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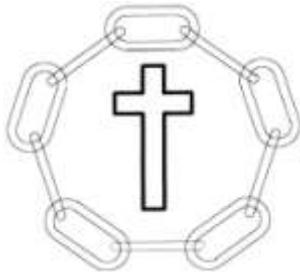
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**BRENT KNOLL**



**WEST HUNTSPILL**



**EAST BRENT**



**BURNHAM ON SEA**

## *Minister's Letter*

As I write there are some clear signs that Summer, if not quite here yet, it's just around the corner. Firstly, I'm sitting outside in the garden on the first really sunny and warm day we've had this year, with the forecast expecting even warmer temperatures for the weekend.

Secondly the garden is rampant – the grass growing inches every day, the weed beds turning green faster than Julie can weed and various young birds hopping around the garden with beaks wide open hoping to be fed by their parents.

Finally – it's time to dig the camping equipment out from the garage where it has sat in the trailer since we arrived here last August currently hidden under a pile of cardboard! This is because next weekend (spring bank holiday weekend) we will be off to Firm Foundations\*.

Firm Foundations is a Christian festival run by the Boys' and Girls' Brigades at Feldon Lodge the BB Head Quarters in Hemel Hempstead which, according to the poster, will be: "Featuring an action packed programme of worship, speakers, workshops, bands, activities, space to be you and lots of laughs". Julie and I have been attending FF for a few years now usually with a group of young people, although as we have none to take this year we will be helping our friends from the Bristol Circuit.

For me it is a time to recharge the spiritual batteries. It is inspirational to see young people enjoying themselves in a Christian environment, learning more about the faith and engaging in worship. There are usually excellent speakers and bands and I return (even after some of the rather wet weekends we've sometimes had there) with renewed energy and vision for ministry.

I think the Apostles must have felt rather like that after receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. There they were hanging around in an upstairs room after Jesus had finally left them having ascended into heaven (Acts 1: 12 – 2:21). Their moral must have been quite low at that point and they lacked the courage and initiative they needed to go out and spread the message of Jesus. But as he had promised (John 14:16), the Holy Spirit came amongst them in the sound of the wind, flames like

tongues of fire coming to rest on each one of them. Peter was inspired to preach and they went out praising God to spread his word (Acts 2).

Jesus promised that anything asked in his name would be done. The Holy Spirit is active and working today in our churches and communities just as he was then. What will we ask him for today?

I would ask you to pray for the difficult situations facing many of our churches today, especially as we adjust to the recent loss of some of our faithful and dearly loved brothers and sisters. Also please pray for new initiatives such as the new "Messy Church" starting at Burnham on the 6<sup>th</sup> June, and that the Holy Spirit will bless and inspire us as we seek to be the church in a new way.

Rev. Andrew.

\* <http://ff.boys-brigade.org.uk/>



**Deaths**                      Lillian Roper. Funeral at Brent Knoll 27<sup>th</sup> May



## CALENDAR

### MAY

Sat. 29<sup>th</sup>. 10.00 - 12.30. B/H SPRING FAIR at Burnham

### JUNE

Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup>. B/H Wednesday Group

Sat. 5<sup>th</sup>. 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Coffee Morning in aid of the RD Fund.  
7.30pm **An Evening of SANKEY** at Christchurch Chapel Hill Clevedon. £4.00 at the door.

Sun. 6<sup>th</sup>. 3.00pm. B/H Messy Church Leaders meet.

4.00pm. B/H Messy Church Rev. Andrew Biggs

Tue. 8<sup>th</sup>. 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Coffee Morning at the home of Hilary at 11 Eastleigh Close in aid of the RD Fund

Wed 9<sup>th</sup>. 12.30pm. B/H Church Lunch Club

Wed 9<sup>th</sup>. 10.30 - 3.30 BRISTOL DISTRICT WOMENS NETWORK SUMMER CELEBRATION AT CHURCHILL

Sat. 12<sup>th</sup>. 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning All Welcome

Fri 18<sup>th</sup>. 6.30pm. B/H Gardeners Question Time with Supper  
Tickets £6.00 from Barbara or Rosaleen

Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00 - 12.00.	B/H	Coffee Morning in aid of Singing Children of Africa - All Welcome
Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> .			LAST Day for items for the July - August LINK
Tue. 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	7.30pm.		CIRCUIT MEETING at Brean
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00 - 12.00.	B/H	Shoppers Coffee Morning All Welcome
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> .	10.30 & 6.30	B/H	CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> .	5.00pm	B/H	Anniversary Tea
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> .	3.00pm on	B/H	Strawberry Tea at Dorothy & Cedric's
<b>JULY</b>			
Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	10.00 - 12.00.	B/H	Coffee Morning in aid of the RD Fund – Thursday Fellowship
Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> .	4.00pm.	B/H	Messy Church Rev. Andrew Biggs
Thur. 8 <sup>th</sup> .	2.30pm.	B/H	Sponsored Knit in aid of Arthritis Research.
Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00 - 12.00.	B/H	Shoppers Coffee Morning All Welcome
Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup> .		B/H	Action for Children Sunday (NCH)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> .	12.30pm.	B/H	Church Lunch Club
Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00 - 12.00.	B/H	Shoppers Coffee Morning All Welcome
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00 - 12.00.	B/H	Coffee Morning at Joy & Tony Bishop's

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## Tim

Bridget and family would like to thank you for your prayers, concern and wonderful support during these last months. Tim was very appreciative of the warmth and friendship and he was so happy to be able to play the organ almost to the very end. Thank you too for all the lovely cards which have meant so much

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**Coach trip to Oakham Treasures** on Friday 2nd July 9.30am -5.30pm cost approx £15.00 to include entrance fee, see Rosaleen Anderson or tel. 783652.

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Also **Holiday to Bournemouth** in Jan. 2011 from Wednesday 12th to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>. Cost for four nights half board plus coach £109.00 please see Rosaleen Anderson if interested.

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## Circuit Women's Network Secretary

### EASTER OFFERING DEDICATION SERVICE

On Sunday evening, 16<sup>th</sup> May, the Circuit gathered at Victoria for the service to dedicate the Easter Offering. There was a good congregation, over 90 people representing nearly all the churches in the Circuit, which was wonderful to see. We actually ran out of orders of Service – which was good in one way, but embarrassing in another! The theme for this year's service was "Companions in Faith, Hope and Love". We heard stories of how the Methodist World Mission Fund was making a difference to people in Latvia, The Gambia and Zimbabwe. *(If you'd like to know more, look on the Methodist Church Website, under Easter offering 2010)*

Members of Churches from around the Circuit brought cakes and scones and all sorts of goodies for the tea which preceded the service which again was well attended, and special "Love Fest" cakes were also made by church members. It was a good opportunity to catch up with friends from across the Circuit.

I am particularly grateful to Mo Roscoe, Rosemary and Chris Luker for their help and support – in helping set up and clear up (Chris is a whizz with the dishwasher!). Thank you very much.

Thank you to everyone who did anything – I can't name everyone – but without **everyone** who took part, provided food, washed up, read, prayed and sang and simply came, the Service would not happen.

Thank you to Sheila MacInally for her inspiring talk – love in action really is at the heart of our Christian faith and we have certainly seen plenty of that at Victoria in the past week with all that has been going on – a Civic lunch, Cameo, The Cheddar Male Choir, Baptism and the Easter Offering Service.

The total raised for the Easter offering was £1,597.76; £165.30 of which was the offering on Sunday evening. This is **£500 more** than last year. All this money will go to the Methodist World Mission Fund. Thank you so much for your generosity, it is very much appreciated.

With blessings,

Di Smart

**Coffee Morning Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

10.00 - 12.00.

at the home of **Hilary** at

11 Eastleigh Close

in aid of the RD Fund

**STRAWBERRY TEA**

At the home of

**Dorothy and Cedric**

6 Brightstowe Road.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

3.00pm onwards

Everyone Welcome

Raffle and Stalls

In aid of the Redevelopment Fund

Transport can be arranged

**COFFEE MORNING**

**Friday 30th July**

10.00 - 12.00

At 7 Naish Road, home of Joy & Tony.

