



**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
BANBURY CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER  
June 2015**

Dear Friends,

'... where does my help come from?' Psalm 121:1b

We have just celebrated what I call the 'anniversary season', there have been Church anniversaries galore. This is a wonderful time for celebrating God's work in His church and for giving thanks for His help and guidance.

Award ceremonies and the end of sporting seasons also offer the opportunity to give thanks and to celebrate their 'winners'. As you will know such events undoubtedly find recipients of an award recalling everyone who has helped them to get to the situation they now find themselves in; acclaimed actors or athletes. Drama or music teachers are recalled along with script writers, producers, directors and of course family, each one is then thanked. In team sport, managers, coaches and directors are thanked for encouraging a team spirit and so enabling a successful season.

As this Methodist year starts to come to end, and this season finishes I would like to offer my thanks to you all. Thank you, all of you for your help over this last year. Together, with God, we have had a good year. Unlike award situations, whereby thanks are directed at a certain few, in God's work; the mission of the church, all need to be thanked. His work is a joint effort. So thank you for all that you have done, for your patience and kindness, for pulling together in your individual chapels. More importantly though, Thank you for relying on God's help.

Over this last year I have read the words from Psalm 121 many times and related them to the people who have died; for indeed their lifelong help came from the Lord. God is good and has been very good to us this last year.

It has been suggested that the speaker of the first two verses in this Psalm is a pilgrim either setting out on, or returning home from a pilgrimage. The words addressed to him would be a blessing. We hear that God protects the pilgrim who is intent on offering worship, who puts trust in Him. So, journeying with God in God's presence and through our worship of Him, we too will be blessed. The words in this Psalm give words of reassurance, telling us that God is always available, that he does not sleep; God's protection is continual, by day and by night. Our help comes from the Lord.

TV, Film, Music and Sporting award winners put their trust in their captain, manager or director and this person can change season by season, film by film, or programme to programme, this is a 'time limited trust'. Being followers of Jesus, we know that the trust we put in Him is not limited to time or any boundaries that we care to set, it is timeless and limitless.



For us, this last year may have been difficult or exciting, a time for stabilising work, or a time for opening up opportunities. Whatever your thoughts of this last year, one thing is for sure, God has been present with us all. We have put our trust in him and we will continue to do so forever more.

And awards or rewards, well there are no medals or ornaments for the mantelpiece, but the fruits of our labours can be seen on the faces and in the lives of those we have worked with. This is what our anniversaries were rejoicing. Surely, we don't need anything more than that!

May the Lord watch over you, both now and evermore.

With every blessing,

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### **Spring Synod, April 2015**

Synod met at Stamford in the north of the Northamptonshire District, which incorporates 250 Methodist churches.

During the day there were several interesting presentations made to the assembly.

One was about Pioneer Ministry- there is an article on the Methodist Church website, under ***Pioneer Pathways***.

Pioneer ministers seek to bring Christ to unchurched people through ***Fresh Expressions*** projects such as Skatepark Bible Study, Café Church, Soft Play for Mums and Tots, Breadmaking Fellowship and an artist's drop-in studio in Sheffield.

Joy Murphy led a heart-warming presentation about the ***Kalibuni Trust*** which raises money to support 14 church-centred educational centres helping 12,000 children from the slums and shanty towns of Kenya. Children are fed, clothed and taught a basic education with some training for skills to be self-supporting in adult life. A small number of children gain access to University education.

There was an exposition of Andy Murphy's book, ***Five practices of Fruitful Congregations***.

This book is an analysis of churches which are growing spiritually and numerically. The five points are:

Radical Hospitality

Passionate Worship

Intentional Faith Development

Risk-taking in Mission and Service

Extravagant Generosity.

This may be summed up as energetic churches living generously in outreach and being hungry for God's Word and worship. Andy Murphy states that all five happen in a healthy church.

The Spring Synod was a full and inspiring day begun and concluded with lively worship.

Hazel Stagg

## **The Anaphylaxis Campaign**

The word 'anaphylaxis' isn't snappy, but it is accurate and helps differentiate this organisation from the work of other allergy groups. For most people, the word 'allergy' conjures up images of an irritating rash or perhaps red-eyed, hay fever sufferers coughing and spluttering their way through spring and early summer. Anaphylaxis, however, is the **potentially fatal** state of sudden shock or collapse after an acute allergic reaction. The whole body is affected, usually within minutes of exposure to the allergen.

