

Rev'd Sue Levitt
14 Tarporley Road, Tarvin CH3 8ER
Tel: 01829 741022
email: revsuelevwork@gmail.com

September, 2015

Dear Friends

We are once again in the season of Harvest Festivals. I must confess to thoroughly enjoying Harvest, when the Church is decorated with home grown fruit, vegetables and flowers.

I struggle when preaching at Harvest Festivals though, because I have never really grown anything of any significance (maybe mustard and cress while I was at school) and I feel to be ill equipped to say much of any significance. In fairness that is because the bounty of my harvest tends to come from the supermarket, rather than any work of my own hand.

I spent an hour trying to tidy my front garden up a while ago and two children who were passing came across for a chat as I tugged at weeds, ivy and some form of creeper that seemed to have taken a strong hold in my garden. "Do you grow anything?" I was asked. I glanced around my garden and spotting a shrub with flowers on, I said "I grow some flowers". My new little friend was not impressed. "No, I mean vegetables!" he exclaimed. I felt incompetent and a bit of a failure as I replied "No".

My garden gives me hours of enjoyment as I gaze out at flowers and shrubs that I didn't plant, but nonetheless manage to give me pleasure as they blaze into colour. I am frequently given home grown produce by one of my friends as she gives away her surplus harvest and I am always amazed at the taste and texture. But my speciality seems to be weeds.

When I was a child I lived in Teesside, a very industrial part of our country, and even though I thoroughly enjoyed the Harvest Festival for its colour and wonderful smells, very little if any was home grown and the hymns although sung with gusto, "We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land..." really meant very little to us.

As I begin to prepare for services this year, I am aware of farmers who were at the Plough service at the turn of the year at St John's Norley. I am aware of the importance of the harvest to them, in terms of supplying them with their livelihood. Harvest thanksgiving really means something to them, it is not merely going through the motions, it is real.

I have thought about this as I tried to think what I should write for my minister's letter, and I suddenly realise how many times there are in my life when I go through the motions, doing what is familiar, singing the hymns, saying the words, living the ritual and never giving a moment's thought to the importance of all of this.

As you read through your Newsletter this month, there are host of different activities happening in the life of the Church. Every single one of them is important, they matter, they are significant in the life of the Church. As we start another new Methodist year and everything gets going once again, I am going to do my best, not simply to go through the motions, but to embrace as much as I can, recognising its importance.

My hope is that you will do the same.

With every blessing.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue".

Craft Club News

The Craft Club now has eighteen regular members and we have spread from the Open Door room into the school room so we all have a little more space. We think we are now at a comfortable capacity.

The stall we intended having at the Petty Pool Trust's open day did not materialise as, on second thoughts, it did not seem to be the most appropriate time for it. However, we shall have a stall for Petty Pool at the Norley Flower Show on Saturday 5th September, so please come and support the show and the craft club.

On Friday 31st July Peter Evans, MBE, retired chief executive of Petty Pool came and gave a most interesting talk and all those who came had a very enjoyable evening. The donations received amounted to £90.

It is really good to support a local charity but we do other things as well, for example Bea, one of our members and an expert florist, showed us how to do a table arrangement. We learnt a lot and all went home with some good results. In fact a friend of June's admired hers and asked her where she had got it!

On 11th August we were out for coffee, visited Lady Heyes craft centre and some of us also stayed out for lunch. Tuesday mornings are very enjoyable!

Alison Twinn

Pastoral Piece

Oh wouldn't it be lovely to say 'What a wonderful world we live in'. Sadly the newspapers and TV seem to give us horrific news etc. that appears to go on and on.

Sometimes we should stop and think about the peaceful surroundings we live in. We are fortunate to live in a lovely village and enjoy such tranquility.

We all have our ups and downs, but can't all play the Yo Yo!! If you have ups and downs and would appreciate a friendly ear to offload to, or feel a friendly visitor could help, just phone me to arrange.

This year so far seems to have galloped by. I hate to think about the dark nights again, but they will soon be here. In the meantime we wish you and yours peace and happiness for what's left of the summer.

A few words:

Life is not easy for any of us
But what of that?

