

EDGE LANE AND CLAYTON METHODIST CHURCH

October Magazine 2024

Minister: Rev. Paul Welch



Preachers/Lectionary Readings

6th Oct	11:00am	Mr Nick Palfreyman	Job Ch 1 v 1 and Ch 2 v 1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews Ch 1 v 1-4 and Ch 2 v 5-12 Mark Ch 10 v 2 -16
13th Oct Church Anniversary	11:00am	Rev. Caroline Wickens	Job Ch 23 v 1- 9, 16-17 Psalm 22 v 1-15 Hebrews Ch 4 v 12-16 Mark Ch 10 v 17 -31
20th Oct	11:00am	Mrs Mercy Drewett	Job Ch 38 v 1 -7 Psalm 104 v 1-9, 24, 35c Hebrews Ch 5 v 1 -10 Mark Ch 10 v 35 -45
27th Oct	11:00am	Rev. Paul Welch (HC)	Job Ch 42 v 1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34 v 1-8 Hebrews Ch 7 v 23 -28 Mark Ch 10 v 46 -52
3rd Nov	11:00am	Local Arrangement	Ruth Ch 1 v 1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews Ch 9 v 11-14 Mark Ch 12 v 28 - 34

Hello, I'm Paul your new Minister. I have moved here to Manchester from Halifax where I was a Minister for 16 years and in North Leeds before that, so it's been a big change. I have a lovely wife and two grown up daughters. I love football as well as Jesus and support Port Vale and Leeds United. (Don't hold that against me)

In the Circuit here, I also have Hope Methodist Church and have use of Trinity Ancoats building to start something new. For the other half of my role, I work with the Caleb Project which helps churches or individuals to start something new where they are and plant new worshipping communities.

There are lots of changes going on at the moment and change is a good thing because with it we grow and develop and have new experiences. I believe that change should be embraced and not feared because when we are in God's hands we are being held and directed by the Holy Spirit. Change happens every single day because no one day is the same as today, or the day before. We live with constant change, even though there may be a lot of familiarity or routine. We may come across new people whether they be commuting or attending something we enjoy doing. New people journeying with us will inevitably bring about change because of the social dynamics that come into being.

With me being new here, it will mean change for you. I am not like any ministers you may have had before because we are all different and have different gifts and abilities. There may be some people in the congregation or community who are much better at doing things than me. Yet, despite the changes we can all work together as a team to bring about God's love in the best way that we can.

As we head towards Autumn, we see change happening before our eyes with the colours of the leaves changing or with every sunrise or sunset. In nature we see the natural world changing and preparing to go to sleep for a while. Some mornings we might feel exactly the same, where we just want to snuggle back under the covers. Even though Autumn is coming, I love this time of year with what I see around in nature and it reminds me of God's wonderful creativity as well as knowing that God is with me. As I look back to last Autumn and despite undergoing a move to a new area and a new ministry and all I left behind, God has been there and continues to be. I recognize God's faithfulness and so that is why I can trust God for what is to come. We have no control over what happens tomorrow or in the future. Jesus said, don't worry about tomorrow but see the birds of the air and the flowers of the field and how they are cared for and how much more precious are we to God than them. We only have to see the wonder of creation to see how special the birds and animals are within it.

A few weeks ago, we had the Harvest Festival service and we looked at 'what are we thankful for' Perhaps we might like to think about the things we are thankful for and give thanks to God for those things however we chose to do so.

Every Blessing,

Rev Paul Welch.

CHURCH NOTICES

As we move into October, the first signs of Autumn are really beginning to show. It was uplifting to have some warm, sunny days in September to remind us of what summer could have been but then the change has come and all nature begins to turn from green to shades of yellow, orange, gold or brown. May we thank our Lord for the splendour that we see all around us and enjoy this time of the year.

News Of Friends

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who are not well in body, mind or spirit and for those awaiting appointments, treatments and operations. We particularly name Harry and Joan B, Linda, Peter, David, Paul, Jean W, Jean H, Joan P, Jean W and we add names that are on our hearts to these. We continue to ask our Lord to give you the strength and courage in these challenging times.

A Prayer for healing *by John L. Bell*

God to enfold you,

Christ to uphold you,

Spirit to keep you in heaven's sight

So may God grace you,

heal and embrace you,

lead you through darkness

Into the light. Amen

Harvest Celebrations in September

What a joyous day we had as we welcomed our new minister, Rev Paul Welch and his wife Lynn. The service was so uplifting and happy for everyone attending and we collected more than 16 large bags of food for the Droylsden food bank. Many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to people at home and abroad. It was also a good opportunity to meet and chat with Paul and Lynn over refreshments after the service.

