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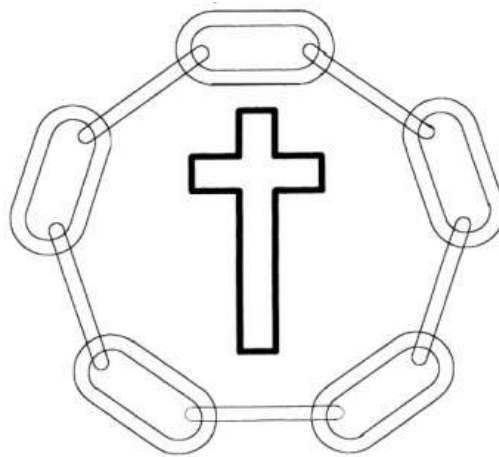
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Circuit Welcome

We look forward to Welcoming Rev. Steve Bennett to the Circuit as Superintendent Minister and also Rev Angie and her husband Deacon Gary Hoare as Circuit staff on Sunday 6th September at 10.30am in a Circuit Service at Victoria Methodist Church, Weston s Mare

We extend to Rev Steve and his wife Liz a warm welcome and our support as he takes up these appointments as Superintendent Minister of the Circuit and Minister of the LINK section.

There will be a Service of welcome for them at Burnham at 3.00pm on Sunday September 6th



Deaths

Joan Rowden Funeral 28th July at Sedgemoor Crematorium'

Guy Pease Thanksgiving Service 11th August at Burnham

Barry Hall Funeral 21st August at Burnham

Kathleen Burr ridge Thanksgiving Service 27th August at Brent Knoll

We remember these members & friends and their families in our prayers

Hello to everyone,

We are the new ministers who will begin serving in the circuit from September 1st. We look forward to meeting you all and working with you. Hopefully it won't take too long to remember names. You will need to keep reminding us for the time being. In this first letter, we thought we would introduce ourselves.

I am Deacon Gary Hoare. I have been a deacon since September 1995, this is my 20th year of service. In 2017 I will be celebrating 20 years Ordination as a deacon in the Methodist Church. I have served in Bromley in Kent, Rochdale in Lancashire, Bristol, Telford and most recently Yeovil and Blackmore Vale Circuits. Before this I worked as a Lay Worker for eight years and worked as a nurse and care assistant before that. My mum lives in Plymouth and she will be celebrating 89 years. My interests are music, especially organ music and piano; swimming; I like art and taking photographs and spending time with my family.

Last year (2014) I had a three month sabbatical. In that time I worked with the Healing on the Streets known as HOTs, team on the streets of Bath. I spent many Tuesdays and Thursday out praying with people on the streets and people were blessed through the ministry they received. I have always felt passionate about Mission and Evangelism and praying with people. During this time many things happened, including me feeling really blessed by what has happening. I look forward to sharing with you very soon and praying with you. Please ask if you would like a prayer, I would be very pleased to do so.

And I am Revd Angie Hoare. I have been a minister since 2002 and I have served in Manchester and Bristol. Before that I was a secondary Maths teacher and then I worked for a while in Council Tax and Housing Benefit and was an advisor for the Citizens Advice Bureau. I have always been a part of the Methodist Church and served in various roles as a lay person. I was accredited as a local preacher in 1982. I have a heart for social justice and for deepening discipleship in the life of the church.

Family is also important to me. We have a daughter and two sons – all adults now – and two granddaughters and a grandson, so family gatherings are lively! Our middle son will probably move with us to Weston, but may not stay long. He is keen to get his own place and I think will be back in Bristol as soon as he can. My sister, who lives in Kent where I was born, will also visit from time to time.

We are very excited about joining you all, and pray that God will bless the time we spend together.

Gary and Angie

Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- Wed 2nd 3.00pm on B/H Afternoon Tea at Dorothy & Cedric's
6 Brightstowe Road
- Thu. 3rd 2.00 - 4.00 B/H Traditional Folk & Social Dancing
- Sat 5th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by the
Stewards & Thursday Fellowship
- Sun 6th 10.30am **CIRCUIT WELCOME SERVICE at
VICTORIA W s M**
- Sun 6th 3.00pm B/H **WELCOME SERVICE at BURNHAM**
- Tue 8th 2.30pm E/B LINK Villages Fellowship – Dedication
Service Revd. Margaret Trapp
- Thu 10th 2.30pm B/K Emmaus Course at Brent Knoll All
welcome
- Sat 12th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham
- Wed 16th 2.30pm B/H Bible Study Group at Burnham
- Sat 19th 9.30 for 10.00 Circuit Prayer meeting at Victoria W s M
- Sat 19th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Coffee Morning by & in aid of Biars
- Sun 20th 6.00pm B/H Cafe Church TBA
- Sun 20th **LAST DAY FOR THE OCTOBER LINK**
- Tue 22nd 2.30pm E/B LINK Villages Fellowship - Revd Peter
Davis
- Thu 24th 2.30pm B/K Emmaus Course at Brent Knoll All
welcome
- Fri 25th 10.00-12.00 W/H Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillian
Nurses at West Huntspill Methodist
- Sat 26th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham

