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We welcome all people to our church; you don't need to be a member to attend our worship.

Worship at Hanham Methodist Church

Worship at Hanham is traditional Methodist, in an informal and welcoming style. Hymn singing is led by our traditional pipe organ and we have a loop system for those who are hard of hearing. Notices, Service Sheets and the Church Magazine are all available in larger print and Services on CD are available for the housebound.

Everyone will be most welcome at any of our services.

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Don't fool me

A three year old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet." He looked up at her and said, "Don't kid me, Mum, I KNOW they're my feet."

Word from the Minister

Dear Friends

John 14 v 15-16 & 25-26

'If you love me you will obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, the Spirit of Truth, who will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you'

Last month after 26 years in the post Sir Alex Ferguson retired as manager of Manchester United and handed over his managerial responsibilities to David Moyes. This got me into thinking about the 'handovers' we read of in the Biblical Story. One might speak of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. Or of Moses handing over leadership of the Israelite people to Joshua, or the prophet Elijah passing on his mantle to Elisha, or Paul the apostle writing words of encouragement to the young Timothy, or John the Baptist's words to his followers shortly after he had baptized Jesus as recorded in John 3 v 30 - He must become greater; I must become less'.

At the Last Supper, and then in the 40 days following His resurrection and prior to His ascension, Jesus also affected a kind of hand over. His role was changing. He tells the disciples He is returning to the Father where He would intercede for His people and prepare a place for them. He would in some way remain with them always and assured them of this, but in order that they are not left to go it alone, His followers are to receive the Spirit, another Helper like Himself. The Holy Spirit will teach them all things, remind them of everything He has said, and empower them for mission and ministry. At the Last Supper the word Jesus used to describe the Holy Spirit is translated variably as Helper, as Counselor or as Comforter. These images all remind us that the Holy Spirit is part of the Family of God, a person (not an 'it' or a ghost) just like the Father and the Son, one at our side. The Greek word is indeed probably best translated 'One who stands alongside', and I have always remembered one preacher speaking of the Holy Spirit as the 'Perfect Gentleman'. We should also not forget the 'Wisdom' concept from the Old Testament and the strong biblical images of fire, water, breath, wind, and a dove, all of which are used to symbolize the Holy Spirit. There is also the maternal image of one whose warm embrace is always near. All these images should remind us that in life we are never alone. The Holy Spirit stands constantly at our side, strong and gentle, able to inspire, help, comfort, challenge, lead and to guide, one who will unfailingly hold each of us as a companion along life's way.

Finally, in terms of the idea of 'handover', we should not forget that in His final days Jesus equally handed over His ministry and work to His disciples. He tells them to go into the world, to preach the message of repentance and the forgiveness of sins, to baptize all peoples and to teach them everything He has told them. Whenever I think of this I am reminded of the story that is told of the angel who questioned Jesus when He returned to Heaven. The angel inquired, 'Lord, how have you left things on earth'? Jesus replies 'I have left everything in the hands of my followers'. The angel asks, 'Lord, are you sure about this'? Jesus replies 'Yes, I have no other plan'. Let us then never forget that Jesus has handed over a great responsibility to us, one we should see as our privilege, joy, duty and delight. Jesus has no hands or feet or voices now other than our own. And let us further remember in this work which He has asked us to do and continue in His name that we are not on our own. The Holy Spirit has come just as Jesus said and promised, and this divine handover makes Jesus' handover to us both possible and achievable. How great is our God!

Peace and Blessing

Andrew

PS. I remind you that on June 11th at 7.00pm there is an opportunity to view the recently published film and DVD of John Wesley's life entitled 'Wesley, the Man and his Mission'. This 60 minute screening shall be followed for those who wish to stay by the AGM of the Friends of Hanham Mount. I have viewed the film and it is something that will inform both those who know much of the life of John Wesley and those who know little of him. So come and discover or rediscover where the movement which resulted in the Methodist Church we know today began, and be inspired. Finally, as stated in the Church Annual report I ask for your prayers at this time as I must shortly indicate to the Circuit if I wish to extend my appointment beyond August 2014 by which time I will have been your minister for nine years. If you have any thoughts on this matter they should be shared privately and in confidence with Claire Angell as the Senior Steward who in the summer will initiate a process of consultation

with various Church Officers and Church Groups should I choose to seek a further extension.