**The Anaphylaxis Campaign** provides information and support of the highest quality, relating to foods and other triggers such as latex, drugs and insect stings. Its ultimate aim is to create a safe environment for all people with allergies by educating the food industry, schools, nurses, colleges, health professionals and other key audiences. Its focus is on medical facts, food labelling, risk reduction and allergen management.

### **The Anaphylaxis Campaign**

- Provides a **helpline and information services** – giving advice by telephone, e-mail, fact-sheets, film and online channels.
- Raises **awareness** and provides **support** through a programme of workshops for parents of allergic children as well as for young people aged 11-18.
- Runs local **support group** meetings and regional medical meetings.
- Works with caterers, manufacturers and retailers to raise awareness and protect people from harmful allergens – **developing food safety**.
- In addition to work with individuals, the Campaign **works to educate** schools, nurseries, colleges, universities and youth groups in allergy management. Following the success of Its Allergy Wise training for school nurses it has developed an online training programme for families, individuals, carers and healthcare professionals.
- It is **campaigning** to improve allergy services within the NHS.

### ***A personal note from Margaret and Jeff Smith***

*The work of **The Anaphylaxis Campaign** is very dear to our hearts because Ian, our elder son, has a potentially fatal allergy to nuts. When he was in his late teens, we came very close to losing him when he went into Anaphylactic shock after inadvertently ingesting an extremely small quantity of nut.*

*In order to continue its life-saving work money is, of course, always needed.  
To raise some of that much needed cash, we are holding...*

**COFFEE / SOUP / TEA DAY**  
with  
**HANDMADE GREETINGS CARD STALL**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015**  
**10.00am to 3.00pm**  
**49 Queensway, Banbury**

*Please come and bring your friends and neighbours to enjoy the coffee/tea with homemade cookies/biscuits\* and homemade\* soup (\*Including gluten-free).  
The Greetings Card Stall will include Fathers Day cards (June 21).  
There will be no admission charge but donations will be invited to **The Anaphylaxis Campaign**.*

## MARLBOROUGH ROAD

### 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The Marlborough Road Church celebrations continue in June. On Sunday 7 June the 10.30 am and 6.00 pm services will both be led by Revd Mike Langstaff. Mike originally candidated for the ministry from Marlborough Road and returned as Superintendent Minister for the period 1993-99. On 14 June the visiting preacher will be Revd Trevor Thomas who was on the Circuit team 1986-98. The following week, on 21 June it will be the turn of Revd Barrie Tabraham, who worshipped at Marlborough Road whilst a head of department at Banbury School, before going on to candidate for the ministry.

On Sunday 28 June the Choir will celebrate its own anniversary with *Songs of Praise* services, presenting hymns through the decades of the 150 years.

Other events during the month include a car wash by the Scouts (Saturday 6 June) and a concert featuring the talents of Church and Circuit members on Saturday 13 June, under the title *Come Creative Spirit*. A reminder that all Circuit members are warmly invited to contribute to, or simply come and enjoy, this free-of-charge event. If you would like to take part yourself, please contact Ian Philipson on 01295 271676 or via e-mail at [ian@cianp.org.uk](mailto:ian@cianp.org.uk).

On Saturday 27 June, the Scouts and Guides are throwing their own party for the Church, complete with a bouncy castle and refreshments!

Finally, the book by Alan Vincent and Trevor Parry on the history of Marlborough Road Church should be available in an A5 version shortly, at a cost of £10 per copy. Please contact Alan Vincent if you would like to order a copy: e-mail [avbloxham@gmail.com](mailto:avbloxham@gmail.com) or phone 01295 720809.

#### Party Pieces - "Come Creative Spirit"

We are planning to have an old fashioned DIY church concert at Marlborough Road Church on the evening of Saturday June 13th. If you have an item you would like to offer please would you let me know or sign up on the notice board in the church hall. We aim this to be a celebration of gifts and talents to share with each other - song, dance, spoken word. Alternatively, please note the date in your diary and come and support it (free) if you don't want to perform.

Ian Philipson - [ian@cianp.org.uk](mailto:ian@cianp.org.uk) - Tel: 01295 271676

#### Flower Festival

We are holding a Flower Festival from the 11 - 13 of September and this will include a Memory Corner.

If anyone from the Circuit would like to place a small arrangement in this corner could they please contact us as soon as possible.

