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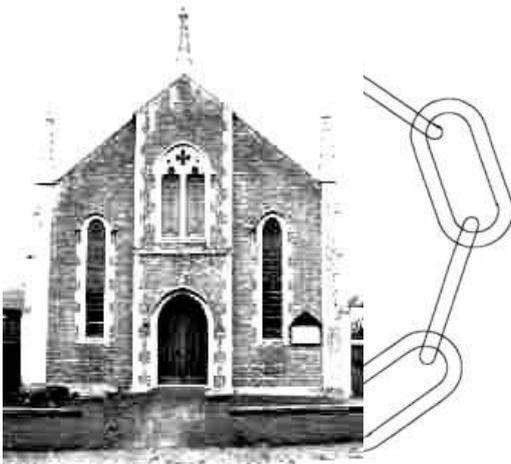
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**BREAN**



**BRENT KNOLL**



**WEST HUNTSPILL**



**EAST BRENT**



**BURNHAM**

# From the Minister's Study

Dear Friends,

Every year in September there is a time of frenetic activity in the Church as everything restarts after the summer break including a round of autumn meetings. These begin with Synod

In Methodism, Synod is the meeting that provides oversight to a District, which in our case is the Bristol District. Synod represents all the people in its area and tries to decide, in the context of worship and communion together, how God is leading us. Inevitably, part of the Synod has to do with Church business in various forms, including the nomination of representatives to Conference, setting budgets and appointing staff, taking votes on the recommendations from the District Executive Committee. Some Synods get so business heavy that there is little time for conferring together about issues of present day Christian communities. However, this September's Synod was slightly different.

After being led in worship by our Chair of District we then had several reports and presentations. One of these was from the District Youth Work Enabler, Emma Mills. Who finished her report with a personal plea to Methodist Churches to be welcoming and inclusive to those who were different.

She was speaking from the point of view, of a young person that she knew and of those under the age of 40 who had been within the Methodist Church but were now finding it difficult to find a home in the Methodist movement. Some of this is because of preferences (i.e. for contemporary worship) but some was simply because the church was either missing their generation completely, or not prepared to accept difference. As a result, there were no activities for these people and, it seemed to some as if the church was just becoming a place for a certain age, and certain strata of our society – people like us! The discussion then moved quickly to other minority groups (whether by race or gender) and the Chair of Synod had the grace to allow a time of conferring together.

You will not be surprised that we did not come up with a solution, yet we were able to hear the views and deep feelings of those who felt

excluded from the Methodist Church for one reason or another. We were asked to take home a question about what it is that we might do that could be excluding others from being part of the Methodist Church.

This is a question I pass on to you.

*Steve*



## Calendar

### SEPTEMBER

- Fri 22nd 7.00pm Christian Aid Quiz Night at St Andrews Church, Burnham
- Sat 23rd 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham  
10.00 – 4.00 B/H Wood Turners Open day – All welcome
- Sun 24th 10.30pm B/K Harvest Festival - Brent Knoll
- Tue 26th 2.30pm E/B Link Villages Fellowship - Secret World
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00 - 12.00 W/H West Huntspill Coffee Morning see pp 13

### OCTOBER

- Sun 1st 10.30pm BR Harvest Festival - Brean
- Sat 7th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by the Wednesday Group
- Sat 7th 4.00pm B/H MESSY CHURCH Theme "Harvest"
- Sun 8th 10.30am BR Joint Link Services at Brean
- Tue 10th 2.30pm E/B Link Villages Fellowship - Visit of Milton ladies - Rev. Jim and Mrs Alice McKnight
- Wed 11th 12.30 B/H Church Lunch - Dorothy - Steak & Kidney Casserole - Apple Pie
- Sat 14th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H St Margaret's Hospice Coffee Morning At Burnham.
- Tue 17th 7.30pm B/H Special Circuit Revue Meeting at Burnham

All Welcome

Sat 21st 10.00 - 4.00 B/H Food & Drink Festival

Sun 22nd **LAST DAY FOR THE NOVEMBER LINK**

Tue 24th 2.30pm E/B Link Villages Fellowship - Marion Robinson

Fri 29th 10.00 - 12.00 W/H West Huntspill Coffee Morning see PP 13

Sat 28th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham

**NOVEMBER**

Sat 4th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning for Action for Children

Wed 8th 12.30 B/H Church Lunch -

Sat 11th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham

Tue 14th 2.30pm E/B Link Villages Fellowship - Linda Trebble

Sat 18th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H St Margaret's Hospice Coffee Morning At Burnham.

