

# EDGE LANE AND CLAYTON METHODIST CHURCH

## September Magazine 2024

Minister: Rev. Paul Welch



### Preachers/Lectionary Readings

1st Sept United Service with Droylsden	11:00am	Mr Benjamin Allotey	Song of Solomon Ch 2 v 8 – 13 Psalm 45 v 1-2, 6-9 James Ch 1 v 17-27 Mark Ch 7 v 1 -8, 14-15, 21-23
8th Sept	11:00am	Mr John Worthington	Proverbs Ch 22 v 1- 2, 8 -9, 22-23 Psalm 125 James Ch 2 v 1-10, 14-17 Mark Ch 7 v 24 -37
15th Sept Harvest Festival	11:00am	Rev. Paul Welch (HC) AAW	Proverbs Ch 1 v 20 -33 Psalm 19 James Ch 3 v 1 -12 Mark Ch 8 v 27 -38
22nd Sept United Service at Droylsden	10:45am	Rev. Caroline Wickens (HC)	Proverbs Ch 31 v 10 -31 Psalm 1 James Ch 3 v 13 to Ch 4 v 3, 7-8a Mark Ch 9 v 30 -37
29th Sept	11:00am	Rev. Katie Smith	Esther Ch 7 v 1-6, 9-10, Ch 9 v 20-22 Psalm 124 James Ch 5 v 13-20 Mark Ch 9 v 38 - 50

# CHURCH NOTICES

As we move into September and our thoughts turn towards autumn, it is the beginning of the church year when we think of 'new beginnings'. We ask our Lord to be with us as we continue to walk together to be the people He asks us to be.

We welcome our new minister, Rev Paul Welch and his wife, Lynn and their family as they settle into the Manse in Clayton Bridge. We trust that the Lord will be with them in this new chapter of their ministry and we look forward to getting to know them.

## **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, treatments and operations. We particularly name Harry and Joan B, Linda, David, Peter, Jean W, Jean H, Paul, Joan P, Jean W and we add our own names to these. We ask our Lord to uphold you and that you feel His love and care surrounding you in these difficult times.

## **Church Trip out in August**

We are pleased that the coach trip out to Stanley Park Blackpool and St Anne's went well and was enjoyed by all. We thank Janet for all her hard work in organising the outing.

## **Welcome Service on Tuesday September 3rd at 7pm**

The circuit welcomes our minister, Rev Paul Welch at our church. All are welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

## **Visit of the President & Vice President of Conference on Tues Sept 3rd at 11am**

This annual service is held at Methodist Central Hall. More of this later in the magazine.

## **Methodist Women in Britain Autumn Gathering on Sat 7th Sept 10:30-3:15pm**

This is to be held at Hazel Grove Methodist Church when the speaker will be Rev. David Hardman (Methodist Liaison Officer Co-ordinator for Jerusalem). All are welcome. See the poster in church for more details.

**The Manchester Circuit** is now within the new North West England District of the Methodist Church. The district chair is Rev. Dr James N Tebbutt.

## **Circuit Meeting Sat 21st Sept 10am at Hope Methodist Church**

This is the annual Saturday morning meeting for all those members of the circuit meeting. If you have any questions or comments, please see your representations, Linda, Elva, Robert or Sam.

## **Harvest Festival - Sun 15th Sept 11am**

Our celebration this year is led by our minister, Rev. Paul Welch and will include Holy Communion. We would ask for gifts of non-perishable foods which will be donated to the Droylsden food bank. We will also have a collection of money for the Methodist charity 'All we can'. Envelopes will be available from 8th September. Please return these by 22nd September. Many thanks for your generosity.

The theme for the Harvest from 'All we can' this year is 'Charity begins at home. Your home, Their home, God's home.'

'All we can' is an international development and relief organisation working to see every person's potential fulfilled. It has served some of the most marginalised communities on earth for the last nine decades-since a group of methodists answered the call of refugees in Europe in the 1930's.

It works in response to John Wesley's call; -

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.'

What are your favourite Harvest hymns?

- Come you thankful People come
- For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God.
- To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
- We plough the fields and scatter

'For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God' was written by Rev. Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000). He was a Methodist minister and hymn writer born near Liverpool. There is a trust in his name which today encourage people to write new hymns for today's people. He also wrote other well-known hymns such as:

- The church of Christ in every age
- God is here! As we his people, meet to offer praise and prayer
- Christ is the World's Light

Here is part of a relatively modern harvest hymn written by Dominic Grant (born 1970)  
(Singing the Faith 128)

The harvest is here:  
earth's bounty we bring,

And as we draw near,  
God's mercies we sing.  
From greenhouse and garden,  
allotments and store:  
these love-gifts we offer  
and praises outpour.

God's harvest shall come,  
when all is fulfilled:  
death's forces succumb,  
and violence be stilled.  
Then all that has breath  
In creation restored  
shall bow down in worship:  
One Harvest, One Lord!

Words that we all echo at this time in our troubled world.

### **Congratulations**

To all who have received their exam results recently. We particularly think of those who are moving on to continue their studies. Very best wishes to you.

### **Advanced Notices**

**Our Second Church Anniversary** will be on 13th Oct at 11:00am led by our superintendent minister, Rev. Caroline Wickens. We will follow this service with a bring and share lunch where we have time to socialise and enjoy each other's company.

