

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



Parkwood Methodist Church

The Herald



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OCTOBER 2018

Harvest Festivals are taking place all over. The leaves are falling and the landscape is changing colour. This is my favourite time of year. Nutrients are heading back into the ground.

A time of transition when summer begins to give way to the richness and variety of autumn colour vividly displayed in the lanes, fields, valleys and hedgerows. As I sit in the office to write this, looking out past the allotment there is a field before the houses start again. I can see a tractor out cutting the grass.

At this time of year we also think of them as they plough and sow and reap and, in doing so, we may be drawn again to one of Jesus' best known stories, the Parable of the Sower. Naturally when telling the story Jesus used imagery which would be very familiar to the people of Palestine. That said, its familiarity must not be lost on us today. As you read it you are left with the impression that the sower was engaged in work which brought him pleasure and purpose. To our minds there appears to be a happy abandonment to the way he scatters the seed. We can almost see the pleasure in his eyes and feel the buoyancy in his step as he takes the seed from his bag or basket and freely casts it into the air to land where it may. And we know how the story unfolds for not all the seed would fall on good ground, some would and some would not. He knew how much would depend upon his own toil, and he faces the unpredictable forces of nature through which the seed must pass in order to bear fruit. Despite all the possible hazards, he still sows in hope that there would be, in the course of time, a good crop. He believes he will see ends in beginnings. He knows that he has to look beyond the present and exercise trust for the future. I think that there is something quite visionary about him in that sense.

I believe it will be a significant year when we think about the future in new ways. Of course, we will continue to try to be faithful in daily work and witness, but we will also be called upon to have a visionary eye on the future. Essentially, one of the fundamental aspects of our faith means working together to sow seeds in the present, which in time will prove to be seeds of renewal not only for ourselves, but for future generations who will follow us.

Autumn Blessing

I welcome all the energy of Autumn into my life.

Autumn is a time of transformation and reflection.

Like the leaves falling away from their branches my life flows and changes peacefully and all at perfect time.

I take time in Autumn to reflect on my life and where I am going in it. I have a clear vision of the changes that I need to make so that I may continue to grow in my highest good.

I enjoy the cooler weather and all the changing colours that are unfolding throughout nature.

With grace, I let go of anything that is no longer serving me positively and I make way for many new blessings.

This is a season of warmth and gentleness, a reflection of my inner self.

Blessings, Jo

BIRTHDAYS for October

2nd Sheila Whittam
17th Christine Noble-Doyle

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Just four letters. Just a small word.
Do we whisper it, or is it never heard?
If prayer is said out loud, do we agree with it?
Or are we shy and too embarrassed to admit?
Is God waiting to hear from us? does he want to know?

Then let us say it loudly-- AMEN.
So be it, or even make it so.

Anon

CRAFT FAIR 24th NOVEMBER
We need :- Cakes and homemade preserves.
Chocolate for the Tombola. Most of all we need
YOUR help on the day.

**Date for your diary:
Saturday 6th October 2018.
10.00am to 3.00pm
Table Top/Car Boot type sale
Are you interested in a table for your
Personal use? £8 per table
Limited number available on a first
come, first served basis.
See Joe Lloyd for details and
availability**

**There is Messy Church in
OCTOBER**

**Date to Note:- 16th December
Concert/Service with Brass Band.
Watch for further details.**

**DROP IN LUNCH STARTS AGAIN
IN OCTOBER SEE DIARY**

**PLEASE NOTE:- ALL CHURCH SERVICES
IN NOVEMBER WILL BE AT ST. MARK'S
PARISH CENTRE.
ALL OTHER FUNCTIONS AND LUNCHES
WILL BE AT PARKWOOD.**

Diary for October correct at time of printing **November** tentative 2018

Wednesday 3rd	Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome
Saturday 6th	TABLE TOP "CAR BOOT" SALE 10.00am 'til 3.00pm @ Parkwood
Saturday 6th	L V G Coffee Morning @ Mechanics 10.00am-12noon
Sunday 7th	10.45 Family Service with MESSY CHURCH
Saturday 20th	Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY CENTRE 9.30am - 11.45am
Sunday 14th	10.45 Service led by Rev Charlotte Truman
Sunday 21st	10.45 Communion Service led by Rev Jo Brown
Sunday 28th	10.45 Service led by Rev David Bidnell

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Sunday 4th	10.45 Family Service with MESSY CHURCH
Wednesday 7th	Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome
Sunday 11th	10.45 Service led by Mrs Kimm Brook
Saturday 17th	Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY CENTRE 9.30am - 11.45am
Sunday 18th	10.45 Service led by The Gideon's
Saturday 24th	Craft Fair at Parkwood Church 10.00am - 3.00pm
Sunday 25th	10.45 Service led by Mr John Oldham

NEED A LIFT TO ATTEND? PLEASE ASK ANY STEWARD. IF ALL ELSE FAILS ASK JOE LLOYD.

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TABLE TOP "CAR BOOT SALE

6th October @ PARKWOOD

There are many tables with a huge and varied assortment of goods.

Do come along and grab yourself a bargain.

The "Church" is having a stall or two and some Church Memorabilia will be for sale. Come along and make it a success.



Snow Lee, where Parkwood was born.

The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13:1-9 ;
Mark 4: 1-20;
Luke 8:4-15



Parkwood Methodist Church, like the seed is being sown in new ground. As you are all aware our current building is in need of a lot of TLC, unfortunately this kind of TLC costs a lot of money which is just not a viable proposition for us. Over the last few years we have been trying to locate suitable premises for our worship to continue. Having tried a number of venues we have decided to locate to St. Mark's Parish Centre for a trial period. From the 4th November 2018 ALL Sunday Service will be at St. Mark's, same time 10.45am. Need a lift? Then please have a word with a Steward or committee member.

ALL other functions, lunches and Craft Fair etc.. will be at Parkwood. Breakfasts will continue as now at the Drop By Centre on Sycamore Avenue, Milnsbridge.

In the mid 1800's our forebears met in various locations before being able to settle in the current premises. They had the vision that was their destiny and strove to make it a success. This new pilgrimage is our destiny and it is up to us all to make this a success. Come and help us in our quest. Like the Car Boot Sale....Out with the old and in with the new.

**Next stage
Longwood
Mechanic's
Hall**



The 'New' church with extension

Next stage with the 'Institute' & Garden



Time to move on:-



So what is next. Go with open mind and heart P. T. O.