



'Seeking to be the People of Christ at the Heart of the Community'

# Parkwood Methodist Church

JULY 2018

## The Herald

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Friends,

When I was on a course last week, I was reminded of the following story.

*There was a small village by the river. Everyone lived happily and offered regular prayers at the village temple (Church). Once during the monsoon season, it rained heavily. The river started overflowing and flood entered the village. Everyone started to evacuate their homes and set out to go to the safe place. One man ran to the temple (Church). He quickly went to the priest's room and told him, "The flood water has entered into our homes and it is rising quickly. And water has also started to enter the temple. We must leave the village as in no time it will sink under the water! Everyone has set out to go to the safer place and you must come along". The priest told the man, "I am not an atheist like you all and I have a full faith in God. I trust the God that he will come to save me. I will not leave the temple, You may go!" So, the man left.*

*Soon, the water level started to rise and reached the waist height. The priest climbed on the desk. After a few minutes, a man with the boat came to rescue the priest. He told the priest, "I was told by the villagers that you are still inside the temple, so I have come to rescue you, please climb on the boat". But the priest again refused to leave giving him the same reason. So the boatman left.*

*The water kept rising and reached to the ceiling, so the priest climbed to the top of the temple. He kept praying to the God to save him. Soon the helicopter came, they dropped the rope ladder for the priest and asked him to climb on and get inside the helicopter so they can take him to the safer place. But the priest refused to leave by giving him the same reason again! So the helicopter left to search and help others.*

*At last, when the temple nearly submerged under the water, the priest kept his head up and started complaining, "Oh Lord, I worshiped you for all my life and kept my faith in you! Why didn't you come to save me?!" The God appeared in front of him and with a smile, he said, "Oh mad man, I came to save you three*

*times! I came running to you to ask you to leave for the safest place with other villagers, I came with a Boat, I came with a Helicopter! What is my fault if you didn't recognize me?!"*

*The priest realized his mistake and asked for forgiveness. He got his chance to go to the safe place one more time, which he accepted.*

In life, opportunities come unknowingly. We fail to recognise it and keep complaining that life didn't give us the opportunity to lead a successful life. We live in a consumer society, we pick and choose the activities we want to be a part of and that is no different for many when it comes to church. We choose where to go on a Sunday, we may look at the plan to see who is preaching, if it's all age worship or communion. We often look for the things we are comfortable with, but if we don't take a chance to try something different, or take a risk trying something we have tried before, how many opportunities might we be missing? Not just opportunities that affect our lives but the lives of those who don't yet know Christ? The core of our faith is to share our faith, to share that good news that we know to be true. Always take every chance you get to make a better life.

Charlotte and I, every year try to ensure we do an Open House afternoon, opening our home – a gift from the circuit, to you who have welcomed us into your church communities. We very much appreciate the way in which we have been made welcome over the last few years, and Open House is a way we can say thank you. Thank you for all the love and care you have shown to us. Sometimes we may feel we need to do something different, something new, sometimes though we need to remind people of how valued they are. Just like in the story God was there in the people, He is there in You! So from Charlotte and Myself, Thank You! For all you have given to us and continue to give to us during our time here. P. S. The next Open House is on the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2-4pm at the Manse, we would love to see you there.

Blessings Jo

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## **BIRTHDAYS for JULY**

**26<sup>th</sup> Audrey Holdsworth**

**Freda gives a big Thank You to everybody for their continuing concern, cards, flowers, Love and prayers during her recent setback.**

From June 2011 Bible Study group



## **OBITUARY**

It is with great sadness that I have to report that Mrs Nora Beaumont died on the 17<sup>th</sup> June. Nora was a long term member of our church and has held many posts in Parkwood. Always a smile and a good word for everyone. A confidant in the true sense. She will be greatly missed



**No Messy Church in AUGUST. SORRY!**

Nora was associated with the PWA\* for many years. \*(Pleasant Wednesday Afternoon)

## **Diary for July/August 2018**

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.45 Messy and All Age Worship led by Rev Jo Brown</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>L V G Coffee Morning @ Mechanics 10.00am-12noon</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45 Service led by Mr Neil Ward</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45 Communion Service led by Rev Jo Brown</b>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY CENTRE 9.30am - 11.45am</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.45 Service Own Arrangement</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45 Service led by Mr David Brook</b>

## **AUGUST**

<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>L V G Coffee Morning @ Mechanics 10.00am-12noon</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45 Service led by Mr Paul Bussey</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30 Joint Service @ OUTLANE. <u>No service at Parkwood</u></b>
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY CENTRE 9.30am - 11.45am</b>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45 Service Own Arrangement</b>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45 Service led by Mr Richard Hoyle</b>