

The Link Magazine

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MINISTER'S LETTER

HARVEST OF GRATITUDE

"Were Not Ten Cleansed? Where are the Nine? Luke 17:17

At the ECG Conference 2015 in Scarborough, the renowned conference speaker, Roy Crowne, reminded the audience that Jesus asked one hundred and ninety three important questions in the New Testament. One of these must surely be the double question above. There is a sting in the tail of this story though in verse 16. The one leper who said thank you is identified as a Samaritan, the outcast! Implying the other nine, possibly Jewish, lepers, did not feel the need to say thank you! In early childhood, our parents constantly remind us to say "please" and "thank you", with the constant question, "What do you say?". It seems as we grow older we forget or ignore these two important words especially when dealing with our sovereign provider, Lord God, and with that throw away the ability to experience true happiness.

There is a story of a father of a poor family with many problems who started asking God for help. God put an Angel in charge to look after that family and immediately the situation started to change. Financially all was sorted out, his children stopped using drugs, and they began to go to church on Sunday and to be generous contributors to charities. They had everything they wanted... but they weren't happy. When the man was on his deathbed, the Angel appeared before him and asked, 'Have you and those you love been happy?' 'No', answered the desolate old man, 'We have everything and are incomparably better off than before... but we still are not happy. Why?' The Angel replied, 'I have given you all you asked for. **But there is a most important gift that you never requested, the gift of gratitude.** You learned how to give, how to share your things with others. But you never learned

to be grateful. And without gratitude, you take everything for granted; you don't enjoy what you have as gifts. Without gratitude there is no happiness'.

This tale reminds us of the importance of not taking God for granted but learning to express our sincere heartfelt gratitude for all He has done for us in Christ and in supplying our physical and social needs. The end of September and early October is a time of Harvest Festivals in which Psalm 67, especially verse three, "Let the people give thanks to you , O God" among others are recited in church services reminding us of the need to be grateful to God. For instance, this is what Psalm 107:1-2 says about thankfulness: *"Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good. His faithful love continues forever. That's what those who have been set free by the Lord should say"*.

As we enter the season of Harvest Festivals may we truly and deep down from our hearts learn to be grateful to God for His provision? May we listen and watch World News with a discerning ear and eye and praise God with heartfelt gratitude for his faithfulness, grace and mercy?

Blessings

Daniel

LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT

Dear Friends

In 1997, Morna Hooker wrote a short book called ***Beginnings***. It was a study of the opening chapters of the four Gospels. The book shows that each gospel writer has a distinctive way of beginning the story. Just a brief look into Matthew, Mark, Luke and John will confirm this. They are very different beginnings yet each tells the story of Jesus.

On 1st September, the Yorkshire West Methodist District comes into being. This is a new beginning, a fresh start, a blank sheet on which no one has yet written. In one way, of course, it is not new. Churches and circuits will keep working at the things they were tackling in August and before that. Some churches will not even notice that they now belong to a new District because rightly their focus will be on their local congregation and the community it serves. But in another way, it will be a new beginning. This coming year will be the opening chapter for a unique gathering of God's people, bound together to support and help each other in God's mission. I hope and expect that will bring fresh opportunities for us.

How shall we begin this story?

I hope we begin in celebration, in prayer and with a deep desire to reach out.

I hope that the service to launch the new District on 9th September was an expression of praise and commitment and that will be echoed in what we do over the next months and years.

Our task is not new though. It is the same task as the first Gospel writers. We have to tell the life-transforming story of Jesus, to live out what that means in everyday life and to invite others to join in.