Teas & Coffees Raffle and Bring & Buy

In aid of the Redevelopment Fund

# CHEDDAR MALE CHOIR CONCERT

What a wonderful evening we had at Victoria Methodist Church on 15th May, when we attended the concert given by the Cheddar Male Choir! From beginning to end we were treated to a deeply moving and inspiring programme of music, and were "transported" to different countries with items such as the 'African Trilogy' and the 'American Trilogy'. The choir performed many of our favourite items of music, amongst which were 'You'll Never Walk Alone', 'The Rose', 'You Raise Me Up' and 'When the Saints'. Particularly moving was the musical arrangement 'Monte Cristo' by Emrys Jones (known to us as 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'). I have to say though that my favourite item was the choir's presentation of a selection from 'Les Miserables' by Schonberg.

We were privileged to have as soloist Richard Lennox (formerly known as Richard Baker of Weston S Mare) who enthralled us with his wonderful solo- playing on the Organ/Piano. What a very talented musician he is!

Not forgetting the choir's Accompanist Paul Beechey; and Musical Director Rick Bowers (who kept us entertained whilst announcing the musical items!). All in all it was a delight to have heard the choir perform, and I would like to thank Dorothy and Cedric (and helpers) for all their hard work in making the evening such a special one for us all. Thank you so much to all who shared in, and attended, this event which was arranged in aid of the Burnham-On-Sea Methodist Church Redevelopment Fund. Special thanks also to the members at Victoria for preparing Tea and Coffee during the Interval.

Carol.

The total raised for the RD Fund was £620.00



## LINK VILLAGES' FELLOWSHIP

We were very pleased to welcome back The New Horizon Singers' who gave a selection of music in various styles. We were all invited to join in singing popular favourites. At the close, a collection was taken - this will all go to the funds for the Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment at Musgrove Hospital - S.U.R.E it was a most enjoyable afternoon.

On May 11<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Stanley Pipet visited the fellowship with a selection of fuchsias with which he illustrated his talk. He spoke of how his interest had been sparked by two ladies at one of his London Churches. Early in the last century, their brother, Bert Brown, had felt the call to be a missionary, but with no education and no money, he was very firmly turned down. Undaunted by this, Bert was determined to pursue his calling, so he harnessed the family's one resource – land at the back of their home - to grow and develop fuchsias. First he spent time in Holland to learn all he could to achieve this aim, and success led to him showing at Chelsea Flower Show. Having now acquired the required money and education, he made the running of the nursery over to his sisters, and then began his preparations. He trained at theological college, then realised that medical training would be a great asset too, so he qualified as a doctor. The rest of his life until retirement was spent as a missionary in Papua New Guinea. The fuchsias Stanley brought with him were named after family members, including Bert Brown apart from one which was developed as a tribute to his work as a missionary which is called "Mission Bells"

Our A.G.M. will be led by Rev. Andrew Biggs on Tuesday, May 25th. This will be followed by Communion.

Eileen Goundry



## **The Church Lunch Club has arrived**

It will commence on Wednesday June 9th at 12.30pm, and will continue monthly on the second Wednesday of each month. The two course meal, followed by tea or coffee, will be served in the church hall. There is a limit of 20 people and tickets must be obtained in advance to avoid wastage. They are available for June 9th from Joan Wilkins or Daphne Hill and the cost will be £5.00.

The menu this month is beef cobbler with new potatoes, green beans and peas, followed by lemon cheesecake and cream. Please advise if you require a vegetarian meal.



## **ABBNEYFIELD**

WOODLANDS, 15, Berrow Road, Bumham on Sea, TA8 2EX  
The Residents, Staff and Volunteers cordially invite you to our

OPEN DAY on Weds. 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010

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Light refreshments will be served.

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Or e-mail [jennygolding@sky.com](mailto:jennygolding@sky.com)

# Methodist Toddler Group

Hi All,

I would like to update everyone on our “Methodist Toddler Group” an outreach and service to the community. I will endeavour to give regular news of any future events or changes within our group.

We now meet from 9.45am-11.30am on Friday mornings and regularly have 20 to 25 parents/carers and their young children attending.

