

# Craft Club News

Tuesday mornings continue to be productive and very sociable. Our trip earlier in the summer to Aberkan was most enjoyable, with a good look round at all the fabrics and craft items and, of course, money spent.

Recently, one of our members, June, moved to be nearer her family in Widnes. She has been a member for many years supporting everything we do with great good humour. She will be sorely missed.

We shall not be having a stall at the Norley Flower Show this year but hope to have one sometime in October. We will let you know. If anyone makes craft items, and would like to donate something to our sales for charity, we would be delighted to receive it.

Finally, our newest member, Frances, has finished her first knitted item, a very attractive scarf!

*Alison Twinn*

# Pastoral Piece

Hello Folk,

Can you believe we are already over half the year!!!!

We certainly cannot say we haven't had sunshine, because gosh we have had it in abundance, but we have certainly welcomed the rain when it came (who would have thought we would be glad to see wet weather, but the gardens and the farmers are certainly pleased).

At our church so far this year we have had sadness as a dear friend and colleague developed a life threatening illness (but she has made a start on the road to recovery now although it may take a long time).

We have also had to say farewell to our minister Sue Levitt who after 9 years is moving to a new post. We wish her well for the future, We are also losing a member of the Church, who is moving from Norley to Widnes. She will be missed very much but we wish her all the very best for the future.

On a brighter side we have celebrated two 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays, and we now look forward to welcoming our new minister, Reverend Andrew Emison.

As we enter this new stage our Pastoral Visitors will continue to be on hand if you need them.

So meanwhile I trust that you and yours enjoy good health, and look forward to the rest of the year being good to you all. I leave you with these words (by Douglas Pagels)

How do you make it through?

*You take one day at a time. You face your fears. You keep your promises. You deal with your challenges. You get the best possible help and care....*

*You turn to caring positive people you know will be there for you. You believe. You take steps to change what needs changing. You talk it over. You laugh. You go ahead and cry. You pray. You stay involved. You have the best life you can today.*

*And when tomorrow comes, you do it all over again. You hang in there. You hold on tight to your hope, you know, deep down inside, what a special person you are. And no matter what comes along, you never forget it....*

*You stay strong. You keep the faith. And you make room for the brighter day that someday soon is going to shine so much serenity back in your life.*

*Margaret Hogan*

## **Family Worker Report**

Over the summer (what a summer it's been), the teenagers have been involved in a youth weekend in Chester. The theme was serving others and started with a youth service on the Friday evening, followed by activities on the Saturday where groups of young people had various tasks to do in Chester. These ranged from handing out water and cake, to painting a fence and providing sports activities. All were free of charge with the idea that we can bless others. We gathered together for another service to finish the weekend on the Saturday.

The youth leaders from the surrounding villages are beginning to plan events to bring the young people from our various churches together. We joined together at the end of July for a fun evening in glorious sunshine. The campfire marshmallows went down a treat.

Families and young people are joining together to go to Greenbelt again this year. Greenbelt is a time to listen to speakers, new bands, and poets, to watch performances, and to join 5000 plus for a Sunday morning service. Last year we had no rain, but I am not sure it will be the same this year. Happy camping!

As the children, staff and visitors return to school after the summer break may they be inspired in their teaching, encouraged by the children. May the school provide a place of love and peace, nurturing the gifts of each child and their love of God.

As the months unfold may we strive to serve each other, support each other and together discover all that God has in store for us.

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

*Andrea Ellams.*

## **The June Church Council ...**

This was the last Church Council to be chaired by Rev'd Sue and John Bell kindly covered the Church Secretary role for this meeting.

The various reports shared before and at the meeting revealed the breadth of worship, mission, pastoral care and outreach in which we are engaged as well as the oversight of property and finance. Rev'd Sue thanked the large number of people who contribute in so many different ways.

Just to highlight a few key points discussed at the meeting:-

The Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup> and it was agreed to hold a Harvest Supper on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm.

