



Parkwood Herald

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NEWSLETTER OF PARKWOOD METHODIST CHURCH
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On Tuesday evening we started the new fellowship group at Scholes. Sometimes God surprises us – knowing that a few of those who had been interested were away we were not sure how many would turn up.

Does it matter how many there are? – No! What matters is meeting together. To read and absorb God's word, to share our thoughts on what it means and how we allow it to shape the way we live our lives. Some may think what difference will it make? meeting just once a month. Read the modern parable and see what you think. The more we meet, read, pray, discuss and share our thoughts as we continue to work out what we believe and we don't often realise the impact it has on the way our lives are changed .

A Modern Parable on Reading the Bible

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of eastern Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible.

His grandson who wanted to be just like him tried to imitate him in any way he could.

One day the grandson asked, "Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book.

What good does reading the Bible do?" The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water."

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house.

The grandfather laughed and said, "You will have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home.

Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was "impossible to carry water in a basket," and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said,

"I don't want a bucket of water. I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough," and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all.

The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty.

Out of breath, he said, "See Papa, it's useless!" The old man said, "So you think it is useless? Look at the basket."

The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean.

"Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out."

That is the work of God in our lives ... to change us from the inside out and to slowly transform us into the image of His Son.

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:12-13

Rev Jo Brown

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd Sheila Whittam
17th Christine Noble-Doyle

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

Dates of 'Breakfasts' 2016

15th October
19th November
17th December



Walk of Witness June 2004

Saturday 15th October:- International Feast of Flavours @ Parkwood 6.30pm. Come and enjoy a good evening with a variety of delicious food from around the world, with pleasant chat and company. All for £10 per head. See posters or ask Elaine or Freda for more details.

DIARY FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2016

Saturday 1st	LVG Coffee Morning 10.00am - Noon
Sunday 2nd	10.45 Messy Church/All Age Worship Service led by Mr Iain Spencer
Tuesday 4th	Cheerful Chat 10.00am to Noon All Welcome
Wednesday 5th	Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome
Thursday 6th	Annual Peace Lecture Israel/Palestine Quakers Meeting House 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 8th	St Marks coffee morning 10.00am-noon
Sunday 9th	10.45 Holy Communion Service led by Rev Jo Brown
Tuesday 11th	Cheerful Chat 10.00am to Noon All Welcome
Saturday 15th	Parkwood Community Breakfast 9.30am – 12.00 noon
Saturday 15th	Int. Feast of Flavours @ Parkwood 6.30pm - £10 - See Poster/above for tickets.
Sunday 16th	10.45 Service led by Mr Ieuan Jones
Tuesday 18th	Cheerful Chat 10.00am to Noon All Welcome
Wednesday 19th	Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome
Wednesday 19th	Church Council meeting @ Parkwood 7.30 p.m.
Sunday 23rd	10.45 Service led by Mr Jonathan Burton
Tuesday 25th	Cheerful Chat 10.00am to Noon All Welcome
Sunday 30th	10.45 Service led by Rev Jo Brown Followed by Faith Lunch

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 2nd	Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome
Sunday 6th	10.45 Messy Church/All Age Worship Service
Tuesday 8th	Cheerful Chat 10.00am to Noon All Welcome
Sunday 13th	10.45 Holy Communion & Remembrance Service led by Rev Jo Brown
Tuesday 15th	Cheerful Chat 10.00am to Noon All Welcome
Wednesday 16th	Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome
Saturday 19th	Christmas Craft Fair 10.00am to 3.30pm Hot & Cold food watch for posters.
Sunday 20th	10.45 Service led by Ms Naomi Sharp
Tuesday 22nd	Cheerful Chat 10.00am to Noon All Welcome
Sunday 27th	10.45 1st Advent Service led by Mr Phil McSweeney
Tuesday 29th	Cheerful Chat 10.00am to Noon All Welcome
Wednesday 30th	Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome