

EDGE LANE AND CLAYTON METHODIST CHURCH

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Minister: Revd. Joy Rulton

Preachers/Lectionary Readings

6th Aug	11:00am	Local Arrangement	Genesis Ch 32 v 22-31 Psalm 17 v 1-7 ,15 Romans Ch 9 v 1 -5 Matthew Ch 14 v 13-21
13th Aug	11:00am	Mrs Pamela Sewart	Genesis Ch 37 v -1 -4, 12 -28 Psalm 105 v 1-6, 16-22, 45b Romans Ch 10 v 5-15 Matthew Ch 14 v 22-23
20th Aug	11:00am	Mrs Christine Davis	Genesis Ch 45 v 1-15 Psalm 133 Romans Ch 11 v 1 -2a, 29-32 Matthew Ch 15 v 21-28
27th Aug	11:00am	Rev. Joy Rulton (HC)	Exodus Ch 1 v 8 to Ch 2 v 10 Psalm 124 Romans Ch 12 v 1 -8 Matthew Ch 16 v 13 -20

Dear friends,

Summer has arrived – I'm in my study looking out at the rain and listening to the thunder! However, I'd much rather look at the rain than have to cope with the temperatures the rest of Europe is having to cope with.

The better weather a month ago allowed Bryan and myself to visit some of the hidden, fascinating places in this country.

I have always loved history, not the political side that I was taught in school, but how people lived and worked. We visited The Manor in Hemingford Grey, the home of Lucy M. Boston, (author of the Greene Knowe series of books). It's not like visiting the National Trust. You are shown round by her daughter-in-law, who still lives there. You can trace the history of the building from Norman to Tudor, through to Georgian and the current time.

More interesting still to learn about the author herself. During the last war, she wondered what she could do for the young men stationed nearby. Every week she opened her home and played music from her record collection on an enormous paper mâché phonograph, squashing around twenty people into a small room. That small act of kindness made a big difference to the lives of those men.



Scripture tells us that “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control”.

The message version of that passage from Galatians reads: “What happens when we live God’s way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people.”

What small acts of kindness have you seen recently? Sometimes we don’t even notice them. It’s only looking back we realise what a difference someone’s made to our lives, perhaps by just being there when we needed it. And they will never realise just how much they have helped us. God has a wonderful way of putting the right people in the right place at the right time.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the word "Joy" in a cursive, flowing script.

CHURCH NOTICES

The school holidays and 'summer' are now in 'full swing', though at the time of writing, it is far from 'summer-like'. May we all, however, try to be positive and take the opportunity to 'refresh our batteries' both physically and spiritually, giving thanks to our Lord for all the good things we see around us.

News Of Friends

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who are not well in body, mind or spirit and for those in hospital and those awaiting appointments and treatments. We think especially of Doreen, Jean H, Jean W, Val G, Betty, Harry, Joan P, Sharon, David, John, Peter, Bill. There are so many more names to add to these. David and John both thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers in the difficult times they are going through. We pray that the Lord is with all those mentioned and those in our hearts, sustaining and uplifting you through these challenging times.

Welcome

During August, the circuit welcomes Deacon Jenny Jones, who will be working from Central Hall and living in the Assheton Road, Clayton Bridge Manse. We hope that she and her family will settle in well and we look forward to meeting her. It is a small world, as Jenny worked with Rev. Andrew Charlesworth in Nottingham for several years up to this summer.

Thank- yous

Dorothy wishes to thank everyone for the eighty cards, the gifts, good wishes and donations in celebration of her 100th birthday recently. She had a lovely time both at home and at her son's and we wish her many more happy years to come.

We thank Rev. Caroline Wickens for being 'our' minister whilst Joy was on sabbatical leave and contributing to our church magazine. We also welcome Joy back.

Preliminary Notice

We plan to hold our Harvest Festival on Sun Sept 24th and welcome gifts for the food bank at Droylsden and/or money donations for All We Can. We also will celebrate our 1st church Anniversary on Oct 8th.

Birthdays

Wishing everyone born in August a very Happy Birthday. May you continue to grow in wisdom and understanding. May your years ahead be full of happy moments, and uncountable blessings.

Next Magazine

The September Magazine will be available both on the website and by hardcopy. Everyone is welcome to make contributions by email to **marian.claytonmethodist@yahoo.co.uk** or to Elva by the 30th of August 2023. Thank you.

