
July-August 2010

Each Sunday worship takes place at 10.30 am at Scotforth Road and at 6.30 pm at The Cornerstone.

July 4th

am Revd Juliet Wriglesworth
Communion
pm Richard McGregor

July 11th

am Str Vivien Ward
pm Revd Juliet Wriglesworth
Communion

July 18th

am Revd Juliet Wriglesworth
pm Ian Dent

July 25th

am Catherine Pacey
pm Revd Ken Clapham

August 1st

am Revd Michael Fielding
Communion
pm Peter Brophy

August 8th

am Richard McGregor
pm Paul Sargent

August 15th

am David Park
pm Revd Juliet Wriglesworth
Communion

August 22nd

am Revd Juliet Wriglesworth
pm Local Arrangement

August 29th

am Peter Gorst
pm Alison Brophy

Please stay after morning service and join us for a cup of tea, coffee or juice.

Our morning services are designed to be child-friendly. Pre-school children are welcome to use the play corner at the left-hand front corner of the church or the crèche area in the foyer.

Lancaster Methodist Church

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From our minister:

Dear Friends,

How good are you at following or giving directions to people? Personally, I rely on maps. Some of my more technically minded friends have Satellite Navigation systems. I once heard the Revd Martyn Atkins tell an amusing story about one of these systems. His theme for the sermon was, 'the transforming love of God and the promise of new beginnings.'

One day, Martyn went to visit a friend who had a sports car. In the sports car was a rather sophisticated 'Sat Nav' system. His friend plotted in the destination and they set out. Approaching a roundabout, the computerised voice told them to turn left. Martyn asked his friend, 'what happens if we disobey it?' To test it out - at the next roundabout Martyn's friend turned right! After a pause the computerised voice responded - 'I've worked out a new route for you.' In Martyn's words, 'that's pure Wesleyan grace.'

As we approach the summer holidays and hopefully a bit more time for reflection from the busyness of life, what direction are we seeking from God? Perhaps we need a fresh or new experience of the transforming love of God? I finish with some words of Paul to the church in Philippi: 'I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.' (Philippians 1:6)

Your sister in Christ, Juliet

Greetings from our former minister, Revd Russell Rigby, and his wife, Pauline, who write:

Our son Brennan and his partner Fiona, have given birth to a little laddie. It was last Saturday, a week or so early, but he is a healthy happy 6lb 11oz boy, who will be named Oscar, maybe Oscar Noah Rigby. All of them are well and happy and of course us also. He's great and we are delighted.

You could remember them in your prayers. Oscar was born, and they had been told so beforehand, with a cleft lip and palate, so faces a few adjustments and ops in the months and years ahead. That is not a problem as it seems today it is all easily handled but there will be trying and formative times, and we would love for those times to become a useful and strengthening part of his becoming.

We are well and truly settled back here in NZ now, but still have deep roots in Lancaster and Northwich.

With our warm regards,

Pauline and Russell Rigby

New Church members

On Sunday 27th June we welcomed Aniefiok and Idaresit Ite into membership of the Methodist Church, and of Lancaster Methodist Church, by transfer from the Church of Nigeria.

On Sunday 4th July we welcome five of the young people in our church into membership: Kirsty Blair, Hannah Charman, Robert Findlay, Islay Jade Parker Hodkinson and Robert Park
Congratulations to all of you. We wish every blessing upon you in your Christian lives.

Trip to Uruguay

As you know, we are developing a friendship link with a church in Uruguay. The minister there, Diego Frisch, has been encouraging us to see if someone from our church could visit the church in Montevideo, and especially the little community at Teniente Rinaldi.

On November 1st, a group of 7 people from the Methodist/URC United Church in Bradford-on-Avon, who have been supporting the work in Teniente Rinaldi, are going for a two-week visit. Some of them have visited many times before and they would be delighted if one or two people from Lancaster joined with them. The fare is expensive (over £900) but costs once there are cheaper than in Europe; also the Global Action Now Group (GANG) may be able to help with fundraising.

It would be wonderful if someone from LMC could go! Please do think about it, and speak to Juliet, Gill Burgess or any of the GANG members if you would like more information.

Christian Aid

Many thanks to all who helped with the **Christian Aid house-to-house** collections in May. We raised a total of £1,091.47. A special thank you to Helen McGregor who raised £250 from her sponsored run. It's not too early to volunteer to help with collections next year – just have a word with Helen or Jennifer Griffith.

Action for Children

Juliet, Ann Sutcliffe and Brian Smith will be taking part in the cross bay walk on Saturday 4th September. We are raising money for Action for Children (formerly NCH) and we will put up a sponsor sheet on the church notice-board in the foyer. All support appreciated!

Prayer Tree

Meetings for prayer are held at the Cornerstone on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 11.30am -12.00 noon: the next ones will be on July 7th and 21st, then August 4th and 18th and September 1st. Please join us if you can, or join in prayer wherever you are at that time.

Cornerstone Refurbishment

The architects have now drawn up preliminary plans which will be on display in church during July and August – please let Peter Brophy or other members of the Cornerstone Committee have any comments. Now we're about to launch into major fundraising!

Meanwhile the President of the Methodist Conference for 2009-2010 mentioned The Cornerstone in his address to the ministerial session of Conference at the end of June. He highlighted it as one of the examples of local churches responding to community needs with which he had been most impressed during his presidential year.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6th July: Film Night "The Horse Whisperer" at 7.00pm. Details from Myrtle Maxwell.

Friday 23rd July Open Day at the Cornerstone from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm – do come along and support this event if you can.

Would you like to receive the monthly Notices electronically? If so, you can either download them from the Church website or be sent them by email – send a request to the email address below.

The next notices will be for September and will be available on 5th September (deadline for contributions 29th August).

*If possible please email notices to notices@LancasterMethodistChurch.org.uk
Alternatively please send or give them to Peter Brophy (Tel: 01524-382301).*

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