Sun 19th **LAST DAY FOR THE DECEMBER - JANUARY 2018 LINK**

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



**LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2017**

LINK TO HOPE have launched their Christmas appeal. Last year they managed to send 39,000 shoeboxes full of goods to Elderly people and poor families in Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine. Each year I organise friends, family and a local school who all fill shoeboxes. This year they have asked for gloves, scarves, reading glasses [from a pound shop], pens and paper, candles and holders, a wind up torch, cotton shopping bags, a mug and cutlery, brush and combs, new socks and sweets and chocolates for the Elderly. The family boxes are similar but also include toys and games. If you would like to fill a shoebox or just donate items I have leaflets that explain what to do. I also have a DVD you are welcome to borrow. The shoeboxes are collected by November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to find out more please contact me, Marian Foster 01278 785360. Thank you, all the people in all the churches who helped last year.

# **FRIENDS OF BURNHAM-ON-SEA WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

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## **Events in October –**

**October 14<sup>th</sup>** – Our annual music night with The King Alfred Concert Band and the Ambassadors of Jazz. Further details can be obtained by emailing [tickets@friendsofburnhamhospital.org.uk](mailto:tickets@friendsofburnhamhospital.org.uk)

**October 28<sup>th</sup>** - "**Hornby Railway Collectors Association**" are holding an exhibition at **King Alfred's School**. (Hornby 0 gauge and Hornby Dublo) We shall be in attendance and the proceeds from this event will be donated to the hospital. So come and join us. Spread the word to all those train enthusiasts.

## **AND NOW A SALES PITCH PLEA - YOUR LOCAL HOSPITAL NEEDS YOU**

We are looking for new members and would love it if you would join us and support your local hospital. Annual membership costs only £5.00, although you may give more if you wish, and does not involve you taking on any responsibilities.

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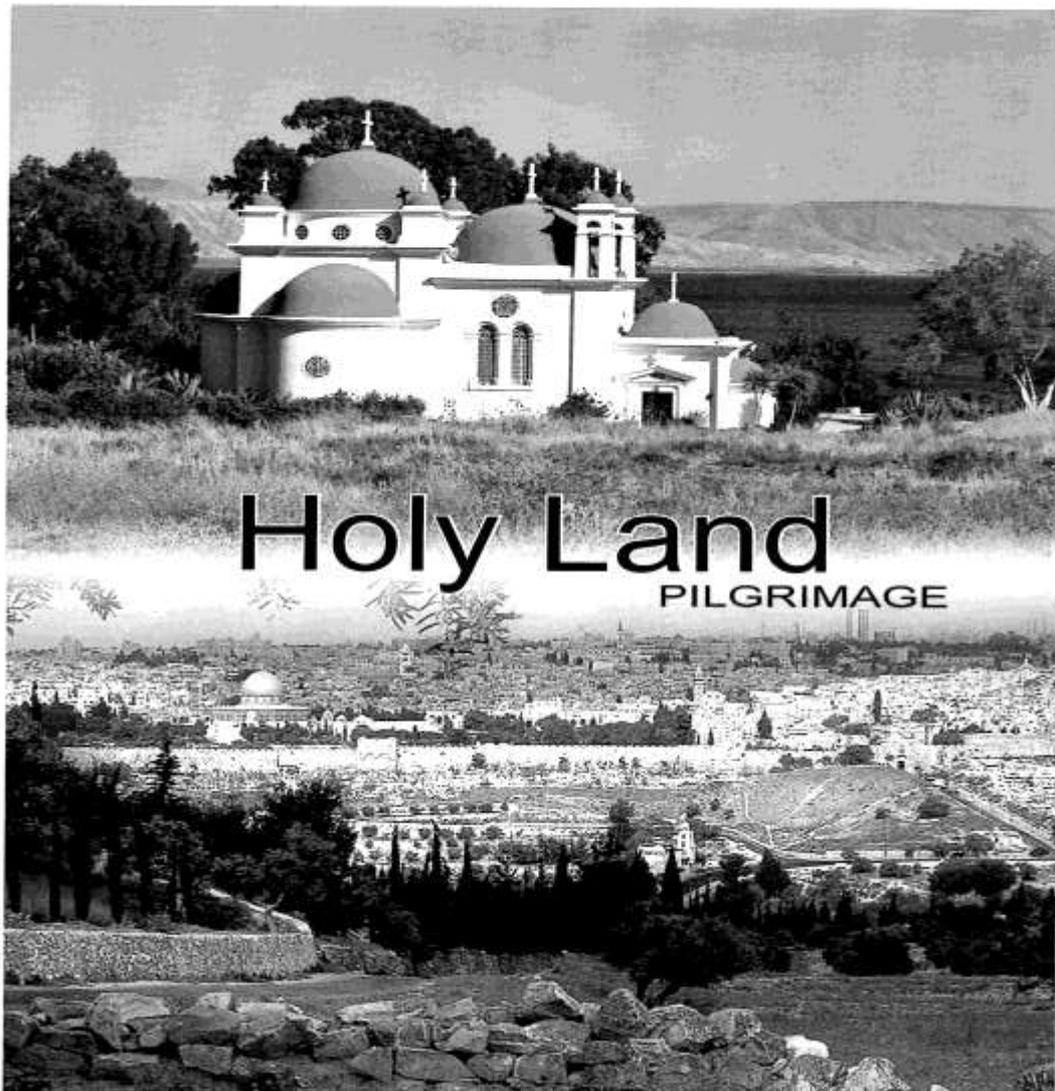
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## **A 10 Day Tour**