The Importance of Prayer

In the bible there are many references to prayers. In James Ch 4 v 8, it says, 'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you' Paul writes in Philippians Ch 4 v 6-7. 'Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God, and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus'

Here are 10 ways that prayer can benefit us in our daily lives.

1. Prayer can help us focus on what is important
2. Prayer can help us to stay hopeful in dark times
3. Prayer can help us feel connected to God on a deeper level
4. Prayer can help us deal with difficult emotions and situations
5. Prayer can help us find comfort and peace
6. Prayer can help us develop a stronger relationship with God
7. Prayer can help us become more compassionate people
8. Prayer can give us strength during difficult times
9. Prayer can help keep our minds and thoughts clear
10. Prayer is a way of communicating with Jesus and asking for guidance and support in our lives.

Points for us to ponder from Aaron Joseph Hall and now a beautiful prayer from St Ignatius Loyola

Teach us, Good Lord,
To serve thee as though deserves;
To give and not to count the cost;
To fight and not to heed the wounds;
To toil and not to seek for rest;

To labour and not to ask for any reward

Save that of knowing that we do thy will.

Amen

St Ignatius Loyola was born in Spain in 1491 and died in Rome in 1556. He was a priest and co-founder of the Jesuits, the society of Jesus. He lived his life by a simple but powerful maxim: To live for the greater glory of God.

Summer Memories

Whilst on a coach traveling through the Lake District recently, the splendour and beauty of our countryside became so apparent. The majesty of the mountains rising into the clouds, the tranquility of the lake, the verdant greens of the fields and wooded areas, and the joy of watching the sheep and cattle grazing, all helped me to relax and look in awe and wonder at God's beautiful world. These images I will hold in my mind when there are days when not all is so inspiring.

Let us thank our Lord for all the beauty He has created and of which we are a part.

A Hymn that comes to mind is:

For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Gracious God to you we raise,
This our sacrifice of praise

Singing the Faith 102

Written by Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917). What a wonderful name!

He was born in Bath and was a school teacher.

Elva.

Did you Know?

- Trees at the equator reach maturity in as little as 10-20 years, while trees in the far north of the earth can take over 100 years because their growing season is as short as three months. The slowest growing tree in the world reportedly grew to only 4ins after 150 years, this was a white cedar tree in Canada.
- Plums are grown on every continent except Antarctica and are one of our oldest cultivated foods. Their stories have been found on archaeological sites with the remains of olives, grapes and figs.
- August was originally the sixth month of the Roman Calendar (which was 10 months long) and originally called Sextilis (Latin for sixth month). About 700 BC it became the eighth month of a 12 month calendar and named August after Emperor Augustus. Very confusing!

A poem to celebrate the Rose – our favourite flower of Summer

A delicate Rose *by Lily Christie*

To think of summer is to think of a rose

And it's delicate, scented mist,

It's gentle fragrance surrounding us,

As though the air has been kissed

It's velvet petals blushing and blooming,

It's colours so vivid and bright,

With subtle turns it faces the sun

To bathe in warmth and light

So majestic in the garden,

I could stare at a rose for hours-

There is no doubt at all;

She is the queen of all the flowers.

Small Talk

- A little girl, Tania, was taken swimming by her grandmother and afterwards in the changing room she was really cold. 'You're shaking like a leaf' her grandmother said. Tania looked up as if it was a stupid question and asked 'How do you want me to shake, Grandma?'
 - A little boy was told by his mum; 'Get your coat on'. One day in distress he cried 'But I can't find my coaton' It was only then that she realized her son had thought his 'coat' was called a 'coaton' all this time!
 - Their Welsh grandfather was taking his three grandchildren walking in the Brecon Beacons. After 20mins, 5year old Sam piped up plaintively, 'Grandad how much longer is this walk going to be? My legs are getting bored!'
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7 motivational quotes for life

1. "The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty." — Winston Churchill
2. "Don't let yesterday take up too much of today." — Will Rogers
3. "You learn more from failure than from success. Don't let it stop you. Failure builds character." — Unknown
4. "If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you." — Steve Jobs
5. "Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards." —Vernon Sanders Law
6. "To know how much there is to know is the beginning of learning to live." — Dorothy West
7. "Goal setting is the secret to a compelling future." — Tony Robbins

Bible Word Search:

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