You can now find us on [www.BurnhamParenting.co.uk](http://www.BurnhamParenting.co.uk)

Or information is available at Burnham library.

If you know someone who would benefit from this outreach please send a warm invite from us to come along and see what we have to offer them.

## **Our aim**

Is to provide a social setting where mums, dads, and carers can support each other and their pre-school children in a safe environment.

To encourage adults and children to have fun and be a friendly welcoming inclusive group.

To encourage children to mix, learn, and share through play and various activities as a stepping stone to school.

As Christians we offer this service to you in the name of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ.

God Bless,  
Paul & Sheila Creswick & Team.



BRISTOL DISTRICT WOMENS NETWORK

# Summer exhibition

AT

*CHURCHILL METHODIST CHURCH SOMERSET*

*WEDNESDAY*

JUNE 9th 2010

From 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Please see posters for full details

Or phone Cedric on Burnham 01278 784204



As a newcomer, I would like to say how much I enjoyed my copy of 'The Link'. I was so pleased to read of the start of a Messy Church, may God bless this new venture.

Also to see a reading quoted from 'Our Daily Bread' by Julie Ackerman Link and published by (also one from 'The word for today' published by UBC (0845 06040401- Local Call Rate). I recommend both of these for helpful daily reading.

Finally I want to thank everyone for making me so welcome.

Janet M. Thompson, West Huntspill.

# THE METHODIST CHURCH

[www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk)

## NEWS RELEASE

6 May 2010

### Young Methodists geared to get **Generous**

- New website for young people run by young people

A website for young people run by young people has been launched by the Methodist Children and Youth Team.

**Generous** is a safe, online space designed to enable young people to discuss and act upon decisions made at Youth Assembly – an interactive body designed to maximise the impact of young people’s influence on the Methodist Church in Britain. Young people can sign up to the site and pledge their commitment to different goals, such as confronting racist behaviour or challenging Churches on the opportunities available to them.

The website offers young people the opportunity to work together on maximising the impact they can have on the wider Church. Every young person who signs up and joins the debate becomes an activist and voice for social change.

Pete Brady, Methodist Youth President, said: “**Generous** is a great way for young people to keep in touch with others they met at Youth Assembly. It offers the chance for young people to share things that affect them on a daily basis in their lives and churches. This is an opportunity for young people to be part of the decision-making process emerging from the Youth Assembly that will then play its part in re-shaping the Methodist Church. I am very excited about how this will increase youth participation across the Districts. **Generous** is easy and free to join. The more young people leaving comments, signing up to actions, meeting in the chat rooms; the more dynamic the forum will be.”

Pete Brady has piloted the website with a group of ‘Generous DJs’ – young people from Youth Assembly who have tested the site’s usability. The DJs will also serve as promoters for **Generous** – getting their peers enthused about the site and working on developing its content, direction and moderation.

Check out **Generous** at <http://methodist.generous.org.uk/>. The site will form a key component of the new Children & Youth website set for launch this summer.



## The World Missionary Conference’ 1910

It is just one hundred years since one of the most significant international Christian gatherings for many generations was held in Edinburgh in June 1910. It was ‘The World Missionary Conference’ repercussion of which are still with us today. To mark the centenary of that Conference, many representatives of churches across the world will be coming together in another conference in Edinburgh this month with the theme: ‘Witnessing to Christ in Humility and Hope’.

Nowadays we expect the churches to at least co-operate with each other. It was not always so. Even those of us whose memories go back for seventy years or so will remember a coldness between different denominations. For example Anglicans were told they ought not to take part in free church services. The free churches were very suspicious of the Anglicans and even more of the Roman Catholics.