Andrew

Sunday's Services

2 June	10.45am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout Messy Church Rev Angie Hoare	Communion
9 June	10.45am 6.00pm	Mrs Alison Smith Rev Andrew Prout	
16 June	10.45am 6.00pm	Mrs Veronica Jackson LA	
23 June	10.45am 6.00pm	Mr John Trebble Evangel Choir	
30 June	10.45am 6.00pm	Mrs Valerie Lamont Rev Andrew Prout	Communion

June Dates

- 2 June Messy Church on the Mount at 4.00pm
- 9 June Bright Hour Anniversary Service at 6.00pm
- 11 June Wesley 'The Man and His Mission' at HMC at 7.00pm Followed by Friends of Hanham Mount AGM
- 16 June Church Anniversary Services led by our Local Preachers Parade Service at 10.45am and Evening Service at 6.00pm
- 25 June Messy Church Team Planning Meeting at 7.30pm
- 10 July Church Council at 7.30pm

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Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Bill

The Methodist Church, as with all Christian Churches at this time, is in the process of responding to the legislation currently going through parliament. A number of people have asked me where the Methodist Church stands on In February the Methodist Church released a briefing paper this issue. consisting of questions and answers around the legislation which can be found on the National Methodist Church Web-Site. It is an excellent initial reference point and sits alongside the Methodist Conference Resolutions on Human Sexuality adopted in 1993. These resolutions affirm both the importance of marriage in its traditional form and celebrate the participation and ministry of people of all sexual orientation in the life of the Church. There is also recognition that within the church there is a diversity of interpretations and a range of understandings about intimate relationships. The Methodist Church encourages discussion of these differences in a spirit of openness and love and is committed to combat repression and discrimination, and to give dignity and worth to people whatever their sexuality. On my part I will make copies of the briefing paper and the 1993 resolutions available in the vestibule and hope at some point to offer an evening reflecting theologically and biblically upon these issues. It is also extremely likely this year's Methodist Conference will initiate a process of further consultation across the Methodist Church nationally.

Rev Andrew Prout

Church Anniversary; 16 June 2013

We look forward on Sunday 16 June to celebrating the Church Anniversary. The Church itself was built in 1851 by local collier families and labourers and later united with Hanham High Street Methodist to form the Church we know today. It is always humbling to think of the long tradition in which we stand and the saints who have gone before us. This year for our Church Anniversary we are pleased for our Local Preachers to lead both the Parade Service in the morning at 10.45am and Preaching Service at in the evening at 6.00pm.

In advance of the day by way of a personal written invitation from myself and the Church Stewards, Church Members and Friends will be invited to bring with them their Annual Gift. This is an opportunity for members and friends of the Church to financially support the ongoing work and ministry of the Church and to assist in funding particular projects such as the decoration of the main corridor last year. Your Gift is essential to making all this possible and ensuring our finances remain in good health. In regard to your Annual Gift you should shortly be receiving a letter with an envelope for your Gift. If you do not receive a letter and wish to contribute please ask a steward for a letter or collect one from those placed in the vestibule. Please give as generously as you are able in these continuing financially challenging times and make every effort to attend the Services on the Sunday as we come together as a Church Family and give thanks for all that God is doing in and through our Church. With thanks and every blessing

Rev Andrew Prout

Names for baby

A pregnant woman was in a car accident and fell into a deep coma. Asleep for nearly six months, she woke up and saw that she was no longer pregnant. Frantically, she asked the doctor about her baby and was told: "Madam, you had twins! A boy and a girl. The babies are fine. Your brother, the new curate, even came in and baptised them for you."

The woman thought to herself, "Oh no, not my brother, he's hopeless!"

Expecting the worst, she asked the doctor, "Well, what's the girl's name?"

"Denise," said the doctor.

The new mother thought, "Wow, that's not a bad name! I guess I was wrong about my brother. I like Denise!" Then she asked the doctor, "What's the boy's name?"

The doctor replied, "Denephew."