The Church Weekend Away is arranged at Abbot Hall on October 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> and will be attended by 17 people.

The discussion about carol-singing and alternative ways of witnessing the Christmas message in the local community will be continued at the Autumn Church Council meeting. It is recognised that falling numbers of singers (and the physical hazards encountered) render the current pattern impossible to sustain.

The issue of GDPR (the new thrust to enforce Data Protection) was discussed as we need to ensure that we comply with regulations about using personal data such as telephone numbers.

Several interim cover arrangements were agreed for the duration of Ruth's absence and recovery: Joan Bell is ensuring that Open Door lunches continue twice a month, Philip Garner has agreed to be acting senior steward and Lesley Gough offered and was duly appointed as acting Church Council Secretary.

Our next Church Council meeting will be chaired by Rev Andrew Emison and will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

*Lesley Gough Acting Church Council Secretary*

## **Christian Aid Week 2018**

### **Many thanks to the collectors and those who gave so generously**

The Norley Village collection for Christian Aid Week 2018, conducted by collectors from Norley Methodist Church and the Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Norley raised a total of £2010.04 (excluding Gift Aid). With the addition of Gift Aid the final total is £2178.63. Many thanks to all the collectors and donors - a great outcome. The money is going to be used in training local builders in Haiti to build storm-proof dwellings for the islanders. Michael Gough has volunteered to be the co-ordinator of Norley's Christian Aid collection going forward.

*Michael Gough*

# First Wednesday Walks

The June walk, led by Peter & Sheila, was a gentle stroll round the parklands of the Erddig estate near Wrexham.

We started from the main car park by the Hall and followed the Glyn yr Afon brook northwards below the west side of the Hall. On the way we made a short detour to view the 'Cup and Saucer' waterfall, an artificial feature built to supply a hydraulic ram pump. This marvel of hydraulic engineering was installed in 1899 to pump 10,000 gallons of water a day up 90 ft to supply the gardens of the hall, without requiring any external energy source.

Reaching the Afon Clywedog, we followed it upstream over fields to Felin Puleston mill, where, after a brief excursion outside the park to use the local facilities and cross the river, we re-entered the park on the northern side of the Clywedog and followed the Clywedog Trail along the base of the escarpment for about a mile before joining a country lane. Crossing the Clywedog again, we had a short but steep climb up to the top of the southern escarpment before re-entering the Park and following an easy flat track along the edge of Big Wood and back to the cars. We then drove to Cefn y Bedd for a good lunch at the Holly Bush before returning to Norley

*Peter Hills*

Wednesday July 4th proved to be another hot, sunny day and it was sensible to see some walkers providing their own travelling shade by arming themselves with umbrellas to use as parasols. We had a short car journey to park at "The Lounge" on the A556 at Oakmere. Initially the walk went along the A556 and we were pleased to complete the half mile to Farm Road where we turned away from the traffic. Those of us without umbrellas were even more pleased to enter a wooded area to enjoy the shade. We had the pleasure of good walking on the recently constructed Oakmere Way along which we had a number watering stops to refresh ourselves, including one when we attempted to take a group photograph, but our leader could not see the screen in the bright sunshine and only managed to take a close up of himself! Having completed some three and half miles (quite long enough for most of us in the prevailing conditions) we arrived back at "The Lounge" at 12.30 pm to have a well-earned lunch.

*Richard Ramsbottom*

The heatwave continued as nine of our group walked around the Lymm area in August. Having parked adjacent to the Bridgewater Canal, we proceeded through the quaint centre of Lymm, past the Lower Dam & on to the Upper Dam through the mature woodland known as The Dingle. Walking beside the Upper Dam we were made aware of the impressive abandoned constructions of the embryonic salt industry instigated by Lord Leverhulme. A gentleman's agreement between him & ICI regarding salt & soap led to him abandoning his grand plans in Lymm. We then passed through The Avenue, which is a touch of France over here, before wending our way, passed parched crops, to the towpath of the Bridgewater Canal & finally back to the village centre & lunch at The Spread Eagle Hotel.