Second Church Anniversary Oct 13th 11:00am

This will be led by our superintendent minister, Rev. Caroline Wickens.

We look forward to our next celebration for our anniversary when Edge Lane and Clayton came together to journey together in the love of our Lord. We plan to have a bring-and-share lunch after the service for us all to socialise and enjoy each other's company.

The Collect for a Church Anniversary

Almighty God,
To whose glory we celebrate the anniversary of this church:
We thank you for the fellowship of those who have worshiped here,
and we pray that all who seek you here may find you,
and being filled with the Holy Spirit,
May become a living temple,
a dwelling place for your life-giving presence in the world.
We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Advance Notices

Christmas Fayre Nov 16th 11am – 1pm

This is a joint event with St. Andrews's church. Please keep this date in your diary to volunteer to help or to come along to support us and have fun! Please see Linda with ideas and offers to run stalls etc.

Annual Shoe Box Appeal

Items are being collected for this appeal to send filled shoe boxes to children in parts of the world who do not receive presents at Christmas. Please see Janet for all the details of how you can contribute. Thankyou.

Annual Collection for Wood Street Mission - Gift Day

On Nov 24th, we plan to have our collection for the young people of Manchester and Salford. New presents are welcomed for young people aged 0-14years old. These will be taken to Wood St. Mission in Manchester for distribution before Christmas.

More Exciting News

In last month's magazine, it was reported that the young people of our church had a prayer published in the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2024-25 entitled 'Praise and Protest'. This prayer was prayed at Methodist Central Hall when the president and vice president of the Methodist conference were welcomed and also as the concluding prayer at the circuit meeting held in September. Thankyou again young people for your contributions.

Here is the prayer submitted by Rev Andrew Charlesworth, who is district chair of the Methodist Church in Wales (Day 8)

It is a reflection on the Magnificat (Luke Ch 1 v 46-55)

God of mercy, was Mary wrong?

The powerful still occupy their thrones but the lowly remain downtrodden.

Too many are so hungry, whilst the rich go filled to the brim
or did Mary give voice to the world as it can be?

Inspire us to sing this song in our lives, through the transforming love of Jesus. Amen.

Here is an 'old' prayer written by John William Fletcher (1729-1785) who John Wesley had designated as his successor. Sadly, John Fletcher died before John Wesley.

Let us depend above all things, O Christ, on your grace, desire in all things your love, rejoice at all times in your presence and delight through all our undertakings in your glory. Amen

Birthdays

Wishing all those born in October a very Happy Birthday. May you be blessed and highly favoured. Enjoy your day.

Next Magazine

The November 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 30th of October 2024. Thank you.

Here is a piece seen in another magazine that is worth sharing

Always the Best

Always look your best though no-one else is there to see.

Always make the best of things wherever you may be.

Always put your best into the job you love to do - Place the best construction on
what's said or done to you.

Always play your best though no-one's here to keep the score.

Always show your best face when there's someone at the door.

The best foot forward gets you home. You do not need to run.

Always see the best and not the worst in everyone.

What uplifting but challenging words!

Autumn

Many people when asked in a survey chose Autumn as their favourite season, maybe because of the magnificent colours that we see in nature, together with the striking 'Harvest' moons visible on a clear night.

The word Autumn comes from the Latin word 'autumnus', meaning 'the passing of the year'.

Here is a verse from a poem by Dorothy McGregor called **Thoughts Golden**

There are changes afoot, the trees tell us so,

And all in lamplight and flame

A season of harvest, the gifts of ripe fruit,

How lovely to see you again.

Time honoured music, the snapping of twigs

And the smoke does its signature swirl;

The fires are flaring, the conkers drop down,

A special time for each boy and girl.

A special time for the not-so-young too

The apples have been particularly abundant this year, and who doesn't like a delicious apple pie or crumble!

What is your favourite season, and why?

Please let us know for future magazines.

