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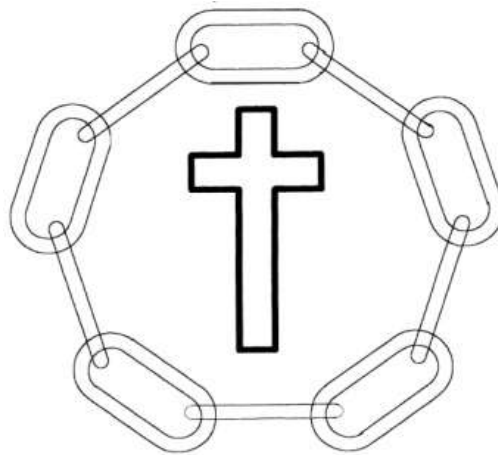
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Minister Letter

Starting Again?

Welcome to September, the start of the new Methodist Church Year! I am sure that 2016/17 will be a challenging and exciting year for us. There are new things for us to do and to support, there are decisions to be made, and there is of course the continuation of our work and witness in this area.

The word of God is all about renewal and rebirth. John's Gospel records that Jesus told Nicodemus that he had to be born again in order to be able to see the kingdom of God, and in the book of Acts Saul needed to be transformed on the road to Damascus to be the Paul of the early church. In the same way we need to be transformed and transformational in the way we proclaim that God is here in this time and place, and how we demonstrate this in our lives.

There are many practical matters that will fill up our Church Council agendas, Burnham should hear whether or not it can proceed with the replacement of its roof, or indeed whether there needs to be a complete rethink of what it should do (your continued prayers would be appreciated), our property and finance returns will need to be done, our health & safety and safeguarding policies will need to be reviewed, the things we are going to do at Christmas and the New Year will need to be decided. But surely if our joint proclamation and personal demonstration of Jesus' teachings are excluded from our discussions then we are not the Church that Christ taught us to be.

As a church this means focussing on our communities, as individuals it means focussing on our relationships and the way we interact with each other, as followers of Christ it means.....evidencing renewal and rebirth to the world.

2015/16 has been a wonderful year of fellowship together and I thank you all for your continued support, encouragement and prayers. Yet the one thing that we know for sure is that nothing remains static, and change is as much part of the church life as our own. The 'constant' remains the presence of God and his transforming grace for us all.

Steve

Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 3rd 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by the Wednesday Group
- Sun 4th 10.30 B/H Family Service at Burnham
- Sat 10th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham
- Tue 13th 2.30pm E/B Link Villages Fellowship - Start of session
- Sat 17th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H League of Friends Coffee Mornings at Burnham Methodist
- Sun 18th **LAST DAY FOR THE OCTOBER LINK**
- Sun 18th 11.00 & 6.30 W/H West Huntspill Harvest see page 15
- Sun 18th B/K Brent Knoll Harvest see page 16
- Wed 21st 6.00 for 6.30 B/H Indian Meal - Speaker Bishop Probal Kanto-Dutta, Durgapur Diocese, Church of North India - see page 7
- Fri 30th 10.00 - 12.00 W/H Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillian Cancer Care

OCTOBER

- Tue 4th 1.30pm The Singing Children of Africa - St Marys Church Berrow
- Wed 5th 7.00pm The Singing Children of Africa - St Andrew's Church Burnham
- Fri 7th 7.45pm The Singing Children of Africa - Beachcomer, Warren Road Brean
- Sat 8th 7.00 for 7.30pm Music Night - Friends of Burnham Hospital see page 6
- Sat 8th 7.00pm The Singing Children of Africa - St John's Church Highbridge
- Tue 11th 7.00pm The Singing Children of Africa Princess Theatre Burnham
- Sat 15th 11.00 /1.00/3.00 The Singing Children of Africa - The Mall Cribbs Causeway Bristol

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

The Burnham & Highbridge Choral Society
with Musical Director Nicholas Bromilow

Invite you to



COME AND SING WITH US



2 HOURS with us on a Thursday night
will send you home smiling

While you are making new friends your lungs will be getting a workout, and your blood pressure will be improving. We are a friendly bunch and there is always someone who will help you if you feel unsure of the music. This season starts on Thursday September 8th. Interested?

