



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

Parkwood Methodist Church The Herald

JUNE 2018

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Friends,

There have been several things to celebrate lately, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and the Royal Wedding.

In amongst the ordinary daily routine, how often do we remember to allow that joy to fill our lives? How many of you took the time to watch the wedding and heard that amazing sermon about the power of love and how it can change our world?

Have you ever had the profound experience of feeling your heart and soul filled to the brim with love — so full that you feel love for everything within you and around you? So full that the world looks brighter and clearer? So full that it brings tears to your eyes that overflow in gratitude? For me, this is the very best feeling in the world, the greatest joy, and I feel it when my heart is fully open to loving myself and others, and open to awe and gratitude for the privilege of this life.

Joy is perhaps one of the greatest gifts God has given us in Jesus; joy speaks of a deep-rooted sense of contentment and happiness that isn't reliant on our present circumstances, but is rooted in the faithfulness of God's love. This joy expresses the peace, life and the hope we know in Jesus; the news of his birth is a message of great joy, and in Matthew's Gospel the women in finding the empty tomb discover that great joy. In between, Jesus brings joy into people's lives through the story he tells, the love he shows, and the kind acts of mercy he does.

The early church is characterised by joy, as God's people are filled with the nearness of God through the gift of his Spirit. The kindness and concern they show one another leaves them with glad hearts, and the admiration of the community around them. In the Spirit of Christ, they bring joy to one another, and to the society around them. In the book of Acts, we see then that to bring a deeper contentment to people, is part of the vocation of the church. Through sharing joy, we both express the love of God, and we transform lives through practical caring, inspired by the love of God.

Through the spirit being active in our lives enables us to do things we maybe wouldn't think of doing, or maybe we are too shy or think that nothing we do can make a difference to someone else's life. Sharing God's love in whatever way is not just sharing who God is but also about brightening someone's day, helping them to see that they are valued and loved.

As Christians, we remember that our vocation to be followers of Jesus and bring his light to those around us goes on just the same. May God help us to brighten someone's day, as we express the gracious love revealed in Jesus.

Rev Jo Brown

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BIRTHDAYS for JUNE

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

Golcar Lily Day

Many thanks to all who helped,
raised money and visited Parkwood
@ both Townend and Parkwood
church.

PLEASE NOTE (2)

1. The last Lunch of this session is
Wednesday 27th June

2. JUNE 10th COMMUNION
SERVICE IS AT LONGWOOD
MECHANIC'S. NO SERVICE AT
PARKWOOD.
AGM after service

~~AT PARKWOOD~~
~~Saturday 2nd June~~
~~"Indoor Car Boot"~~
~~Table Top Sale~~
~~Bric-a-Brac, Computer,~~
~~Photo, Greeting Cards,~~
~~Memorabilia, and other General~~
~~sales.~~
~~No mains electrical~~
~~10.00am to 3.00pm~~
~~See Joe for details~~

Sorry!
Postponed until
Further Notice

Freda and Joe Thank
everybody for their continuing
concern, cards, Love and
prayers during Freda's
confinement. Freda is taking
notes and no doubt War & Peace
will be published later.

Diary for June/July 2018

Saturday 2nd

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Sunday 3rd

Sunday 10th

Wednesday 13th

Saturday 16th

Sunday 17th

Sunday 24th

Wednesday 27th

Indoor "Car Boot" Table Top Sale. **SORRY POSTPONED.**

L V G Coffee Morning @ Mechanics 10.00am-12noon

10.45 Messy and All Age Worship

10.45 Communion Service led by Rev Jo Brown @ MECHANIC'S

Drop in Lunch 12.30pm @ PARKWOOD

Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY CENTRE 9.30am - 11.45am

10.45 Service led by Mr Raymond Brook

10.45 Service led by Mr Terry Frost

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Sunday 1st

Saturday 7th

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