### **Annual Shoe Box Appeal**

Items are being collected until November for this appeal. Please see Janet for more details.

### **Birthdays**

Wishing all those born in September a very Happy Birthday. May you be gifted with life's biggest joys and never-ending bliss.

### **Next Magazine**

The October Magazine will be available both on the website and in hardcopy. Everyone is welcome to make contributions by email to **marian.claytonmethodist@yahoo.co.uk** or to Elva by the 25th of September 2024. Thank you.

## **President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference for 2024-2025**

The new president is Rev. Helen Cameron, who is currently the chair of the Northampton District & the Nottingham and Derby District (covering 260 churches). She is moderator of the free churches group and president of churches together in England. She read prayers during the funeral of her majesty the Queen and was present at the coronation of King Charles. The vice-president is Mrs. Carolyn Godfrey, who is a local preacher and district safeguarding officer in the Darlington and Newcastle Districts. The theme they have chosen for the year is 'Learn to do what is right, seek justice and defend the oppressed'. Isaiah Ch 1 v 17a.

They say they want to encourage the Methodist church to continue to be a Justice-Seeking Church and to urge one another to be bolder. They believe that justice is what love looks like in public.

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What exciting news! Our young people submitted a prayer for the Methodist Prayer Handbook and it is there in print. Congratulations! A first!

Here is the prayer: -

Father God, we offer our praise for all the good things you give to us. That we can use our talents to create computers and phones that keep us in touch with the world, our family and friends. We have so much to praise you for from the air we breathe to the food we eat.

We are your children and we thank you for all creation, for our family who are special to us and even the things we don't like, such as spiders and snakes. We are all different Lord, but united by our love for you. We continue to praise you all the days of our lives. Amen.

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The new Prayer Handbook for 2024/25 is entitled 'Praise and Protest' and we look forward to reading all these prayers in the months to come.

The Manchester Circuit also produces a prayer handbook. The Prayer submitted from our church is: -

Dear Lord,

As we continue on our journey of faith together as one church, we give thanks for our ever-growing congregation and the vibrant Young People and their leaders, who enrich our church community so much. May we be reassured that as we strive to put our trust in You, we will find a deeper understanding into ways in which we share Your love with all around us.

Lord, help each one of us to continue to serve You in all the ways we can, to Your glory. Amen.

## **A Poem for the end of Summer** *by John Darley*

The roses may be past their best  
As autumn's presence starts to show,  
But here's one that my nose caressed,  
It's scent not letting summer go.

Though autumn heralds' shorter days  
To bring an end to summer's reign.  
The roses' scented sweetness stays,  
Recalling those hot days again

Thus far, this summer, there have been too few 'hot' days to remember (Aug 11th was lovely!). Let us hope that there may be some pleasant days-an 'Indian Summer'-just around the corner.

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## **Lectionary Reading for September**

The epistle of James runs through the five Sundays in September. This is a short letter of just 5 chapters in the bible. It begins, 'James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ who is writing to the twelve tribes scattered abroad.' The letter challenges us on how we should live our lives, in that our actions should match our words.

In James Ch 3 v 13, it reads: -

'Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom'.

It is well worth reading the whole of this epistle as we begin our new church year.

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## **Points to Ponder**

- What oxygen is to the lungs, such is hope to the meaning of life- Emil Brunner
- What the caterpillar sees as the end, the butterfly sees as just the beginning-it's the same life with a new outfit
- Life's field will yield, as we make it a harvest of thorns or of flowers' – Alice Cary (*a 19-century poet*)

- Miss no opportunity of making some small sacrifice; here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest thing right-and doing it all for love- Saint Therese of Lisieux
- All my life through, the new sights of nature made me rejoice like a child – Marie Curie; who identified two new elements, Radium & Polonium and won Nobel prizes in Chemistry and in Physics.

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## **September Puzzle**

How many words of 4 letters or more can you make from

### **FESTIVAL?**

(no foreign words, or proper nouns)

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## **BIBLE QUIZ**

1. How many days did God take to create the world?
2. Who were the three sons of Adam and Eve listed in the Bible?
3. How many brothers did Joseph have?
4. What did Jacob give Joseph that sparked jealousy from his siblings?
5. Through what did God speak to Moses in the desert?
6. How many plagues did God send on Egypt?
7. What was the final plague that convinced Pharaoh to let the slaves go?
8. Where did God give Moses the Ten Commandments?
9. Who was the first king of Israel?
10. Who baptised Jesus?
11. Name the place where Jesus walked on water?
12. What is the shortest verse in the Bible?
13. Why did Jesus weep in that verse?
14. What is the 1st commandment?
15. What does Jesus say is the first and greatest commandment?

# Harvest Festival

## Word Search



ANNUAL	FARMER	MERRIMENT
APPLES	FEASTING	MUSIC
AUTUMN	FESTIVAL	OCTOBER
CELEBRATION	FIELDS	PUMPKINS
CONTESTS	GAMES	REGIONAL
CORN	HARVEST	SCARECROW
CORNUCOPIA	HAYRIDE	SEPTEMBER
CROPS	LEAVES	SQUASH