

## WORLD CHALLENGE

On Saturday 17th February, myself, Lauren Woods, and Louis Dickson, held a social evening at Maghull Methodist Church to raise money towards our World Challenge. The fun-filled evening included a quiz, raffle, entertainment, and lots of cake! World Challenge, provide teenagers with the opportunity to travel the world and experience new places whilst gaining life skills. We are a group of students from College@Deyes. In the summer of 2018, we are going on an adventure of a life time over 12,000 km from Maghull to Vietnam.

During the trip, we will help the tribal communities of Sapa with education and accommodation. The most important part of our trip is to build sanitation blocks for the lower income communities. From this trip, we will gain further independence, which will hopefully help us as we look to enter the adult world! We would like to thank all that attended and made generous contributions to our expedition fee. **Amount Raised- £389**

**Louise Millington**

## TUESDAY DROP IN

Every Tuesday morning 9.30 – 12.00 we meet for our “Drop In” This was started some years ago to encourage people passing by to pop in for a coffee and a chat.

We presently have a regular group of about 12 people who are mostly church members. Occasionally people visiting the premises for other reasons will join us. The group play Rummikub and Scrabble with the odd one or two venturing to play Table Tennis. We have coffee and biscuits at about 11.00 which cost a £1

The proceeds currently go towards the cost of employing a cleaning company. Everyone is welcome to join us even if you don't know what Rummikub is! You can watch and you will soon learn the basics.

**Brian Biglands**

## Maghull Walking Group

Back in October 2017 the Saturday church walk coincided with the BBC Countryfile Rambles for Children In Need. It was therefore decided that we would use our walk as a means of raising money for this good cause.

On Saturday 14th October a small group left the church by car for the Gorse Hill Nature Reserve. The day was fine and we managed to walk just over 4 miles around the reserve and surrounding fields and woods. The Reserve staff provided us with tea and biscuits for which we made a donation, in addition our small group of walkers raised a total of £220 which was sent off to Children in Need.

I am most grateful to those who took part on the walk and to members of the congregation who also supported this good cause.

**Brian Biglands**

*P.S. Gorse Hill Nature Reserve is located on Gaw Hill Lane just off the A59 near to Christ Church Aughton. They have a woodland area and an orchard containing many older varieties of apples. They have a number of open days throughout the year. The main ones being in Spring to see the blossom and Autumn to taste the fruit and juice.*

## “This Changes Everything”

Lou Fellingham – Live 2017 (Integrity Music)

Some of you may have seen “songs of praise” last year. It was broadcast from Eastbourne, and featured Lou Fellingham and her band who provided the music from the bandstand.

I heard for the first time a new arrangement of an old hymn called “Everlasting Arms” sung by Lou Fellingham. The words moved me so much that I bought the CD. Other songs on the disc are . . . “Praise the Name of Jesus”, “Strong To Deliver”, “Lord of Need You” (based on the hymn “I need thee every hour”) and the title track “This Changes Everything”

These songs are meaningful and encouraging, and I can recommend the CD to the young, and the young at heart. It is available from the Wesley bookshop in Southport, and as was the case with two friends of mine, the words can literally move you to tears.

**Val Taylor**

# Old Roan

## Job or Ministry

Author: Unknown - Source: Unknown

Some people have a JOB in the church. Others involve themselves in a MINISTRY.

What's the difference?

If you are doing it just because no one else will, it's a JOB.

If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a MINISTRY.

If you quit because somebody criticized you, it was a JOB.

If you keep on serving, it's a MINISTRY.

If you'll do it only if it does not interfere with your other activities, it's a JOB.

If you are committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's a MINISTRY.

If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it was a JOB.

If you stay with it even though nobody recognizes your efforts, it is a MINISTRY.

It's hard to get excited about a JOB.

It's almost impossible not to be excited about a MINISTRY.

If our concern is success, it's a JOB.

If our concern is faithfulness,

it's a MINISTRY.

An average church is filled with people doing JOBS.

A great and growing church is filled with people involved in MINISTRY.

Where do we fit in?

What about us?

If God calls you to a MINISTRY, don't treat it like a JOB.

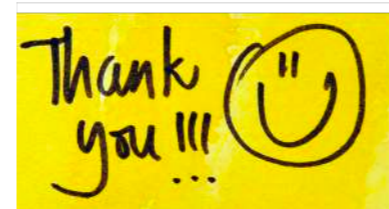
If you have a JOB, give it up and find a MINISTRY.

God does not want us feeling stuck with a JOB,

But excited and faithful to Him in a MINISTRY.

