

EDGE LANE AND CLAYTON METHODIST CHURCH

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Preachers/Lectionary Readings

3rd Nov	11:00am	Young People	Ruth Ch 1 v 1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews Ch 9 v 11-14 Mark Ch 12 v 28 -34
10th Nov Remembrance Sunday	11:00am	Rev. Paul Welch (HC)	Ruth Ch 3 v 1- 5, Ch 4 v 13 -17 Psalm 127 Hebrews Ch 9 v 24-28 Mark Ch 12 v 38 -44
17th Nov	11:00am	Mr Keith Paver	1 Samuel Ch 1 v 14 -20 Hebrews Ch 10 v 11-14; v 19 -25 Mark Ch 13 v 1 -8
24th Nov Gift Day	11:00am	Rev. Ade Kila	2 Samuel Ch 23 v 1-7 Psalm 132 v 1-12 Revelation Ch 1 v 4b -8 John Ch 18 v 33 -37
1st Dec Advent Sunday	11:00am	(TBA)	Jeremiah Ch 33 v 14-16 Psalm 25 v 1-10 1 Thessalonians Ch 3 v 9-13 Luke Ch 21 v 25 - 36

Dear Friends,

As we have now left the warm days of Summer behind, we now head into this month of remembrance. November focuses our minds on past conflicts and perhaps All Souls Day at the start of November also helps in remembering those who have passed away. I have recently been to my mother in laws funeral and the main emphasis was on remembering her and celebrating her life, which we certainly did. The funeral demonstrated her faith in God and this certainly came across as the eulogy was shared as well as pictures of her life and the Salvation Army band playing the hymns.

It is always good to remember those who have left a positive legacy of their life, who encouraged others and lived out a life of service and love. Remembering is important as it helps society and individuals to think about how to move on and to look ahead using the experiences of the past to influence the future. In my previous circuit there were a number of Churches that closed due to people not attending and other issues like Covid and finances. One of my churches anticipated that they would need to close and so had a celebration service to finish with and lots of people came from far and near. Many people commented about what a shame it was that it had to close as that place held many wonderful memories for them. About 18 months ago a question was asked at the Church council meeting, 'What if.....' What would be the legacy that the current congregation would want to leave? It was decided that the building would be sold, the congregation would join another Methodist Church and that the money from the sale of the building would be used to do something new and different in the Town Centre. That idea is hopefully progressing, but the important thing was the willingness of the congregation to let go. They could remember their past and celebrate it. They had to let go so that something new could come about that would benefit others and something tangible of God's love could be seen. As Christians we are aware that beyond death there is new life. (resurrection) Jesus was born, lived, did some amazing things, died and was raised again back to life. This is death and resurrection. This closure of one church was then able to bring about something new.

Remembering is important, but it depends upon what we choose to do. We can stay in the past and remember or we can celebrate, learn from the things we remember and bring about something new in our lives and move on. Moving on is difficult, because we don't know what the future holds this is called faith. Hopefully we will still have fond memories that encourage us, that inspire us and help us to move forward. So, as we enter this time of remembrance, what are we celebrating and giving thanks for in our past that inspires us to ask the 'What if.....?' question.

Every blessing,

Rev Paul Welch

CHURCH NOTICES

November is a month when we remember so many events and occasions, particularly Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day which brings all people together to reflect and give thanks. As the splendour of Autumn continues in all of nature, it reminds us of the Lord's majesty and we give thanks for all His goodness and care.

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, Joan P, Jean W, Jean H, Jean W and we add other names that are on our hearts to these. We ask our Lord to sustain you and support you in these difficult times.

Young People's Service - Nov 3rd 11am

As we go to press, we look forward to our young people leading us in worship once again, and pray that all the leaders and youngsters will be inspired to continue to serve the Lord and our church in such wonderful way.

Second Church Anniversary in October

What a joyous occasion this was with Rev. Caroline Wickens leading all age worship in such an interactive way, engaging everyone in her messages. And, what a feast we had afterwards with a lovely cake and food to celebrate our special day when Edge Lane and Clayton Methodist churches came together to make the vibrant church we have today, for all ages 2 -101years old.

Harvest Update

We were sent an 'official' thank you from Droylsden and District food bank for our donations to their appeal. We also sent £200 to the Methodist Charity 'All We Can' for their work throughout the world. Many thanks again for your generous donations.

Christmas Fayre Nov 16th 11am – 1pm

This is a joint event with St. Andrews's church. Please come along to volunteer and support us. See Linda for all the details. Stalls include gifts, books, cakes, tombola's, crafts and much more. Refreshments will also be enjoyed. Please tell your friends and neighbours and let us make this a memorable community day.

Shoe Box Appeal in November

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 on how you can contribute. Thankyou.