Contact: Bev Hearn on 01934 73204,
email: jane.lee36@btinternet.com, or come to the
Methodist Church Hall, College Street, Burnham at
7.20pm on Thursday 8th September.

You do **NOT** have to audition, just join in.

Our **Christmas concert, 8th December** at
St. John's Church, Highbridge, will feature traditional
music from **Vaughan Williams, Handel, Holst,**
Rutter and many more.

Get Online with IT Help at Home

IT help at home is a registered charity that helps the housebound and their carers learn new internet skills by offering free one to one lessons in your own home.

Our service is now available in the Burnham on Sea area so if you need help with getting on the web or emails, are house bound or a carer contact,

Barry Garlick on 07746 307972 or email info@ithelpathome.org for more details.

We are also interested in hearing from referring agencies visit www.ithelpathome.org

All our Tutors are DBS checked



Link to Hope Shoeboxes.

We are again joining with West Huntspill Primary School in sending shoeboxes of much needed items to Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania, via the Worthing based charity Link to Hope. We send boxes for the elderly, which include hats, gloves, scarves and socks, as well as toiletries, writing paper and pens, candles, sewing kits and sweets.

We also send family boxes which include the same items plus toys , colouring books etc. if you could donate any of these items we would be very grateful. We have supported this charity for many years. We send the filled boxes about the 1st of November. You can find out more at linktohope.co.uk or just ask me. Thank you. Marian Foster 01278 785360.

THE LINK VILLAGES' FELLOWSHIP

Our 2016/17 session of the fellowship begins on Tuesday, September 13th. at 2.30p.m. in the schoolroom of East Brent Methodist church.

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of each month. We shall be pleased to welcome any new members. We have a variety of speakers during the year and end our meetings with tea and biscuits and a chat.

Eileen Goundry

FRIENDS OF BURNHAM HOSPITAL

Annual Music Night

Saturday 8th October
Doors open 7.00 for 7.30 pm start

At the Oaktree Arena,
Highbridge

Featuring

The King Alfred Concert Band
&
The Ambassadors of Jazz

Tickets £12.00
To include Homemade Pie
and Mash

Tel: 01278 785727 or
07856 213289

You are invited to an

Indian Meal

(British alternative available)

guest speaker

Bishop Probal Kanto-Dutta,
Durgapur Diocese,
Church of North India

Wednesday 21st September

6pm for 6.30pm

Burnham-on-Sea Methodist Church

tickets £7.50

in advance from

Steve & Liz Bennett 01278 784808

The Singing Children of Africa'

Some of you will remember 'The Singing Children of Africa', a group of Kenyan school children who have sung and danced their way into people's hearts on three previous tours to this area. Good news!

A group of Kenyan children will be staying with local host families during two weeks in October. They are here to promote and raise funds for the charity Educate the Kids which provides food and education for them and 600 fellow students in a severely under privileged area of Kenya, where life is desperately hard. The charity (No. SCO 27998) is run by volunteers and every penny raised gets directly to where it is needed most.

Date	Venue	Time
October	Notes	
Tues 4 th	St. Mary's Church, Berrow	1.30pm
	Retiring Collection	
Wed 5 th	St. Andrew's Church, Burnham-on-Sea	7.00pm
	Retiring Collection	
Fri 7 th	Beachcomber , Warren Road, Brean	7.45pm
`	Retiring Collection	
Sat 8 th	St John's Church, Highbridge	7.00pm
	Retiring Collection	
Tue 11 th	Princess Theatre, Burnham-on-Sea	7.00pm
	Tickets £5.00 can be purchased online or by ringing the box office: 01278 784464	
Sat 15 th	The Mall, Cribbs Causeway, Bristol	11.00am
		1.00pm and 3.00pm

Dorothy has a few tickets £5.00 for Sale

The Flower Festival

The Flower Festival at the end of July was a great success. All 20 arrangements were admired and so many people remarked on the wonderful scent, as you entered the Church.

