



THE METHODIST CHURCH WEST DEVON CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017

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Dear Friends

On Saturday evening (Sept.10th.) I watched the Last Night of the Proms on T.V. It has been a custom of mine over the years to join in the fun, although I must admit that much of the music goes over my head - or jars in my ears but the patriotic fling on the last night helps to remind me of our national history and former greatness which must not be forgotten for history always has lessons to be learned. The audience wave their flags and sing heartily 'Land of Hope and Glory' and echo the prayer that God who made us mighty will make us mightier yet.

It is good to be reminded of our former glory as a nation, but it is easy to forget that the British way of life was founded upon God and His Word - but not anymore. We are a nation in decline for we have turned our backs upon God and His revealed truth and are building upon the shifting sand of public opinion. The Bible has been called ' the least read best seller' and I am reminded of the words of Amos that there will be a famine in the land, not of food and water but a famine of hearing the word of the Lord - and people will stagger. (Ch.8.11.) The humanists try to pull the wool over our eyes that they can sort things out and worldly wisdom is the solution to all our problems despite the evidence all around us of disaster, distress and denial of the truth. The prophets of the coming Utopia cry ' Peace! Peace!' when there is no peace (Jeremiah 8.11.) The Bible tells us that there is a fatal flaw in human nature and that the heart of the human problem is the problem of the human heart. There can be no lasting peace in the world until we make our peace with God and there can be no justice without righteousness.

It is significant that at this time of trouble and strife we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation which began on Oct.31st.1517, when a German monk, Martin Luther, nailed his famous 95 Theses (statements) to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg to protest against the corruption of the Church and asserting the final authority of Scripture and salvation in Christ by faith alone. He intended to stimulate an honest debate but instead he stirred up a hornet's nest of opposition from the powers that be and resulted in his expulsion from the Catholic Church in 1521. Nevertheless, he spoke what many people had been thinking and the tide of reform could not be stopped. He was called before the Diet (Council) of Worms (pron.Vorms) to defend his views and when accused of heresy and ordered

to recant it is reported that he appealed to Holy Scripture and said “Here I stand. I can do no other. So help me God !”

Today the Church is under great secular pressure to bow to public opinion and many are wavering. The irony is that today many Catholics seem to confirm the basic truths of Scripture more than many Protestants. We must be honest to God and stand with Martin Luther. We can do no other - and God will help us !

Irving Penberthy.

CIRCUIT NEWS AND EVENTS

A reminder (see last month for details)- Stepping Stones for Stewards
Saturday 28th October Hatherleigh Methodist Church beginning with Tea and Toast at 9.30am

South Zeal Methodist Shelly Chapel

The Closing Service led by Liz Singleton, was held on the 23rd of July. The chapel was packed – Oh! It that could have been like this Sunday by Sunday! But it wasn't to be, and so the local Church members had decided that closure was the way forward.



Photo taken by Maggie Whitehouse

New Lay Appointments

Following on from last month's entries:-

Jonathan Schnarr writes

Hallo!

I am Jonathan Schnarr, 22 years old, from Urnshausen - a tiny village in central Germany - and have lived in the UK for the past 4 years. After completing a gap year programme with SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) in 2014, I decided to extend my 'adventure abroad' and start a BA (Hons) Applied Theology with Moorlands which I have completed this summer.

My initial dream to live abroad, meet new people and explore places has quickly turned into a passion of serving young people in the rural communities of Devon. This passion has since grown as I was able to work with Connect in Okehampton and Holsworthy over the past years. While working closely with Kevin and learning how to DO rural youth work in all its facets, I also got used to the occasional rain showers in the middle of the summer, learned to add a few extra minutes to every car journey in case cows block the road, saw young people respond to God's love and supported students during their stressful exam times. Together with a clear call by God, these experiences have contributed to the decision to stay even longer in the UK.

Now, I am very excited to work with you all to continue and develop the youth work in West Devon and to journey with young people as they ask questions about faith, battle with challenges and revel in their successes.

