

## Diary Dates

### October 2018

- 4th Circuit Meeting at Lifton 7.30pm.
- 5th Boyton Harvest Café style service 6.30pm
- 7th Boyton Harvest Service 11am.
- 7th CS Lewis Epic Fantasy Series at Coads Green 2pm.
- 7th South Petherwin Harvest Festival 11am, Mrs Sue Rowell (see page 20)
- 8th South Petherwin Harvest Supper 6.45pm, Mrs Ann Foster (see page20)
- 11th Service at Cedar Grange 2.15pm.
- 16th Local Preacher's meeting Polyphant 7.30pm.
- 21st Community Harvest Thanksgiving, Launceston Town Hall 6.30pm.
- 24th MWiB Autumn Event, Central 2.30pm.
- 28th Coads Green Chapel Anniversary 11am (see page 18).
- 28th Coads Green 100 years WW1 Afternoon tea 4.30pm (see page 9).

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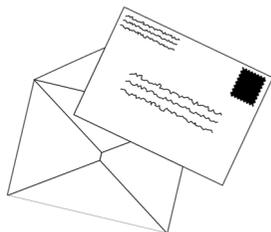
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# SPOTLIGHT

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# Pastoral Letter



Dear Friends,

In a contribution to Spotlight more than 3½ years ago, I included the following paragraph:

*"In one of the textbooks which used to be used in Local Preacher training, Revd Richard G Jones wrote at some length about various aspects of choosing hymns for a service, making critical comments about the words of several. He then went on, "Many of these adverse comments may make the reader think that too much stress is being placed upon the words of hymns. They are not, after all, creedal statements, so why be concerned? The answer is that hymns convey the Church's theology in a very profound way, gently and almost subconsciously."*

I was prompted to repeat it by the little article in the last Spotlight about Keith Getty and his hymn, "In Christ alone". According to the article, this hymn was chosen as the second best hymn of all time in a survey for *Songs of Praise* in 2013; but it is a hymn which sparked considerable correspondence in *The Methodist Recorder* at the time when *Singing the Faith* was being compiled and it is a hymn I would never choose for a service.

Why? Because the hymn paints two pictures which I believe are false.

The first is there in lines of the second verse,

*till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied*

The picture this suggests is that of an angry vengeful God being placated by the sacrificial death of Jesus; and the trouble with this is that it has within it a pagan rather than an Old Testament understanding of sacrifice, and seems to be suggesting, too, that by his death Jesus persuaded God to change his mind.

Inasmuch as this seems to be contrasting an angry God with a

## LITTLE RED BUS EXCURSIONS



### October 2018

Wed 3rd	Shopping trip to Truro	£14
Tues 9th	Trelawney Garden Centre & Wadebridge	£10
Thur 11th	Ikea Exeter	£14
Wed 17th	Lunch at Coombe Barton, Crackington Haven	£8
Thur 18th	Shelterbox tour/Hope & Strength Photo Exhibition	£14
Tues 23rd	Totnes	£14
Thur 25th	Falmouth	£14

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The circuit website at [www.lamc.org.uk](http://www.lamc.org.uk) is a great way for the Launceston area to keep up to date with everything that is going on in the circuit's churches and chapels. To take advantage of the site please send items to David Rogerson, Glebe House, Lezant, Launceston PL15 9PP (01579 370412). Better still, if you have access to email please send them to [david@lamc.org.uk](mailto:david@lamc.org.uk)

