
THE LINK

Methodist Link Churches Magazine

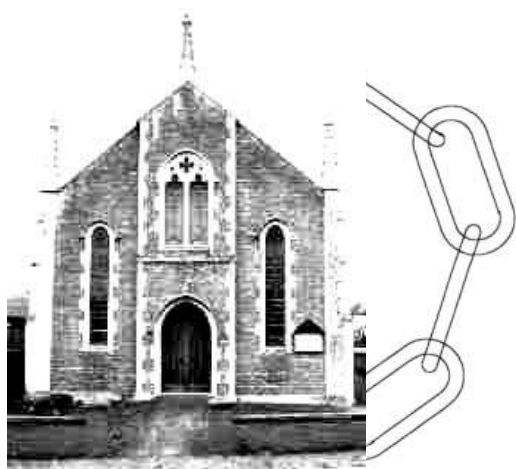
June 2017 Volume 52. No. 5.



BREAN



BRENT KNOLL



WEST HUNTSPILL



EAST BRENT



BURNHAM

From the Minister Study

Dear Friends

A(nother) General Election looms. I always – and especially this time – want to tell people how to vote, but that’s not what we do, you wouldn’t take any notice and it would probably be counter-productive. But as Christians we will have different priorities in making our choice than some in wider society. We live in a time of negativism, cynicism and political boorishness. The Brexit vote of last year has unleashed an unhappy strain of ignorant prejudice and demonic racism that makes some of us ashamed to be British. But British we are, and in our free society our votes count. Many will be voting on the basis of which party promises them the best deal, but we have to be above that, and I find that gospel imperatives lead me to the following questions as I vote :

- 1 Which party is most likely to safeguard the interests and wellbeing of the least fortunate and most needy in our society?
- 2 Which party embraces policies that seek to draw us closer to other countries and cultures?
- 3 Which party is most committed to doing something to alleviate the effects of climate change?
- 4 Which party will make sufficient funding available to support the public services on which we all rely, rather than letting them fall into the hands of profit-making companies?

This isn’t about whether party leaders go to church – some do, some don’t, but some of the world’s worst tyrants have claimed Christian credentials. It is about which manifesto gets closest to offering policies that we feel Jesus would have commended.

With all best wishes

John



Deaths Mrs Mary Frost

Funeral at Brent Knoll Methodist Friday 2nd June at 1.00pm



Calendar

MAY

Fri 26th 10.00 - 12.00 W/H Coffee, Cake & Chat at West Huntspill
Sat 27th 10.00 - 4.00 B/H Burnham Food Festival
Mon 29th 7.30pm Christian Aid Global Wave of Prayer see page 7

JUNE

Thur 1st 2.30pm B/H Thursday Fellowship - At home with Rev. Joyce Plumb.
Sat 3rd 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by Dorothy & Helpers
Sat 3rd 7.30pm W/H Christian Aid Pentecost Event at St Peter's West Huntspill see page 7
Tues 6th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Coffee Morning at the home of Joy & Tony Bishop 7 Naish Road
Wed 7th B/H Wednesday Group - Visit to Walled Gardens of Cannington
Thur 8th B/H **GENERAL ELECTION**
Sat 10th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham
Sat 10th 7.00pm B/H Concert by David Jenkins at Burnham See page 5
Sun 11th 10.30am B/H Burnham Church Anniversary
Sun 11th 11.00am B/H West Huntspill Church Anniversary
Wed 14th 12.00 B/H Communion Service
Wed 14th 12.30 B/H Church Lunch - Daphne
Fri 16th 10.00 - 5.00 Quilt & Flower Festival at The Catholic Church See page 5
Sat 17th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H St Margaret's Hospice Coffee Morning at Burnham.

