

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



Parkwood Methodist Church The Herald



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HAPPY **JANUARY 2020**
NEW LEAP
YEAR

Dear friends,

Happy New Decade!

I love looking at pictures and films that look at what the future might look like. This is not new. Just as we look forward now, so did previous generations to ours, look forward to what is now. In one article I read recently people from 1890 to the early 1900s imagined life in 2020.

They thought that there would be huge improvements in technology, including in the house, flying public transportation and, as I saw in a in a postcard from around 1900, whale public transport under the waves. No, you didn't misread that, I did write whale! In some cases they weren't too far off. Flight is now a big thing and we can see for ourselves every day the impact it has had on travel and the environment. Of course, there's a lot that they missed- unless I have missed something no-one lives on the moon!

If there is something we can learn from the past, it is that our ideas of the future are sometimes not far off the mark, but sometimes are completely wrong.

As the 2020's begins, let us grasp the changes and challenges that present themselves. Some may not surprise us while others might completely be beyond our imagination! We live in a world that is always changing. Things bring improvements, challenges and sometimes changes for the worse. However, in our ever-

changing world there is a constant, and that is the call to live out our life and faith by loving each other. This is through our common bonds of community, and in breaking bread together. It's living the way of Jesus. We might not agree on everything but being in Jesus makes us one. In all the uncertainties of life, we can be sure of this: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

May God bless you in the year to come.

Rev Roz Page

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5th Pat Battye

5th Robin Whittam

10th Rita Crossley

12th Jane Flaherty

21st Albert Battye

Christmas & Other Cards

I have now donated in lieu of cards to British Red cross, Mercy Ships, Action for Children, Gwennie;s Retreat (local), Guide Dogs for the Blind
Barbara R

Joe, Richard, Janette and the Grandchildren
Thank All for their kind thoughts, cards and Good Wishes in these changing, challenging times.

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So many things have happened in the last decade. We have said "Goodbye" to many friends and colleagues. We have said "Goodbye" to the Old Church building. But, as is mentioned earlier "Times Change" and if things didn't change we may be stuck in a very bad situation with no hope for the future. So to the future:- Make new friends, take on new Challenges and make the most of what you are blest with. The future is yours: make it good. (ed!)



**150 years
Faithful
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**Our New
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**BUTTIES
FOR
BREAKFAST**

*The Drop By Centre
Sycamore Avenue*

SATURDAY 4th JANUARY

9.30 am – 11.45 am

*Bacon, Sausage or Egg Butties
Donations Welcome*

**PARKWOOD METHODIST CHURCH
AT THE DROP BY CENTRE**

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JOKE TIME:-

It takes two to make a marriage. A single girl and an anxious mother.

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Newspaper report of a Diocesan Pilgrimage:

After the final service the Bishop walked among the crowds eating their picnic lunches.

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If somebody doesn't submit an article for the next Herald, I promise I will print more. (ed!)

PARKWOOD JANUARY 2020 SERVICES AT ST. MARK'S CENTRE

Saturday 4th

Sunday 5th

Sunday 12th

Sunday 19th

Sunday 26th

Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY Centre, Sycamore Avenue. All Welcome

10.45 am Messy Church and All Age Service.

10.45 am Service led by Mr Paul Bussey

10.45 am Service led by Mr David Joyce

10.45 am Covenant Service led by Rev Roz Page - Followed by Faith Lunch

FEBRUARY

Saturday 1st

Sunday 2nd

Sunday 9th

Sunday 16th

Sunday 23rd

Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY Centre, Sycamore Avenue. All Welcome

10.45 am Messy Church and All Age Service.

10.45 am Service led by Mrs Elaine Nixon

10.45 am Holy Communion Service led by Rev Roz Page

10.45 am Service led by Miss Joanne Jones - Followed by Faith Lunch

**Don't forget it's a Leap Year so 29 days in February. (366)
(How many months have twenty nine days?)**

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