wednesday Club and the WI. Kathleen trained as an alto singer in her youth and loved singing both in the chapel choirs and in the WI choir. Being an alto singer myself I noticed all the hymns we discussed as some of her favourites all had a good rousing tune and some interest in the alto line! I have it on good authority that when Kathleen was in chapel with her great nephews and in her usual way was singing out lustily in the hymns they'd nudge one another and say "Auntie's warbling again!!" She enjoyed singing a joyful song unto her Lord! And I understand that when Norley chapel went carol singing as they do each year her special request was always the same – 'While shepherds watched' to Lyngham - and boy do you need some puff to get through that rousing number!!

Kathleen lived life to the full!! In her youth she loved playing tennis and she always loved her holidays. Being a very determined lady and wanting to get the most out of the holidays she took swimming lessons in her seventies so that she could enjoy life round the pool more!

Kathleen had a wonderful sense of humour and was always full of fun! Many who have been on Norley family weekends away can testify to that! And have some wonderful stories to recall like the game with balloons .. !! Apparently everyone had a balloon tied to their ankle and whilst guarding their own had to try and burst everyone else's and the one whose balloon remained intact won. After a lot of shenanigans and amidst much laughter yes you've guessed it Kathleen won!!

Everyone I've spoken to when I've asked what is their lasting memory of her all without exception has without hesitation said her wonderful smile ... a smile that lit up every room it entered, a smile that shone love into the hearts of all who saw it. All speak of her care and concern for others, her courteous nature and the fact she was always appreciative of even the little things done for her. In all things she lived out the gospel and her Lord's teaching throughout her life, living and loving life to the full.

She cared for all but above all she loved and cared for her extended family. She never married ... living at home, looking after and caring for her father and she lavished affection upon her nephews Geoff and Ian and their respective families. She took great pleasure in her great nephews and followed their school and university lives with great interest, writing to them when they were away and never forgetting to enclose a £5 note towards expenses! She was so proud of them and always had photographs which she would show at any opportunity!



The final 18 months of Kathleen's life were spent at Mount Pleasant Residential Home where she was happy and well cared for. Her good humour and ability to get on well with everyone was remarked on by the staff and her smile kept up through increasing frailty.

So today we give thanks for Kathleen, for all that she has meant in so many different ways and we thank God for all those special memories of her, for all the love she shared, which means she will live on in your lives and in your hearts.

Now for Kath the trials and tribulations of this world are over and death is past and I know that she has gone to be in God's house where there is no more pain, and no more suffering. And I know she will have been received into the loving arms of her Heavenly Father with the words

'Well done my good and faithful servant'. Amen.

Sue Levitt

Norley@9

Norley@9 has moved to the first Sunday of the month. Come along to our reopening party on September 5th and join us at Norley Methodist Church for an early, informal time of worship and praise on

September 5th at 9.00am

October 3rd at 9.00am

November 7th at 9.00am

- a service for all lasting about 45 minutes