We must have perseverance and above all
confidence in ourselves.

We must believe that we are gifted for something, and that
this thing, at whatever cost, must be attained.

(Marie Curie 1867- 1934)

God Bless you all

Margaret Hogan (01928 788960)

The Annual Church Meeting

was held on June 14 with Sue in the chair and about 30 members present.

Amongst other things it decided:

- Since all the stewards and vestry stewards were willing to continue for a further year, they were re-appointed from September.
- Sue expressed her very grateful thanks to Alison Twinn who has been a very diligent and conscientious Senior Steward this past year. Sue announced that Ruth Lane will become Senior Steward from September.
- All Church Council Members appointed by the Annual Church Meeting are willing to serve another year and the meeting duly appointed them.
- £600 was donated to charities as follows
 - £50 to the Poppy Appeal
 - £100 to 'Norley News'
 - £100 to the Heart Foundation
 - £150 to Northwich Samaritans
 - £200 towards the 'new van' appeal by the Chester and Ellesmere Port Food Bank

Safari Supper in 2015

The Safari Supper was held on Saturday July 11 in rather mixed weather. Around 100 guests came and donated their ticket money, and bought raffle tickets. Many thanks for the generosity of all who came. They were rewarded with starters at Anthony and Heather Davies', a main course at Bruce and Ruth Lane's and desserts, tea, coffee etc. at the Church.

Our thanks are due to Heather and Anthony Davies and their team for the starters, Ruth Lane and her team for the main course, and Joan Bell and her team for the desserts. Our thanks also go to those who donated starters or desserts; helped with the setting up the shelters, tables and chairs and taking them back afterwards; Philip and his assistants for selling the raffle tickets; and those who provided the raffle prizes. As you can see, it was a lot of work.

It was all well worth while however. Everybody had a great time. The surplus realised was £1254, which with gift aid on the donations of £357 will put £1611 into Church funds. The Treasurer is a happy man!

Bruce Lane

First Wednesday Walks

Summer has at last arrived! That is how it seemed as 12 intrepid walkers set off on our June walk in glorious sunshine. The walk took us around the ancient Cheshire village of Holmes Chapel for a 5 mile amble along the River Dane, up through farmland, woodland & even a dusty newly ploughed field! After the obligatory "coffee stop", we had a picnic lunch overlooking the Dane Valley. Peaceful !

The walk continued along another section of the Dane Valley & we returned to our cars parked at The Old Red Lion where we had a debriefing whilst enjoying an after walk drink sat out in the sunshine.

Anthony Davies

July's walk was devised by Tony Knight but unfortunately illness prevented him from taking part. However ten of us began the trek from the Tarvin / Tarporley road down the lanes towards Christleton. Part way along we joined the Baker Way following an old Roman route which crosses three packhorse bridges (of later than Roman dates).

Eventually after a very hot walk, the one frazzling day this summer, we arrived at the Plough Inn, where liquids lost were replenished and a hearty meal enjoyed by all including Di and Richard's daughter, Karen, and Sheila Hills who joined us for lunch. On the journey the ever 'eagle eyed' Richard spotted a Red Kite, which apparently are increasingly being seen in the area.

A very pleasant walk, thanks Tony.

Garry Wynne

For the August walk, only six of us (holidays etc. reduced the numbers) met at the Chapel and we drove to the car park at the southern end of Redesmere where our number increased by a further two. We then set off on a circular 3½ mile walk with the forecast of rain ringing in our ears. The walk was a mixture of flat woodland and farmland with fine views across the mere and to Capesthorpe Hall and Gardens. Preparations were well advanced for a large music concert called "Rewind" being held the following weekend (we made a mental note to keep well clear of the area). We had been warned about the many stiles on the route but were surprised that the local farmer had erected an electric fence across the path which we had to crawl underneath. Somebody said it was good training for the SAS!

However we arrived safely back at the cars and enjoyed a picnic lunch while watching the wildfowl and vast amounts bread being fed to the ducks (not by us). It rather reminded us of scenes from Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds". Luckily for us it had remained dry and only started to rain just as we got home. The highlight of the day for me was seeing a Hobby do a fast flypast in front of the car as we headed back. On the last walk a Red Kite, this time a Hobby. I wonder what the Norley Wildflower Memorial Walk will have in store for us next month - come along and see!