Please join in praying for the new District:

Gracious and generous God,
 We hold before you our Church, our Circuit and our District.
 Pour out your Spirit on us,
 that our worship may be joy-filled;
 that our witness may be brave and bold;
 that our lives, our works and our words may speak of your
 love.
 Enlarge, enflame and fill our hearts with such love for you
 that we may draw others to discover Your transforming power.
 In the name of Jesus. Amen

The Revd Dr Roger L Walton, Chair of District

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

LIDGETT PARK

1st Oct	10.30 am	Mrs Mary Curl	
8th Oct	10.30 am	Revd Dr Daniel Mwailu	
	6.30 pm	<i>Chapel Allerton MC</i>	
15th Oct	10.30 am	Mr John Prior	
	6.00 pm	Christ Church Halton	<i>United Service</i>
22nd Oct	10.30 am	Revd Dr Daniel Mwailu	<i>Holy Communion</i>
29th Oct	10.30 am	Dr Stanley Pearson	
	6.00 pm	<i>St Andrew's Church</i>	<i>Ecumenical Service</i>

THORNER

1st Oct	9.30 am	Mr Fidelis Chinyama	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
8th Oct	9.30 am	Revd Dr M. Andrews	
15th Oct	9.15 am	St Peter's Church	<i>Ecumenical Service</i>
	6.00 pm	Christ Church Halton	<i>United Service</i>
22nd Oct	9.30 am	Mr Roger Richardson	
29th Oct	9.30 am	Mrs Susan Mason	

PRAYER FOR CHANGE *Published also in the magazines of our covenanting partners St Edmund's CoE & St Andrew's URC.*

We live in a turbulent world.

Hatred spewing out acts of violence.

Lives lost, people hurt, damaged and torn,

Weary and worn out with the struggles to survive.

We live in a changing world.

Countries posturing for greater power.

Greedy for strength and domination.

Neighbouring states threatened, living in fear.

We live in a harvest world.

Where bounteous crops seemed skewed to the few.

Grown to the demands of economics,

Not the cries of the hungry.

Into this crazy world,

Your words ring out:

'Be still!' 'Know that I am God!'

Give us the ears to hear, wisdom to understand,

The strength to respond.

Amen

WITH MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS.

Andrew and Vi Walker have asked me to thank all those people who have supported them recently with flowers, cards, phone calls and lifts. They have also asked me to print their new contact details:

Andrew & Vi Walker

32, Primrose Court, Primley Park View, Alwoodley, Leeds, LS17 7UY

Telephone: 0113 345 1543.

A THOUGHT TO PONDER

What ever may happen to you, God is your Father, and He is interested in you, and that is his attitude to you.

David Martin Lloyd-Jones

LIDGETT PARK DRAMA GROUP

For one night only the Drama Group will perform their latest murder mystery. It will be performed again next Spring for those of you who can't make it this time!

'A Cuckoo in the Nest'

by Irving Theaker

on Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm

Tickets £8 from 267 8506

Proceeds in aid of the Church Project

'Open Welcome'

All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrance
William Shakespeare (As you like it, with apologies. Ed).



THORNER NEWSLETTER

We seem no sooner to be writing about Summer holidays than the Autumn leaves are beginning to fall and October is upon us once again!!

We had a well attended coffee morning held on Saturday September 16th for St Gemma's Hospice. Many thanks to all who came and supported us and made the event SO worthwhile. I will let you know next month the total raised for St. Gemma's as the money is still coming in.

Our next coffee morning will be our Christmas Fayre and will take place on Saturday November 18th, from 10am to 12 noon, so please make a date in your diaries now as this is an event in aid of our own church funds.

We will have our usual cake stall which will include Christmas cakes for sale. We'll have our bric-a-brac stall and of course bacon butties will be on the menu ! We'll also have Christmas cards for sale and other Christmas goodies; please come along and join us if you can. This will be our last coffee morning in 2017.

As our congregation is getting older and finding it harder to supply cakes etc and to help run our coffee morning, we have decided to hold only four coffee morning instead of six in 2018. All our future coffee mornings will be for outside organisations and none for our church funds. The first will be held on Saturday March 17th, 10am -12noon, in aid of Martin House Children's Hospice. Please make a note in your new diaries now and please support us if you can enabling us to raise money for such a worthwhile charity.

Ann Johnson

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WHAT DID LUTHER EVER DO FOR US? – A series reflecting on the influence of Martin Luther on Methodism by *John Summerwill*.

