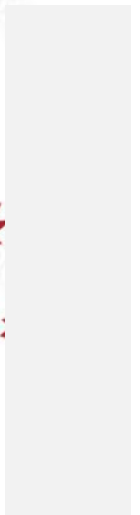




The Link ++

The newsletter for the Methodist Church in
Burnham-on-Sea and the surrounding area

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Matthew chapter 11 verses 28 - 30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Brean

www.breanmethodistchurch.org.uk

We hope you have all had a good summer. The heatwave has made it difficult for many, especially those of us who are into our senior years. Fortunately the higher ceilings in our church have made both worship area and the adjoining schoolroom much pleasanter during these difficult times. In spite of the heat, we have been well served by our preachers and our especial thanks to them for having struggled through difficult periods to prepare their thoughts for our benefit.

We have continued to again welcome our visiting regulars of past years over these last months and to our delight, they have been joined by two or three others who have been with us fairly regularly; and, of course, we have had a sprinkling of the occasional attenders also. To help balance things up a little, a goodly number of our visitors have been men, and our coffee chatter after service has reflected that. Some of them are workers from the sites around and we hope they will stay on into the winter months.

As I have got older I find that my memories have often gone back to my childhood days and the phrase 'all change please, all change.' has often come to mind. We lived a mile or so from the nearest railway station and did much travelling by train so the sights and smells of those words had their own fascination. Today the phrase has its own context. It is All Change in church for us. Steve has moved into a new phase of life and we are getting to grips with new arrangements. Our new Superintendent has also been Chair of District for a while, so we are not unknown to him, and he will fulfill the necessary Superintendency functions alongside his role as District Chair. Tim Widdess will look after Pastoral needs for both us and East Brent. He and Janet are well known to us as preachers and have been present at worship and at so many of our events that they feel fully part of our community already. So it is all change now and for the next year, at which time we expect that it will be All Change once again.

Our Monday morning Coffee events have also maintained a goodly number and lively conversations have ensued each week across the table. At the end of August, the conversation eventually turned to 'what shall we do in the church at Christmas'? Well if Marks and Spencer can talk about

Christmas in their shops in August, why shouldn't we? Welcome to the approach of autumn everyone.

I am sure that September will fly by and then it will be Harvest Festival (October 11th for us) and Church Council (4th). If you still have holidays to come, we hope you enjoy them. Let us hope the weather will be to your satisfaction.

Harvey Allen

Brent

www.eastbrentmethodistchurch.org.uk

If you have not enjoyed the hot weather this year you will be pleased that Autumn is on the way and we at Brent Church have started discussing our plans for Harvest and, dare I say it, Christmas!

Harvest Festival is on 20th September when we will be pleased to have Janet Widdess taking our service. Jill & Gordon will be away for the first time for a very long time so we will have to manage without them. We will also have to manage without Evelyn Tucker who passed away last December and who decorated the church for Harvest year in and year out.

As our re-vamped Christmas Fayre was such a success last year, we are holding another on Saturday 5th December. Coffee and mince pies will be served from 10.30 am and the All Sorts Choir will be entertaining us from 11.30, after which we will be serving soup and rolls. There will of course be the usual stalls so do please put this date in your diaries.

Rosemary Gilling

Burnham

<http://www.methodistchurchburnhamonsea.org.uk/>

It is a very exciting and busy time here in Burnham.

The sadness of Steve's retirement has focused us all on the importance of working and coordinating together.

We are fortunate in having John, Jim, David and Tim to help us for the next year. We thank Joan and David for hosting a lovely garden party to mark Steve and Liz leaving us. Gifts of a Memory Book, two rose bushes and a collection were presented and we thank Edna for a sumptuous purple cake.

We remember with gratitude the hard work that Steve and Liz have given the church, such a great deal of achievement in the past eleven years, not least the formation of the Waffle Hub, the new roof project and the renovation of the hall project managed by Liz. There are many things to which we give thanks for. God bless Steve and Liz.

The future looks good for us with mounting excitement as our hall is under renovation. It has presented many challenges and a great deal of compromises, but our users of the hall have been accommodated in the church.

It is going to be an amazing hall, already it looks so much bigger.

The membership and congregation members continue to increase and are services are well attended. Messy church is very popular with the children and the adults as many of our photographs show.

The Events committee have been busy this week with fund raising ideas and to this we ask for folks to keep the following dates in mind:

11th September Quiz Night 7pm to 9pm - teams of 4 £10 per table – take your own drinks

24th October 7pm A concert by the Southwest Fellowship Band and singers of the Salvation Army. Tickets £10 can be obtained from Mrs Barbara W or Mrs Marion K

In conclusion I wish you a happy Methodist New Year.

As this is my first attempt please forgive any errors.

God bless you all. Val

West Huntspill

www.wsmbos.org/westhuntspill.htm

We have supported Macmillan Cancer Care for about 8 years. We thank all who have attended and donated at our annual coffee morning to raise funds for the charity.

We are holding this year's event on

Friday 25th September 26 at 10.30am – 12.00pm

We offer tea / coffee, biscuits and cakes, plus space to sit and chat. We also have a sales table with items including books, puzzles, home made food plus various items of Bric a Bac. Please come and bring your friends and family; you will receive a warm welcome.

CIRCUIT SERVICE SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

On Saturday 5th September at 2.30pm at Burnham there will be a Circuit Celebration Service- to start the new Methodist year on a positive, prayerful note, and to hold in prayer those taking on extra responsibilities over this next year. Please do come to worship, celebrate and enjoy tea and cake afterwards. We'd be grateful for help with the following:

Shifting chairs after the Coffee Morning at Burnham

Baking cakes

Serving refreshments

If you are able to help, please let Linda James know,

Tel: 01278 787378

Link Fellowship

The July session of the Link Fellowship was the last before we had a summer break.

The Tuesday we met was one of the very hot days we have experienced recently, and I'm not sure who was responsible, but a tray of glasses and a jug of water appeared even before we began our meeting. This was very welcome, so many thanks to whoever put them out!

The afternoon was divided into a time of fun with tabletop games – among which was a shove ha'penny board which was quite a novelty. It brought back memories for one lady who hadn't played since she was twelve years old!

This was followed by a strawberry and cream tea, the fruit and cream supplemented by delicious cakes and scones. Many thanks to Christine Thomas who organised who would bring what and to everyone who chips in so willingly. It was a very enjoyable afternoon before our summer break,

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 8th at 2.30 pm at East Brent Church Hall. It will take the form of our AGM followed by communion which Revd, Margaret Trapp has offered to lead.

After the meeting it was suggested that perhaps we could take this opportunity to bring items to be donated to the food bank.

Joyce Pipet

CALENDAR

	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Regular Days			
Mondays (excl Bank Holidays)	10.30am	Brean	Coffee & Chat
Wednesday	2.00pm	Burnham	Knit & Natter
Friday	Morning	Burnham	Mothers and Toddlers
Other Dates			
Saturday 5 th September	2.30pm	Burnham	Circuit Service Celebrating the start of the Methodist new year
Thursday 10 th September	7.30pm	Uphill	LP&WL Meeting
Friday 11 th September	7.00pm	Burnham	Quiz Night (Teams of 4)
Wednesday 16 th September	7.30pm	Milton	Circuit Meeting
Sunday 20 th September	10.30am	Brent	Harvest Festival Service
Friday 25 th September	10.30.am-12.00pm	West Huntspill	Macmillan coffee morning

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this September issue of the Link Plus ++ magazine.
Could you please send me your contributions for the October issue by Friday 25th September.

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