*Anthony Davies*

Future walks are planned for

**September 5** led by Sheila & Peter

**October 3** led by Bruce

**November 7** led by Richard & Di

Meet at Church at 9.45 for a 10.00am departure. Slips detailing next month's walk are available in the porch. Hope to see you there.

*Bruce Lane*

# Diary

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

## September 2018

Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.45am	Mr Edgar Gregory
		6.30pm	No service at Norley
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Church Leadership Team Meeting Howell Croft
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	First Wednesday Walk
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm	The Hurst Kingsley Messy Church
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Rev Andrew Emison of Frodsham. Sacrament. Pastoral Visitors rededication
		6.30pm	No service at Norley
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	The Hurst Kingsley Soup Lunch in aid of the Brick Children's school
		4.00pm	Kelsall Messy Church
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Open Door Lunch
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Circuit Meeting at Notrley
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Norley@9
		10.45am	Mr Alan Carter of Frodsham
		6.30pm	No service at Norley
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Tarvin Messy Church
		7.30pm	Café Church
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.45am	Mr Mark Smyth of Saltney
		6.30pm	No service at Norley
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Spiritual Committee Open Meeting at 2 The Old Orchard
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	Open Door Lunch
		1.15pm	Thursday Club
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Thank God Its Friday (TGIF) at Helsby Methodist Church A new monthly circuit worship service. 6.30 meal, before a service at 7.30pm
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Harvest Supper

Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Mr John Bell of Cuddington. Harvest Festival
		2.30pm	Blakelees hosting the Village Farm Festival at Old Hall Farm, Newton by Frodsham, WA6 6SZ
		6.30pm	Revd Andrew Emison. Sacrament. Harvest Festival

## October 2018

Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	4.00pm	Kelsall Messy Church
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.45am	First Wednesday Walk
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm	The Hurst Kingsley Messy Church
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>			Weekend away at Abbot Hall
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Mr Mike Ridley of Bunbury
		6.30pm	No Service at Norley
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	The Hurst soup lunch in aid of the Air Ambulance

## October 2018 (continued)

Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	Open Door Lunch
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Revd Neil Stacey of Chester. Sacrament
		6.30pm	No Service at Norley
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Local Preacher's meeting at Christleton
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Tarvin Messy Church
		7.30pm	Café Church
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Norley@9
		10.45am	Mr Andrew Ellams of Frodsham
		6.30pm	Revd Andrew Emison of Frodsham. Sacrament
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	Open Door Lunch
		1.15pm	Thursday Club
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	TGIF at Helsby (see Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September for detail)
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Shoebox Saturday
Shoebox Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>		Clocks go back – end of British Summer Time
		10.45am	Mr Philip Garner of Norley
		6.30pm	No Service at Norley

## November 2018

Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Tarvin Craft fair (until 3.00pm)
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Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Revd Andrew Emison of Frodsham. Sacrament
		6.30pm	No Service at Norley
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm	The Hurst Kingsley Messy Church
Remembrance	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Mr John Bell of Cuddington
Sunday		6.30pm	No service at Norley
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Kelsall Messy Church
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	Open Door Lunch
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Norley@9
		10.45am	Mrs Liz Holmes of Frodsham
		6.30pm	Revd Andrew Emison of Frodsham. Sacrament
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	5.00pm	Tarvin Messy Church
		7.30pm	Café Church
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	12noon	Open Door Lunch
		1.15pm	Thursday Club
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Mr Ian Johnson
		6.30pm	No service at Norley
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	TGIF at Helsby (see Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September for detail)

## **December 2018**

Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	1st Wednesday Walk
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	Open Door Christmas Lunch
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Norley@9
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Café Church

The 10 word story winner in the Methodist recorder was

**Don't drink & drive. Al'right then. See you. Never did.**



## Spiritual Committee

September – another new Methodist year, carefully timed to coincide with academic patterns so that ministers' children will be least inconvenienced when Mum and/or Dad (or both) are stationed (as the phrase goes) elsewhere. Indeed, and I speak from my own experience as a child of the manse, ministers sensibly take into account their children's education stages when seeking to extend an invitation or not. Gone are the days when ministers' children were often sent to Methodist boarding schools so that their secondary education was not interrupted at the whims of the Church's stationing processes and appointments were generally for shorter periods than they are today.

