

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



St. Mark's Parish Centre
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Parkwood Methodist Church

The Herald



SEPTEMBER 2019

Summer rolls towards its end, and a time of change arrives. From the August summer days into the start of a new year for schools and for the Methodist Church.

We can also see changes in the natural world around us as fields have already begun to be harvested of their crops.

Harvest festivals are observed in many cultures and religions. The sense that thanks should be given for the food we have produced runs deep in most societies, especially ones that have experienced hardship. Harvest time may cause us to celebrate but there are people who do not have an equal share in the world's food resources. We may benefit from successful harvests but we should not forget people whose harvests have failed and people who are exploited so that others can make larger profits. People who can't afford to feed their families and who find the work of food banks essential to their survival.

Most of us buy our produce in supermarkets and it can be easy to become distanced from the work of food production. It is all the more important that we give thanks for our daily bread, for the people that work to produce our food, from the farmer

to the supermarket worker that stocks the shelves. All have an important role in ensuring that we have food on our tables.

Harvest, however, is not necessarily restricted to food offerings. We can give thanks for what others labour to produce, but what is the fruit of our labour? It can be the fruit of friendship, time spent with others, day to day work, comforting others, serving others, in helping to find ways to ensure that people have a just sharing in the world's resources. In caring for our environment.- The list is long- and all of this can produce fruit that we can offer to God. It is the fruit of love - for all our neighbours.

This love helps us to look beyond our own lives and our own interests to those around us. So as we approach this harvest, let us thank God for the harvest of food, of our work and of our lives, not as an obligation, but as a free offering in response to God's love.

Rev Roz Page

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS
18th John Oldham

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The top five Hymns selected all from StF from the list so far are:-

1. StF 51 Great is Thy Faithfulness
2. StF 345 And Can It Be
3. StF 313 Thine Be the Glory
4. StF 20 Be Still for the Presence of the Lord
5. StF 319 Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

Not finalised yet but these are amongst the front runners

Thank You all for your contributions

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO PARKWOOD SERVICE AT ST. MARK'S CENTRE ON 1ST SEPTEMBER. SEE DIARY

A couple of photo's from the past 1946



1928 Whitsuntide Walk

SORRY! NO MESSY CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 1st** 10.30 am Circuit Service @ LINDLEY METHODIST CHURCH
NO SERVICE AT PARKWOOD ; ST. MARK'S CENTRE
- Saturday 7th** Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY Centre, Sycamore Avenue. All Welcome
- Saturday 7th** L V G Coffee Morning @ Longwood Mechanics 10.00 am to Noon
- Sunday 8th** 10.45 am Communion Service led by Rev Ros Page
- Sunday 15th** 10.45 am Hymn Service led by Mr Gareth Beaumont
- Sunday 22nd** 10.45 am Harvest Service led Mr John Oldham
- Sunday 29th** 10.45 am Service led Mrs Elaine Nixon, followed by Faith Lunch

OCTOBER

- Saturday 5th** Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY Centre, Sycamore Avenue. All Welcome
- Saturday 5th** L V G Coffee Morning @ Longwood Mechanics 10.00 am to Noon
- Sunday 6th** 10.45 am Messy Church and All Age Service led by TBA
- Sunday 13th** 10.45 am Service led by TBA
- Sunday 20th** 10.45 am Service led by TBA
- Sunday 27th** 10.45 am Service led by TBA followed by Faith Lunch