OCTOBER

- Sat 3rd 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by the
Wednesday Group
- Wed 7th B/H Wednesday Group - An evening's
entertainment with Derek Cooper
- Sat 10th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham
- Tue 13th 2.30pm E/B LINK Villages Fellowship - Mr Richard
Reeves Blood Supply Bikers (collection)
- Sat 17th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Coffee Morning by & in aid of Biars
- Sun 18th 6.00pm B/H Cafe Church TBA
- B/H Burnham, BR Brean, B/K Brent Knoll, E/B East Brent,
W/H West Huntspill.**

Thanks to the Circuit

May I through the magazine thank those churches who contributed to the gift of two hundred pounds on behalf of the circuit following my twelve years amongst you, as I now sit down and retire.

Along with the generosity of Milton, Church Road and Locking Castle plus the personal gifts of some, we have been moved.

As Daphne and I move into a new phase of life we wish the circuit well, as we leave you in the capable hands of the new ministerial team.

Every blessing

Robert.

Café church dates at Burnham

We meet on the third Sunday evening in the month at 6.00 pm

Sunday	20 th	September	at 6.00 pm	TBA
Sunday	18 th	October	at 6.00 pm	TBA
Sunday	15 th	November	at 6.00 pm	TBA



We haven't yet finalised the speakers for these dates.

We start with a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or three from about 5.30 pm and help ourselves to refills during the evening.

We sing a few hymns or songs, have a short talk followed by a discussion, then a few more songs, ending with the Grace at about 7.00 pm.

All are welcome to come and join us.

Burnham Bible Study Group

The group has had a break over summer. We will re-start on the third Wednesday of the month (not the second) at 2.30 pm to about 4.00 pm from September when we will be studying The Lord's Prayer, followed by Paul's first letter to Timothy.

All are welcome to join us – we have good discussions and usually learn something new during the session as a result of the discussions.

LINK VILLAGES' FELLOWSHIP

At the start of a new Methodist Year, we would like to welcome you to the Link Villages Fellowship We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of each month from September to the end of May in the schoolroom of East Brent Methodist Church at 2.30pm. Following a short devotion we have speakers on a variety of subjects. After this there is time for any questions and a welcome cup of tea and biscuits

On September 8th. we have our Dedication Service led by Rev.

Margaret Trapp.

On September 22nd. Revd Peter Davis will be our speaker.

On October 13th, Mr. Richard Reeves will tell us of the work of the Blood Supply Bikers. There will be a collection on this occasion for their work.

On October 27th We have our visit from the ladies of Milton Methodist Church on when Rev. Steve Bennett will be our speaker.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Eileen Goundry

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	AFTERNOON TEA	
	Cedric & Dorothy	
	Invite you to an Afternoon Tea	
	at	
	6 Brightstowe Road	
	On Wednesday 2nd September	
	From 3.00pm.	
	Stalls & Raffle	
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HARRY'S Readings

LOVE COVERS A MULTITUDE OF SINS! *1 Peter 4:8 NLT*

A PERSON'S sense of self-worth is often based on the reactions, positive or negative, of those around them. So your words and attitudes can literally build them up or tear them down. Dr. Paul Brand was a flight surgeon during World War 11. He tells in one of his books of a man named Peter Foster, who was a Royal Air Force pilot Foster flew a Hurricane, which was a fighter plane with a design flaw. the single-propeller engine was mounted in the front, and the fuel lines ran past the cockpit. In a direct hit, the pilot would instantly be engulfed in flames before he could eject. The consequences were often tragic. Some RAF pilots caught in that inferno would undergo ten or twenty surgeries to reconstruct their faces. Peter Foster was one of those downed pilots whose face was burned beyond recognition. But Foster had the support of his family and the love of his fiancé. She assured him that nothing had changed except a few millimeters of skin. Two years later they were married. Foster said of his wife, 'She became my mirror. She gave me a new image of myself. When I look at her, she gives me a warm, loving smile that tells me I'm okay.' Your marriage, and other valued relationships in your life, ought to work that same way too—even when disfigurement has other's self-esteem, and overlooks flaws that could otherwise be destructive. There's a biblical word for this kind of commitment: it's called love.