Y's Men's Club of Hanham

An early note for your diaries. On Wednesday 23 October we are holding a Pamper Evening. We shall have lots of stalls, Body Shop, Pampered Chef, Handicrafts, Jewellery, South African Gifts, Shoulder, Neck and Head Massage, Nails, Sugaring and Eyelash Extensions. The cost will be £3 per person to include a good buffet supper with tea and coffee. So, please put the date in you diary, bring your friends, daughters and even husbands, men will be welcome, and help us to raise money for our charities.

Pam Liddiard.

Come and see a DVD Presentation about John & Charles Wesley and Early Methodism

This new DVD is the outcome of the visit from Australia, in 2011, by the Reverend Dr. Keith V. Garner (Superintendent CEO Wesley Mission), and a professional camera crew.

The DVD is part of the 200th Anniversary Celebration of Methodism in Australia. Amognst the historically significant Mathodist locations covered by the DVD are the New Room in Broadmead and Hanham Mount together with a brief interview with John Goddard – the chairman of the Friends of Hanham Mount.

The FHM and Hanham Methodist Church have arranged a special showing, the first in England, of this commercial quality, 60 minute DVD at Hanham Methodist Church – 7.00pm on Tuesday 11 June.

All welcome and entrance is free. The DVD can be purchased (price £15) and is surely a 'must-have' for anyone interested in this historic subject.

Ground

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft...

Today, it's called golf.

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A Methodist Family in Hanhan 1911 to 2013

After their marriage in 1911, Herbert Stewart Blackmore (of Clevedon in Somerset) and his new wife, Frances Elizabeth Emily (nee Lyons) of Hillesley in Gloucestershire, came to settle in Hanham the most southerly village in Gloucestershire. Herbert was an active member, chorister and violinist in an Anglican church in Clevedon, Frances had been an active Baptist, although recently working for the Catholic owners of Clevedon Court. As a married couple, they decided on a compromise and joined the congregation at High Street Wesleyan Methodist Church in Hanham, whilst living at 114 High Street.

During the next fourteen years their four children arrived (Ted, Stuart, Dorothy, and Donald) all of whom joined the activities of High Street Sunday School, being christened, collecting for overseas missions, taking scripture exams etc. They all enjoyed the Procession of Witness at Whitsun, both in Hanham and through Kingswood, with the sports and tea afterwards, (held in the field behind the High Street church). Dorothy became Temperance Queen of Kingswood and Hanham, and we have photos of her being paraded on a decorated lorry through a very crowded Kingswood High street. Throughout the years, both parents were very involved in all aspects of church life, Frances in the Bright Hour, and other activities for ladies, and Herbert a Trustee, a steward and on various committees often as secretary.

Naturally when the Second World War came great changes came about. Ted became a tank driver and served in North Africa and Italy with Montgomery; Stuart joined the marines, sailed on the Duke of York, mainly in the north Atlantic; and Dorothy served in Egypt as a sergeant in the W.A.A.F. For most of the war, all three were serving overseas. Being the youngest Donald joined the R.A.F. in '43 then was transferred to a tank reg. then the paye corp and served the rest of his time guarding German prisoners in Yorkshire.

After the war, marriages took place and Donald was the only son at home. The family continued their church activities and Donald joined Arthur and Hilda Elkins in running a youth club, which soon linked with the national Methodist organisation M.A.Y.C. There was an obvious need for an organised youth activity in Hanham, and the Church based 'open' Club quickly grew. At this time Donald also became a church steward and Trustee joining his father as a Trustee of the Samuel White Schools, (a fine set of buildings linked to and built beside the High Street church on the site of the present library).

The youth club became very large, and very active, meeting on 4 week nights, Saturdays for sports and on Sunday evenings. I joined the leader team in1956 becoming Mrs Blackmore in 1960. What a great time of evangelism and Christian witness and 'education' through activity this youth group proved to be. Also by now 'Little Don' had come under the wing of his uncle, and he responded positively to the care, family love and training. From taking part in Public Speaking competitions, Picnic and Service events in small village churches to being a member of the club preaching team, 'little Don' went forward to become a Local Preacher. (Most of us recall the value of the messages he brought to us!).

