

Hanham Methodist Church Magazine

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Welcome to the magazine of Hanham Methodist Church, a member of the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit.

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Word from the Minister

A church was in need of a volunteers to do some important tasks but was having trouble appointing anyone. One of the committee who was getting very tired of this decided to read the following:

"Dear Church members;

I would like to apply to work in your Church.

I have been a preacher with much success and also had some success at writing. Some say I am a good organiser. I've been a leader for many years.

I am over 50 years of age and have not remained in one place for more than 3 years. In some places I have left town because people did not like my work and I have caused riots and disturbances. I have to admit that I have been in prison three or four times but not because of any real wrongdoing.

My health is not too good, but I still accomplish a great deal. The churches I have worked in have all been small. I have not got along well with religious leaders in the towns I have been in. In fact some have threatened.

I am not good at keeping records and have even been known to forget who I have baptised.

However if you can use me I promise to do my best."

The good church folk were appalled and said, 'How could we consider a sickly, troublemaking, absent minded, ex jailbird. Who dared to apply with such a profile?'

The person replied 'It's signed from The Apostle Paul'

Author unknown

As I prepare to leave Hanham Methodist Church I thank you all for your partnership in the gospel and want to encourage you all to know God will use you and bless you as you offer to do what is needed.

⁴ When I pray for you, my heart is full of joy
⁵ because of all your wonderful help in making known
the Good News about Christ from the time
you first heard it until now.

⁶ And I am sure that God who began the good work within you
will keep right on helping you grow in his grace
until his task within you is finally finished

Philippians 1:4-6 Living Bible

Blessings

Rev Dee Ueadon

Light Bringers - Game Changers - and Peacemakers

Last year I attended a Christian conference in which Reverend Nicky Gumbel greeted us as '*Light bringers – game changers – and peacemakers*'. Jesus passed on his mission to his disciples and gives them - and us - the Holy Spirit to support us in this work as '*light bringers – game changers and peacemakers*'.

Peacemakers: Jesus himself spoke these words '*peace be with you*' and later speaks '*as the Father has sent me, so I send you*'. Two thousand years later, we are called to carry on Jesus' work in the world, called to pass on Jesus' peace to others; called to be peacemakers. When Jesus spoke these words he breathed on his disciples and said to them '*receive the Holy Spirit*'.

Game Changers: consider the actions of the disciples at Pentecost and changing the course of history. The effect of the Spirit was so great that the disciples went out into the streets and preached Jesus Christ crucified, healed the sick, did the things Jesus did and 3,000 people were added to their number that day. Those first disciples were 'game changers' indeed and changed the course of history because two thousand years later, Christianity can be found throughout the world. When we work for Christ, we see change happening and that in turn impacts on our own churches, our own communities and even our own city.

Today God's Holy Spirit still changes people's lives and, as Christ followers, we can be the catalysts for this, through the Church's mission. The Spirit strengthens all of us to play our part in God's mission in the world and so we need to ask ourselves if we are ready to open our hearts and minds to God and from there who knows what the Spirit will achieve in and through us, as he did through the first small group of disciples? We are called to be game changers and we shouldn't be afraid to get involved in new ventures as we further the work of Christ.

Light Bringers: enlightened by the Holy Spirit, we are called to be light-bringers, to be bringers of love, joy and above all, hope in the dark corners of this world and at the darkest moments of people's lives.

So we are called to follow Christ as Light Bringers – Game Changers - and Peacemakers. And I invite each of you to make this your prayer during the summer.

Rev'd Christopher Spencer

The Prophet - On Clothes

Your clothes conceal much of your beauty, yet they hide not the unbeautiful.

And though you seek in garments the freedom of privacy you may find in them a harness and a chain.

Would that you could meet the sun and wind with more of your skin and less of your raiment.

For the breath of life is in the sunlight and the hand of life in the wind.

It is clear from the penultimate stanza that the writer lived in a warmer climate than we do! Clothes for us have a threefold purpose: to protect us from the elements, to preserve our modesty and to project a suitable reflection of our personality, by the colour, style and quality of the cloth and cut we wear.

For several decades now, we in the West have enjoyed the choice of a wide variety of garments offered at affordable or sometimes ridiculously cheap prices. This emanates from the transfer of production from our shores to the sweat shops of the Far East where women and children work long, long hours for a mere pittance. (I am writing this in Christian Aid week which highlights the inequalities of our world today.)