**Leaving 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 returning 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Led by Rev Rod Ingrouille in conjunction with  
Rev Steve Rod Ingrouille and Rev Dawn Harrison**

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Weston Burnham		Sep-17				Oct-17	
		3	10 Education Sunday	17	24	1	8 Prison Sunday
Brean	10:30am	At St Bridgets	Treble	Marr HC	Bridges	McKnight HF	Bennett LS
Brent Knoll	10:30am	Trapp HC	Thomas	Dallimore	Bennett HF	Trapp HC	LS at Brean
Burnham	10:30am	Bennett HC	Hill	Bennett HF FS	Allen	Williamson	James HC
	6:00pm	Bennett CS	Bennett	at West Huntspill	Treble	Bennett	Ingrouille
Church Road	10:30am	G Hoare Healing	McKnight HC	Horlock	Krull HF	Jones	Hoare HC
East Brent	10:30am	Krull	Benentt HF	Wood	Jenks	Marr HC	LS at Brean
Locking Castle	9:15am	Yacomeni	Yacomeni /Butcher	Yacomeni	Hoare HC	Yacomeni	Pearce
	10:30am	Yacomeni	Butcher	Yacomeni	Pearce	Yacomeni	Pearce /Youth
Milton	10:30am	Bridges	Hoare Cov	G Hoare AAW HF	Harding	Ingrouille Café	Treble AAW
	3:00pm	G Hoare				Lester	
	6:30pm		G Hoare	Hoare HF	Hoare HC		Bennett
St Andrews	10:00am	Erridge HC	Allen	Thomas	Hoare/ Erridge	Smith	Erridge HF
	6:00pm	Bleadon	Victoria	Milton	G Hoare	Bleadon	Victoria
Uphill	10:30am	Hoare HC & Cov	J Pipet	Lester	G Hoare AAW	Gale	McKnight HF
Victoria	10:30am	J. Pipet	Luker	Jacob's Well HC	Davis HF	Horlock	Dare
	6:30pm	CS at Burnham	Hoare	G Hoare	Songs of Praise	Dallimore	G Hoare
West Huntspill	11:00am	Luker	Marr HC	Gale HF	Barrett	Bennet HC	Allen
	6:00pm			Bennett			
	<b>Lectionary Year A</b>	Exo 3:1-15 Ps 105:1-6, 23- 26, 45c Rom 12:9-21 Matt 16:21-28	Exo 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Rom 13:8-14 Matt 18:15-20	Exo 14:19-31 Psalm 114 Rom 14:1-12 Matt 18:21-35	Exo 16:2-15 Ps 105:1-6, 37-45 Phil 1:21-30 Matt 20:1-16	Exo 17:1-17 Ps 78:1-4, 12 to 16 Phil 2:1-13 Matt 21:23-32	Exo 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Phil 3:4b-14 Matt 21:33-46