For the record, I recall there being conversations in the Bell household about sending John to Kingswood School – then (in the mid-1950s) the premier destination for ministers' sons: I said I wouldn't go and if they sent me, I'd find my way home. Despite my father's ambitions for me (or was it for him?), my mother's appreciation of my knowledge of railway timetables at a young age saved any embarrassment and I attended the distinguished state grammar schools of Monkwearmouth in Sunderland for three years and Heaton in Newcastle-upon-Tyne for four years. I have no doubt that this did me more good than seven years incarcerated in some remote outpost near Bath (which is where Kingswood was and still is). Who knows – if I'd been sent to Kingswood (and duly escaped) I may not have been in Norley today: life is full of 'what might have been'.

Back to the Spiritual Committee: we have said farewell to the Revd Sue Levitt, now superintendent minister in the Kidderminster and Stourport Circuit, and will welcome the Revd Andrew Emison (another son of the manse) as our minister at Norley. We look forward to his ministry with us.

The Autumn quarter beckons, with its variety of worship, commemoration and celebration, highlighted as follows, noting that we have one evening service each month, always Holy Communion, and weekly morning services (which will always include in one Holy Communion per month) as well as monthly Norley@9 and Café Church, as advertised on the Plan and the notice-sheet.

- September 9<sup>th</sup> morning: Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors and Holy Communion led by Andrew. This is Andrew's first service as Norley's minister.
- September 30<sup>th</sup>: Harvest Festival morning service led by John Bell and evening with Holy Communion by Andrew: Harvest gifts are for the food-bank.
- October 7<sup>th</sup>: This is the Sunday of the Church weekend away at Abbot Hall, but there will be a service at Norley in the morning.
- October 28<sup>th</sup> morning: Shoe-boxes will be brought at the service led by Philip Garner – see separate notice about the Saturday morning preparation of the shoe-boxes.
- November 11<sup>th</sup> morning: Remembrance Sunday worship led by John Bell: we note that this is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I and it falls exactly on the 11<sup>th</sup>. (The uniformed groups are at St John's on this occasion)

The quarter ends with the Sunday before Advent....and another year is almost gone. Where does the time go??

We will meet to prepare plans for December 2018 to February 2019 on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am at 2, The Old Orchard, Cuddington. This is an open meeting to which all are invited.

*John Bell, Chair of Spiritual Committee*



Norley Methodist Church

# Café Church

Come and enjoy

*fellowship, worship and refreshments*

*in a café atmosphere in the church*

*at 7.30pm on*

*Wednesday September 19 led by Andrew Emison*

*Wednesday October 17 led by John Bell*

*and*

*Wednesday November 21 led by Michael Gough*



## Norley @ 9

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



*September 16*

*October 21*

*November 18*



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*a time of praise lasting about 45  
minutes followed by refreshments*

# SHOE BOX SATURDAY

SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

10.00AM TO 12 NOON

JOIN WITH OTHERS IN BRINGING GIFTS FOR  
SHOE BOXES AND THEN HELP FILL THE SHOE  
BOXES WHILST ENJOYING REFRESHMENTS



It worked well last year – so we decided to repeat the shoebox Saturday this year. Do come along and join in.

The shoe boxes will be received on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October during the morning service. They will be taken shortly after to the distribution centre so that they can reach the needy children by Christmas.

*Ruth Lane*

## *OPEN DOOR LUNCHESES.*

We are really looking forward to resuming Open Door Lunches in September. As ever we shall welcome friends old and new and our dates for the next quarter are as follows:

Wednesday September 12th.  
Wednesday October 10th.  
Wednesday November 14th.