I can't wait to get to know you better, to meet you and to get started!

God bless,
Jonathan.

And Bridget Down writes:-

'Seriousness is not one of the fruits of the spirit, but Joy is!' *Rend Collective*

Hello! I start my introduction with this quote as for me this is what evangelism and mission is all about. Too many people outside the Church know far more about what we are NOT for and not enough of what we as the Church are all about! I see that the next 3 years as I serve as the Family and Children's worker alongside the brilliant Sarah Balsdon, that we would show families what Jesus can mean to them, that Church can be relevant and ultimately a place you want to be, that is fun and engaging to all.

My name is Bridget, I am married to Kevin and we have 4 creative, beautiful and energetic children; Lily 10, Alfie 9, Jack 7, Barney 5. Our home is always open, the kettle usually warm and the cake tin filled, its rarely a



place of quiet, as we are rarely just 6, but it is a hive of activity, giggles and creative mess!

We are part of the equally lively and family friendly Winkleigh Methodist Church, which has been home and family since moving to the farm in Iddesleigh in 2012.

I am looking forward to getting involved in a spectrum of the communities across the Circuit. There are so many opportunities with schools work, toddler groups, Church based groups, holiday clubs and camps. I am sure we will be kept on our toes and busy!

Bridget

The West Devon Methodist Circuit - The World Mission Fund - 1st Sept 2016 to 31st Aug 2017

Church	JMA	Easter Offering	Envelopes	Boxes	Other	Total
Okehampton		107.00	144.00	398.15	127.00	776.15
Providence		60.00				60.00
South Zeal		20.00	20.00			40.00
Hatherleigh	180.94	31.00				211.94
Iddesleigh		23.00		32.90	53.50	109.40
Broadwoodkelly		20.00	15.00			35.00
Exbourne		35.00	10.00			45.00
Petrockstowe		15.00	14.00			29.00
Northlew		37.00	28.00		40.00	105.00
Chilla		22.00	64.10			86.10
Madworthy		30.00	35.00			65.00
Bridestowe		35.00			150.00	185.00
Eworthy		20.00				20.00
Spreyton		30.00				30.00
Boasley		36.00				36.00
Easter Offering Collection		63.23				63.23
Totals	180.94	584.23	330.10	431.05	370.50	1896.82

Less expenses for the Easter Offering Service On 12.5.2017

-12.50

Thank you for your generous gifts for the work of The World Mission Fund
Fran Farley.

Date: Friday
27th October

Time:
2pm-5pm

Where: Halwill
Baptist Hall

PUMPKIN HEROES
Holiday Club

Bookings will be open & online soon...

Sarah:
07794754124

Bridget:
07837653973

Hope this Halloween

Picture the scene. It's October 31, the night is drawing in and your doorbell rings. You know it'll probably be Trick or Treaters and you have two choices. You can pretend to not be in (dim the lights, quick!) or you can greet your callers with a big smile and the brand new FREE bag of Hope from UCB, One Hope and World Vision.

Each bag contains a full colour Bible-based booklet, The Bible App for Kids Book of Hope and of course you can drop some sweets and treats in the bag too! It's a great way to bring the light of God's love into an evening which traditionally draws attention to darkness. We will also be supplying the Bag of Hope at the upcoming 'Pumpkin Heroes' Holiday Club on the 27th October, to all the families that attend.



UCB's Bag of Hope is free, although they ask you to pay a postage and packing charge. So, you may want to speak to everyone in your Church and see who is interested in supplying these bags for their Trick and Treaters to put a positive spin on Halloween this year!