Tony & Pauline Giles Tel. 01295 252430 or e-mail [tonyjgiles@gmail.com](mailto:tonyjgiles@gmail.com)

**Marlborough Road Thursday Club**  
Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm  
An evening in Heather Bernardo's Garden

## **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE 2015**

7<sup>th</sup> June

Genesis 3:8 – 15  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1  
Mark 3:20 – 35

21<sup>st</sup> June

Job 38:1 – 11  
Psalm 107:1 – 3,23 – 32  
2 Corinthians 6:1 – 13  
Mark 4:35 – 41

14<sup>th</sup> June

Ezekiel 17:22- 34  
Psalm 92:1 – 4, 12 – 15  
2 Corinthians 5:6 -10 (11 – 13) 14 – 17  
Mark 4:26 – 34

28<sup>th</sup> June

Wisdom of Solomon  
1:13 – 15;2:23 – 24  
or Lamentations 3:23 - 33  
Psalm 30  
2 Corinthians 8:7 – 15  
Mark 5:21 - 43

### **CAMEO**

**(Come And Meet Each Other)**

Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Afternoons in the Wesley Room at Marlborough Road  
at 2.30pm

Men and Women of any age are welcome to share in a varied programme.

Money raised goes to the ' Methodist Church World Mission Fund

June 10th Liz Pym

June 24th Garden Meeting at 24 and 26 Wesley Drive  
The homes of Jennifer and John Warren and Kate Kyle

These meetings are held at Marlborough Road but it is a circuit meeting with members from  
the other churches.

Why not come and join us???

### **NEITHROP CHAPEL FELLOWSHIP**

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS - 7.30pm

June 10th

Lin Francis

My Life before the Ministry

June 24th

Naughty but Nice

bring along a homemade or shop bought dessert to share

## UPPER BODDINGTON

Thank you to everyone who supported our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. What a wonderful weekend we had!

All the plans we had made, over many weeks, came together as everyone did their bit to help make the event run smoothly, so well done everyone.

We were delighted with the support we received from the Circuit, people in the village and neighbouring Churches.

Donations given at the exhibition, over two days, and at the Sunday service in the village hall amounted to £657. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously. That money will be used to help pay for repairs to our premises.

The Sankey Songs of Praise evening was very enjoyable too, with a good congregation singing favourite hymns with enthusiasm before sharing refreshments together in the Chapel schoolroom. A collection taken during that evening raised £410 for the Hosannah Children's Home in South India, and the money was sent out to the home three days after the event. We have received a letter from the home thanking us for the money we have donated towards the cost of helping children in their care. Thank you to everyone who supported us on that occasion and gave so willingly to help in the most important work done by the Hosannah Home.

## CROPREDY

After hosting a circuit quiet day, a christening, open gardens day with lunch car boot sale and dance show during May we now look forward to our June events.

June coffee morning on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 to noon

Praise evening on 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Leader Patricia Healey.

The Bible study group continues to meet on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.15pm Contact Maggie on 01295 750423

We are in need of some more Methodist Communion Books 1999 ISBN if anyone has any spare please contact Jan on 750423

## CHACOMBE

*Chacombe Chapel Anniversary Celebrations*

*Street Market*

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm**

**Cake Stall   Raffle   Books   Cream Teas   Plants   Teddy Bran Tub  
Gypsy Caravan with quality crafts   and various other stalls  
See you there.....**

## Coffee morning

Our ever popular coffee mornings will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June & Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June starting at 10.30am in the schoolroom. Come along and enjoy our hospitality.

## **HORNTON**

Sunday June 21st Father's Day

11am Cafe Church style worship will be at the chapel instead of the pavilion. '

## **METHODIST HOMES SUNDAY**

June 14<sup>th</sup> 2015

MHA have prepared a service which all churches can use either on June 14<sup>th</sup> or any other Sunday they wish to choose. If you have a preacher planned for that service they will have a copy to use.

The order of service is contained in a Spring Heart and Soul Magazine which is available to each church.

The envelopes will come to you with the June circuit magazine. They have clear instructions on what to do after they have been filled and given with the offerings. All envelopes or cheques should be passed to us so that we can count the money and check the forms for gift Aid. MHA asks for these to be sent to them so that they may claim the tax benefit which members have allowed them to receive.

Many thanks to all who give regularly to MHA. It is a charity of which we should be very proud and which is highly thought of by those whom it works for and with.

Katie and John Lee

### **White Goods**

Is anyone interested in a Bosch tumble drier (width 60 cm x depth 55 cm) or a Beko washing machine (width 60cm x depth 45cm) which are surplus to our requirements?

If so, please contact Cheryl Messer (tel Banbury 252251) for details.

### **DEADLINE FOR THE JULY & AUGUST EDITION SUNDAY JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Please forward contributions to  
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