Oct-17			Nov-17			
15	22	29	5	12 Remembrance Sunday	19	26 Women Against Violence Sunday
Williamson	Bennett HC	Thomas	Gale	at St Bridgets at 10:45	LS at East Brent	McKnight HC
J Pipet	Luker	Barrett	Bennett HC	US at St Michael's	LS at East Brent	Treble
Bennett FS	Horlock	Lester	McKnight	J Pipet	AAW Group FS	Bennett HC
Bennett	Patient	Hoare	No Service	Bennett	James	Bennett
Ingrouille	Dallimore	Jenks	Marr	Luker	Allen	Hoare HC
Lester	Jones	Luker	Ingrouille HC	Bennett	McKnight	Dallimore
Yacomeni/ Lloyd	Hoare HC	Yacomeni/ Keir- Bucknall	Yacomeni/ Lanham	Pearce	Yacomeni	Hoare HC
Barrett	Brown	Keir-Buckna	Lanham's	Pearce	Yacomeni	Williams (Christian Aid)
Hoare HC	Harding CA	Dallimore	Allen	Hoare AAW	Murphy HC	Horlock
			Hoare Memorial			
G Hoare	Hoare HC	Pullen		Hoare HC	G Hoare Healing	G Hoare
Murphy	Erridge/ G Hoare HC	J Pipet	Erridge HC	Jenks	Hoare HC	Davis
Milton	Erridge		Bleadon	Victoria	Milton	Hoare
Jenks	Hoare HC	Horlock	Thomas	Hill	James HC	G Hoare
Jacob's Well	Marr HC	Treble	Hoare HC All Souls	G Hoare	Jacob's Well	Williamson
Hoare HC	G Hoare Healing					
Patient	McKnight	Hoare	Dallimore	Treble	Bennett HC	Jenks
Exo 32:1-14 Ps 106:1-6, 19-23 Phil 4:1-9 Matt 22:1-14	Exo 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thess 1:1-10 Matt 22:15-22	Deut 34:1-12 Ps 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thess 2:1-8 Matt 22:34-46	Josh 3:7-17 Ps 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thess 2:9-13 Matt 23:1-12	Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 1 Thes 4:13-18 Matt 25:1-13	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thess 5:1-11 Matt 25:14-30	Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24 Ps 95:1-7a Ephes 1:15-23 Matt 25:31-46

# **BURNHAM**

## **STEWARDS REPORT**

As I write this it is pouring with rain and very windy! But nevertheless, we have a lot to be thankful for when we hear and see news of the devastation caused by the hurricanes in the Caribbean and Florida. I cannot begin to imagine how these people are feeling and our thoughts & prayers go out to them as they try to re-build their lives and property. It doesn't seem right to be 'rejoicing' over the fact that work is due to start shortly on our church roof, but we are, of course, really pleased we can start to think about something else other than 'the roof'!

We had a very interesting and enjoyable evening of 'Old Burnham photos' presented by John Strickland and Cedric May, with tea & lovely cakes (courtesy of Dorothy) in the interval. We have our Harvest service followed by lunch this weekend which we are looking forward to.

Messy Church is being re-started again on Saturday 7 October at 4pm. This will take place monthly, and is seen as a great step forward for outreach.

On Tuesday 17 October at Burnham there will be an important Extraordinary Circuit Meeting to discuss the Circuit Review. All are welcome.

On 21 October it is the Burnham Food Festival and as usual our church premises are being used for many of the stalls and displays. We are doing teas and coffees.

Our weekly Saturday coffee mornings continue as do the monthly church lunches.

May we look forward to the future with optimism and enthusiasm, and don't forget to put your clocks back on October the 29<sup>th</sup>!!

Best wishes

Joan Wilkins

# BREAN

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Monday afternoon. Half an hour with a book called *Grounded*, by an American lady called Diana Butler Bass. I read it first more than a year ago after having heard her give a lecture. But now after listening to Stanley's sermon yesterday, I thought it a good time to read it again. Right at the beginning there it was, she made the comment that many who call themselves Christian are no longer asking the question Who is God? With its answer: Up there in majesty, in judgement, etc, etc. Instead the uppermost question is Where is God? The experience of the horrors of two World Wars, 9/11, and other traumatic times both inflicted by human action and by the natural world begs us this question. As Stanley said, He is all around us and within.

It is not a new concept nor is it limited to Christianity. Some would say it has always been there, but within our lifetimes for example, both the Christian pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer (who died in a Nazi Prison at the end of the war) and the humanist Elie Wiesel (a survivor of Nazi death camps) asked this question 70 years ago. Where was God in all this carnage?

It all suggests to me that we would do better to think less about our doctrines and creeds (the expression of God 'up there') and more about the activity of God within us through the Holy Spirit, less about where are we as individuals more about how do we connect up with nature and humanity.

Well after all that I felt bound to do a bit in the garden, clearing up and taking chopped up branches and other debris over on to our waste ground.

It was only after that, when I thought I really must get on with next Sunday's worship service, that I opened my email page and found this from Cedric:

*Hello Harvey, Have you got your LINK letter ready please.*

Shock and horror. Hang on, I thought, it was only a couple of weeks ago that I did the last one surely! But no, this coming Sunday is the last

of the month. So this Link contribution is a curious mix up of things that come to mind. Sorry if I have missed anything, people.