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5 : 16-18)

**Glenys Burkey**  
Old Roan Methodist Church



## COME AND FOLLOW ME IF I SHOULD CALL YOUR NAME

Thanks to Luke and all the other members of CLT for the opportunity of serving as a Circuit Steward for the last 6yrs, and as this chapter in my journey of faith comes to an end what can I do next? What can I, rather than what will I, is an interesting thought. I've been quite astonished in the past at the roles and particularly the opportunities that have come my way in life as well as church. It may be that I just don't step back in the line quick enough or heaven forbid someone thinks I could actually fulfil the task competently.

I suppose if we take a lead from the JC recruitment style, the gang of nobodies He chose didn't do particularly badly or did they? Whichever the case Jesus chose them, they didn't choose Him. Jesus chose them and Jesus continues to choose those He feels will do they best. He will provide the opportunities to develop and hone our skills but we must be willing to allow Him in to do His will. All roles that I can recall have brought challenges, all have brought rewards. All have allowed me to learn and provided opportunities to grow in faith and assist others to experience God in new ways.

### So what is this ramble all about?

The benefits of serving your church and the wider community are immense in Kingdom terms. This is not about earning our way into Heaven, it's following the lead that Jesus has given us. His way must be the right way to live our earthly lives, His Kingdom will come when His will is done. Amen

I also want to say a huge thank you to Revd Viv Gasteen for the time, effort, energy and willingness to get involved in so many aspects of church. Old Roan feel extremely blessed by your presence with us Viv, you've shown all the elements I've been mentioning in the article above and selflessly given yourself in true disciple fashion. I can't speak highly enough of your contribution and am sure Maghull will say the same.

May God continue to bless you in your ongoing ministry and may you find many other ways to serve Him, though in a slightly more relaxing way if that's at all possible. Please come and see us as your time and the Methodist systems allow.

**Ian Roxburgh - Retiring Snr Circuit Steward**

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## Diary Dates

**Viv's Leaving Service**  
22nd July 3pm at Maghull

**Neil's Welcome Service**  
1st September 3pm at Old Roan

**Circuit Easter circuit offering was £734.00** Sincere thanks to all

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**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER TO BE WITH THE CIRCUIT OFFICE BY SUNDAY 8TH JULY**

# Fazakerley

Winter seems to be endless this year, overlapping into what should be Spring with its milder weather & promise of brighter days ahead.

However, Mike's daffodils spring up as usual, a welcome sight in front of the building to remind us that Spring is on its way, if a little late this year.



## BREAKFAST CLUB

In spite of the severe cold and on an early 9am start the Breakfast Club continues to thrive sharing prayer time and bible study along with breakfast. They meet twice monthly.

## YOYOs Meets Monthly

Our Yoyos never cease to amaze us with the amount of content covered in such a short time.

It is always a joy to share with them at the end of the service, their lively discussions and ingenious crafts relating to the days subject.

The delight on the faces of the very youngest members as they show us their creations and the lively comments from our brilliant teenagers is testament to the fun and guidance provided by their dedicated leaders.

## BRRRR!!

We arrived at church one cold Sunday morning to be welcomed by the news that the "boiler" had packed in. Amid murmurs of "giving up heat for Lent", we congregated in the Hedgehog room and have been there for several weeks.

In spite of the reduced heat and loss of our musical accompaniment our numbers have remained stable. The wall heaters have been adequate and we have all been in good voice even without the organ, although some of our speakers have kindly brought music and on one occasion we learnt a new hymn.

## EASTER

On Palm Sunday YOYOs distributed our Easter crosses which they had made for us. We were invited to make one our selves with a fantastic demo by Carolyn one of their leaders.

Her nimble fingers and step by step instruction made it look so easy. There were some very good efforts but some not so good to say the least . . . we tried!

## Good Friday

During the 2nd hymn, Luke disappeared as the singing came to a close, the door opened and we were confronted by a Roman Soldier in full regalia, well with something familiar about him.

In Bible days he would have been a very formidable figure demonstrating the might and power Rome. After introducing himself he proceeded to share his thoughts and impressions of his experiences when he encountered Jesus. He related several of his miracles and the events leading up to Jesus arrest and crucifixion. A very unusual and thought provoking part of our Good Friday Service, illustrating the powerful effect that Jesus had on people from all walks of life who encountered him.

## EASTER SUNDAY

Our Easter Sunday services resumed in the church which was exceptionally warm thanks to several portable heaters. Early morning communion was followed by breakfast, the main service was led by Viv Marriot. The children were each given a Kinder Surprise egg and Viv asked them how they would feel if they discovered that there was no surprise inside. She then explained that like them, how sad Mary must have felt when she discovered that the tomb where Jesus was laid was empty.

This year our Church will be celebrating its' 90th birthday and we look forward to several celebration events throughout the year. If anyone has any special memories they would like to share of Fazakerley Church, we look forward to hearing about them.