Transformed Hearts

During the **early 1970s** in Ghana, a poster titled "The Heart of Man" appeared on walls and public notice boards. In one picture, all kinds of reptiles—symbols of the vile and despicable—filled the heart-shaped painting with the head of a very unhappy man on top of it. In another image, the heart-shape was clean and serene with the head of a contented man. The caption beneath the images read: "What is the condition of your heart?"

In Matthew 15: 18-19, Jesus explained what pollutes a person. "The things that come out of a person's mouth come from, the heart, and these defile them. For out of the heart came evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander" (NIV). That is the condition of a heart separated from God—the situation ancient Israelites found themselves in when their sins forced them into exile (EZEK 36:23).

Above all else,
guard your heart,
for everything you
do flows from it.

Proverbs 4:23

God's promise in Ezekiel 36:26 is beautiful: "I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart" (NLT; SEE ALSO 11:19). God will take away our stubborn hearts that have been corrupted by all kinds of evil and give to us a clean heart that is responsive to Him. Praise God for such a wonderful gift.

LAWRENCE DARMANI

Father in heaven, thank You that when we confess our sin to You, You give us a new heart and a new life. I pray that the life I live reflects the goodness of Your gift and that others may see the difference a new heart has made in me.

For a new start ask God for a new heart.



LINK FOR HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2015.

LINK FOR HOPE sends shoeboxes filled with items to families and also elderly people in The Ukraine, Romania. Bulgaria and Moldova every autumn. feel you can help or want more information see Last month's LINK or please contact Marian Foster on 01278 785360, you can also find out more about their work at www.linktohope.co.uk..



BREAN

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

Well it's the turn of the year for us Methodists. The time when we say goodbye to what's gone and look forward (with expectation?) to the new. Last year we were going to 'take a line' and be without a presbyter but Stanley stepped into the breach and did a splendid job. We told him so when we sat him down after his last service in that guise in August. And thanks to Joyce too for allowing us that privilege. It's good to know, Joyce, that your medical treatments are proving satisfactory too.

Our visitor numbers have kept up well, by and large, and we were able to record nearly thirty of us in the congregation some weeks. Not so last week though, when the wretched weather kept them all away (if

they were here of course); but the rain did not stop James, who walked his customary mile each way to worship with us.

Our small ecumenical prayer group continues. Set up last year when both Brean churches were going through ministerial changes, it now meets monthly. St Bridget's (and St Mary's at Berrow) are still without a resident vicar and are not likely to have one before 2016. Even then it will only be on a part time basis, the incumbent being given deanery duties also.

Now all is change. Things have already changed for Vicky Baker who turned up in Weston last Monday to be part of a mysterious entertainment feature. By the end of the week it was clear that she was (and is) one of the miserable gits at the Banksy showpiece at the Tropicana. It's not a role that comes easy to the cheerful Vicky but if she breaks character she gets pushed out. So, if we ever manage to get tickets we must do our best not to pull funny faces at her!

Now too we welcome Reverend Steve Bennett to our midst; and greeting to his wife Liz also. We hope that this will be a very satisfying period for you both. The first time that Steve worships with us will be at our Harvest Festival on 4th October but most of us will be at the Welcome service at Victoria on Sunday 6th September.

So we'll see you all there and meantime, have a happy new Methodist Year everyone. May the Spirit be with us all.

Harvey Allen



West Huntspill



September Coffee Morning

This will be on September 25th 10am - 12md and we shall be supporting "The World's Greatest Coffee Morning" Appeal in aid of Macmillian Nurses.

Welcome to our new Ministerial Team

We are looking forward to meeting all three of new Ministerial team, Revd Steve and his wife Liz, Revd Angela and her husband, Deacon Gary and working with them to further God's work in the our local area.

BRENT KNOLL

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Minister Revd. Steve Bennett

At the time of writing, we are half-way through our summer coffee mornings. Already, two charities (MIND and the RNLI) have benefitted from your generosity. And we at the Methodist Church have all benefitted from your company! As always a big thank you to village and Circuit friends who attended. I will let you have a breakdown of monies raised in next month's Link Magazine.