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus warns us (Matthew 6: 28-30) about being anxious about what we wear. Another translation of the Greek for 'anxious' is 'obsessed'. If he were preaching today he might say that the clothes that we spend so much time and money on eventually are discarded to the charity shop.

Finally it is to the words of Jesus that we are again drawn. In Matthew 11:7-10 Jesus is defending the unfashionable dress of John the Baptist: "What do you expect to see" he says, "a man dressed in fancy clothes or a man of God". It is who we are, not what we wear that counts.

Tim Lansdown

Bristol & South Gloucestershire Circuit News



Upcoming Circuit events:

Sunday 12th July 3.30pm Farewell for Rev. Ward Jones at Clifton Cathedral. This is a chance for people from all over the district to join together to give thanks for Ward's ministry and for his service to the Methodist Church.

There is a car park at the Cathedral but this is only available for guests personally invited by Ward. We have been advised that parking will be available in the roads around the Cathedral and that the local residents parking does not operate on a Sunday, however if you are wishing to attend it might be advisable to car-share!

After the service, refreshments are being served in the main hall at Clifton High School. Again no parking is available at the school but there should be parking in the neighbouring roads. Maps indicating the route will be available at the Cathedral on the day.

Sunday 26th July 6pm Circuit Taster Service 'Digital Worship' at Thornbury Methodist Church, High Street, Thornbury. BS35 2AQ.

Tuesday 1st September 7.30 pm District Welcome Service for Rev. Jonathan Pye at Bristol Cathedral.

Saturday 5th September 4pm Circuit Welcome Service for new Ministers at St. Mary Redcliffe.

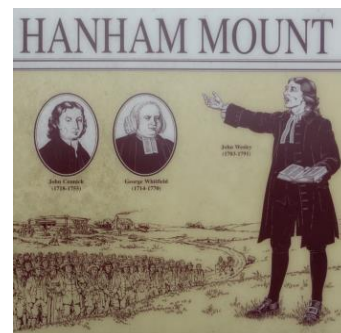
The Rev Denise Yeadon's last service with us will be the evening of the 26th July.

After the evening service we will have tea and cake in the hall to give anyone who wishes to have the opportunity to say...

Thanks
Good Bye
&
Good Luck

Friends of Hanham Mount

Hanham Mount is a historic site, with a monument commemorating that this was where John Wesley and George Whitefield preached to the local mining community from 1739: one of their earliest open-air preaching places. East from the beacon, a path leads to a replica of the chapel pulpit from the Colliers' School, Kingswood, established by John Wesley and George Whitefield for the miners' children.



The Friends of Hanham Mount deal with the preservation and promotion of this historic site. If you would like more information about supporting this group, visit www.hanhammethodist.org.uk or email friendsofhanhammount.hanham@virgin.net.

Annual membership fee is £5.

Service on Hanham Mount - Sunday 5th July

We will be holding our annual Mount service at 4pm on Sunday 5th July. Please bring your own chair or rug to sit on! In the event of inclement weather the service will be held at HMC.

The Stewards.

Mission Committee

Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the two appeals which we launched recently.

Firstly the generosity of members & friends with the earthquake appeal was great, more recently a bumper amount of dry goods has been delivered to Midland Road.

Thank you all again for responding to a need.

Pam Blackmore
Mission Chairman



As the result of a lot of hard work here in Church and outside local shops, we were able to send the magnificent sum of £1270 to this charity. This will help its work among the world's most needy people.

My sincere thanks to collectors, those who organised and helped in special events (especially the Youth Church) and all of you for your usual most generous support.

Pat Saunders

Christian Aid Co-ordinator

T (Talk)

L (Listen) In Hanham

C (Care)

This is a new venture starting in September whereby a group of volunteers will provide an opportunity for anyone to talk confidentially in an informal setting. This extended pastoral care will be advertised locally and will be available to any who use the HMC premises, as well as the wider community.

The aim is to listen and provide a sympathetic ear, information if we can or signpost to an appropriate service. The idea is to give people a helping hand towards dealing with a concern or difficulty through a one-off contact for information or support.

We are not specialist counsellors, but have received some basic training in listening skills and good practice.