1. Who Was Luther?

The 31st of October is celebrated annually as Reformation Day by many Protestants, especially Lutherans, commemorating Martin Luther's publication of his Ninety Five Theses, which sparked off the Protestant Reformation. This year it is especially significant as the 500th Anniversary of that event. We Methodists, as Protestants, are heirs of that Reformation and owe far more of our thinking and practice to Luther than we often realize. This seems as good a time as any, therefore, to attempt an assessment of how much we have derived from Luther and also why we Methodists are not Lutherans. To set the scene, we begin with a very brief outline of Luther's life and experience.



Martin Luther was born in 1483 at Eisleben near Leipzig in Saxony-Anhalt, the son of a copper mining entrepreneur, who bought him a good classical education which prepared him for enrolment at the University of Erfurt in 1501. He lived at a hostel that followed monastic rules, studied liberal arts, graduated with excellence and took his master's degree in 1505. He then started to study law, as his father wanted, but a narrow escape from a lightning bolt in a summer storm so frightened him that he resolved instead to become an Augustinian monk. Intensely diligent, pious and painstakingly obedient to his vows, Luther struggled to find inner peace. He was oppressed by anxieties and melancholy (which persisted throughout his life) and deeply fearful of the majesty and holiness of God.

Luther's superior selected him to study theology and sent him to Rome, where he was shocked to find a lack of spirituality at the centre of the Church. Back in Saxony he was sent to the Augustinian monastery in Wittenberg, where he completed his doctorate and at the age of 29 became Professor of Biblical Studies at the University of Wittenberg, a post he held for the rest of his life. His preparation for the lectures that he gave on the Psalms, Romans and Galatians took him deeper and deeper into a reconsideration of conventional interpretations and theology, and he began to discover the mercy and love of God. Increasingly he came to believe that the key to all of scripture and to all that matters in Christianity is in the words in Romans 1:17 (and three other places in scripture): 'The righteous shall live by faith.' It is by faith that we can receive God's forgiveness and renewing grace. Luther became increasingly sceptical about the Church's teaching that grace

was conveyed only through the 'means of grace', that is, the sacraments and rituals performed by ordained priests.

Luther was not only an academic: he was a preacher and parish priest as well. It was his encounters with ordinary parishioners which led him to see what dreadful damage was caused to people's spirituality by the sale of indulgences. The Church taught that baptism washes away the original sin that we all inherit, and that penances and the mass bring forgiveness for sins we have committed.

Nevertheless, after death we spend a time of suffering in Purgatory before we are fit to be received into heaven. The Church's authority to forgive sins allowed it to sell indulgences to reduce the length of one's sentence in Purgatory. When Pope Leo X issued a tranche of indulgences to raise money for the building of St Peter's in Rome Luther became very concerned that possession of them made people complacent and gave them a false sense of security. He had come to see that God's forgiveness cannot be bought or earned; it is not in the gift of priests; it is not secured by performing rituals; it is a free gift of grace, which is received by faith alone. So in 1517, when the Dominican itinerant John Tetzel arrived in Wittenberg with indulgences to sell, Luther wrote his ninety five statements of objection and sent them in a letter to the Archbishop of Mainz. (The story of him nailing them to the church door is probably a myth.)

Although it was not originally Luther's intention to attack the Pope or the authority of the Church, the response he got from them was so hostile that that was what he ended up doing. Over a four-year period Luther had to defend himself on numerous occasions against charges of heresy (an offence usually punished by being burnt alive), first within his own Augustinian order, then before officials in Rome and Augsburg. It was only by the intervention of his Prince, Frederick III (Frederick the Wise), that he escaped arrest and extradition. He wrote a number of books and papers setting out his reasons for holding that the Church had developed ideas and practices that were not consistent with the teaching of the Bible. The Church, he claimed, needed to be reformed and renewed. He attacked the division between ordained and lay members as unbiblical; he wanted to reduce the sacraments to baptism, eucharist and penance; he challenged the doctrine of transubstantiation, thereby threatening the widespread practice of private masses for the souls of the dead; Christians did not need priests and rituals and intermediaries between themselves and God; they could approach God directly and were free to serve God and their neighbours in love. These writings attracted widespread approval from Luther's growing fan club and caused great irritation to the Establishment, which felt seriously threatened. There was an enormous wave of popular support from those who, wearied with priest-ridden Catholicism, found an exciting spiritual freedom in what seemed to be a return to the purity and simplicity of original Christianity as found in the New Testament. To the