Richard Ramsbottom

Future walks are planned for

Wednesday 2nd September – Norley Memorial Wildflower walk

Wednesday 7th October – led by Vaughan and Garry

Wednesday 4th November – led by Sheila and Peter

Further information slips on each walk are available from the church porch in the month before the walk. We meet on the day at the church at 9.45 for a 10.00 am departure each month – we hope to see you there.

Bruce Lane

Family Worker Report

As Summer draws to a close our thoughts and energy turn to the months ahead and time for new opportunities, renewing friendships and making new ones.

I am looking forward to meeting the Children starting in the Reception class at Norley School and wish them and all the children / young adults from Norley Methodist Church a successful year.

Below are events that are taking place over the next three months.

Saturday 10th October. Family walk (all ages welcome) followed by tea and sleep over event for KS2 and above children at Frodsham Methodist Church. More information to follow later (Ring me on 07749877823 to take part).

Friday 16th October. The Rhema Theatre Company are coming to Frodsham Methodist Church to present to us their production of "It's Not Fair", telling stories from around the world of Human Trafficking. The production is not suitable for children under 11 years. Tickets are available through me. Tickets are Free but a donation towards the fight against Human Trafficking will be welcomed on the night.

The weekend of the 20-22nd November. Some of the young people from Norley and Frodsham are going to 3Generate in Swindon. This is a Youth weekend for Children from 8-23 years run by the Methodist Church each year and it will be the first time we will have attended this event.

Monday 21st December. A Christmas Holiday club will be running from 10-2pm. Please put this in your diary as help will be needed during this event. More information to follow.

The apostle Paul wrote to the church of God in Corinth around AD56 these words found in 2Corinthians 4:16 :-

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.”

He was reminding us that our spirit and passion for life can be and is renewed by God's love through his Holy Spirit daily.

May we remember this in the days ahead.

Andrea Ellams.

The Church Council ...

...was held on June 17 with some 16 members attending and Sue chairing.

This meeting was principally to accept the annual reports on all the church activities, and to discuss them. The reports, covering a huge range of activities, were accepted and the collected reports are available from Ruth Lane – whether you are a Church Council member or not. It was decided to continue with all the activities for the next year.

The Council amongst other things decided:

- that the Church would hold a flower festival at Harvest 2016 around the 25th September as recommended by the team that had looked at the project.
- To authorise up to £250 to be spent by Lewis Dimelow to purchase half round rails, membrane, wood Chip, and 2 box plants for the tubs and compost for the garden project.
- To accept James Dale's kind offer to install a light for the new notice board.

Bruce Lane

Christian Aid Week 2015

Very many thanks to the collectors and those who gave so generously.

£3021.36 was collected including Gift Aid.

Ruth Lane and Rita Boon

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love?'

You know... The one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

Diary

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

September 2015

Wednesday	2 nd	9.45am	1 st Wednesday Walk – Norley Memorial Wildflower walk
		4.00pm	Sunday School planning meeting – Howell Croft
		7.30pm	No Café Church
Thursday	3 rd	4.30pm	The Hurst Messy Church
Saturday	5 th	4.00pm	Saltney - Welcome Service for Revd David Speed
Sunday	6 th	10.45am	Mr Alan Carter of Helsby
		6.30pm	Mr Mark Smyth of Chester
		6.30pm	Chester Cathedral: Christian Aid 70 th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service
Monday	7 th	4.00pm	Kelsall Messy Church
Wednesday	9 th	12noon	Open Door Room Lunch
Saturday	12 th	10.00am	Autumn Synod – North Staffs
		3.00pm	Wildflower walk and Poetry and Tea at the Village Hall
Racial Justice	13 th	10.45am	Rev Sue Levitt – Sacrament (+Sunday School, Bruce)
Sunday		6.30pm	No service at Norley
Wednesday	16 th	5.00pm	Tarvin Messy Church
Sunday	20 th	9.00am	Norley@9
		10.45am	Mr Andrew Ellams of Frodsham
		6.30pm	Rev Sue Levitt – Alternative Worship
Wednesday	23 rd	2.00pm	Spiritual Committee at Howell Croft
Thursday	24 th	12noon	Open Door Room Lunch
		1.15pm	Thursday Club
Saturday	26 th	10.00am	Decorate the Church for harvest
		11.00am	Frodsham 'A Harvest of Memories' photographs, music and displays of items from past decades (until 4pm).
		7.00pm	Harvest Supper
Sunday	27 th	10.45am	Harvest Festival – Rev Peter Levitt All Age Worship
		2.30pm	Farm Harvest Old Hall Farm, Hillfoot Lane, Newton by Frodsham WA6 6SZ

