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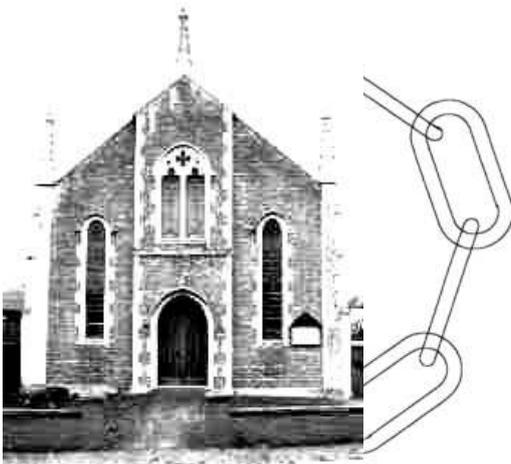
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**BURNHAM**

# From the Minister Study

## Happy New Year 2017/2018

Welcome to the start of the new Methodist Church Year! We have had a mixed year both as churches and as part of the wider Circuit, and I am sure that the next 12 months will continue to be both a challenging and exciting time for us.

This is the time when we look back on all that has happened in the past 12 months. We think of people that started the journey with us but have now moved away, or gone to glory, or left us for other reasons. We think of opportunities seized and those that passed us by. We remember times when we have been ‘imitators of Christ’ either individually or as a group, and those times when we have simply failed to live the mission of the Gospel. Yes, we can look back on many good times, but also recognise the need to seek forgiveness for the times when (to speak plainly) we have been in one way or another un-Christian!

The new Methodist year provides us with another opportunity for renewal, a new start, personally and corporately. As we spend September reviewing our God given resources (property and finances), and planning for the year ahead, we do so in the knowledge that we are not owners of these things, but tenants of God’s vineyard. Our task is not to make sure we maintain the status quo, but to ensure that future generations can hear about the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

There will be things that we do this year that will be familiar to us and new things too! I hope that you will support the whole life of your church in whatever way you can. As in previous years, there will be requests made for people to help in this journey, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find willing volunteers for jobs both large and small. When you hear of vacancies or requests for help please do not think ‘Someone else can do that’ but rather ‘Is this something I can do?’

Whether in the new or the old we know that when we are obedient to God’s word we will be blessed by the God who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

I thank you all for your continued support, encouragement and prayers.

*Steve*

# Calendar

## AUGUST

- Sat 26th 10.30 - 12.00 B/K Coffee at Brent Knoll  
Sat 26th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham  
Mon 28th 11.00 on Stall in Manor Gardens- Fete

## SEPTEMBER

- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 8.00 for 8.30 Quiz at The RITZ for Church Funds  
Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by the Choir  
Wed 6th 7.00pm B/H OLD BURNHAM Slide Show by John Strickland & Cedric May  
Thur 7th 2.30pm B/K LINK Committee Meeting  
Sat 9th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham  
Sun 10th 10.30pm E/B Harvest Festival - East Brent  
Mon 11th 7.30pm B/H MESSY CHURCH Preparation  
Tues 12th 2.30pm E/B Link Villages Fellowship - Dedication Service with Revd. Margaret Trapp  
Wed 13th 12.30pm B/H Church Lunch - Daphne  
Sat 16th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H St Margaret's Hospice Coffee Morning at Burnham.

## Sun 17th **LAST DAY FOR THE OCTOBER LINK**

- Sun 17th 10.30pm B/H Harvest Festival - Burnham  
Sun 17th 11.00am W/H Harvest Festival - West Huntspill  
Mon 18th 2.30 - 4.00 B/H Afternoon Tea ,Cake & Chat - All Welcome  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm Christian Aid Quiz Night at St Andrews Church  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham  
Sun 24th 10.30pm B/K Harvest Festival - Brent Knoll  
Tues 26th 2.30pm E/B Link Villages Fellowship - Secret World

## OCTOBER

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am BR Joint Link Services at Brean  
Tues 10th 2.30pm E/B Link Villages Fellowship - Visit of Milton

Ladies - Revd Jim and Mrs Alice McKnight

Wed 11th 12.30 B/H Church Lunch -

Sat 14th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H St Margaret's Hospice Coffee Morning at Burnham.