The years have passed 'little Don' became 'young Don' and married Pam Phelps (whom he had met at youth club). 'Big Don' moved to Clifton when I became warden/manager at Methodist International House, then became 'Don Snr' and held a variety of offices at Victoria Methodist church. When he retired from being a social worker, he enjoyed several years as Lay Worker at Redcliffe Methodist church, after which he became a full time student, a steward at the New Room and a Mission comm. member introducing the Reflection time for New Year. (In his late 20's he had wanted to train to be a Methodist minister but the powers that be at the time rejected him. Strange how our God works!) From the time he was christened at the Bright Hour meeting, until he left us last year, Don Snr had been an active member of Hanham. Donald Jnr also had followed in the 'family footsteps' with his leading the youth fellowship for many years; taking on leadership of Inters club; his local preaching, and his work as prison chaplain (a contact which Pam continues with a group at Christmas and Easter).

So the male membership of 'The Family Blackmore' and all the Christian evangelism they did as members of H.M.C. may have run its course. But we are pleased that Jonathan, along with Sandra, Hannah and James are very much involved with many aspects of youth and home-group work in their church in Ramsbottom, Lancs. As I leave to relocate to Yatton I will find it emotionally very difficult. I know I will be leaving so many friends and church family members, Friendly Table, Flower and Mission committee workers but I trust you will find yourselves en route to my new home (perhaps not all at once!). It is hard to believe that it is more than 52 years since I was welcomed into the fellowship -- from Whitehall.

Also, the blessings God gave us through you, our church family and dear friends when we needed such help and support during the illness of both Don Jnr and Don Snr cannot and will not be forgotten or underestimated. I know I will be welcomed by the Christians in Yatton (where Dorry, John, Sam and George are already very actively involved) and so continue in my work for Christ in that community. I will still be seen around H. M.C. as I intend to continue helping at Bright Hour.

However!! It IS over 100 years since Herbert and Frances decided to relocate to Hanham, to join the Methodist family, and to raise their children and grandchildren here. They have now gone to the place prepared for them as promised by Christ. However the Blackmore dynasty continues here in the work and witness of Pam as she serves in so many ways, and rarely without a smile (except when tomatoes and mars bars are mentioned!).

I thank you for all your care, concern and Christian love.

With love and prayers

Dorothy Blackmore (Wenban) M.B.E.

No need for prayer

Little Sam and his family were about to have Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Sam received his plate, he started eating right away. "Sam! Please wait until we pray over the food," said his mother. "Like we do at home."

"But we don't need to pray here," Sam objected. "This is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook."

<u>Crossword</u>

Across

1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)

7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)

8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)

10 'We are hard pressed on every—

'(2Corinthians4:8)(4)

11Fraud(2Corinthians6:8)(8)

13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and —

around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6) 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)

17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)

18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)

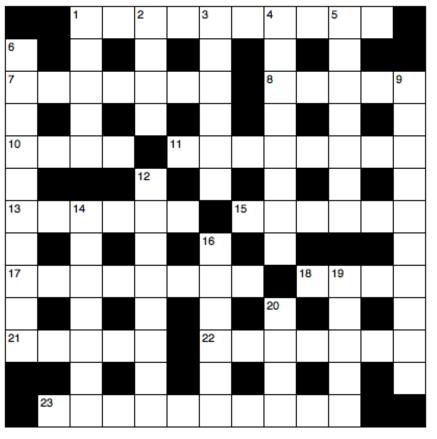
21 'As for man, his days are like— , he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)

22 Or I live (anag.)(7)

23 Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)

Down

1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)



2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed'(4)

3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)

4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)

5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)

6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)

9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her motherin-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)

14 Aceturn(anag.)(7)

16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)

19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean" (Mark 7:23) (5)

20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and him glory!'(Revelation19:7)(4)

<u>Sudoku</u>

Easy

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Intermediate

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		5		9		6		
8 9	3				5			
9					4	8		

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For the Children – Mouse Makes



Dates from the New Room

7 June	1.00pm 1.20pm	Holy Communion – David Weeks Diego Cannizzaro (Sicily) – organ virtuoso
14 June	1.00pm 1.20pm	Holy Communion – Phil Hewett Chris Manners (organ) and Gordon Pullin (tenor) including music by Walond, Stanley, Greene and Handel
17 – 19 J Study Co		- sponsored by the Korean Methodist Church
21 June	1.00pm 1.20pm	Holy Communion – Ajay Singh Recital by Jane Cottrell (contralto) and Philip Carter (organ)
28 June	1.00pm	Holy Communion – Jacky Quarmby

29 June

'Pound the Ground Around John's Statue'—a fun fund raising event in the Broadmead Courtyard (further details from Bob Wood (0117 956 7291)

Mistakes

Learn from the mistakes of others. You simply can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Satisfying

Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own.