For information go to www.ucb.co.uk/bagofhope

Number of Bags	P&P
5	£2.50
10	£3.50
15	£4.50
25	£6.00
50	£11.00
100	£16.00

Circuit Diary

OCTOBER

1 st	Sun 6.30pm	Belstone	Harvest Festival	🔗 p11
1 st	& 2 nd	Petrockstowe	Harvest Festival Services	🔗 p10
1 st	& 3 rd	Bridestowe MC	Harvest Services	🔗 p11
1 st	Sun 11&6.30	Spreyton	Harvest Thanksgiving Services	🔗 p9
1 st	Sun 2.30pm	Eworthy		🔗 p9
4 th	Wed 2.30pm	Northlew MC	Women's Guild and Fellowship	🔗 p9
8 th	& 9 th	Northlew	Harvest Festival	🔗 p9
8 th	Sun 11am	Bridestowe MC	Service with Ruth James	🔗 p11
10 th	Tue 10am	Iddesleigh	All Together now	🔗 p8
12 th	Thu 7pm	Lakeway	Church Quiz Night	🔗 p10
12 th	Thu 7.30pm	Fairplace	W & F Street Pastors—Julie Yelland	🔗 p12
14 th	Sat 10am	Fairplace	W & F Autumn Coffee Morning	🔗 p12
15 th	& 17 th	Iddesleigh	Harvest Festival Services	🔗 p10
15 th	Sun 11am	Bridestowe MC	Service with Dean James	🔗 p11
15 th	Sun 4pm	Lakeway	T.A.P. (Tea & Praise)	🔗 p10

4.30pm on Friday 20th OCTOBER - DEADLINE for November Newsletter
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21 st	Sat 6pm	Fairplace	Okehampton Carnival	🔗 p12
22 nd	Sun 6pm	Spreyton	L.A. Hymns from the Billy Graham Training Centre at the Cove	🔗 p9
22 nd	& 24 th	Boasley	Harvest Festival Services	🔗 p9
22 nd	Sun 11am	Bridestowe MC	Service with Mr J. Hawkins	🔗 p11
26 th	Thu 12.30pm	Hatherleigh	Hatherleigh Luncheon Club	
26 th	Thu 7.30pm	Fairplace	W & F Shoe Box Packing	🔗 p12
27 th	Fri 2.30pm	Halwill Baptist	Pumpkin Heroes Holiday Club	🔗 p7
27 th	Fri 7pm	Iddesleigh	Coffee Bar 40 years' Celebration	🔗 p10
28 th	Sat 9.30am	Hatherleigh	Stepping Stones for Stewards	🔗 p4
28 th	Sat 10am	Northlew	Coffee Morning	🔗 p9
29 th	Sun 10.30am	Fairplace	Shoe Box Dedication Service	🔗 p12
29 th	Sun 11am	Bridestowe MC	Service with our Worship Group	🔗 p11
29 th	Sun 6.30pm	Hatherleigh	Evening Service with Men's Forum	🔗 p12

Items in the diary may be flagged thus - 🔗 p8 indicates page 8 for more details.

Don't forget the Circuit Website :- www.westdevonmethodists.org.uk

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE CIRCUIT.

Fairplace - The Terry Bennett Centre will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, for the Friendship Coffee Bar and or Bookshop.

Northlew - Midweek Church continues to meet at 7.45pm on Tuesdays

Iddesleigh – 1st and 3rd Fridays - Crafty Biblers 7 to 8pm For all school aged children - Pre-school aged children welcome with parental supervision. Craft based activities surrounding a biblical theme. Coffee Bar 20p Entry! Tuck available. 8-9:30pm Aged 8 years and up! A place to come, play games and meet your friends.**5th Fridays** – Special Youth Events (look out for local advertisements)

Broadwoodkelly Children's Club at the Village Hall, on Mondays at 5.30pm. Phone Marion on 83388, or Jean on 83380 for details.

Winkleigh :- Our Oasis Café has reopened following refurbishment of the kitchen and new facilities for baby-changing and the disabled. Open on Mondays between 11–2 for tea, coffee, cake or a home cooked lunch. First Sunday of each month: Informal café style worship with a bring and share tea, starting at 5.30 pm. A Sunday School is a regular feature of the morning Services at Winkleigh.