The success of this venture will depend upon providing regular twice monthly sessions on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

If you feel that you might be able to help as a volunteer, please talk to Pam Liddiard or Glen Lewis for further information.

In Praise of the Flower Committee (Take 2)

The last Weekend in April saw our church beautifully decorated with flowers and greenery yet again. This year the display was entitled “It’s a Miracle!” - I’m not sure if the exclamation mark was in evidence but it certainly should have been.

There were numerous displays, one just inside the door told of the miracles of life and death, through the rights of passage, yet all were a miracle in their own right, from the actual flowers themselves, through the skill of the arranger, to the idea the display reflected.

“It is a truth universally acknowledged...” begins the opening chapter of Jane Austin’s book “Pride & Prejudice” and in this instance I should like to borrow it and continue with “...at least in these parts that our Flower Committee are in a class of their own.” From the ideas they generate, to the time spent in preparation, to the hours invested in lovingly placing blooms and foliage in just the right position so that each display may become a thing of beauty, all is accomplished with grace and love.

Every week we probably take for granted that flowers will appear in our church tastefully arranged, enhancing our worship; we should miss them if they weren’t there but how often do we thank the arranger for their effort or the donor for their gift? We probably clock that they “look nice”, perhaps we should take it a little farther and reflect on the time and effort that has gone into the arrangement and be thankful.

Pam Blackmore



Flower Festival

I know it seems a long way off but we would like to thank everyone who supported us with the Flower Festival, whether it was monetary gifts, clearing up (and there was a lot of that!), loan of artefacts, supply of sustenance both during the preparation and cream teas plus the support, enthusiasm and the many many lovely comments we received.



The Flower Committee

Visit to Ystrad Mynach on August 16TH

We have the option to book a 35-seater coach for our visit across the Severn and there are still a few places available.

If anyone would like to join us please see Hilary or myself as soon as possible.

Thank you

Tim Lansdown

Chairman, Worship Committee

Redecoration of Room 4 (the main hall) and other works.

This work will commence on 10th August and last for two weeks. Organisations with items attached to notice boards and walls are asked to remove them for safe keeping as we cannot guarantee that they will not be lost. After the completion of the decorating please do not attach anything to the painted surfaces.

Some remedial decoration in Room 3 and the ceilings in all rooms where lights have been moved will be made good and repainted adjacent to the lights.



John Liddiard

Property Committee Secretary.



Messy Church meets at 4pm on the first Sunday of the month and all families are welcome. Come and get messy!

July 5th – something a bit different before we break for the summer holidays. This will be an Open Air / All Age worship on Hanham Mount led by Rev Denise Yeadon, starting at 4pm.

Messy Church families are invited to come along, bring a picnic and join in the games after the service!

And Just to Say...

Missionary Boxes

Please let me have all Missionary boxes in by the end of July so that I can complete the end of year accounts. Thank you for your continued support.

Janet Morgan

Thank You

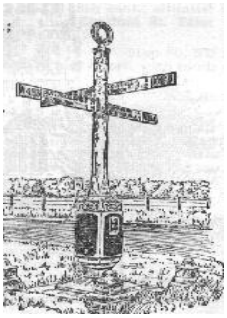
I would like to thank everyone for their support, prayers, cards, flowers and practical help you gave both Martin and I after my recent knee operation.

Angela Sagar



Thank You!

Signposts



Watching my, into-everything, one year old, great granddaughter telling her granddad what to do illustrated a child's trust, as also the four year old grandson of my neighbour wielding a very large paint brush helping his granddad. It has been so disturbing to learn so often of a trust destroyed. We all rely so much on trust, trust of builders and workmen, bankers and politicians, doctors and nurses, members of the church. Even the Methodist Church has failed. This time of year, with children changing schools, and staff changes in many areas including the church, is a time to consider our relationships with each other. The basis of relationships surely is that of respect, of consideration and love, a word in itself abused. Love is described in 1 Corinthians 13:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Sadly, we live in a tortured world of war, natural disasters and terrorism, and even those of good intent can't be perfect, but those who come to Jesus and repent of the past can start anew.

Jesus came as the Good Shepherd giving abundant life John 10 v10: *I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

ACW

Quiz Page

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Fellowship
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Summer Sudoku

Every row, column and mini-grid
must contain the letters
SUNBATHER.