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

DOWN: 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give.

When the sermons clash with the music...

There was a feud between the minister and the choir director of a church. It seems the first hint of trouble came when the minister preached on 'Dedicating Yourselves to Service' and the choir director chose to sing: 'I Shall Not Be Moved'.

Trying to believe it was a coincidence, the minister put the incident behind him. The next Sunday he preached on 'Giving'. Afterwards, the choir squirmed as the director led them in the hymn: 'Jesus Paid It All'.

By this time, the minister was losing his temper. Sunday morning attendance swelled as the tension between the two built. A large crowd showed up the next week to hear his sermon on 'The Sin of Gossiping'. Would you believe the choir director selected the song: 'I Love To Tell The Story'?

By now, there was no turning back. The following Sunday the minister told the congregation that unless something changed, he was considering resignation. The entire church gasped when the choir director led them in: 'Why Not Tonight'?

Truthfully, no one was surprised when the minister resigned a week later, explaining that Jesus had led him there and Jesus was leading him away. The choir director could not resist: 'What A Friend We Have In Jesus'.



The teddies had this good idea for the Spring Fair – 'guess the name of the grandma'.

Pause for Thought

`Our Calling'

My eyes be open to your presence, My ears to hear your call, My heart be open to your love, And in your arms to fall. My mind be open to your word, My soul to Heaven's cure, That I be open to you Lord, This day and evermore.

My life be open to your leading, My hands to do your will, My lips be open in your praise, And for your truth to tell. My home be open in your name That I be open to you Lord, This day and evermore.

My door be open to the other, Wherever we may meet, My arms be open to the one, In whom I am complete. My self be open to your world And in it see your face That I be open to you Lord, Held fast in your embrace

Nick and Anita Haigh From 'Singing The Faith' No. 560

Rotas (Doors & Books and Flowers)



Doors and Books



June	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
am	P Webber	M Frost	N Howe	P Blackmore	N Hogg
	J Tippett	W Frost	M Howe	J Green	M Wilby
pm	H Wheeler	R Ireland	A Houlden	A Angell	M Kenway
	A Wheeler	C Haycock	M Houlden	T Lansdown	M Kenway



<u>Rotas – Flowers</u>



June	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
Church	Angela Sagar	Catherine Garland	Vron Jackson	Bob Stapleton	Barry Churchill
War Memorial	Angela Sagar	Joyce Godwin	Free	Pauline Kirby	Free

Weekly Activities

You are invited to share in our services and activities as listed below.

If you would like an introduction to any of the groups / activities please contact the Minister or a Church Steward.

Details of further events inside.

Sunday

10.45am	Morning Worship, Youth Church & Creche
4.00pm	Messy Church (First Sunday of each month)
6.00pm	Evening Worship

Monday

10.00am – 3.0	0pm	Friendly Table
2.30pm	Brigl	ht Hour
Evening	Brov	vnies, Guides & Rangers
	Tabl	e Tennis

Tuesday

7.30pm	Girl's Night In
	(First Tuesday of the month, ask about venue)

Wednesday

1.30pm	Mums & Toddlers
Evening	Rainbows
7.30pm	Wives Group (Alternate weeks)
	Men's Curry Club (As announced)

Thursday

2.15pm	Shawl Ministry (Last Thursday of the month)
Evening	Boy's Brigade (Anchors, Juniors, Company & Seniors)
	Brownies

Friday

7.30pm	Y's Men (Third Friday of the month)
	Men's Curry Club (As announced)

Saturday

9.30am Prayer Meeting (Second & Fourth Saturday of the month) Coffee Morning