		6.30pm	Harvest Festival and Pastoral Visitor re-dedication Rev Sue Levitt – Sacrament
Monday	28 th	2.30pm	Frodsham. Afternoon Harvest Praise with Edgar Gregory. Refreshments available afterwards.

October 2015

Thursday	1 st	4.30pm	The Hurst Messy Church
Friday 2 nd – Sunday 4 th			Church Weekend Away at Beth Eden, Llandudno
Sunday	4 th	10.45am	Service at Oakmere – Mr Robert Swettenham
		6.30pm	Service at Blakelees – Mr Mike Ridley
Monday	5 th	2.00pm	Church Leadership Team meeting – Howell Croft
		4.00pm	Kelsall Messy Church
Wednesday	7 th	9.45am	1 st Wednesday Walk led by Vaughan and Garry
		7.30pm	Café Church led by Ruth and Bruce Lane
Saturday	10 th	9.15am	Safeguarding Training Day at Caldley Valley (until 12 noon). Book in with Peter Sandercock by 25 Sep.

October 2015 (continued)

Saturday	10 th		Frodsham - Family walk for all ages, tea and sleepover event for KS 2 and above.
Sunday	11 th	10.45am	Rev Sue Levitt – Sacrament (+Sunday School, Bruce)
		6.30pm	No service at Norley
Tuesday	13 th	7.00pm	Church Council meeting
Wednesday	14 th	12noon	Open Door Room lunch
		7.30pm	Local Preachers meeting at Christleton
		7.30pm	Theology Dept, Chester University : “Early Methodists and other animals” by David Clough.
Friday	16 th	7.30pm	Frodsham Methodist : Human Trafficking by 'The Rhema Theatre Company.
Saturday	17 th	7.00pm	Quiz night at the Village Hall (JNCOT)
Sunday	18 th	9.00am	Norley@9
		10.45am	Mr Mike Halliday of Chester
		6.00pm	Circuit United Service at Rowton – Jill Barber Vice President of the Methodist Conference.
Wednesday	21 st	5.00pm	Tarvin Messy Church
Thursday	22 nd	12noon	Open Door Room lunch
		1.15pm	Thursday Club
Sunday	25 th		Clocks go back – end of British Summer Time
		10.45am	Rev Denise Harding of Frodsham. Shoe Box Sunday. (+Sunday School, Hazel)

6.30pm Rev Sue Levitt - Sacrament

November 2015

Sunday	1 st	10.45am	Rev David Copley of Frodsham – Sacrament (+Sunday School, Bruce)
		6.30pm	Mr Philip Garner of Norley
Monday	2 nd	4.00pm	Kelsall Messy Church
Wednesday	4 th	9.45am	1 st Wednesday Walk led by Peter and Sheila
		7.30pm	Café Church – Michael Gough
Thursday	5 th	4.30pm	The Hurst Messy Church
Remembrance	8 th	10.45am	Rev Sue Levitt – All Age Worship with the uniformed organisations
Sunday		6.30pm	No service at Norley
Wednesday	11 th	12noon	Open Door Room Lunch
Sunday	15 th	9.00am	Norley@9
		10.45am	Mr Edgar Gregory of Frodsham
		6.30pm	Rev Sue Levitt – Alternative Worship
Wednesday	18 th		Supernumeraries lunch at Norley
		5.00pm	Tarvin Messy Church
Friday 20 th – Sunday 22 nd			PGL Adventure Centre near Swindon: Annual Methodist Youth Weekend “3Generate”
Sunday	22 nd	10.45am	Mr Malcolm Pearson of Chester (+Sunday School, Hazel)
		6.30pm	Rev Sue Levitt - Sacrament
Thursday	26 th	12noon	Open Door Room Lunch
		1.15pm	Thursday Club
Sunday	29 th	10.45am	Mr John Bell of Norley (+Sunday School, Hazel)
		4.00pm	Advent Carols – Venue to be announced