Bridestowe - First Sunday in the month: United Service with St Bridget's, either Family Service (St.B's) or Cafe-style Service (BMC). Family Games Evenings 1st and 4th Wednesdays in the month, 7-9.30pm. Badminton, Pool, Table Tennis and Board Games. Adults £2, Children £1. Children must be accompanied by an adult! Prayer Meeting - weekly on Wednesdays at 9 am at Briruth. United Youth Club: fortnightly on Friday evenings.

Boasley Chapel Soup & Sweet Lunches, from noon to 2pm. Every 3rd Thursday of the month. Everyone welcome.

SHOE BOXES 2017

The Wives & Friends Group at Fairplace are busy preparing the shoe boxes for Christmas. We packed 96 at the sorting day in July which will go, as usual, to Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child. But as they have put the cost per box up to £5 per box this year we will send only those we have packed in the summer to Samaritans Purse.

The Wives & Friends have decided to support another scheme with the remaining boxes we will pack at our packing day on 26th October – International Aid Trust supported by Crediton Methodist Church. They ask for donations of £1 per box. As we are registered as a “Drop Off Point” again this year for Samaritans Purse we will collect any boxes that come in. Further information can be obtained from Shirley Webb or Jill Allin at Fairplace. We are as usual very grateful for the support and help many people at Fairplace and West Devon Circuit give to the shoe box scheme.

All Together Now: bringing generations together



A one-day conference,
streamed live online

Tuesday 10 October
2017, 10am-3pm

ALL TOGETHER NOW explores what it means to be an intergenerational Church community. It will help you to think intentionally about being a Church of different generations. The conference includes reflections on theory as well as practice, and you'll also have an opportunity to see intergenerational ministry in action!

Who's the event for: Anyone engaging with different generations in church life.

Sarah and Bridget invite you to.....

The All Together Now training day as we believe being an intergenerational Church is a healthy Church. But to get a true reflection of this is hard to achieve! We would love to see anyone from the circuit but especially those involved in leading services.

We know that it will be difficult for some to come. We can offer lifts to anyone who will find transport difficult. As it is a 'streamed' event we haven't been able to choose the time of this event, but hope to do some further training around this topic on an evening very soon.

Where: Smytham Farmhouse, Iddesleigh, Winkleigh, Devon EX198BN

Arrivals: 9:30 onwards for Coffee and to get a good seat!

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY US!

Please book in with one of us to reserve your place and state any dietary requirements:

Sarah 07794754124 or Bridget 07837653973

NORTHLEW METHODIST CHURCH

Wednesday 4th October 2.30 p.m.
Women's Guild and Fellowship in the
Methodist Hall

Harvest Festival Services

Sunday 8th October
2.30pm Harvest Festival Service
Preacher: Mr John Hill

Monday 9th October
7.15pm Harvest Thanksgiving -
Preacher: Mr Dean James
Supper and sale Please come and
join with us at this time of thanksgiving

Saturday 28th October 10am. - noon
Cake and savoury stall at the 50/50
coffee morning.

BOASLEY METHODIST CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

Sunday October 22nd
9.30am Service
with Mr Andy Jerrard of Crediton
7pm Harvest Praise with
The Unity Gospel Choir and led by
Mr Colin Smallacombe of Bow.
Refreshments to follow

Tuesday October 24th 7.30 pm
Service to be led by
Rev Adrian Brook of Bridestowe.
Supper and sale of produce to
follow, all proceeds for chapel
funds

EWORTHY METHODIST CHURCH

invites you to join them for their

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On **Sunday 1st October at 2.30
pm**

Speaker: Mr. Brian Parkman of
Camelford

Service to be followed by Tea
& Sale of Produce

A very warm welcome to you all

SPREYTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday October 1st is our

Harvest Thanksgiving

Rev Liz will be leading the 11am
Service and Mr Barry Searle the
6.30pm Service.

The Spreyton L.A

On Sunday October 22nd
in the Village Hall Meeting
Room
at 6pm

Theme - Hymns from the Billy
Graham Training Centre at the
Cove.

Refreshments after.