Those of you who have visited Brent Knoll over the last month must have noticed that the church has had a makeover involving re-plastering, painting and carpet cleaning. A huge thank you to Ron Pycroft who organised this and who put in so much work. We are all so very grateful to you.

The church really does look as good as new and in good time as we in our Circuit move into a new Methodist year with a new team of staff whom we shall all be looking forward to welcoming at Victoria Methodist Church on 6 September. Exciting times indeed.

Our Emmaus course begins again this month and will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays going forward (10th and 24th of this month). Led by Rev Margaret Trapp these will be held in our school room at 2.30pm followed by refreshments. As always - all are welcome.

From all of us at Brent Knoll, we hope you have all had a safe, relaxing and happy summer.

God bless

Rosemary Krull



EAST BRENT

We pray for Anne's 12 year old granddaughter who is seriously ill in Bristol Children's Hospital and our thoughts are with Anne and Ian her son as they wait patiently for an answer as to what the doctors can find and resolve.

Well our numbers have been very up and down here at East Brent during the Summer months with our loyal members missing at various times due to circumstances, but we have had visitors dropping in to share our morning worship and one couple were the Rev Terry Isherwood and Jean on their way to holiday in Sidmouth (what a pleasant surprise that was) also a couple staying in Hurn Lane, Berrow had passed our Church and decided to come back on the Sunday to participate with us, they live in Harwich.

At Carol's last East Brent Service, we shared a retirement cake made by Margaret Scott with our after service coffee, it was quite an emotional ending with Carol and Les's departing our premises for possibly the final time and we wish them both well in retirement. Her farewell service in the circuit at Victoria on 2nd August was well attended and also the tea and cakes beforehand, but what a good service it was.

East Brent now look forward to re-joining the Link end and also the arrival of Rev Steve Bennett and Liz to the Burnham area. A ruling by synod states that a local preacher or worship leader has to organise any arrangement and as we at East Brent have neither we asked Rosemary Krull to organise ours which she kindly did, well it was a very good and well thought out service and one would have thought she had years of experience and not a newly appointed LP. We are also fortunate to have John Trebble join the circuit and we had another good morning service, next up is Norman Lester another hard working servant of this circuit,

One does pray that there are willing volunteers in the circuit to replace all of those now standing down, and those about to, as finances certainly will not run to paying professionals. East Brent will be welcoming the Rev Michael Pullan and Anne back to take our Harvest Service (yes it is another mistake in the plan) but how time flies it was 2004 when he was in the circuit, now in retirement we have persuaded him back so we wait in anticipation for his contribution to our Harvest Service.

Gordon Legg

BURNHAM

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STEWARDS COLUMN.

It's September and how this year seems to have flown. It is an endings and beginnings, and during this month we leave summer behind as autumn, the beautiful season of changing colours begins. In early September the school holidays end and the children begin a new school year. It is then that the more mature visitors arrive in Burnham to enjoy a more peaceful and relaxing holiday. We hope that some of these visitors will join us at our services and coffee mornings etc. where they will be assured of a warm welcome.

We have already said goodbye to John who has guided us through a most successful year in our church. Thank you John for doing such "a good job", and we hope you and Linda will continue to join us for worship in Burnham. Enjoy your retirement again!

September is the beginning of the Methodist Church year and we welcome our new Superintendent Minister, Rev. Steve Bennett, to our church and look forward to his ministry over the next few years. At 3pm on Sunday, 6th September, we have a welcome service here for the Link Churches, led by Steve, and we hope to see many of you. There will be tea & biscuits afterwards. We hope Steve and his wife Liz will also find a warm welcome in the town as they settle down to live in the Burnham manse.

September has been associated with harvest time for many centuries, and began on the 24th September in medieval England, but as the crops became more plentiful the harvest season was moved forward to start on 1st August and was called Lammass meaning "loaf mass". Farmers made loaves of bread from the new wheat crop and gave them to the local church. This custom ended when Henry VIII broke from the Catholic Church.

In the Methodist Church the harvest festival is the first celebration in the church's year. It is a lovely time of thanksgiving for all God's

bounty, and this year in Burnham is to be held on the 20th September with a lunch to follow the service. We hope as many people as possible will come and join in this special day.

We have very sadly lost two members of our congregation recently, Guy Pease and Barry Hall. They will both be very much missed by all of us.

On a personal note I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow stewards and members of the congregation for their help and support during my first 4 months as Senior Steward - I really couldn't do it without you all.

Best Wishes Joan Wilkins



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