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

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> **LAST DAY FOR THE NOVEMBER LINK**

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



## The Link Villages Fellowship

The Fellowship will recommence its Autumn programme on Tuesday September 12th.

This will be the Annual Dedication Service.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month to join our friendly group. We meet at 2.30pm in the East Brent Methodist Hall and have an interesting and varied programme of speakers to take us through to the end of May next year.

A warm welcome awaits!



**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**



**OLD BURNHAM**

**Slide Show**

**Burnham Methodist Church**

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**7.00pm**

By John Strickland & Cedric May

**Tickets £5.00**

Including refreshments

**From Dorothy May 01278 784204**

**HOSPITAL**

(UK Registered Charity No.250027)

**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.

**It's so simple to become a member-**

Contact [membership@friendsofburnhamhospital.org.uk](mailto:membership@friendsofburnhamhospital.org.uk) for a membership form by email.

**OR**

Collect a form from outpatients - enclose cash or cheque for a minimum of £5.00 and leave it in an envelope at Outpatients Reception or post it to The Treasurer, Friends of Burnham Hospital, Love Lane, TA8 1ED.

**OR**

Complete an application form and if you bank on-line you can set up the standing order directly but please let us know on the above email. Details are-

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***Sort Code 30-91-20***

***Account Number. 01419266***

As soon as we have your email and membership we can send you newsletters and updates on events that are taking place to support the hospital.

You can 'Like us on Facebook'

Check out our Website at [www.friendsofburnhamhospital.org.uk](http://www.friendsofburnhamhospital.org.uk)

### Churches Together

The last Churches Together meeting was in July and the following items were discussed.

1. Holiday At Home is to be talked about at the next meeting
2. The monthly lunches are not taking place as there are not enough churches able to join the cooking rota. Sharon Crossman is looking into another possibility in the Highbridge area – more on this when further information becomes available!
3. The Regional organiser for Christian Aid, Samuel Williams, has been booked to talk about his work on 15<sup>th</sup> April next year at St John's. This year's collections in our area were about the same with churches doing their own thing this year as we were not allowed to collect in local supermarkets due to changes in their policy ie only local charities could collect.
4. The Pentecost event was not very well supported and it was suggested that we link in with what is going on in the world or our area, such as World Cup , Olympics, elections etc and try to get all the churches involved. The Family Day at the Apex could be a case in point.
5. Revs Sharon Crossman and Marian <sup>Hance</sup> ~~Hace~~ are organising a way of getting local Christians together to just gather, pray and get to know each other. They are working on a monthly prayer plan to be used at a local venue for six months and hope to have this ready for the September meeting – updates as available!
6. The foodbank is still needed and would like more tinned fruit desserts.or anything else with a long sell-by date.

The next meeting is at Burnham Methodist Church on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30 and everyone is invited to attend.



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 Healing	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

# EAST BRENT

East Brent have enjoyed having the oversight of the Rev. Pam Pembro accompanied by Peter whilst the Rev. Steve was on sabbatical, the work Pam put in with visiting and contacting our congregation was of the likes we have not seen at East Brent since Rev. Rex Oldham gave us his support, many thanks Pam from us all.

Anyway welcome back Steve to the working environment, next sabbatical is a long way off!!

In recent weeks we have had some super Sunday morning services, in particular I have to mention the outstanding Sunday when Rosemary Krull took the service, I believe everyone went home to their lunch with thoughts of a very memorable morning, not only hearing all that was said, but probably remembering word for word (fantastic).