For very many years before 1910 many Christians had been disturbed by these rivalries. In particular those involved in missionary work felt that the divisions between the churches were a real hindrance in carrying out God’s call to evangelise the world. There had previously been a number of conferences of Protestant Missionary bodies, but the really significant one was this one, held just one hundred years ago. It brought 1215 delegates together, most of them from the non western world, and from what we would call ‘Evangelical’ churches. This conference was to provide in time the impetus to launch the ecumenical movement. In that it was helped by the fact that, for the first time an Anglican Missionary Society: the S.P.G. agreed to attend. It was to lead in the nineteen twenties and thirties to the ‘Faith and Order’ and ‘Life and Work’ movements,

which in their turn were to lead in 1948, after the war, to the establishment of the 'World Council of Churches' The first Assembly of the World Council of Churches sent the following message to the churches:

'Here at Amsterdam we have committed ourselves to him, and have covenanted with one another in constituting the World Council of Churches. We intend to stay together.'

*This gathering gave a stimulus to the churches in India, and Zambia to move towards unity, and also for the Presbyterian and Congregational churches in this country to combine as the United Reformed Church. It also meant that local churches began to talk to each other in the new local councils of churches which later became, 'Churches Together'.*

*This has been a truly significant period in Christian history and led to the joint actions that now we take for granted. We should be grateful for all the progress so far. There is however a long way to go before the churches fulfil Christ's great high priestly prayer that 'they should all be one'.*

*John Le Sueur.*



## **Sponsored Knit in aid of Arthritis Research.**

Our annual Sponsored Knit-in will be held on Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm. We have a happy hour Knitting and chatting and the Arthritis Research Council are most appreciative of the result. Will knitters bring some double knitting wool and number 9 (3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) needles. I have plenty of sponsor forms.

If you do not knit why not come along for a pleasant afternoon, and, of course, a cuppa, you will be most welcome.

Iris Hodgkinson



# Harry's Column

## Taking your place in the plan of God

'... "I AM...THE GOD OF ABRAHAM... ISAAC, AND...JACOB" ...'  
EXODUS 3:6 NKJV

Today we're conditioned to think in terms of instant gratification. We're the generation of lunchtime face lifts and text messaging; we hate to wait for anything. Think about the last time you had to wait for something to arrive by 'snail mail/or stand in line at the checkout counter. Now, here's where we get it wrong: we expect whatever God initiates through us to be completed; while we are still around to see the end result We don't like it when He decides to continue the work through another person, or worse, another generation! But that's how God works. When God reveals something to you it's usually within the framework of what's already taken place before you came on the scene. He told Moses. 'I am the God of your father.. .of Abraham.. .Isaac, and..Jacob.' God had made certain promises to Moses' forefathers hundreds of year's earlier, and now it was Moses' time to take his place in the plan of God. Accepting that you're a small link in a big chain can be humbling, but once Moses understood it he was able to connect with and focus on something bigger than himself. It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work' (1 Corinthians 3:7-8 NLT). It's amazing what you can accomplish when you're not concerned about who carries the torch over the finish line.

# GOD HAS TIME FOR YOU

READ:

Psalm 34:4-18

This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. -quizzes and supper. Please note the earlier start Rosaleen-Psalm 34:6  
THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR  
1 Kings 21-22  
Luke 23:26-56

Historian Cassius Dio recorded a revealing event from the life of Hadrian, the Roman Emperor from AD 117-138: "Once, when a woman made a request of [Hadrian] as he passed by on a journey, he at first said to her, 'I haven't time,' but afterwards, when she cried out, 'Cease, then, being emperor,' he turned about and granted her a hearing."

How often we say or hear, "Not now, I'm busy" or "I'm sorry, but I just don't have time." Yet our heavenly Father, the Master and Creator of everything, always has time for us.- The psalmist wrote: "The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. . . The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles" (Ps. 34:15-17).

God is not like the emperor or a busy executive who tries to avoid interruption. Instead, the Father's joy is to listen and respond to His children. "The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit" (v. 18).

Hadrian's afterthought was, "I must take time for my subjects." God's first thought is, "I always have time for those who come to Me." Whenever we need to talk, the Lord is ready to listen.

- David McCasland

I love to dwell upon the thought  
That Jesus cares for me;  
It matters not what life may bring--  
He loves me tenderly. ---Adams

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**God is never too busy to listen to His children.**

## Where have all the pews gone?



These have gone to Scotland and were several from the west side of the Church and 1 was the pew on which Lily Pearson sat and is now with others in her daughter's Garden.