Establishment, on the other hand, Luther was a dangerous heretic threatening the very foundations of Christendom by calling into question the authority of Christ's vicar on earth and the traditions which had accumulated under the Spirit's guidance. The stakes were very high.

Things came to a head in 1521 at the Parliament in Worms, at which the Holy Roman Emperor himself presided. The Pope had already issued an order excommunicating Luther and ordering that all his books were to be burned. Luther was given a last chance to recant, which he refused, saying :

'Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God ... I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me. Amen.'

Frederick, who had already informed him of a plan to protect him from arrest by a pretended kidnap of him on his way home. For a year Luther went into hiding in Wartburg Castle until the political situation had changed. Frederick was defying the Emperor as well as Rome by defending Luther. The Reformation, however, was never about religion alone. There was a widespread desire among the rulers of the European states for independence from the Holy Roman Empire. Luther was the catalyst for political revolution as well as religious reform. The term 'Protestant' was a political term before it became a religious one. It originally referred to rulers of states who protested against the power of the Empire and the Church and wanted freedom to manage their own affairs. When the Reformation broke out the politics and religion were closely intertwined. Over the next century whole states opted in or out of imperial/ecclesiastical control according to the choices of their princes, remaining Catholic or becoming Protestant, with wars and civil wars fought in the intermingled struggles for power and for religious truth and integrity.

During his period in hiding Luther began and completed what was to be the most influential of all his writings—his translation of the New Testament into German. The publication of the Bible in people's own language, widely disseminated now that printing had been invented, was a hugely significant step in giving lay people personal access to the holy scriptures without the need of a priest.

Luther returned to Wittenberg in 1522, protected by Frederick, and took charge of the reformation that was already under way there prompted by his ideas. Liturgy was changed; people received both bread and wine at the Lord's Supper; monks were leaving their monasteries and priests were marrying. Luther left the Augustinians in 1524, married a former nun the following year and started a family.

He lived to the age of 62, teaching, ministering, lecturing and writing extensively. Although a very learned man, he retained throughout his life something of the roughness of his peasant origins. His table talk and manners were coarse; he could be argumentative and abrasive. Yet he was a humble man and one who genuinely tried to make peace rather than divide the Church. It was his passion for biblical truth that he could not and would not compromise. And it was his own experiences of poverty and powerlessness, of self-loathing and desire to find God, of spiritual renewal through accepting the grace of God by faith, which made him sympathetic to other people's needs and so imaginative and assiduous in finding ways to make faith come alive for ordinary people.

Next time we shall look at his legacy in the importance of the Bible in Methodism.

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY NETWORK (PCN) CONFERENCE

Rev Gretta Vosper is a founder member of the Canadian Centre for Progressive Christianity. She has written two best-selling books '*With or Without God: Why The Way We Live Is More Important Than What We Believe*' and '*Amen: What Prayer Can Mean In A World Beyond Belief*'. She has also published three books of poetry and prayers.

Gretta, together with her musician husband Scott Kearns, will lead a full day conference which will consist of two talks by Gretta (followed by Question and Answer sessions), and a presentation by Scott. The conference is hosted by PCN Britain. Details are as follows:-

Location: Mill Hill Unitarian Chapel, City Square, Leeds.

Date: Saturday 7 October.

Time: 10 am – 4 pm.

Subject: Creating a World Beyond the Beliefs that Divide.

Cost: £20 (£18 for PCN members).

Further Information; Contact Sandra Griffiths

0113 2582652 or sandra.griffiths@pcnbritain.org.uk

Booking: Tickets can be bought online via the PCN website www.pcnbritain.org.uk.