Our visitors are getting a bit spasmodic during September. Yesterday, only James was there to honour us with his presence. We have had a good and steady number of regular returnees this year but precious few new visitors in spite of our best efforts. We have however had two or three churches hiring our premises over the summer so it is good to know the church is being used. Stephen Marr was planned to take the service yesterday but was ill-disposed so Stanley and Joyce shared worship together, which was well received.

October brings us Harvest Festival and our Church Council and Ecumenical Council meetings. Time to look ahead, no doubt. As, I guess, we will be invited to do, at the Special Circuit Meeting that has been called for October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, and to which everyone in the circuit is urged to attend and share in the discussions.

Now I'd better go and do the bins ready for the bin men (sorry waste operatives) tomorrow.

Welcome to autumn, everyone.

*Harvey Allen*



# WEST HUNTSPILL

On the 30<sup>th</sup> July we had to arrange our own service. Kay, Teresa and Maureen, offered to get together and prepare it. We were all asked to choose our hymns on a summery theme.

As we entered the Chapel we were all given a tub of bubbles and told we would know later what they were for, then we saw Christine's visual aid of a beach with a very blue sea, buckets and spades, sand and seaweed!

First there was a children's story about "Jesus' Day Off". Also, we were reminded through the reading of the Creation story in Genesis that when God created the world, He had a day of rest, reminding us that it is good to take time off from our busy lives and enjoy the world around us. The lectionary reading that day, was the Feeding of the Five Thousand and in The Message, we read a lovely description of a grassy flower covered hillside, where Jesus had taken the disciples to try and rest. Then in our prayers we thanked God for all the beautiful, wonderful and good things we enjoy in our leisure time.

After our prayers, we spent a few minutes blowing bubbles, and imagining our prayers floating up to heaven and when the bubbles burst imagining it was the blessings of God falling on us. The service was both enjoyable and uplifting.

Janet Johnson



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**Coffee Morning**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10am – 12md**  
**Table Top Stall**  
**Free Coffee, Cake and Chat**

# **BRENT KNOLL**

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At the time of writing, we're right in the middle of our preparations for our Harvest Festival on Sunday 24th September which will be followed by a shared lunch. As the days get shorter, the nights draw in and the temperature drops, we're going to be having hot homemade soups with fresh crusty bread and a cheeseboard to follow. The church is going to be decorated as befits the season and we hope that all who come will enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and stay on to enjoy the homemade fare afterwards.

As we're preparing for this Autumn festival, Summer seems a long way away. But as promised last month, here are the details of monies raised for charity from our August coffee mornings: MS (a charity which helps those with Multiple Sclerosis) - £105; All We Can (a pioneering international development, relief and advocacy organisation)- £85; RNLI - £125; Weston Hospice - £100. Thank you to all who came along to support us and these charities.

Just as Summer seems a long way away, looking ahead, the same could be said about Christmas (although the shops don't seem to think so as seasonal cards and family sized boxes of confectionery are already filling their shelves). We will be holding our Christmas coffee morning on Saturday 25th November at 10.30am so please put the date in your diary and come and join us for festive refreshments and a time to catch up with village and Circuit friends.

Finishing on a very happy note, our congratulations go to Chris and Gill Poulter who, at the time of writing, will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. Chris and Gill have been part of our Methodist church family for many years - and got married in Victoria Methodist Church in Weston. Our love and best wishes go out to them both.

Every blessing from all of us here at Brent Knoll Methodist Church.

Rosemary Krull

## **EAST BRENT**

Time goes so quickly that the month for my report for the “LINK” has come round again. There is not much to report this month because little has changed Church wise.

The time of Harvest Festivals is upon us and we again gave thanks for all we have. Vegetables from our gardens seem to be in short supply this year, but no doubt we shall still food enough and to spare.

We held our Harvest last week - but monetary wise I have no idea of the money raised for Trust Funds, as our Steward and Treasurer have gone away on a cruise for two weeks.

We were very pleased to welcome a new preacher to our circuit last Sunday – Claire Wood from Uphill and we trust that she will be happy with us in the Circuit.

We look forward to joining with the “LINK” family for our monthly service on October 8<sup>th</sup> at Brean when we can catch up with people we have not seen over the summer months.

On a personal note can I say a very grateful thank you for all the prayers and love and care that has been given to me over the past 6 months. The news was good from the Consultant and after one more treatment I hope to be signed off – for a while anyway, having received a good report this week.

Evelyn M. J. Tucker

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