The theme "The Stages of Life" was suggested by our Minister Steve. Thank you, Steve very much. The final amount raised was £1456.00

Many thanks to everyone who supported the festival.

If you were unable to get along to the Church you are now able to see photographs of all 20 arrangements.

1 Daphne Hill	Birth of a Baby Girl	Burnham Methodist Church
2 Christian Thomas	Christening	West Huntspill Methodist Church
3 Dorothy May	Girls 5th Birthday	Burnham Methodist Church
4 Ann Hunt	Toddlers	Church Road Methodist Church. Weston s Mare
5 Gill Poulter	School Days	Brent Knoll Methodist Church
6 Joyce Pipet	"Step by step, O lead me onwards, Upwards into youth	Brean Methodist Church
7 Kathie Dobney	New Home	St Andrew's Weston s Mare
8 Barbara Williams	18th Birthday	Burnham Methodist Church
9 Angela Janes	Wedding	Rosemary's Florist
10 Di Barnard & Jackie Bradley	Ruby Wedding	Burnham Flower Club
11 Nova Turley	Wedding	Day Lewis
12 Di Barnard & Jackie Bradley	-Pearl Anniversary	-Burnham Flower Club
13 Jean Mackie	Golden Wedding	Burnham Catholic Church
14 Dorothy May	Queen's 90th Birthday	Burnham Methodist Church
15 Di Barnard	21 st Birthday	Burnham W. I.
16 Rosanna Capozzoli	- Mother's Birthday	Butleigh
17 Debbie Boardman	Silver Wedding	Day Lewis
18 Judy Allen	Golden Wedding	Brean Methodist Church
19 Ann Hal	Aspects of Old Age	Burnham Methodist Church
20 Jenny Brine	Approaching Old Age	Kathleen Chambers House





EAST BRENT

Well our new chairs have arrived been unpacked and arranged in the Church, all the pews have been removed (I miss sitting in a pew as it supported your back and stopped you sleeping thro' a boring sermon). Anyway the last few weeks have been very relaxed in Church especially with how some of the preachers of late have conducted the service, so good for them!!

On a sad note we have been saddened by the passing of Les Rowe and Revd. Terry Isherwood within a couple of days of each other, both did much for this circuit whilst living here, Terry especially in being the instigator at this end in forming the Link Churches, crosses on the knoll, Sidholme weekends, cricket matches at Somerset Court, Rookery Manor (Farm) BBQ's, Link youth club, Mary Jones walks and many more events, he was well known for putting his hand on your shoulder to get you involved, our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

It is now coming to the end of the Methodist year, new membership tickets and Treasurers are busy finalising accounts for Circuit and Church Councils, our ministerial staff will have completed their first year in this circuit, how time flies as we now look forward to the coming year and the re-commencement of mid-week meetings and Jill and I to our first Great Grandchild.

Wishing you all well from the East Brent members.

Gordon Legg



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STEWARDS COLUMN.

May I start my column by wishing you all a Very Happy new New Year! .Goodness me I hear of you say (I hope) Is it that time already my word this year has passed quickly. I of course mean the Methodist Church's New Year.

The 1st of September marks the start of a new Methodist Year Ministers have moved to new circuits, meeting new Stewards and of course new congregations. Likewise congregations waiting to meet their new Minister wondering what new changes will be made, wondering whether the changes will fit into their own pattern of worship.

I personally find the start of the new year exciting we in Burnham are going to enjoy returning to morning and evening Sunday services, within the circuit we are having joint quarterly services with these services taking place in a different Churches giving the opportunity to share together in worship and the folk attending to make new friendships to share experiences and making the circuit stronger as more people come along to share in worship.

We see a number of new opportunities presenting themselves in which we can carry the Lords word out into the local community as we move forward into September let us pray for guidance and enjoy the challenges that will come and let us all join together in fellowship at the very start of this brand new Church year.

Geoff Stait



BREAN

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'More chairs' they said. 'We want more chairs.'

Well for those of us still cowering in the schoolroom it gave us something to do. But eventually we made it to take our place outside at the front of the church on a bright though breezy Sunday afternoon.

'More chairs' they said. 'We want more chairs.' And so it kept going until 4 o'clock came.