PETROCKSTOW METHODIST CHURCH

Harvest Festival

Sunday 1st October 11am.
Preacher is Mr Dale Sutcliffe
Monday 2nd of October at 7pm
with the Rev Susannah Metz.
There will be supper and auction
after this Service.
Everyone is welcome.

LAKEWAY UNITED CHURCH

T.A.P (Tea & Praise)

Sunday 15th October at 4 pm.

Service to be led by
Rev. Irving Penberthy.

Theme:- Sunday School Hymns

Followed by refreshments.

Come and join us for tea and a chat.

Details from Rose Dadds 01837 82130

QUIZ

Thursday 12th October

7pm For 7.30pm start

£2 per person (max. 5 persons per team)

North Tawton Town Hall

Raffle

Proceeds for Restoration Fund

Bring Your Own Refreshments

IDDESLEIGH METHODIST CHAPEL

Harvest Festival Services

Sunday 15th October 11am.

led by Rev Colin Smallacombe
followed by a lunch, after which Colin
will talk about his work with the
Farm Community Network.

Tuesday 17th October at 7:30pm led
by Chris Andrew

Supper and sale at the close

Iddesleigh Christian Coffee Bar

invite you to

Celebrate 40 years

27th October from 7pm
Iddesleigh Methodist Chapel

Tuck Shop available

Looking forward to seeing all past
members, bring your families and
any photos/memorabilia for 'ole time
sake'

For more details call David and
Beryl 0183783350
or email barrysearle@btinternet.com

NEWS FROM BRIDESTOWE METHODIST CHURCH.

We start October with our Harvest Service on Sunday 1st October at 11am. We have Roy Sambles as our preacher on that Day. The Harvest Supper is on Tuesday 3rd October at 7pm when we have Autumn Casserole, (Pork and Apples) followed by a selection of puddings. Our speaker will be Kevin Down and the meal will be followed by an auction of produce. Money raised will be donated to both local charities and worldwide events. Tickets are £6.50 adults; £3 children from Brian Maddaford, John Horn or Jennifer Thorne

Sunday 8th October service at 11am with Ruth James.

Sunday 15th October service at 11am with our very own Dean James.

Sunday 22nd October service at 11am with Mr Hawkins

Sunday 29th service at 11am with Bridestowe Worship Group.

All Services will followed by coffee and biscuits.

Bridestowe Methodist Church

Harvest Festival

Sunday 1st October at 11am

Preacher Roy Sambles

Harvest Supper.

Tuesday 3rd October at 7pm

All welcome

Belstone Methodist Chapel

**The friends of the Chapel
welcome you to their**

**Harvest Festival Service
at 6.30pm**

on Sunday 1st October

when it will be conducted

The Rev Liz Singleton

Refreshments and sale of
perishable goods after the Service.

Come and join us

The remaining produce will be sold at
the Thursday Village Coffee Morning
in the Village Hall

FAIRPLACE CHURCH

The Harvest Festival weekend at Fairplace was a very enjoyable occasion of celebration, and thanks must be given to all those people who made it possible.

October brings the Carnival which takes place on October 21st -as usual the Church will be open from 6pm for hot drinks etc and a place to sit and watch the procession!

The ladies' and men's groups are now in full swing for their Autumn programme and would always welcome new members from the Circuit for a time of fellowship and fun!

WIVES & FRIENDS PROGRAMME 2017-18 (first part of the programme only)

We normally meet at 7.30pm on Thursdays in the School Room.

12 October	Street Pastors	Julie Yelland
14 October 10am	Autumn Coffee Morning	
26 October	Shoe Box Packing	
29 October	Shoe Box Dedication Service	Rev Liz Singleton
9 November	Macular Degeneration	Gwen Dickinson
23 November	My Nursing Career	Audrey Curtice
4 December	Candlelight Evening	Rev Liz Singleton

THE MEN'S FORUM

One date for Men's Forum: Oct .29th 6.30pm. Evening Service at Hatherleigh.

PLEASE SEND ALL ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO GILL & DAVE SHOTT,
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