Thursday September 27th  
Thursday October 25th  
Thursday November 22nd

All lunches will be served at 12 noon prompt and please remember to book by the Sunday before.

Please note: Our Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 13th. Please book the date now

Joan Bell.

An invitation to you to come to  
the



**Thursday Club**



September 27<sup>th</sup>  
October 25<sup>th</sup>  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>



1.15pm – 2.30pm in the  
**Open Door Room, Norley Methodist Church**

**Harvest Festival**

**Harvest Supper Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
6.30pm**



**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September services**  
10.45am - Led by John Bell  
6.30pm - Holy Communion led  
by Rev'd Andrew Emison

## Farewell to Sue

Sue's last service at Norley was on July 8<sup>th</sup>, when Bruce and Margaret wished her well on behalf of the church. This is what was said:-

This is Sue's last service here at Norley as our minister, and I would like to say a few words. Sue we will miss you terribly.

When Pat Christopher announced that from 1 Sep 2009 an In Service Training Presbyter, Susan Levitt, would join the Delamere Forest Circuit for 3 days a week, we didn't know what to expect. Your first service here was on 13 September that year (2009), and you got to know us (and we you) later that month when you attended Friday and Saturday of the church weekend away at Beth Eden as Pat couldn't make the whole weekend. With your appointment to full pastoral charge at Norley from 1 September 2010, with your MA completed and awarded with merit, we rapidly came to value your strengths as our minister.

For 8/9 years you have cared for us, encouraged us, developed us spiritually and developed what we do, introducing many new initiatives such as Café Church, school prayer days, holiday clubs, the Church leadership team, and the June annual review Church Council. In addition you have supported and encouraged us in many other activities – the safari suppers, carol singing, Church weekends away, flower festivals and Christmas tree festivals, Open Door lunches and Thursday club, the craft club and its initiatives e.g. with Pettypool, Norley@9 and too many more to mention.

Thanks to you Norley Methodist Church is a bright beacon for God in the area, looking to the future with stability and confidence.

Well done.

Andrew is a very lucky man to inherit us from you.

We would like to present to you this card which we all have signed to wish you well and to say thank you - together with a cheque for you to remember us by.

Thank you again for being our minister for the last 8 years and well done. *Bruce Lane*

Margaret added

"Here's health to you, and wealth to you,  
the best that life can give to you.

May fortune still be kind to you, happiness be true to you, life be long and good to you." Is the toast of all your friends to you. *Margaret Hogan*

It is 5 years since the West Cheshire Foodbank was established. This reflection, by one of the volunteers based at Wesley Church in Chester who has been involved since the very beginning, is taken from the website:

### **“Five Years helping at Foodbank!**

I was taken aback last October to realise that Foodbank in West Cheshire had been operating for 5 years and I had been involved from the start. I clearly recall being at an introductory meeting at Wesley Chester in summer 2012 when a woman from Trussell Trust explained why a food bank was needed and what it involved. Plans were being made to start Foodbank in Chester and Ellesmere Port and I just had to put my name down to volunteer at Wesley in Chester. We had a training day and started in October 2012. I remember waiting on the first afternoon to see if anyone would come in – and some did. We were in business.

Looking back over those 5 years my first thought is one of thankfulness that we have been able to give food to so many people who were without food, largely due to benefit issues or living on low income and paying a bill left them without money for food. It is of great concern that this is necessary: but at present it certainly is!

My second thought is another thankfulness for all those who have donated food so that we have always been able to provide food to people who came to us with vouchers needing food: a modern day miracle of so many generous people giving because of their great concern for those in need.

Another delight is that I have been privileged to meet a variety of people over those 5 years (including fellow volunteers) and had some really good conversations helping people through the process of seeking food in difficult circumstances. For many it is not easy to come in and ask for food: some feel quite ashamed.

It is also so good to see new ventures such as ‘Meet, Greet and Eat’ where Foodbank recipients can learn new skills and share in a group situation where self-esteem can grow with a good measure of fun included.