Gretta and Scott will also be leading the morning service at Mill Hill on Sunday 8 October, commencing at 10.45 am. All are welcome.

A THOUGHT TO PONDER

The only people who find what they are looking for in life are the fault finders.

Foster's Law

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

At the beginning of September the media carried a summary of the latest British Social Attitudes Survey by the National Centre for Social Research (*The Independent & The Times, 5th September 2017*). The headline finding was that 53% of those surveyed had no religion (interpreted by one paper as ‘more than half of the British public say they are not at all religious’, which is not quite the same thing). Two further highlights are that the proportion with no religion is highest among those 18-24 years of age (71%) and falls steadily with increasing age to reach 27% in the over 75's. The sample size was not huge (2,942 with, of course, smaller numbers in each of the age subgroups) but it was in line with those of earlier surveys (1983 and 2009) and there is a consistent trend across the surveys of falling adherence to religion driven by the younger age groups. The changes are largest in those belonging to the Church of England, but this almost certainly reflects the fact that C of E has tended to be the default response in the past when people are asked about religious affiliation.

Among the various comments attributed to Church leaders, the Bishop of Liverpool points out that having no religion is not the same as being an atheist and that people's hearts and minds remain open. The sociologist Grace Davie coined the phrase ‘believing without belonging’ in 1994. Unlike in earlier surveys this one dropped any question about belief in God, which seems to be an important omission. In 2008 43% said they had no religion but only 21% were certain they had no belief. The next survey is going to reintroduce this question. The Bishop of Chelmsford emphasises that the Church should not be thought of as an institution, but as a community of men and women whose lives are centred on Christ. As the majority of respondents denied being Christian one assumes he was referring to the quality of the lives they lead. Nevertheless, the point being made is that not following a named religion does not equate with people being less caring or spiritually aware.

So why do people shun religions? Could it reflect what we are seeing in other areas (for example, election results here and in the USA, Brexit etc) that people have lost faith in established institutions which seem preoccupied with themselves rather than with those they are supposed to serve? The Independent finishes by quoting Roger Harding, head of public attitudes at the National Centre for Social Research, “We know from the British Social Attitudes survey that religious people are becoming more socially liberal on issues like same-sex relationships and abortion. With falling numbers some faith leaders might wonder whether they should be doing more to take their congregation's lead on adapting to how society is changing.” Whether or not we agree with the examples he chooses, the principle that the Church should take more notice of what society thinks is relevant.

Stan Pearson

BEDS – A MEDITATION

In his diaries Samuel Pepys, the renowned Naval Administrator and Member of Parliament in the reign of Charles the Second, often concluded the recording of his daily happenings with the famous phrase “And so to bed.” This can be used as a loose introduction to our meditative theme for this month.

The bed is, first and foremost, the place where we rest. Rest is the main purpose of a bed. And this is why a bed can be such a strong and visual symbol of one aspect of our spiritual life.

Why is it that we so often turn in times of stress and bereavement to that unseen, but real, power outside of ourselves that is designated by the word 'God'? Isn't it because we simply want some rest and support? Rest from the overbearing and often too demanding clamours and business of our everyday lives; Rest from the doubts and confusions that stretch our minds to the limit; Rest from the suffering (mental and physical) that plague, and too often dominate, our day-to-day existence. No wonder that one of the great prayers through the ages has been “God, give me rest.”

Enter the bed! A bed allows rest. It is always available, day and night, for a good lie-down. It opens the door to the realm of sleep, that wonderful state which restores, heals, strengthens and makes us more vital and alive, without us having to do anything but let go.

A bed allows rest and sleep because it is *lower* than our body and hence it supports us. By taking upon itself our weight, it relieves us from our daily battle with Gravity. Similarly, the Divine/Spiritual is also available to support and sustain us from beneath. Like the sea, yes; but also like a bed: firm enough to carry the weight of our burdens, yet soft enough to give us rest.

And we can be a bed for each other by sharing each other's troubles. Often just by listening and being around, but sometimes by offering practical help.