Sun 18th LAST DAY FOR THE JULY - AUGUST LINK

Mon 19th 2.30 - 4.00 B/H Afternoon Tea, Cake & Chat - All Welcome
Sat 24th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham
Fri 30th 10.00 - 12.00 W/H Coffee, Cake & Chat at West Huntspill

JULY

Sat 1st 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by the Wednesday Group

Wed 5th 3.00pm on B/H Afternoon Tea at the home of Dorothy & Cedric May at 6 Brightstowe Road
 Sat 8th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham
 Wed 12th 12.00 B/H Communion Service
 Wed 12th 12.30 B/H Church Lunch - Dorothy
 Sat 15th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H St Margaret's Hospice Coffee Morning at Burnham.
 Sun 16th 2.00pm Garden Party at Burnham Hospital See page 6

B/H Burnham, BR Brean, B/K Brent Knoll, E/B East Brent, W/H West Huntspill



The Quaker Tapestry

The Quaker Tapestry visits Taunton in May 2017

20 panels of embroidery will be on display from 20th May to 3rd June 2017 from 10am-4pm Monday to Saturday (Closed Sunday).

At Temple Methodist Church, Upper High St, Taunton, Somerset TA1 3PY

For further information contact Joanna Rossiter at Temple Methodist Church: phone: 01823 275765 email: templepilgrim@tiscali.co.uk

We are so excited to be taking the Quaker Tapestry to visit Taunton – back to its roots or birthplace – in Somerset. The Quaker Tapestry began in Taunton in 1981 in the Quaker Meeting Sunday school one January morning.

It was a project to brighten up the children's room – little did they know then that it would brighten up many a room! We've been touring with the Tapestry panels since the late 1980s all over Britain, some parts of America, France, Ireland etc.

Come and see the exhibition in May 2017 in Taunton

Temple Methodist Church and Quakers in Somerset have organised this event with the Quaker Tapestry.



BURNHAM METHODIST CHURCH



Saturday 10
June 2017
at 7 pm

DAVID JENKINS IN
CONCERT

'MUSIC TO DISCOVER

Sandwiches and cakes will be served
during the interval and CD's of "The Salisbury Suite"
and "The Dartmouth Suite" will be available

Tickets £7

~~~~~

## *A Festival of FLOWERS AND QUILTS*

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am – 5.00pm

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

Refreshments. Good car parking.

**OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**

**HIGHBRIDGE ROAD BURNHAM TA8 1LL**

~~~~~

Friends of Burnham Hospital



Friends of Burnham Hospital are hosting a “Garden Party”

This is a new venture for us and we do hope you can join us.

The event is to be held at the hospital **from
2.00pm on Sunday 16th July.**

A chance for you to see the hospital, our refurbished garden and partake in the following -

**CREAM TEAS BOTTLE STALL CAKE STALL
TABLE TOP SALE “MAKE & TAKE
CRAFT MAKING FACE PAINTING RAFFLE**

**IF YOU CAN DONATE ANY QUALITY BRIC-A-BRAC,
UNWANTED PRESENTS OR BOTTLES THAT WE CAN USE FOR
THIS OR FUTURE EVENTS** please call Ceri on 07977 191799 OR
01278 323794 who will arrange to collect if from you.

Reaching out – If you are a “Friend of Burnham Hospital” and have not received a newsletter from me this year then it is likely I don’t have your correct email address. Send me an email on ceri160443@sky.com and I can update our records.

Kind Regards

Ceri Marketing and Publications



Churches Together

At the last Churches Together meeting on Thursday, May 12th we were lucky enough to have Alan Dixon, Somerset Churches Together Ecumenical Officer with us who brought us up-to-date with local issues. The local clergy group is hoping to put in place a permanent chaplain at the Hinkley Point building site to help with the welfare of the 9000 workers who will soon be there and we are asked to pray for this to happen.

Alan also encouraged churches in the area to get involved with the Thy Kingdom Come initiative started by the Archbishop of Canterbury. More details can be found on the internet.

Christian Aid Week activities are being organised by local churches individually. Our own effort was a Beetle Drive which raised £95 so thanks to all who supported this event.