Sunday Nov 24th 11:00am - Gift Day

As well as collecting for children overseas, we have our children Appeal for Wood Street Mission in Manchester and Salford. This enables families from our city to select presents for their children. We are asked for new toys, gifts, books etc. unwrapped for children aged 0-14years. In addition, chocolates, biscuits, selection boxes, wrapping paper, gift tags and sellotape are also appreciated. Please bring them to the service and they will be taken to Wood Street Mission the following week, in plenty of time for Christmas. Thank you.

Our local Preachers in training

On Oct 20th, our 3 local preachers in training were preaching at 3 churches in our circuit. Our church, Droylsden and Moston. We give thanks to God for their continuing commitment and perseverance as they journey in their calling.

Birthdays

Wishing everyone born in November a very Happy Birthday. May you have peace and happiness for many more years to come.

Next Magazine

The December 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 27th of November 2024. Thank you.

November – the month to remember

This month we remember those who have given their lives over past generations in the hope that peace may come.

Here is the story of Edith Cavell, who was a Christian who served as a nurse and matron in enemy-occupied Belgium during the first world war. At the age of 49 years, Edith was executed in 1915 for enabling around 200 soldiers to escape the neutral territory. The night before her execution she said: "Standing as I do in view of God and eternity; I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone'. These words are inscribed on the Edith Cavell memorial opposite the entrance to the National Gallery, new Trafalgar Square, London. Edith understood that Jesus's

greater love commands us to love our enemies as well as our neighbours and friends. As she took communion for the last time, the chaplain with her said, 'We will remember you as a heroine and a martyr'. She replied, 'Don't think of me like that. Think of me as a nurse who tried to do her duty'. Edith was a truly remarkable Christian lady, who gave her life that others may live.

She is buried at the east side of Northwich Cathedral where a graveside service is still held each October. There are memorials to her all over the world.

The bright red poppy is a symbol for us for remembrance.

Here is a poem by George Hughes for Remembrance Day.

Amongst The Poppies

Once again, we stand in silence,
Amongst the poppies red and warm,
Vowing always to remember,
Those who saved us from the storm,
Those who gave their lives in war,
That we in freedom might grow old.
Poppies will give way to holly,
And our remembrance won't grow cold.

But let us not forget that so many wars and conflicts still rage throughout our world today.

Here is the last verse of a hymn written by Majorie Dobson. (Singing the Faith No 131)

For the sound of war still thunders
Through our planet, on this day.
Every hour new victims suffer,
Even as we meet to pray.
God, we need your help and guidance
In our constant search for peace.
Move us on to new solutions
As we pray that wars may cease.

Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Eternal God,

In whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations many find their security in the love which casts our fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Did you Know?

- Nov 22nd is named St. Cecilia's Day. She is the patron saint of music and musicians. There is a service held every year in London to celebrate this day with choirs and musicians taking part. Many churches and schools are named after her.
 - Nov 30th is St Andrew's Day-who is the patron saint of Scotland. Andrew is the disciple who introduced his brother, Peter, to Jesus. It is a public bank holiday in Scotland.
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Some humorous grace prayers to make us smile.

- God bless this bunch as they munch their lunch.
- Thanks for breakfast, lunch and dinner. If it weren't for you. I'd be much thinner.
- Lord, as we begin this new day, help us not to be like porridge, stiff and stodgy, slow to serve but like cornflakes, crisp and light and ready to serve. Amen

A grace from John Wesley (1703 – 92)

Be present at our table, Lord.

Be here and everywhere adored.

Thy creatures bless and grant that we

May feast in paradise with thee. Amen

A German grace attributed to Martin Luther (1483 – 1546)

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and may our meal by you be blest. Amen.

A final poem for this year for Autumn

Late Autumn *by John Darley*

Days are getting shorter;

Nights are growing cold.

The landscape in the dying light

Is turned a burnished gold.

There's stillness and there's beauty

At autumn's final phase,

Its colours new like embers,

Coated by a frosty glaze.

Word Puzzle

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

NOVEMBER?

(no foreign words or proper nouns)

October crossword answers

ACROSS: 1. Sabbatical. 7. Opinion. 8. Laing. 10, Olga.

11, Galilean. 13, Sardis. 15, Severe. 17, Adultery. 18, Flea. 21, Swazi. 22, Acetate. 23, Revelation.

DOWN: 1, Sling, 2, Brim. 3, Annual. 4, Ill-times. 5, Abilene. 6, Colossians. 9, Gennesaret. 12, Diatribe. 14, Roulade. 16, Errata. 19 Learn. 20, Levi

GOD BLESS ALL OUR READERS

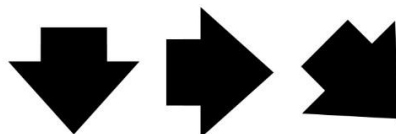
REMEMBRANCE DAY

WORD SEARCH



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Soldier Silence Memorial Eleventh Honour Wreath
 Remembrance Day Chelsea Pensioners Commemorate
 November Cenotaph Remember Cemetery The Last Post
 War Army Bugle Cross Poppy Medal



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