It made it easier that we could sit with our backs to the road, thus preserving something of our anonymity from the prying glances of the passing holidaymakers. The privilege of being in full view went to Steve, and to Jim, who helped with the musical elements. They operated from the top of the steps in the full glare of public vision.

Well I reckon there were 50 people who worshipped with us at our open air service. (I counted 49 but I am sure I missed one somewhere and in any case we must not forget the presence of the Spirit amongst us.) And Joyce tells me she also counted 3 dogs who joined the heavenly choir.

It was an excellent service and enjoyed by all. Afterwards everyone, and I means everyone, stayed on for tea and cake (and chat).

Thank you to you all for your support. There were people from each of our Link churches and from St Bridget's, who had made the effort to attend and it was appreciated by us. There was also a good sprinkling of holidaymakers who helped to swell the numbers.

Does that mean we do it again next year?

As ever we have been glad to see visitors at our services generally and to talk with over coffee afterwards. The main holiday season is drawing to an end now but we shall still see most of our regulars for a little while yet.

At the end of July, Judy and I travelled to Malvern for the funeral of Terry Isherwood. Those of you who were here in the 9 years up to 1985 will remember Terry as our minister in the Link end of the Circuit. He was a good friend and a great influence to me in my Christian

journey. It was a great privilege to be asked to give the address at the Memorial Service, and it was good to meet up with Jean again and with their children, Stephen, Ruth and Christopher who now, 30 years on, are all now settled with their own families. It was also good to catch up with Tim and Hilary Lansdown, Tim having given the parallel address at the burial service that had taken place in the morning. It was a reflection on their time with us that both of those who gave an address were from the Isherwoods' time in our circuit.

By the time that this issue of Link is published, the Anglicans at Brean (our ecumenical partners) and Berrow will have Licensed their new Priest in charge, Reverend Jonathan Philpott. They will have been 19 months in an interregnum so, while giving thanks for Reverend Marion Hance who has looked after them during this period, they are looking forward to working with Jonathan into the future. We wish them well.

Now we head into the new Methodist Year. We wish you all fresh energies and insights into our place in the world. Prayers and good wishes too, to Steve and Angie and Gary who, having now had a year to get used to us, we trust can enter this new year with renewed hope and vision in our company.

Harvey Allen



Following on from all Gordon and Harvey said about Terry, Cedric & I have many memories of our Centenary Celebrations. Terry was our Minister in June 1979 and he arranged a very full programme of events commencing on 15th May through to 1st July. On the 3 Sundays the Services were taken by 3 of our former Ministers with Terry taking the final Service. Rev John Tucker, Rev Dr Keneth Greet, Rev Peter Phillipson, Rev Roy Harvey and finally Rev Terry Isherwood. On Saturday June 23rd a Centenary Banquet was held in the Hall. Outside caterers were used. This all proved very rewarding and successful

WEST HUNTSPILL

Our September Coffee Morning

will be in

Support of MacMillan

Cancer Care

Friday September 30th 2016

10.00am – 12md

Plenty of Cakes, Coffee and Chat

Do Come and join us raising money for this
worthy cause

Come Ye Thankful People Come

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services will

be held on

Sunday 18th September

11.00am Revd Stephen Marr

6.30pm John Trebble

Refreshments and sale of produce

after the evening service

All proceeds from the day for All We Can



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Minister Rev. Steve Bennett

As summer draws to a close, we'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our August coffee mornings. Although these mornings were organised as a get together for our church and village friends and not as fundraisers, four charities have benefitted from your generosity and I will let you have the full details in next month's edition of the Link.

We're very much looking forward to our Harvest Festival which will be held on 18th September. Rev Jim McKnight will be leading our worship and this will be followed by a "bring and share" lunch. A big thank you in advance to all who give their produce, time and energy to make the church look so beautiful and seasonal for this service.

From all of us here at Brent Knoll, we hope that you all enjoyed your summer and, if you have been away, have returned refreshed and relaxed and our thoughts go out especially to the young ones at the start of the new school year whether they are going up a class or starting school for the first time.

God bless.

Rosemary Krull



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