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## **EAST BRENT**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> was a family service at our chapel. The service was taken by June Nethercot. Some Brownies were present and once again it was a most enjoyable service. The theme was, 'being held in Jesus' hands. everyone drew the outline of one of their hands with their face drawn in the middle to remind us that Jesus always holds us all in the palms of his hands.

On Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April at our fellowship meeting we were entertained by the New Horizon Singers who were excellent and we had a most enjoyable afternoon when we also joined in some of the songs. There was a collection for S.U.R.E. (Somerset Unit Radiography Equipment).

On May 8<sup>th</sup> one of our congregation was married and we would all like to wish Ann and her husband Arthur, love and every blessing for their future happiness.

We have only two more fellowship meetings before the summer break, I'm sure that many of you are looking forward to going on holiday and I hope you will all have a lovely time and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Margaret Green.



## **BURNHAM.**

[www.methodistchurchburnhamonsea.org.uk](http://www.methodistchurchburnhamonsea.org.uk)

### **STEWARDS COLUMN**

As we approach the month of June we are experiencing a taste of the hot summer that had been forecast. This weather is alright for many, but the gardens are beginning to cry out for rain. It is necessary to have the right balance of rain and warmth to enable everything to grow and flourish.

On June 6th at 4.00pm there is to be the first Messy Church Service. A lot of time preparing this new venture has taken place so we pray that it

will be successful in encouraging many to come along and learn of the love of Jesus. If you are unable to come and support, do however pray for this to be a success.

On June 27<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our 131<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary. Andrew is planned for both services. There will be an anniversary tea at 5.00pm. Again do come along and share in this celebration.

By the time you read this, the builders should have covered the Rose window and cleaned the stone work where the pigeons roosted at night.

We are continuing to raise money to pay off the remaining money due on our redevelopment work. On June 9<sup>th</sup> the first of the Monthly Lunches will be held, 20 tickets will be on sale at £5.00 each. Daphne and Joan are catering for this first meal so see them for your tickets. On June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 Barbara has arranged a meal and “Gardeners Question Time” Tickets £6.00. On 30<sup>th</sup> June Cedric and I are holding our Strawberry Tea from 3.00pm onwards.

Come along and share in the friendship and fellowship at any or all of the above.

At this time many of our congregation take a break away. We miss them but wish them an enjoyable time and may they return feeling fully refreshed.

To the sick and house bound we send our greetings, assuring them of our prayers.

Dorothy on behalf of the Stewards.



## **BURNHAM REDEVELOPMENT FUND**

In April we raised £634.25. Our thanks for £400.05 raised at the Craft & Produce Show.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

- May 29<sup>th</sup> SPRING FAIR 10.00am – 12.30pm
- June 8<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning at Hilary Wotton’s
- June 18<sup>th</sup> Gardener’s Question Time & Meal

June 30<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Tea at Dorothy & Cedric's  
July 30<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning at Joy & Tony Bishop's  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Morning at Daphne Hill's  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> Gardens Open Afternoon – details nearer the  
time.

## **Action for Children (NCH)**

The result of the House to House collection during April was £335.00. This was not as much as in 2009 but there were fewer collectors able to help. Nevertheless this amount will be greatly appreciated.

On Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating “Action for Children” 141 years since it was founded by the Rev. Thomas Stephenson. There will be envelopes available that day. Please continue to support this work.

I would like to thank you all for your continuing support.

Dorothy May.



## **BREAN**

[www.brean-methodist-church.home.dhs.org](http://www.brean-methodist-church.home.dhs.org)

It's been so hot that not even the dog wants to go out. At least that's some sort of relief. Last night Judy and I, and our son Luke, went to Wells Cathedral to hear Sir Willard White sing Porgy and Bess, and Balshazzar's feast. It was a glorious occasion with sunlight streaming through the huge West window in the early evening, lighting up features that are never observed during a daytime visit. By a happy coincidence I was among the first in the queue for tickets and we sat in the front row no more than a stride away from the great man himself. Some people are blessed with extraordinary talent while we lesser mortals can only watch in awe. I never thought it was possible to be so loud without shouting, yet every note was perfect (or so it seemed to me), and every inflexion whether by sound or visually, added to the enjoyment. Here was a man whose quietness as he sat there waiting his turn gave out a sense of inner peace and the whole occasion exuded an element of deep spirituality.