It seems that food banks will be needed for some time yet: new volunteers are coming forward and in West Cheshire we have a great organisation to provide for people in a crisis with not enough money for food.”

The Foodbank greatly appreciate your donations of food and personal hygiene items. Please look out in the notices and by the collection box in the porch for information about items which are in particular shortage.

More information about the work of the Foodbank is included in the website at: <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk>

*Lesley Gough*

## Will you write a letter to 3generate?

Please think about it if you can – we need your testimony

### Guidance for would be letter writers

Thank you for thinking about writing a letter to the children and young people at 3Generate.

The purpose of the letter is to help children and young people feel connected to, and part of, the wider body of the Church; to feel part of the big Methodist family!

### Who is the letter for?

- The letter you write will be displayed at 3Generate to be read by a number of children and young people.
- The children and young people at 3Generate will be in the age bracket of 8-23. If your letter is written particularly for younger children, or the older attendees, then please make a note of that when you post it to us. Otherwise, you can write a general letter aimed at all ages.

### What to include:

- something of your faith story – you won't necessarily have space to include all of it, but you may think that there are parts that would be interesting for the children and young people to hear about.
- something about your experiences of being part of a church/faith community. Maybe you were part of a church when you were younger - could you share some of that story?
- things you have learned - again you won't be able to include everything, but are there key things you have learned about life and faith that would be helpful to share?
- encouragement for the younger generation to be courageous in their faith.
- Please make sure that the language you use and the stories you refer to are appropriate for the age group.

### How to write it:

- A handwritten letter is more personal, so if it is possible for you, please do write by hand, but if you need to type it that's fine too!
- please **don't** put your address, or any personal contact details, on the letter.
- please **don't** put your surname on the letter; simply sign it with your first name.

### How long should it be?

- Ideally your letter should be one side of A4.

### Where do I send it to?

Send your completed letter to:  
**3Generate 1000 Letters**  
**6th Floor**  
**Methodist Church House**  
**25 Marylebone Road**  
**London**  
**NW1 5JR**

You can send your letter at any time, but please make sure it arrives by the end of October at the latest.

## Choir at Norley

After the summer break, rehearsals resume on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August. The choir will prepare music suitable for the special services at Harvest and Christmas.

My thanks to the members of the congregation who have consistently given encouragement by the appreciation shown of the choir's contributions to worship.

I would like to conclude with the words of the composer Igor Stravinsky as follows.

"The church knew what the Psalmist knew. Music praises God. Music is well or better able to praise Him than the building of the church and all its decoration. It is the church's greatest ornament"

*Saro Jesudason.*

## Your help is needed

More volunteers are needed for the Flower rota, the Door rota and the Coffee rota to reduce the frequency of your duty. Could you help by volunteering? Please add your name to the list by telling Bruce you are ready and willing to help.

## Property Matters

In the last 6 months we have had a very complimentary Quinquennial report, where very little work was identified that needed doing. This was followed a few weeks later by an excellent report from the insurance inspector which gave us a clean bill of health and no increase in our insurance premium. We must be doing something right!

In the last 6 months, the end wall of the Open Door room has been externally waterproofed, and the mould removed from the inside corners of the room.

The external window sills have been repainted, and in the property steward's view professional external redecoration of the woodwork and metalwork will not be required until 2022/23 just ahead of the next quinquennial inspection. During the repainting, we found that 2 of the sills either side of the memorial window above the main entrance were rotten, and these have now been replaced (but not yet painted).

Work has commenced on the re-tiling and refurbishing of the smaller of the 2 toilets, which turned out to be a major exercise as the existing tiling had to be removed, as much of it had become detached from the plaster, before the new tiles could be applied. Hopefully this toilet will have been completed by the time this edition of Outreach hits the streets.

The re-tiling of the larger toilet will follow in due course!