On Monday 29th May there is a **Global Wave of Prayer** meeting to which all are invited, at 7.30pm in Berrow Village Hall, and on Saturday June 3rd there is a **Pentecost event at St. Peter's West Huntspill at 7.30** which will involve a speaker, worship, praise and prayer.

The Rev Sharon Crossman and Rev Marian Hanson are going to organise a 'Place of Gathering' where Christians of all denominations can get together just to meet, pray and communicate with each other. Out of this experience it is hoped that we will become aware of what God wants us to do as Christians in this area - more of this to follow.

Lastly, Churches Together will help to finance the replacement of the crosses on Brent Knoll which have been vandalised.

We look forward to the future with hope and expectation!

Barbara Williams



Spring Fair

The date for the Spring Fair was arranged for Saturday 6th May.

Unfortunately this date proved to be the wrong date. There were several people on holiday, some unwell and it was also the date of Synod.

We had stalls in the Church. These were selling Jewellery, Gift Bags, League of Friends of Burnham Hospital and our Raffle which the League of Friends took care of, also the lunches were served.

In the Hall there was a Plant Stall, 2 Tables of Bric-a-Brac, Books and Cakes. The Choral Society had a Bric-a-Brac Stall, 2 of the Woodturners were there with some of their lovely work and Biars also had a Bric-a-Brac Stall.

Coffee was served in the entrance, unfortunately only 2 members of the Choir were able to serve the Coffee & Tea but Bridget's daughter in law Linda was a great help.

However everyone coped very well.

The total raised including Donations was over £1000.00.

I would like to say a very Big Thank You to everyone for their support.

Dorothy May

WEST HUNTSPILL



Church Anniversary Services

11th June at 11.00am

Service will be led by Revd Pam Pembro



“Jesus bids us shine”



We are hoping to arrange an evening in either July or August with Revd Jim when we reminisce and sing some of those old favourites from our Sunday School days. If you have a favourite hymn or chorus you

would like to sing again, please let John 783218 or Maureen 783774 know



Our regular Coffee and Chat Morning

Friday June 30th 2017

10am -12.00md



Table Top Sales and lots of free coffee, cakes and chatter

Donations for The Children’s Safe House in North India



Weston Burnham		Jun-17				Jul-17	Jul-17
		28 Pentecost	11 Trinity Sunday	18	28 Conference Sunday	2	9 Action for Children
Brean	10:30am	Horlock	Marr HC	Gale	Treble	at St Bridgets	Dallimore
Brent Knoll	10:30am	Trapp HC	G Hoare	Horlock	OA	Hoare HC	Patient
Burnham	10:30am	Jones	David Jenkins CA	J Pipet FS	Pipet	James HC	G Hoare
	6:00pm	OA	James	G Hoare	Treble	G Hoare	McKnight
Church Road	10:30am	Dallimore	Ingrouille	Krull	Hoare HC	Allen	Luker
East Brent	10:30am	Thomas	Bridges	Allen	Luker	Davis	Pembro HC
Locking Castle	9:15am	Yacomeni	Pearce	Ingrouille	Hoare	Yacomeni/ Brown	Yacomeni
	10:30am	Yacomeni	Pearce	N. Lomanto	Yacomeni	Brown	Yacomeni
Milton	10:30am	Hill	Dan & Grace AAW	Hoare	Marr HC	Dare	Gale AAW
	3:00pm	Hoare				Hoare	
	6:30pm		Hoare HC	Ingrouille	G Hoare		Hoare HC
St Andrews	10:00am	Krull	Hoare HC	Jenks	G Hoare	Pipet	Erridge
	6:00pm	Bleadon	Victoria	Milton	Hoare	Bleadon	Victoria
Uphill	10:30am	G. Hoare	Jenks	Barrett	Thomas	Marr	Hoare CA/HC
	6:00pm	G Hoare					
Victoria	10:30am	Hoare HC	James	JW	Dallimore	Murphy HC	Jones
	6:30pm	Davis	Ingrouille	Hoare HC	OA	Dare	G Hoare
West Huntspill	11:00am	Pipet HC	Pembro	Lester	Hill	Bridges	Horlock
		Acts 2:1-21 Ps 104: 24-34,35b 1 Cor 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23	Gen 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 2 Cor 13:11-13 Matt 28:16-20	Gen 18:1-15 Ps 116:1-2 ,12-19 Rom 5:1-8 Matt 9:35-10:8	Gen 21:8-21 Ps 86:1-10 ,16-17 Rom 6:1b-11 Matt 10:24-39	Gen 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Rom 6:12-23 Matt 10:40-42	Gen 24:34-38 42-49, 58-67 Ps 45:10-17 Rom 7:15-25a Matt 11:16-19 25-30