December 2015

Wednesday	2 nd	9.45am	1 st Wednesday Walk led by Sylvia and John
		7.30pm	Café Church
Thursday	10 th	12noon	Christmas Open Door Lunch
Sunday	20 th	9.00am	Norley@9

Harvest Supper
in the
Open Door Room
Saturday 26th September
EVERYONE VERY WELCOME

Harvest Festival Services
Sunday 27th September
10:45am - led by Rev Peter Levitt
6:30pm - Holy Communion led by Rev Sue Levitt

Alternative Evening Worship
6:30pm
Led by Rev Sue Levitt
on September 20th and November 15th

Shoe Box Sunday

October 25th

Remember & start collecting

Norley @ 9

Join us for an early informal time of worship and praise on

September 20th

October 18th

November 15th

A time of praise lasting about 45 minutes followed by refreshments

From the Spiritual Committee

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness

As Autumn approaches and the fields are full of golden corn or Cheshire potatoes, we look forward to our Harvest celebrations which commence on Saturday 26th September at 10am when we decorate the church. In the evening there will be a delicious Harvest Supper which we hope everyone will attend. On Sunday, the Rev'd Peter Levitt will lead our morning worship and that will be the time when we bring our gifts for the Young People's Support Foundation in Manchester. Gifts such as dried food, toiletries, hats, scarves, gloves and towels are always most welcome. The Rev'd Sue Levitt will lead our evening worship which will culminate in a service of Holy Communion at which the Pastoral Visitors will be re-dedicated.

The next weekend, 2nd - 4th October is the Church Family Weekend Away at Llandudno and the Rev'ds Sue and Peter Levitt will lead our worship on the Sunday morning whilst Alison, Philip and Ruth will lead the Friday evening and Saturday worship.

October is a busy month as on Sunday 18th October at 6pm Jill Barber, the Vice President of Conference, will lead a circuit service at Rowton. The Rev'd Denise Harding will lead our worship on October 25th when all our lovingly prepared Shoe Boxes will be collected ready to be sent to needy children around the world.

A Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 8th November at 10.45am and the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will join us on that occasion.

As Autumn merges into winter, November 29th is the first Sunday in Advent and there will be a Circuit Advent Carol Service to celebrate this.

Ruth Lane

Church Weekend Away 2015

Our weekend away is at Beth Eden in Llandudno on Oct 2-4 (despite the mistake in the diary of the last Outreach). We are sure all the 24 going will have a great time.

Plans are well advanced – Saro is planning the Saturday evening entertainment and a surprise musical item and is looking forward to receiving items from you all; Sue is willing to arrange transport if requested; Alison is co-ordinating the programme; Ruth has the prologues and epilogues in hand; Sue and Peter are preparing the service; Bruce has allocated the rooms. So all is set.

Just one thing though - Bruce needs the balance payments and the Treasurer would like to see the money in the bank before we depart. Hence Bruce will be giving out the bills at the end of August – possibly before you receive your Outreach - for payment by September 20th please.

Bruce Lane

Open Door Lunches

As Autumn approaches it is good to have something to look forward to, and I am sure that our Open Door lunches give us that - Time to meet with our friends again, and maybe make new ones too while we enjoy lunch together.

If you have not been before, why not come along and try it?

You will be most welcome.

We serve lunch at 12 noon and are finished by 1.30pm. Our dates for the rest of the year are:

Wednesday September 9th and Thursday September 24th.

Wednesday October 14th and Thursday October 22nd.

Wednesday November 11th and Thursday November 26th.