We have also now had our quinquennial inspection. It was on the Wednesday when it absolutely poured with rain as we entered the car park. Therefore inside inspection was carried out first with the surveyor/inspector and Jill had come to de-weed the exterior and did so in the rain. There were not too many issues with the hall or church internally, and so we assembled the ladder to go out in the rain and inspect the roof and valley gutter so far so good, until we inspected the rear of the vestry where water was gushing down the walls from a blocked rainwater hopper, this has since been attended to, but the main concern we have is that cracks have appeared in the car park tarmac about a metre from the back fence, the fence is also sloping more than previous, it is as though the main rhyne is eroding the bank, and so consideration as to the action required will be our main concern. We have already spoken with the county councillor as to consulting with the rivers authority, and of course from our point of view piping the rhyne would be very much to our advantage.

On a personal note one of our granddaughters Emily has just gained her BA in criminal psychology at Leicester University and is now to attend Gloucester University to work toward her MA. Jill and I are holidaying shortly after a very hectic season at Brean, but have not missed the circuit work one IOTA.

Our Harvest is on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 10.30am with Rev Steve Bennett

Our Church Council is on Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Gordon Legg

# BURNHAM

So! Here we are – it's the end of August and what an extraordinary couple of months it has been, weatherwise. I've just returned home from a very pleasant lunch in a very nice café with the sun shining overhead and I could see people on the opposite side of the road playing croquet. Idyllic? An hour before that I had been sitting in the car being rocked by the force of the horizontal driving rain waiting for the squall to stop. How very unpredictable! But then that's like life isn't it – we don't know what's coming next – we think we can plan ahead but then life has a way of changing our direction and we have to think again. When my boys were very little we spent several annual holidays here at Burnham Holiday Park (Holimarine as it was then) and nearly 50 years later I'm living here. (it was a fluke – we really wanted to live in Shepton Mallet but somehow ended up in Burnham – and very glad both Barry and I were too!) I've said before that being here since Barry died has been my salvation – I know that the closeness of this community, particularly the church and the love and support of all my friends has made it possible for me to be able to carry on with the life I live.

And (don't you just hate it – this new trend of starting a sentence with And – as a retired teacher I should be ashamed of myself) while I'm mentioning support I would like to thank Revds John and Jim for being sterling supports for the church and particularly the stewards, during Steve's sabbatical 3 months. It hasn't always been straightforward and we have sometimes had to rely upon their experience and sound judgement. For all the church members here at Burnham – we are thankful for you watching over us.

The Roof!! At last the "R" word can be deleted from our vocabulary. The funds are now in place (good old Viridor turns up trumps again) and the work starts in early September. \*\* Hallelujah \*\* We are so grateful to Steve and Geoff (our treasurer) (and all the rest of the property team) for all their hard work in bringing about this happy outcome. No more buckets around the worship area – we can actually have CHAIRS back where they should be. No more leakage problems for the Food Bank – only dry walls. We won't mind not being able to use the tiny church car park or the convenient spaces on the road outside church (these will only be used by the contractors). We'll park anywhere knowing that our church roof is being rebuilt.

We are very pleased here that our congregation seems to be growing and not just with the occasional holiday makers – of course they are always made very welcome – but folk who are coming and staying with us. We are also pleased that there is an enthusiastic group of people that are going to start Messy Church again – it will happen once a month on a Saturday afternoon. This is a great step forward for outreach. Over the last couple of months we have had very good attendance at our weekly Saturday coffee/tea mornings – but sadly the lovely Afternoon Tea party that was organised by Barbara Williams was a real let down She provided a beautiful buffet in the church hall and only 11 people turned up and that included the 7 helpers!! Such a shame!

Our Harvest Festival will be taking place on 17<sup>th</sup> September followed by our harvest lunch. Daphne and Joan always provide a lovely lunch for us – it's a great time to share fellowship and food – do join us if you can – please contact Daphne Hill or Joan Wilkins for tickets – you will be very welcome.