Which people in our lives are like a bed for *us* when we need support? Can *we*, even for a few minutes each day, be a bed for somebody in need?

Gerry Leake

THE LEGACY OF SLAVERY

If any of you get the opportunity to visit Liverpool, the Museum of Slavery is well worth a visit. There are sections on the history of slavery and examples of the way in which many people in our world remain in bondage still today as economic slaves, as trafficked people, as sex slaves and so forth, but the most telling section for me was a series of video interviews with prominent black people in modern society who point out that underlying the slave trade was the assumption that the white person is superior in every way to the black person and that this is still an attitude that persists. For example a distinguished black American professor describes how he has had car keys thrown at him in a hotel lobby with demands to go and get the car and, on other occasions, orders to take baggage up to rooms. His presence in a hotel lobby was simply assumed to be because he was employed for the convenience of the guests. It never occurred to people that he might himself be a guest. There are many other examples. *Gerry Leake* came across the following in the news:

Racism in a US Church

I came across this short article in the *i* newspaper dated Wednesday 6 September. To put the content of the article in perspective, the 'Black Lives Matter' movement is an international activist movement that campaigns against violence and systemic racism. In the United States it regularly holds protests against unjust police killings of black people and broader issues of racial profiling, police brutality and racial inequality in the US criminal justice system. I will leave you to draw your own conclusions about the Christian tolerance of the Winston-Salem church!

“Pastor resigns due to anti-racism stance

A descendant of Confederate General Robert E Lee is stepping down as pastor of a North Carolina church. Rev Robert W Lee IV is resigning because members of the church in Winston – Salem were unhappy with his remarks praising the Black Lives Matter movement “

Gerry Leake

‘There is no longer Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus’ (Gal 3:28)

A THOUGHT TO PONDER

“Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.”

From the Independent Thursday 17th August 2017 *Yas Necati*

OPEN WELCOME : Project 2017 – 2018.

After much discussion, the committee decided on the name “ Open Welcome “ for this year's project. We felt it reflected the intention behind the proposed work to the back of the Church, opening up the main entrance to be lighter and brighter. By the time you read this you will have enjoyed (we hope!) the Harvest Lunch and Project Launch and your kind donations will have kick-started our year of fund-raising. In the last magazine, I gave you some definite dates and also some provisional ones. The following is a list of all our events which have been confirmed. We look forward to seeing you at them and thank you in advance for all your support.

Thursday October 19th : Drama Group Murder Mystery with hot supper. The usual mix of mayhem and mystery to keep you guessing!

Saturday December 9th : Afternoon Tea a la Betty's - join us for a pre-Christmas tea with sumptuous sandwiches, scones and home-made cakes.

Tuesday December 19th : Joe's Annual Christmas Concert with the Wendel Singers and the YEP Brass. A firmly established favourite of the season.

2018.

Sunday January 14th : Sunday Lunch for all – a warming casserole lunch with between course comedy to lift those January Blues!

Saturday March 17th : Greek Night : our visiting chef, Kyrios Haydn, will cook us a delicious greek-themed meal as we celebrate an alternative St. Patrick's Day!

Saturday May 12th : “ Yes, I remember it well “ - a nostalgic afternoon tea through the decades. The best of teas past to stir your memories and tingle your taste - buds!

Saturday June 9th : Spring Concert with the Wesley Singers. We welcome back the Wesley Singers who always produce a magical evening.

“ Cuppa and Cakes “ - if you feel able to offer a morning coffee or afternoon tea to raise funds for the project, please add your name to the list in the foyer. These need not be large gatherings, perhaps just a few friends . As a famous supermarket says “ every little helps” !

As always, if you have any further ideas for the forthcoming year, please let one of us know.

With many thanks.

Margaret Farrar (Chair) on behalf of project group – Betty Ashton, Kathy Benson, Pat Brooke, Heather Crosby, Jenny Dalton, Jan Sanders.