Jul-17	Jul-17	Jul-17	Aug-17			
16	23	30	6	13	20	27
Marr HC	OA	G Hoare	Bennett CS 4pm	Pipet HC	Allen	J. Pipet
Allen	Trapp	Pembro	Marr HC	J. Pipet	Jenks	McKnight
Ingrouille FS	McKnight HC	Dallimore	Bennett HC	Hill	Davis FS	Trebble
Trebble	Hoare	McKnight	4pm at Brean	Patient	McKnight	Bennett
Lester	G Hoare	OA	Hoare HC	Jenks	Luker	Thomas
Williamson	OA	Jenks	Barrett	Trebble	Horlock	Pipet HC
Pearce	Hoare/ Ingrouille	Pearce/ Williams	Yacomeni/ Lester	Yacomeni/ Lloyd	Pearce/ Lomanto	Bennett
Pearce	Ingrouille	Williams	Lester	Yacomeni	S. Lomanto	Van der Watt
Harding	Davis	Hoare HC	Bridges	G Hoare AAW	Harding	Barrett
			4pm at Brean			
Ingrouille	Horlock	G Hoare		Hoare	Krull	Luker
Erridge	Hoare HC	Horlock	Erridge	Erridge	Williamson	Lester
Milton	McKnight		4pm at Brean	Victoria	Milton	Pembro
Bridges	J Pipet	Trebble	OA	Hoare HC	Dallimore	Gale
JW	Pullen HC	Pipet	Pembro	Barrett	Marr	Pembro
Hoare HC	G Hoare	Hoare	SoP	SoP	SoP	SoP
G Hoare	James HC	OA	Williamson	Jones	Thomas	Bennett HC
Gen 25:19-34 Ps 119:105-112 Rom 8:1-11 Matt 13:1-9 18-23	Gen 28:10-19a Ps 139:1-12 23-24 Rom 8:12-25 Matt 13:24-30 36-43	Gen 9:15-28 Ps 105:1-11,45b Rom 8:26-39 Matt 13:31-33 44-52	Gen 32:22-31 Ps 17:1-7,15 Rom 9:1-5 Matt 14:13-21	Gen 37:1-4 ,12-28 Ps 105:1-6, 16-22,45b Rom 10:5-15 Matt 14:13-21	Gen 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Rom 11:1-2a 29-32 Matt 15:21-28	Exo 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 Rom 12:1-8 Matt 16:13-20

BRENT KNOLL

www.brentknollmethodistchurch.com

I have just come back from our first "Praise for Pets" service here at Brent Knoll - and what a wonderful time we had.

We had 9 well behaved dogs, a church full of well behaved owners and one exceptionally brave cat. Margaret Trapp led the blessing of the pets and of the prayer and memory tree which was full of names and photographs of well loved companions past and present and much appreciated by those who had placed them there. A special thank you should also go to Ann Hall's dog Jasper who was in particularly good voice during "All things bright and beautiful"!

The church was decorated with pictures coloured in by the toddler group and the children thoroughly enjoyed looking at them - so a big thank you to them. And thank you to Gill, Janet and Sam for reading the prayers so beautifully - especially to Janet as her beautiful dog Buster wouldn't be separated from her and happily joined her at the lectern.