An invitation to you to come to the

THURSDAY CLUB

1.15pm to 2.30pm

on

September 24th

October 22nd

November 26th

in the Open Door Room

Conference 2015 in Southport

Bruce and Ruth were District Lay Representatives to Conference this year and arrived in Southport on Saturday 27th June for the induction of the Rev'd Steve Wild as President and Dr Jill Barber as Vice President of the Methodist Conference for the next year 2015-2016. Steve Wild is an enthusiastic Evangelist and, as you can see, is very happy following John Wesley and preaching in the open air. His theme for this year in office is Mission and in his presidential address he challenged each Methodist church to bring one person to Christ in the coming year.

Dr Jill Barber, wife of Peter Barber the Chair of the Chester and Stoke District, is also Director of Englesea Brook and her theme for the year is Heritage. She spoke eloquently of the need for each of us to 'Find our Voice' so that we are willing to talk about what we believe in. She gave examples of how the 4Ps – Prophecy, Prayer, Passion and Protest - can help us achieve this.

On Sunday evening we went to Blackburn Cathedral for the ordination of Linda Watkin and Michaela Doherty as Deacons. They are both originally from Helsby and we were very proud and happy to be amongst their many family and friends wishing them well as they follow their calling. Linda was the youth worker at Norley about 10 years ago and Michaela a Local Preacher.

On Monday the business of conference started and, having read the 550+ pages of reports on matters to be discussed before getting to Southport, we were very relieved to find that the business sessions were not scary. In fact many of them were fascinating as most debate was on ethical and moral issues, and votes were taken to determine what delegates felt should be the position that the Methodist Church should take. A discussion on 'global warming' asked if the Methodist Church should divest of its shares in companies involved in fossil fuels, and another on Nestle asked whether by having £1 million invested in it the Methodist Church was really influencing the company to halt swamping the 3rd world with baby milk.

John Bell brought two very significant reports to conference and we were very proud - he is so respected and listened to.

Sue Levitt was elected to the Conference Business Committee and so, between the two of them, we should really know what is going on in Methodism. On Tuesday afternoon we walked round Southport as part of a witness mission to the town, and saw some of its Methodist Heritage.

We visited Phil Gough, Michael Gough's nephew, at Firefest which was being held on the site of the first Methodist Church in Southport and the 'Jam Church' built by Sir William Hartley (of Jam fame) and full of the most beautiful stained glass – including a window depicting John Wesley.

Ruth Lane

Solar Panels Update

Trouble free operation of our solar panels has continued into the 4th year. The first quarter to the end of May produced 1000Kwh and a further £500. The second quarter submission showed we had made a further 1500Kwh and we are expecting a cheque for a further £750.

So after 3 ½ years we have generated 13,250 Kwh, and earned £6335 back of our £7500 investment (an annual return approaching 24%). – and helped reduce global warming.

We look forward to this continuing over the next 21½ years!

Bruce Lane

Wildflower Memorial Walk

The wildflower memorial walk has been set up around Norley and a map of the walk appeared recently in Norley news.

An inaugural service for the memorial was held in our Church, with Rev'd Sue Levitt preaching a memorable sermon, at the conclusion of which our MP, Graham Evans, was presented with a framed original of the map (copies can be obtained at www.yourwestcheshire.co.uk/images/site_images/17429_Norley_Wildflower_Memorial_Walk_updated.pdf)

A few weeks later there was an inaugural walk of the route, led by Phil Gifford, where Graham and his children were also present.

September's Wednesday walk will cover the route again so why not come along?

If you miss it, there is a special day on September 12 at the village hall starting at 3pm being organised by Sheila Hills (sheila@sheilahills.plus.com), with tickets available from the village shop.

Bruce Lane

Property Matters

Since the report in the Spring Edition of Outreach, there has been a lot of activity on the property front.

The glass doors were installed and dedicated – see the last Outreach - and Yoxalls have been back to successfully adjust the hinges. Except in inclement weather, the doors are now fully opened to welcome folk to the service.

The new notice board has been successfully installed (thanks James for assistance) and a spotlight installed as a donation from James to illuminate the sign at night when the church spotlights are on.