*Bruce Lane*



# Church Weekend Away 2018

By the time you read this, you will have been given your room assignment and asked for your balance payment for the weekend on October 5-7 at Abbot Hall.

We will have an exciting programme for those that want to take part, and Bruce will be leading a walk on the Saturday while others engage in retail therapy! We will have 16 attending, including Andrew Emison and his family. Don't forget your swim things for the indoor pool. Abbot Hall has recently been sold by the Christian Guild, but the new owners are anxious to give us the same excellent service, so we are looking forward to a good fellowship weekend.

If anyone needs help with transport – a task normally sorted by Sue – please let Bruce know.

See you there

*Bruce Lane*

## Solar Panels Update

The solar panels were installed on the church at the end of February 2012. After almost 6½ years, they continue to operate well. We are due a further payment of about £700 which will mean we will have recovered the £7500 we paid for the panels long since, and will have returned a further £4000 to Church funds – and the panels will continue to generate income for a further 19 years.

We have generated some 23000 Kwh of without adding a single gram of Carbon Dioxide to the atmosphere to add to global warming. We at least as a Church did not contribute to the heat wave this Summer.

*Bruce*

<b>Rotas Page</b> <b>Flowers Rota</b>		<b>Morning Door Stewards Rota</b> The September to November rota is published below. Please ensure that you find a substitute if you're unable to fulfil your duty	
Sep 2	Mrs R Lane	Sep 2	Oliver Dimelow & Alison Penny
Sep 9	Mrs P Gates	Sep 9	Rajan Jesudason & Alison Twinn
Sep 16	Mrs S Grindley	Sep 16	Hazel and James Dale
Sep 23	Mrs A Twinn	Sep 23	Philip Garner & Yvonne Roughsedge
Sep 30	All (Harvest)	Sep 30	Margaret Hogan and Joan Barclay
Oct 7	Mrs H Davies	Oct 7	Heather & Anthony Davies
Oct 14	Mrs B Garner	Oct 14	Ken & Jean Dunning
Oct 21	Mrs J Barclay	Oct 21	Pauline Gates & Lewis Dimelow
Oct 28	Mrs L Gough	Oct 28	Hazel and James Dale
Nov 4	Mrs M Hogan	Nov 4	Rajan Jesudason & Alison Twinn
Nov 11	Mrs V Wynne	Nov 11	Philip Garner & Yvonne Roughsedge
Nov 18	Mrs J Dunning	Nov 18	Margaret Hogan and Joan Barclay
Nov 25	Mrs H Dale	Nov 25	Oliver Dimelow & Alison Penny
Dec 2	Mrs R Lane	With thanks, as ever, to you all. Your welcomes are much appreciated <i>The Stewards</i>	
Dec 9	Mrs P Gates		
Dec 16	Mrs S Grindley		
Dec 23	Mrs A Twinn		
Dec 30	Mrs H Davies		
<b>Coffee Rota</b>			
Sep 2	Hazel & James		
Sep 9	Mary & Alison P		
Sep 16	Margaret & Joan		
Sep 23	Vaughan & Yvonne		
Sep 30	Heather & Anthony		
Oct 7	Richard & Di		
Oct 14	Hazel & James		
Oct 21	Alison T & Yvonne		

Oct 28	Mary & Alison P
Nov 4	Vaughan & Yvonne
Nov 11	Margaret & Joan
Nov 18	Richard & Di
Nov 25	Heather & Anthony

**Café Church  
refreshment rota**

Sep 19	Di & Richard
Oct 17	John & Joan
Nov 21	Alison T & Yvonne

**Car Rota**

If you need a lift to or from Church on any Sunday please contact the acting senior steward, Philip Garner, on 01606 781150

**Contact numbers for the Coffee Rota ...**

are all 01928 then 787196 Yvonne & Vaughan; 788960 Margaret & Joan; 787216 Hazel & James; 788969 Richard & Di; 788091 Mary & Alison P; 787196 Alison T & Yvonne; except for 01606 888896 for Heather & Anthony..