And of course a huge thank you must go out to Carol Fisher who organised most of the service and supplied extra special treats of homemade cake and biscuits for the two-legged participants afterwards.

We really had a wonderful time and we were especially pleased to see visitors from the village who so much enjoyed the service and expressed how light and welcoming our church looked. They asked for details of our services so we really hope to see them back again. I have the feeling that this may turn into an annual event.

Looking forwards, we shall be having a shorter service on Sunday 4th June (Pentecost Sunday). Margaret Trapp will be leading a 30 minute time of worship with Communion at 10.30am as those of us who are able will be joining our friends from St Christopher's afterwards to celebrate with them their festival of Koinonia which will be held at Woodlands House.

On a much sadder note, we were so sorry to hear of the death of Mary Frost on Thursday 18th May. Ever since her marriage to Ronald, Mary has been involved in many activities in the village and she was also at the centre of our life here at the Methodist church, although she remained

a member of the Church of England. The service for Mary will be held here at the church on Friday 2nd June at 1pm followed by the committal at Sedgemoor Crematorium at 2pm. Refreshments will be in the Parish Hall afterwards and all are welcome. Many people would like to share their memories of Mary so I will be writing more fully in next month's magazine. And it goes without saying that our love and our prayers are with all her family and with Mary's many friends who will miss her so much, as of course, do we all here at the church.

God bless

Rosemary Krull



EAST BRENT

At last our organ has been repaired and Evelyn is once again tinkling the ivories. Revd. Pam Pembro has agreed to oversee East Brent whilst Revd. Steve is away on sabbatical and it was a pleasure to have Pam and Peter amongst our congregation on 7th May.

Our notice board is being refurbished and we still await the roofer to attend to slipped and missing roof tiles as well as plaster the small aperture in the Church ceiling that was damaged when Solar Panels were installed. On the subject of solar panels we have enjoyed quarterly paybacks and reduced electricity bills since their installation although it will be several years before the outlay for them is recovered.

We look forward to the last week of the current plan when the Revd. John James will be welcomed for the FIRST time to East Brent.

It does not go unnoticed that some Supernumeraries and Local Preachers have not conducted services in various Churches or that it could be several years before they are re-planned.

Gordon Legg



BURNHAM

www.methodistchurchburnhamonsea.org.uk

STEWARDS COLUMN.

We are now in June and half way through the year – where has the time gone and what have we been up to. I thought I would start this month’s column with three activities which have had an impact on me so far this year.

One of the best days for me has been Easter Sunday. I have promised myself on a number of occasions to make the 6.00am Sunday Service at Brean, which I did, arriving slightly late and having to run up the hill to catch the others. Once at the top, the view was wonderful, the moon, the sea and the sun all visible at the same time. This is when I totally appreciate the important and simple things in life, just there on your doorstep. Others had also risen at a most unusual hour, taking communion on the beach, the fresh air and sea all making the morning even more special.

My second choice is the changes to our Services. These have developed over the past few months and, although I need to improve my attendance at Circuit events, I enjoy the informal atmosphere of the new evening Services at Burnham which give us a chance to share our thoughts and feelings. We are in the process of exploring further our events and activities; please let us know if you have any ideas for Family Service, Worship or other Community interests.

My third choice is the event with the Trinity Choir, excellent evening and lots of fun. We are lucky to be able to offer our building for so many good causes and support the community. Let’s pass the message on that we have these facilities available and of the social events which are taking place. Don’t forget all our other activities, Saturday Coffee Mornings, Wednesday Group, Fundraising Group and many more. Please keep a look out on the notice boards or ask the Stewards/Church members for details if you are interested in any of the above.

We so look forward to seeing you all at Burnham, please call in and take part in our range of Services and events. Look forward to seeing you soon

Marian Kingsbury



Thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped at the Spring Fair. Achieving a fantastic sum of over £1000.00. A special thank you to Dorothy for all her involvement in particular raising almost £200.00 on her stall of cakes and Jams.