TRAVELLING THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Western Australia (continued)

We arrived at Adelaide in the early morning. The weather was fine and sunny, an improvement on the last three days at sea as it had been cold and misty, not the usual weather for this part of the world. We even had the foghorn sounding at one time! But now we were ready to see Adelaide in the sunshine.

We travelled through downtown Adelaide passing the handsomely restored Railway Building and numerous colonial buildings. The guide pointed out that these beautiful buildings were built by prisoners deported from England. They must have been extremely well built as they have lasted all this time. It certainly makes you wonder what sort of lives the prisoners had.



We saw the Botanical Gardens and the wonderful Holy Trinity Church. Other colonial buildings were the Grand Old Parliament and nearby Government House, all prisoner build.

We left the city and travelled to the outlying ranges and the imaginatively named Mount Lofty, a lookout for spectacular views over the city. Travelling back we stopped at one of the lovely coastal beaches for a walk by the sea before driving through the small town of Port Adelaide before arriving at the quayside.



The ship left that evening and sailed down the coast to Kangaroo Island; we arrived as usual in the early morning. We were quite intrigued by this island as we had never heard of it before

and were eager to explore. This time we had to use the tender to get to the shore. It was windy and the sea was very choppy, which made for an interesting sail in the tender. We arrived at the harbour alright and when we got on land, although there was some wind, it was warm and sunny.

We explored Nepean Bay with its own pelicans and, of course, souvenir shops. Pennington Bay was stunning and famous for its surfing. At Cape Willoughby Conservation Park there was Australia's very first lighthouse. Although the

lighthouse operated to prevent ship wrecks, a number of ships still sank off the coastline and the remnants can still be found in the area. We also found a lovely craft market to browse through whilst being serenaded by a young man playing the guitar and singing.



Sadly, we had to get back to the ship without seeing any kangaroos! On now to our next port, Melbourne, where we will disembark and carry on our journey by plane to New Zealand.

Betty Ashton

THE TEA COSY + DEMENTIA CAFÉ

An opportunity for people with dementia and their carers to meet for lunch and have a sing-along. Open the first Wednesday of every month, 11am - 1.30pm, Lidgett Lane Community Centre, LS17 6QP. Tea and coffee, homemade sandwiches and cakes, support for carers and Singing for the Brain. £2.50 per person including lunch. Call Susie Broome on 0113 266 6476 if you require any further information. Thank you for your support.

CLASSIC QUIZ (Answers on Page 22)

This is in the popular format that Fred used to set you.

Each clue gives you two words identical except one has an extra letter. The number in brackets gives the length of the longer word.

Example: Covet a representative (5) Answer: Envy Envoy O

When you have solved the clues the letters you get spell out what we waste too much time with.

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| 1. What Trump is and what he thinks he is (4) | 6. Leading light flight (5) |
| 2. Cover a container (8) | 7. Rock Sound (5) |
| 3. Whiten the sand (6) | 8. Attack to remove (4) |
| 4. Stingy bloke (4) | 9. Speak of Sin (5) |
| 5. Answer just this (5) | 10. Count a brown shade (6) |

LIDGETT PARK LADIES' GROUP

Meeting alternate Thursday evenings at 7.45 pm in the Community Hall.
Refreshments (tea and biscuits!) provided.

12 Oct. Pat Osborne is bringing her talk on "Anne Lister of Shibden Hall" (by popular demand). Pat's talks are always fascinating. Many of her historical figures are known to us all, but she manages to give them a new dimension, doesn't she?

26th October. Pauline Ratcliffe has been recommended by Oakwood Church. She's going to talk about the Leprosy Mission - in this particular instance, in Nepal. She'll probably be bringing information leaflets, etc.

The nights are drawing in but we hope that this won't put you off coming to the meetings.

Lynne & Anne

SHADWELL METHODIST CHURCH *Cafe Morning* 10.00 am - 12.30 pm

Dates and specialties as follows :

17th October Baked Potatoes

21st November Soups

19th December Christmas food

16th January Bacon Butties

20th February Pancakes

20th March Soups

There is also a wide range of delicious home-baked cakes and scones and a variety of styles of coffee.