# FAZAKERLEY Rainbows and Brownies

As usual we are very busy in rainbows and brownies, at Easter we held a coffee evening with an Easter egg hunt as usual all the rainbows and brownies families attended and joined in with the fun and games which always ends up with lots of laughter. Even though we thought we found all the hidden Easter eggs and bunny's we are still coming across 1 or 2 that we hid weeks later.

We have just come back from taking brownies on a 1 off trip to a sleep over in Blackpool tower, we decided to take the girls on an adventure on the train to get there, 9 trains and 2 trams in total there and back, we took 8 of our brownies who took everything in their stride doing things they will probably never do again, we got there to find out we where sleeping in the ballroom which was amazing.



# Longmoor

**Good News!** Jeanette Beck was finally discharged home from Venmore Rehabilitation Centre in Anfield . She is now able to drive again and is back at church where her lovely singing was greatly missed. Welcome back! More Good News! Jean Smallwood has made a good recovery after her fall and has rejoined us at Sunday worship. You too Jean were greatly missed. Jean always manages to light up the place with her cheerful smile



**June Hales** came to visit year 2 children in Longmoor C.P. School for our 'Spread a Little Kindness' week. She spoke to us about North Liverpool Food bank. June explained how the food bank worked and her role in collecting & delivering donations. The children asked lots of questions about the sort of items that were needed, so they knew what to collect.

A few weeks later, Dorothy brought an amazing amount of food & toiletry donations from Staff & Children to Longmoor and asked if a small group of pupils could visit with some more goods. I then had two lovely surprises:- Being presented with a scrap book containing 44 self portraits of children who had been present when I visited the school plus a large Easter egg!!

## What a shock

to hear that our good friend Neil Kelly had a heart attack at work recently. A colleague took him to Aintree University Hospital where he had two clots removed and stents fitted. (Not the way he expected to celebrate his 64th birthday) Thankfully, he is now back home. We wish him a full recovery to 100% fitness and able to continue his role as a Walk Leader. The Breeze In goes from strength to strength serving the local community with hearty breakfasts and a full menu of hot and cold snacks and drinks thanks to our team of willing volunteers. On the subject of volunteers, recently Peter Fletcher had an unexpected day off work and not only did the 'Breeze In' shopping for me one Tuesday but also cleaned the windows in Breeze In and church. *Many thanks Peter*

# Linacre Mission

## Hope Journey – Cross Factor

Children in Year 5 from two of the local Primary schools came onto the premises to experience the Easter story through six workshops.

1. What is Easter? – Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday
2. Crosses around the world - different style of crosses from around the world
3. Death to Life – Easter Sunday and new life
4. The Easter Story - looking at the Easter story as a whole and completing a jigsaw of events.
5. "I was there" - hear a first-hand account of the Easter story
6. Craft activity – colouring and making a stained glass window

## FOODBANK CHALLENGE

During the Lent period Luke, Joan and Sandra were sponsored to use the single person's foodbank allowance for three days. They raised £230 which has been given to the Sefton Foodbank.

## The Homecoming service on Easter Saturday

provided the opportunity for housebound folk to meet with others to attend worship and holy communion then to share afternoon tea and fellowship together.

**Rainbows meet on Mondays at 6pm** (term time). Their recent theme has been "Winter" and they have enjoyed making a winter tree; playing a memory game using winter-themed objects; decorating umbrella pictures; making marshmallow snowmen/ladies and snowflakes.

## Inters meet each Wednesday from 6.30 -8.00

 (term time)

This is a club for children aged 5-10. The evening's programme begins with worksheet activities of dot-to-dot, spot the difference and colouring, followed by games (dodge ball, football, follow the leader) then a bible story and related craft activities. After this there is a time for the children to have a snack during which one of them reads again the bible story and then one of the children has the opportunity to lead the prayer drill and another to read a prayer from the prayer book.

## Boys Brigade at Linacre each Friday 7pm

 (term time)

The activities that were planned for the last three months have included:- making paper plate faces; learning about road safety and the Green Cross Code; Big Splash, a Battalion event in Garston; enjoying pancakes! Yum!; trip to the cinema to see Nick Parks' "Early Man" film; chocolate bingo night; stories and activities related to Jonah and the whale and Palm Sunday and Easter. They are looking forward to a Battalion Junior Section quiz/challenge evening and a Battalion Parade service.

## ADVANCE DATES

- May 13th - Church Anniversary Service led by Rachel Deigh**
- May 24th - Stewards Meeting at 3.30pm**
- May 31st - Thursday at 2.30pm, Linda's Social Afternoon with Quiz , Sale table & light refreshments. Tickets £2 from Linda OR pay on the door**
- June 13th - Wednesday at 7pm. A 4 weeks Bible Study Course commences**
- July 31st - Tuesday at 2.30. Pastoral Visitors Meeting**

June Hales