She must have been baking 12/7. How does she do it? Thank you also to Ros for the delicious lunches.

Well done one and all.

Sandra & Gerald (Brown)



BREAN

www.brean-methodist-church.home.dhs.org

There is now a fully operational cycle path from Brean that wends its way through and round the back of caravan sites, over the sluice gate across the river and then over more fields to Uphill and thus to Weston. How pleasant that would be for the citizens of Weston (not those going to worship in our sister Methodist churches of course) to cycle out on a summer Sunday morning armed with picnic gear to worship with us before disappearing onto the beach, or up Brean Down, to enjoy their well earned lunch. In the process they will not only have worshipped but spent a time of happy fellowship with us over coffee and biscuits.

Judy and I went to a Conference Day in Bristol last week. To St Stephens, the Anglican church in the middle of Bristol. The topic was 'How I became a heretic, with help from Jesus'. It was a title that appealed to my irreverent sense of humour. The speaker reminded us that the word 'heretic' comes from a Greek word 'to choose'; in other words it is someone who chooses a path and stays with it come what may, in these days generally a path that goes against tradition. In that way he said consider Jesus also as a heretic. To the Jewish authorities that is what he must have been.

The speaker was an American professor (at a Methodist University) and pastor, Rev. Robin Meyers. In his second lecture he outlined the importance of creating a working relationship between science and religion. After describing how man's understanding of God has changed from Jewish times through the Dark Ages, to Copernicus and Galileo, we came to the time of Darwin who talked about creation as a mechanism devised by God; then Einstein did his bit and in recent generations science has itself been affected by quantum physics. This, said Meyers, is especially relevant to our faith. I knew precious little about quantum physics (probably less than that even) but as he began to talk about sub-atoms, electrons and neutrons, particles and waves, a new perspective began to open up.

At one stage he talked about particles splitting and the two halves spinning off in opposite directions yet being in balance such that any change to one brings about a compensating change in the other no matter how far they are apart. I have no idea how scientists can measure this, for the particles are invisible to us of course. The result is a gi-normous and chaotic network that Barbara Brown Taylor, an America Episcopal priest, calls the Luminous Web. The waves of particles are totally unpredictable

but in the wholeness, the oneness, of creation they were said to affect us and we them. It just got me thinking about the Spirit and how our prayers can be effective even when we have no physical means of knowing how; how we can sometimes anticipate a phone call the instant before we receive it, how people have sometimes been aware of events affecting distant loved ones, how meeting together can bring about a wholeness that is greater than the sum of our parts. Pie in the sky perhaps but it seems there are people out there who think the matter worth exploring.

Perhaps it could explain why, after worship, our coffee together all round the same table with conversations taking place in separate and changing, even interrelating, groups, can have a greater meaning. But then isn't that what our faith is about? As Paul said, we are all part of the same body even though the parts are all different.

Not everyone will agree with all this theory, of course, but it is all new and exciting to me and I felt it worth sharing

Harvey Allen

Minister and Circuit Superintendant

Rev. Steve Bennett, Is not available as he is on his sabbatical.
Please contact your Church Stewards

Editors

Cedric & Dorothy May, 6 Brightstowe Road. Burnham on Sea. TA8 2HW
cedric.may@btinternet.com Tel. (01278) 784204

Web Sites

Circuit Web site www.wsmbos.org
www.methodistchurchburnhamonseas.org.uk
www.brean-methodist-church.home.dhs.org
www.brentknollmethodistchurch.com

<p style="text-align: center;">The Deadline for the July - August 2017 LINK is Sunday 18th June 2017</p>
--

LINK ORDER FORM

If you do not have the 'LINK' regularly and would like to do so, please fill in the slip and hand to a Steward. or send to the Editor.

Price £3.00 per annum. Inland **Post £6.00** per annum.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....
.....
.....

POST CODE.....CHURCH.....

LINK **£3.00** Postage £..... Donation £..... Total £.....

Please make Cheques Payable to "Burnham on Sea Methodist Church