THORNER WOMEN'S MEETING @ 2.00 pm in the social centre. All Welcome.

Wednesday Oct 11th. Tom Alexander will be speaking about his work. Tom is a local preacher in our circuit and a retired veterinary surgeon who worked for DEFRA.

Wednesday Oct 25th. Mary Patchett, one of our local preachers, will be speaking.

Saturday 7th October
2017

10am – 4pm

Oakwood Church,
Springwood Rd, Leeds,
LS8 2QA

LEEDS NORTH & EAST CIRCUIT

Sharing Jesus

A one day conference for encouraging & equipping evangelism
with

Revd Ashley Cooper

Ashley is Superintendent Minister and Senior Pastor at SwanBank, Stoke, where he has spent 9 years developing a strong team. He serves on the ECG executive, a national conference resourcing the wider church



10am – 12pm: training session on
faith sharing

1pm – 2.30pm: practical and
creative workshops on
pressing issues for our local
churches

3pm – 4pm: celebration, with
Ashley Cooper preaching

Come to all or part of the day.

Free food provided.

Book your place with the Circuit Office: 0113 2663 309
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WHO'S WHO

Minister	Rev. Dr Daniel Mwaitu	2681757
Church Stewards	Val Faint	2663433
	Daphne Barton	2664999
	Jenny Dalton	2934588
	Malcolm Speed	2689506
Church Council Secretary	Susan Philo	2685204
Church Treasurer	Alan Wittrick	2613392
Treasurer's Assistant	Jackie Bennett	2684914
Senior Property Steward	Peter Bennett	2667380
Senior Communion Steward	Val Faint	2663433
Room Bookings (long term)	Jackie Bennett	2684914
Room Bookings (one-off)	Patricia Davies	2663090
Junior Church Contact	Peter Bennett	2667380
Pastoral Secretary	Marion Bright	8084187
Worship Consultation	Patricia Davies	2663090
Organist/Lidgett Singers	David Wilks	2932960
Car Rota Organiser	John Wells	2661952
Church Notices	Pat Brooke	2678506
Editor of The Link	Stanley Pearson	2736463
Benevolent Fund Secretary	Barbara Holmes	2686499
Christian Aid Organiser	Heather Fry	2933784
Churches Together Rep	Barbara Belsham	273719
Link Distribution Manager	Joyce Toms	2933693
Church Flowers	Margaret Lee	2663876

House Groups	Margaret Mattocks	2668727
	Stanley Pearson	2736463
	Gerry Leake	2664856
Stewardship Envelopes	Paul Nolan	2663160
Gift Aid Secretary	Garth White	2730313
Ladies Group Secretaries	Lynne Pullein	2665303
	Anne Millett	2666910
Badminton	Jackie Bennett	2684914
Church Walking Group	Peter Harper	2662310
Drama Group	Carol Russell	2698341
Simply Stitching	Audrey Gabbitas	2664979
Women's World Day of Prayer	Pat Nolan	2663160
Church Cleaning	Angela Bowers	07749877933
3rd Roundhay Brownies	Jan Ridsdale	07796272541
Candy Stripes	Office	2757697
Play Centre Group	Jeanette Bartle	07985569146
Toddler Group (Thursday)	lidgettparktodds@hotmail.co.uk	
Safeguarding Officers	Margaret Farrar (adults)	2931867
	Judith Clinkard (children)	2672986
	Peter Bennett (children)	2667380

For the fulfilment of his purpose God needs more than priests, bishops, pastors and missionaries. He needs mechanics and chemists, gardeners and street sweepers, dressmakers and cooks, tradesmen, physicians, philosophers, judges and shorthand typists.

Paul Tournier (Swiss physician and author 1898—1986)

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| 1. Twit wit | T |
| 2. Envelop Envelope | E |
| 3. Bleach beach | L |
| 4. Mean man | E |
| 5. Solve sole | V |
| 6. Star stair | I |
| 7. Stone tone | S |
| 8. Raid rid | I |
| 9. Voice vice | O |
| 10. Number umber | N |

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