The wildflower garden has also been planted on the High Street side – thanks Heather and Anthony - and the flowers are now appearing after the late start to form part of the village memorial walk.

A costed proposal from Lewis for part of the development of the garden on the Maddock's Hill side was approved by the Church Council, and new shrubs have been bought and planted in fresh compost in the two tubs by the entrance. Split ½ round planks, membrane and wood chip and bark have been purchased to develop the non-grassed area, which will shortly be installed. A design and cost for the benches and further shrubs is under development.

Deterioration of the fluorescent lights in the main church area have led to the bringing forward of next year's plan to replace them with low energy modern led lights (at a lower height than the current lights) and uplighters. This had been budgeted at £1000 for 2015/16, but cost estimates for the materials have just been obtained for £1275 and the Church Leadership Team will be asked to approve purchase and installation before the dark nights this winter.

John Dimelow's schedule has not allowed him to install the gutter lining and leaf guards, purchased earlier this year, but this job will be completed before the winter storms.

Bruce Lane

The June Annual Church Meeting decided to put a monthly request in the notices for gifts to the foodbank – and the first appeared in July.

Donations have been impressive since this initiative was started, but had dropped off in recent months and now we are at a time when there are no school lunches and demand is higher than ever.

Please continue to help the needy in our area. The contribution taken to the food bank from the Church last week was almost non-existent, at a time when demand is at its highest. Surely we can afford to help the neediest in our society?

Rotas Page		Morning Door Stewards Rota	
Flowers Rota		The September to November rota is published below. Please ensure that you find a substitute if you're unable to fulfil your duty	
Sep 6	Mrs P Gates	Sep 6	Ken Dunning and Yvonne Roughsedge
Sep 13	Mrs H Davies	Sep 13	Mary Dimelow & Oliver Dimelow
Sep 20	Mrs S Grindley	Sep 20	Pauline Gates & Lewis Dimelow
Sep 27	All - Harvest	Sep 27	Hazel and James Dale
Oct 4	None –w/e away	Oct 4	None – Church weekend away
Oct 11	Mrs B Garner	Oct 11	Margaret Hogan & June Fay
Oct 18	Mrs J Barclay	Oct 18	Alison Twinn and Ruth Howarth
Oct 25	Mrs L Gough	Oct 25	Pauline Gates & Lewis Dimelow
Nov 1	Mrs V Wynne	Nov 1	June & Denys Fay
Nov 8	Mrs M Hogan	Nov 8	Ken Dunning and Yvonne Roughsedge
Nov 15	Mrs R Lane	Nov 15	Barbara Garner and Philip Garner
Nov 22	Mrs J Dunning	Nov 22	Mary Dimelow & Oliver Dimelow
Nov 29	Mrs H Dale	Nov 29	Mary Dimelow & Yvonne Roughsedge
Dec 6	Mrs P Gates	With thanks, as ever, to you all. Your welcomes are much appreciated <i>The Stewards</i>	
Dec 13	Mrs S Grindley		
Dec 20	Mrs H Davies		
Dec 25/27	Mrs B Garner		
Coffee Rota		Car Rota	
Sep 6	Ken & Margaret	If you need a lift to or from Church on any Sunday please contact the senior steward, Ruth Lane, on 01928 788071 who will make arrangements.	
Sep 13	Richard & Di		
Sep 20	Ruth H & Alison		
Sep 27	Margaret & June		
Oct 4	None – w/e away		
Oct 11	Hazel & James		
Oct 18	Ken & Margaret		
Oct 25	Richard & Di		

Nov 1	Ruth H & Alison	
Nov 8	Margaret & June	
Nov 15	Hazel & James	
Nov 22	Yvonne & Mary	
Nov 29	Yvonne & Mary	
Café Church refreshment rota		
Sep 1	No Café Church	Contact numbers :- 01928 followed by 788666 for Ken & Margaret; 787196 for Yvonne; 788960 for Margaret; 787216 for Hazel; 788969 for Richard & Di ; 788564 for Ruth H & Alison.
Oct 7	Ruth and Bruce	
Nov 4	Ruth and Bruce	