



Parkwood Herald

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NEWSLETTER OF PARKWOOD METHODIST CHURCH
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Psalm 121

**I lift up my eyes to the hills--from where
will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made
heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who
keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber
nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is
your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the
moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil; he
will keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and
your coming in from this time on and
forevermore.**

What I had planned to write for this month's newsletter changed just as I was about to send it. The news of the attack at Manchester Arena, the sad loss of life of those who had so much to hope for in their future, many others injured and scarred in so many different ways. I couldn't get Psalm 121 out of my head. Some people, make choices in life that the rest of us just cannot understand. Then there are others who cannot understand how God can let events like these happen. God gave each one of us free will to make our own decisions and through those choices we can impact the lives of all those around us. Stories emerge of how people in so many ways have sought to help others, providing safe places, lifts home, passing on messages that loved ones were safe or in search of those who had become separated. In times of need, these are the times when we see the true beauty of humanity, the love, care, support. Someone close to me who isn't a Christian questioned why after all the previous terror

attacks in recent years in Europe where so many people prayed to God how could this happen here. Those prayers were considered ineffectual because it hadn't prevented this event from happening in Manchester. For me those prayers did make a difference, because it is our prayers that change our hearts. They make us more compassionate and willing to help those in need. It was interesting to see later this same person put this message on social media 'As always in the face of acts of evil, there are stories of huge acts of kindness by strangers to strangers. There is the hope for humanity.'

In the depths of despair and anguish there is still hope. Psalm 121 assures us of God's protection, not just as and when we need it but night and day indicates that protection is there at all times.

We see a lot around us that can fill us with uncertainty and fear, but we must never lose hope because we have so much to share and give to each other. For the moment, this event has turned the country's focus away from the upcoming general election. It shows just how much we need to pull together, to unite for the benefit of those in need in our country.

Gracious God,

We pray for peace and hope in our communities this day.

We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions, and those who work to uphold law and justice. We pray for an end to fear, for comfort and support to those who suffer. For calm in our streets and cities, where we learn the need to unite our communities so that people may go about their lives in safety and peace.

In your mercy, hear our prayers, now and always.

Amen

Rev Jo Brown

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5th Adrian Crossley
12th Jane Flaherty
20th Elaine Oldham
25th Renee Wyatt

Dates of 'Breakfasts' 2017

17th June
15th July
19th August

Action for Children

Step out for Children on Sat June 10th.
Registration at Slaithwaite MC from
12.30pm. Leisurely walk to Marsden URC
where toilets and refreshments await. Then
a stroll back to Slaithwaite. Walk is along
the canal bank and suitable for children
and dogs on leads.

DIARY FOR JUNE/JULY 2017

Saturday 3 rd	L V G Coffee Morning@ Mechanics 10.00am-12noon
Sunday 4 th	10.45 Messy Church/All Age Worship Service
Saturday 10th	Step out for Children. See above.
Sunday 11 th	10.45 Service led by Mrs Beth Richardson
Wednesday 14 th	Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome
Saturday 17 th	Parkwood Community Breakfast 9.30am – 12.00 noon
Sunday 18 th	10.45 Holy Communion Service led by Rev Jo Brown
Sunday 25 th	10.45 Service led by Mr Granville Dews
Wednesday 28 th	Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome <u>LAST ONE this session.</u>

JULY

Saturday 1st	L V G Coffee Morning@ Mechanics 10.00am-12noon
Sunday 2nd	10.45 Messy Church/All Age Worship Service
Saturday 8 th	Wimbledon Afternoon with Rev Jo & Charlotte: 2.00pm - 4.30pm See above
Sunday 9th	10.45 Service led by TBA
Wednesday 12 th	Special Lunch for British Red Cross. See above.
Saturday 15 th	Parkwood Community Breakfast 9.30am – 12.00 noon
Sunday 16th	10.45 Service led by TBA
Sunday 23 rd	10.45 Service led by TBA
Saturday 29 th	Joe & Freda Garden Party 10.30am 'til 2.30pm
Sunday 30th	10.45 Service led by TBA followed by Faith Lunch

PLEASE NOTE

Drop in Lunches

June 28th is the last Drop in Lunch of this session.
However:--- there is a Special Lunch planned for
Wednesday 12th July
Noon for 12.30pm.

No fixed price Donations please. All the proceeds
to British Red Cross.

To book a place or for more information please
☎ Barbara 01484 651681.

Vegetarian option available, please order when
booking.



WIMBLEDON AFTERNOON TEA

**Jo and Charlotte would love to see you at
our open house.**

July 8th 2.00pm - 4.30pm

**Cagney and Lacey will be very excited to
see you too.**

**If you would like to come, please let us
know by June 24th.**

We look forward to seeing you all.