

Parkwood Methodist Church



The Herald JULY 2021

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Dear friends,

This weekend we will be celebrating the ordinations of Revd Sue Taylor and Revd Andrew Marchington. The journey to ordination is often long with lots of work, reflection and life changes, and so it is really good that we can reflect on that journey we have made with them, and beyond.

This year there is a report to the Methodist Conference which focuses on ministry in the Methodist Church. In that report, the authors state that: ¹ ***The Methodist Church continues to affirm that the ministry of the whole people of God is central to its understanding of ministry. Whilst 'ministry' or 'ministries' can also refer to the particular institutional forms which this service takes, the Church's ministry is a participation in the ministry of Christ. Ministry is therefore primarily about the witness of the whole people of God in the world. It is never merely an individual endeavour but always exercised as part of the***

Body of Christ.¹ This is a reminder to us that we all have a part to play in ministry.

Ministry can take different forms, perhaps through preaching or leading worship, through being church stewards and representing the church through taking on other roles within the life of the church. For some people it might be through preparing for refreshments after a service, pastoral visiting, regular prayer for the people that they know, being a good listener.

Everyone has something that they can do to take part, to participate, in the ministry of Christ, to be good witnesses to the love and grace of God. This might be through formally offering time, but it can also be the wonderful gift of caring about our communities and our neighbours. All these gifts are equally important in how we, as a church community, reveal the love of Christ to the people around us, and all are needed.

As we give thanks for the particular expression of ministry that Revd Sue and Revd Andrew are marking on Sunday

¹ The whole report can be read here:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/21669/conf-2021-8-ministry-in-the-methodist-church.pdf>

afternoon, we give thanks too for the ministry of the whole people of God. As we think about the future together, perhaps this is a good way for us to remember that we are all called to ministry in the church of God, of which the Methodist Church is a part. Congratulations to Revd Sue and Revd Andrew!

Rev Ros

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

26th Audrey Holdsworth

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**Huddersfield Circuit Staffing
September 2021**

	Pastoral Responsibility
Revd Peter Catford	Almondbury, Outlane
Revd Sue Burton	Holmfirth, Linthwaite, Slaithwaite
Revd Tim Francis	Berry Brow, Dalton, Netherton, Shelley
Revd Andrew Marchington	Marsden, Meltham
Revd Tim J Moore	Pioneer Minister
Revd Roz Page	Cowcliffe, Mount, New Life @ Mission, Parkwood
Revd Sue Pegg	Gledholt, Kirkheaton, Lepton
Revd Helen Roberts	Brockholes, Gatehead, Honley, Scholes, Shepley
Revd Sue Taylor	Bradley, Fartown, Golcar, Lindley
Revd Richard W Thompson	Wooldale

A note for your diaries:-

**Saturday 31st July 2021.
Garden Party @ 3 Leafield Avenue
Subject to whatever Government Covid Restrictions are in force. At the time of writing: Up to 30 people in the open air, hence Garden Party. Open Gazebo's will be in place, just in case.
Sorry no seating in the house, or any enclosed area.
No exceptions.
11.00am 'til 2.30pm.
Hot & Cold drinks, hot & cold food and cakes will be available to eat in or take away.
Donations (Generous!) will be accepted for Church Funds.**



**Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.
Wait and see.**



Report of the Circuit Meeting – 14th June 2021

While a lot of the latest circuit meeting was procedural, there were several items which are worth sharing with the wider Parkwood family.

Staffing

Firstly, a reminder that David Bidnell and Nancy Ndoho are leaving in September. A farewell service will be held for them on 25th July. It is hoped this will be at Lindley, but the service will also be streamed to a number of churches in the circuit, as well as being available to view at home. Once the details of these services are finalised Rev Roz will circulate them.

We have a new superintendent minister arriving – Rev Peter Catford. His welcome service will be held on 29th August.

Both Andrew Marchinton and Sue Taylor will be ordained on 27th June at 4:00 pm at a service in Coventry – which will be streamed. You can watch the service on Youtube on this on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1NQowCZk>. It may be worth logging on at around 3:50 as some of the ordinations last week started early!

On Page 2 of this Herald (Ed!) is a list of circuit staffing from September 2021 for information.

Brockholes

The meeting was provided with a letter from Brockholes requesting that they can cease to worship. The meeting approved this with sadness.

Property

Hade Edge has gone up for sale and has some viewings planned for the days after the circuit meeting

The meeting was informed that TMCP has given authority for our property to be put on the market. We have to sell in two parts – with the building being sold freehold and the garden of rest being sold leasehold. The good news is that we too now have a viewing in the coming days.

Life begins with a Bike

The circuit project is going well.

We were reminded of the “Three Bishops Ride” – from Morecambe to Bridlington (170 miles). They have raised over £1,000 in sponsorship so far, and asked everyone to consider sponsoring the team. Sponsor forms are available from Liz Bishop, and she is happy to email them out if necessary.

There are two months left of the project, and all churches are requested to put in a final push. We should be considering how best we at Parkwood can add our support to this project. Contact a member of the leadership team if you have any good ideas.

There will be a celebration at the end of the project on 28th August. Further details will be communicated later.

In Touch

The next edition is now out. It is the last one edited by Carrie Hackett (who has been doing it for 9 years). Chris Mason will be joining the editing team (which includes Rev Roz and Suzanne Bridges) from the next edition onwards. Electronic versions can be requested through the circuit website, if you can't wait for the paper edition to get to you!

Anne



Hade Edge Chapel

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Future editions of the Newsflash Herald may be used to update on the workings of Circuit, Leadership Team, General Church Council. To make distribution easy for all and to make sure it reaches everyone who may have an interest, I propose to send it to all my current Herald Contacts. If not of interest to you please just delete. Whilst not wanting to intrude and annoy anyone, I don't want to miss anyone who may have an interest.

Thank You. (Ed!)

To finish off a reminisce of the other life, before Covid.



STAY SAFE FOLKS, IT'S NEARLY OVER.