Some of our members have been poorly recently and we send them our good wishes for a speedy recovery. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are always with you. It's good to hear from Trevor the Prayer Warrior keeping us up to date with who needs thoughts and prayers in the Weston end of the circuit. Keep up the good work Trevor.

To all our friends in the Link Churches we send our best wishes and remember that it may rain now but the sun will always shine later (isn't that corny?)

God Bless

Ann

## **BREAN**

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No it can't be. We should be having an extra month off between writing Link articles and it surely can't be that long since the last one. But the calendar says it is, so here goes....if I can possibly remember (and my apologies to anyone from our church whose treasured memories I should have noted but have forgotten).

First though, it is good to see Celia back among us after her operation earlier in the summer. It just hasn't seemed the same without you Celia.

It is always good too, to see our seasonal visitors during this summer season.

We welcome Steve back amongst us after his Sabbatical. It sounds as though he and Liz had an enjoyable month in Canada at the end of the process. On his first Sunday back he led the open air service in front of our chapel. It was a fine day again but a tad cooler. This time there were about 60 people, though, at 2, there were less dogs than last year.

On the day that this Link is published, Joyce brings to an end a series of three services that she, Stanley and I have been conducting on the sequence of events in the middle of Matthew's gospel that starts with the news of John's death and ends with Jesus telling his disciples that he is going to Jerusalem. The lectionary runs over five weeks but we have been able to squeeze it into three thanks to the open air service and the ecumenical service on the first week of September where the gospel services were, or will, be different. It is not the first time that we three have taken services together, and I think we have all felt blest by such sharing.

Our thoughts this month have gone out to the family of Martyn Vowles, a prominent farmer in the village who, although not a member of our church, was very much at the heart of the community. 200 people attended the memorial service at St Bridget's, many of who had to listen to the service as it was relayed outside in the graveyard. Our thoughts too, to Morag and Steve (Wood) after Steve's father died; he lived in Bicester in Oxfordshire.

So what's the future? It's a new Methodist Year and we are coming into the autumn Church and Circuit Meetings season. What new challenges lie before us, I wonder! Our Harvest Festival is the first week in October, and by then the nights will really be drawing in.

*Harvey Allen*



# WEST HUNTSPILL



## Harvest Thanksgiving Services

**Services on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>  
September 2017**

11am Led by Mrs Heather Gale  
6.30pm Led By Revd Steve Bennett

**There will be Refreshments and a  
“Market Stall”**

**Sale of the donated produce in aid of ALL  
WE CAN after the evening service.**



Our September Coffee Morning  
will be, as usual, in aid of

**Macmillan Cancer Support.**

**Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> 10am -12md**

Please come along and support the  
valuable work this charity is doing, in our  
community Contributions towards the  
cakes welcomed



**Quiz Night For Christian Aid  
Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**7pm for 7-30pm start at St  
Andrew's Hall in Burnham**

Tickets £8.00 per person which includes a  
hot home cooked supper & a choice of

desserts. Please bring your own drinks. Come along & have a fun  
evening raising funds for Christian Aid. Contact Liz Roost for tickets  
on 01278795519.

# **BRENT KNOLL**

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It's hard to believe that this month heralds the end of Summer. Especially as at the time of writing, it doesn't seem to have ever started! But that didn't stop village and Link friends from turning out to support our August coffee mornings which, thanks to your generosity, benefitted four charities. I will let you have details of the charities and how much was donated to them in the October issue of the magazine. Needless to say, a big thank you to all who supported us and enjoyed catching up with friends over refreshments. And of course a big thank you to Margaret, Carol, Gill and Janet who ensured the mornings ran so smoothly.

As Autumn approaches, we're looking forward to our Harvest Festival on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September which, Rev Steve will be taking. This will be followed by our traditional shared lunch.

As we approach the new season, from all of us at Brent Knoll, we hope all our Link friends enjoyed a peaceful and safe holiday period and whether you went away or enjoyed a "staycation" have returned refreshed and relaxed.

God bless

Rosemary Krull

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