It Makes you smile

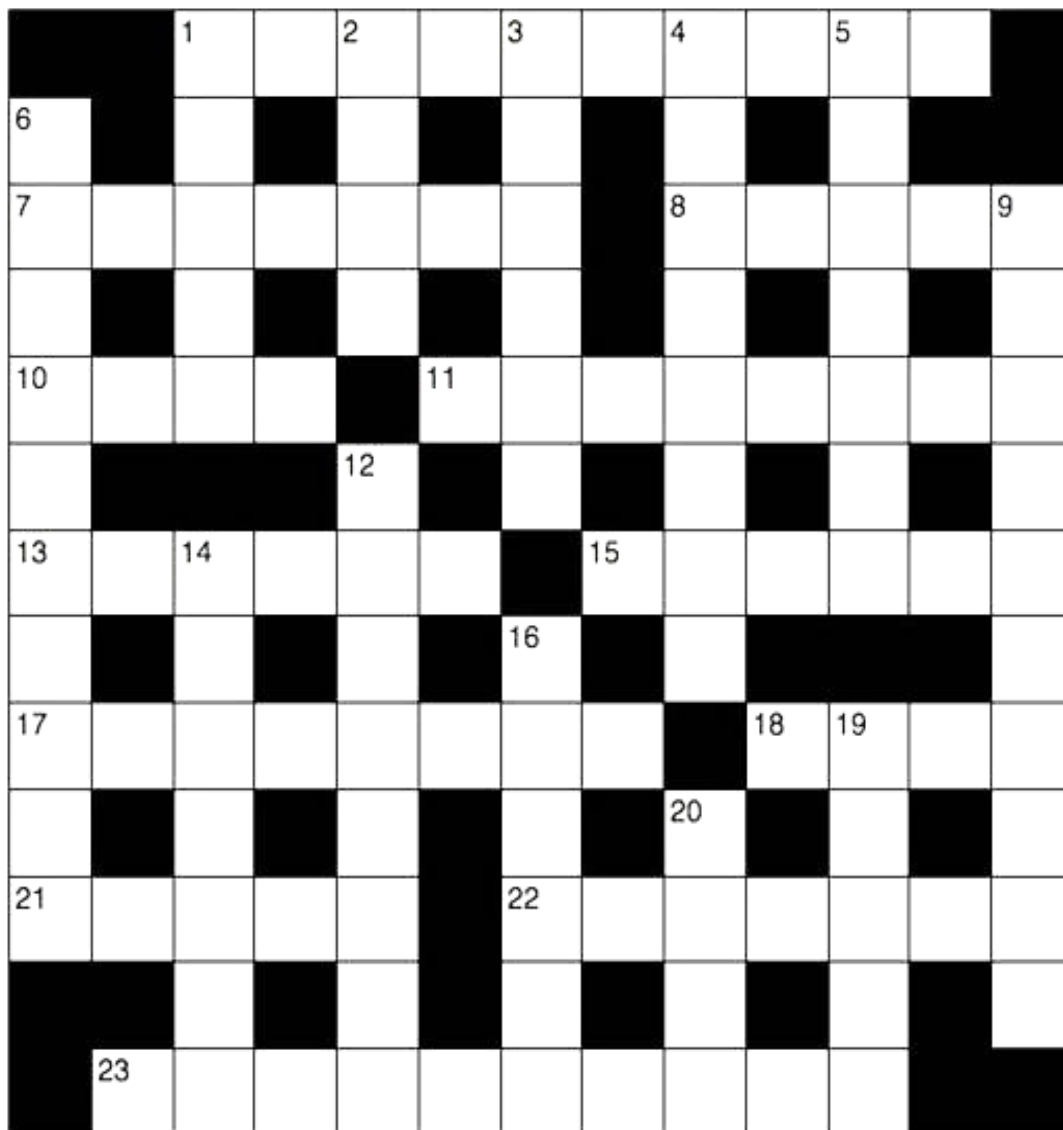
- Five-year-old, Harri, was shown a photo of his dad at the age of sixteen. Harri was asked if he knew who it was. He stared at it for a time before replying 'It's me when I'm bigger!'
- A little girl of seven came home after a long school trip. 'I'm exhausted after such a busy long day. All I want to do is lie down quietly like dust!'
- A boy of twelve, was looking for his mobile phone everywhere, exclaimed. 'Why don't they invent a phone that stays attached to the wall? Yes, if only...'

October Puzzle

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

ANNIVERSARY?

(No foreign words or proper nouns)



Across

- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)

Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)

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| 10 | Girl's name (4) | 4 | Milled it (anag.) (3-5) |
| 11 | Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8) | 5 | Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7) |
| 13 | The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1–6) (6) | 6 | Comes between Philipians and 1 Thessalonians (10) |
| 15 | 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6) | 9 | Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1–11) (10) |
| 17 | Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8) | 12 | Abusive outburst (8) |
| 18 | Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4) | 14 | Are loud (anag.) (7) |
| 21 | Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa(5) | 16 | Printing errors (6) |
| 22 | Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7) | 19 | 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5) |
| 23 | Last book of the Bible (10) | 20 | Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4) |

**GOD BLESS ALL OUR
READERS**