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When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!"
I'm whispering, "I get lost!"
That's why I chose this way"

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I don't speak with human pride
I'm confessing that I stumble—
Needing God to be my guide

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong
I'm professing that I'm weak
And pray for strength to carry on

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success
I'm admitting that I've failed
And cannot ever pay the debt

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I don't think I know it all
I submit to my confusion
Asking humbly to be taught

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect
My flaws are all too visible
But God believes I'm worth it

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I do not wish to judge
I have no authority...
I only know I'm loved

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And the Final Word from Rev Dee Yeadon:

³ This is life that lasts forever.

It is to know You, the only true God,
and to know Jesus Christ Whom You have sent.

John 17:3 New Life Version

The above passage is part of Jesus' prayer for his disciples as he prepares to leave them. What follows are my prayers for Hanham Methodist Church as I prepare to move on:

- I pray that you will want to build the Kingdom of God more than Hanham Methodist Church
- I pray that someone will come along with a real heart for nurturing and developing the work with young adults at Hanham Methodist Church
- I pray that your pastoral care will grow to encompass all who are part of Hanham Methodist Church, however much on the edge
- I pray that people will come to church services, not because they feel duty-bound, but because they enjoy worshipping together
- I pray that more of you will want to get together to explore the word of God and what it means for discipleship
- I pray that the mission statement can become a meaningful vision that is written on each person's heart and mind and affects all that is done at Hanham Methodist Church

A little boy who had been misbehaving was sent to his room. After a while he emerged to tell his mother that he had thought about what he had done and prayed. His mother was pleased saying "If you ask God to help you behave he will help you", to which the little boy said, 'Oh I didn't ask God to help me behave. I asked God to help you put up with me.'

Thank you for putting up with me and my prayer is that only that which I have done that is holy and good will remain with you. And remember that if we pray for something, God often uses that prayer to help us grow and learn how to be the answer to our prayer.

Rotas

Doors and books:

July	5th	12th	19th	26th	
Morn	M Frost W Frost	H Teague B Jones	M Golding J Tippet	J Angell P Kirby	
Eve	Messy Church	B Griffen W Stamford	M Morgan J Morgan	A Angell T Lansdown	

Aug	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Morn	P Webber R Ticktum	M Howe N Howe	J Green P Blackmore	N Hogg M Wilby	M Frost W Frost
Eve	Circuit Service	M Kenway M Kenway	Ystrad Mynach	C Haycock R Ireland	W Stamford B Griffen

Flowers:

July	5th	12th	19th	26th	
Church	Barry Churchill	Glen Lewis	Beryl Stapleton	Janet Morgan	
War Memorial	Free	Glen Lewis	Beryl Stapleton	Pat Webber	

August	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Church	Des Davis	Andre Wheatley	Ann Houlden	Pauline Sampson	Anna Wheatley
War Memorial	Phil Bond	Binnie White	Ann Houlden	Pat Webber	Free

For Your Diary

<i>5th July</i>	<i>10.45am 4.00pm</i>	<i>Rev Denise Yeadon Messy Church at Hanham Mount</i>
<i>12th July</i>	<i>10.45am 6.00pm</i>	<i>Rev Denise Yeadon with Youth Church C Saunders</i>
<i>19th July</i>	<i>10.45am 6.00pm</i>	<i>T Lansdown P Lansdale</i>
<i>26th July</i>	<i>10.45am 6.00pm</i>	<i>C Spencer Rev Denise Yeadon – Holy Communion</i>
<i>2nd Aug</i>	<i>10.45am 6.00pm</i>	<i>Jenny Clark Cluster Service at Wesley Memorial</i>
<i>5th Aug</i>	<i>1.30pm – 7.15pm</i>	<i>Blood Donors (1.30pm–3.30pm, 4.30pm–7.15pm)</i>
<i>9th Aug</i>	<i>10.45am 6.00pm</i>	<i>M Briggs HC V Jackson F&F</i>
<i>16th Aug</i>	<i>10.45am 6.00pm</i>	<i>K McNally Visit to Ysrad Mynach</i>
<i>23rd Aug</i>	<i>10.45am 6.00pm</i>	<i>C Jones D Edwards HC</i>
<i>30th Aug</i>	<i>*10.30am* 6.00pm</i>	<i>J Crane Iona Cluster Service D Jones</i>