And then today has been Pentecost. The day when we rejoice at the coming of the Spirit into the lives of the first Christians. A day in which to be thankful for God's love for us.

We were pleased to learn that Daphne Price has had a successful operation on her eye. Daphne will now be spending more time with her family in Swindon so will not be with us so often. We wish you well Daphne and hope that these new arrangements work well.

The scaffolding on our roof has now been taken down and we look smart again – from the outside at least, for we now have to give attention to the blocks of plaster that fell from the ceiling in the church as part of the process. And we are well aware that bits and pieces of the windows and such need a coat of paint.

We should have had the report back on our LEP from the review group, presented to us in April but one of the Group was caught up in the chaos caused by the Icelandic volcano. So that has been put back until July, though we have already received their written comments.

We have had a steady stream of visitors so far this year and hope that the flow continues through the summer – maybe, just maybe, in amongst them will be a family, or more than one family, who have decided to come and live among us and worship with us regularly.

So let's hope that the weather continues to bless us in these summer months.

Harvey Allen



## **WEST HUNTSPILL**

### **Art Exhibition**

West Huntspill Methodist Church were fortunate to be able to host an Art Exhibition on Friday, Saturday & Sunday 14th - 16th May. Mrs. Kay Bennett from East Huntspill Art Club organised the event and there were 120 paintings by local amateur artists on display. The paintings covered a variety of subjects with quite a few picturing local beauty spots such as Mendips and Glastonbury Tor. Art Club

members were on hand to answer any questions about the paintings and also to handle any purchases as some of the pictures were for sale.

The event was well attended. Church members provided morning coffee & biscuits, light lunches and afternoon teas with either cakes or a cream tea. On Saturday a group from Winscombe entertained us with organ music and singing, a lovely addition to the day.

It was wonderful to see all the pictures in such a tranquil setting and it is hoped the exhibition will repeated again next year.

The club welcomes newcomers of any ability and meets alternate Wednesdays in East Huntspill Village Hall.

Kay Lloyd

**West Huntspill Methodist Church**  
**Summer Evening Of Entertainment**  
**Tuesday 15th June**  
**at 7.30pm**

**Come And Hear**  
**THE COASTLINE SINGERS**

**There Will Be Tea And Coffee**  
**Also**  
**A Bring And Buy Stall**

## **BRENT KNOLL**

On May 1<sup>st</sup> we held our annual Bring & Buy Sale and Coffee Morning and we were delighted to greet many friends from the Circuit, village and St Michaels Church for a great time of fellowship which raised £154.00

On 3<sup>rd</sup> May there was the service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of William (Known to us as Bill) Drew. The Church was full with over 100 present and it was a truly memorable occasion. The Service was conducted by Rev. Margaret Trapp and the address given by Rev. Andrew Biggs. Both paid tribute to Bill's life and work and they were followed by further tributes and memories both moving and amusing by members of the family. The characteristics stood out as we heard of Bill's life – his love of his Lord, his love of his wife and family and his love of his Church. Bill was meticulous in his care of our finances, the business of the circuit and his stewarding duties. We all remember his warm smile of greeting and his delightful sense of humour. After the service we enjoyed a lovely time of fellowship in the village hall. Bill will be greatly missed by us all but we thank God for every remembrance of him and we pray for Barbara and family to be strengthened by their faith as they mourn a truly Christian gentleman.

The other day I came across a lovely thought in the book of Samuel. Abigail, seeking to comfort and reassure David said to him “You are safe in the care of the Lord just as though you were safe inside his purse (L.G.)”

We can rejoice that we like all those who have gone before are safe in the care of our Lord just as though we are safe in his purse.

With love,

Kathleen Burridge.

P.S. As I write I hear that Shirley Pycroft, Geoff Tullett and Ted Latham are in hospital. Please remember them in your prayers. Kath.

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