## COFFEE MORNINGS

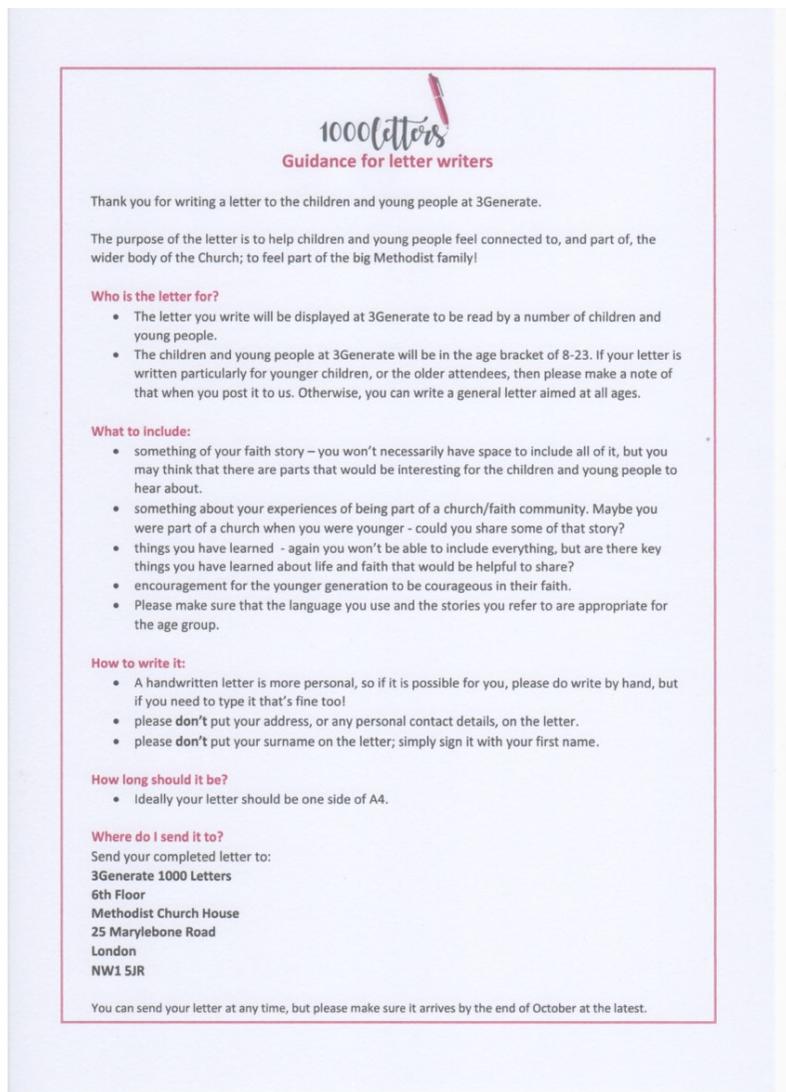
### OCTOBER 2018



2nd	Central 10am-12noon hosted by Werrington Church
3rd	Lifton 10.30am
3rd	Trebulllett 10.30-12 noon
9th	Central 10am-12noon hosted by Trebulllett
10th	Polyphant with Book Club 10.00-11.30am.
13th	South Petherwin 10.30-12 noon
16th	Central 10am-12noon hosted by Open the Book
23rd	Central 10am-12noon hosted by St Stephens WI charity
30th	Central 10am-12noon hosted by Inner Wheel

## 3GENERATE 1000 LETTERS

The Methodist Children & Youth Team has laid down a challenge for members of the Methodist Church to write a letter to encourage a young person in their faith. The aim is to get 1,000 Methodists to share via a letter something of their faith story, which will be shared with the children and young people attending 3Generate in November. I have attached the guidance they are giving in regards to this. The letters have to be sent to: 6th Floor Methodist Church House 25 Marylebone Road London NW1 5JR by the end of October.



**1000letters**  
Guidance for letter writers

Thank you for writing a letter to the children and young people at 3Generate.

The purpose of the letter is to help children and young people feel connected to, and part of, the wider body of the Church; to feel part of the big Methodist family!

**Who is the letter for?**

- The letter you write will be displayed at 3Generate to be read by a number of children and young people.
- The children and young people at 3Generate will be in the age bracket of 8-23. If your letter is written particularly for younger children, or the older attendees, then please make a note of that when you post it to us. Otherwise, you can write a general letter aimed at all ages.

**What to include:**

- something of your faith story – you won't necessarily have space to include all of it, but you may think that there are parts that would be interesting for the children and young people to hear about.
- something about your experiences of being part of a church/faith community. Maybe you were part of a church when you were younger - could you share some of that story?
- things you have learned - again you won't be able to include everything, but are there key things you have learned about life and faith that would be helpful to share?
- encouragement for the younger generation to be courageous in their faith.
- Please make sure that the language you use and the stories you refer to are appropriate for the age group.

**How to write it:**

- A handwritten letter is more personal, so if it is possible for you, please do write by hand, but if you need to type it that's fine too!
- please **don't** put your address, or any personal contact details, on the letter.
- please **don't** put your surname on the letter; simply sign it with your first name.

**How long should it be?**

- Ideally your letter should be one side of A4.

**Where do I send it to?**

Send your completed letter to:  
3Generate 1000 Letters  
6th Floor  
Methodist Church House  
25 Marylebone Road  
London  
NW1 5JR

You can send your letter at any time, but please make sure it arrives by the end of October at the latest.

loving, caring Jesus, this is foreign, it seems to me, to the central message of the New Testament which might be summarised in two texts from Paul: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself" (2 Cor.5:19) and "Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, and that is God's own proof of his love towards us" (Romans 5: 8).

The second picture which I believe is false is in verse 3:

*then bursting forth in glorious Day  
up from the grave he rose again!*

I have the same problem with this as I do with the older hymn, "Low in the grave he lay." That went on, you may recall, "Waiting the coming day", and then, "Up from the grave he arose."

The picture here is that of someone lying in bed and then deciding to get up, and that is not the picture we are given in the New Testament. Older versions of the Bible may record the message to the women on Easter morning as "He is risen" (which is possibly a bit ambiguous), but newer translations are very clear that the message was "He has been raised."

The New Testament presents the Resurrection as a mighty act of God, not as something which Jesus did for himself.

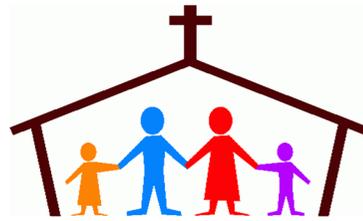
Some of you may be thinking that I am splitting hairs, and saying to yourselves, "What does it matter?" In one sense, I suppose not much, since I do not believe that our relationships with God or our salvation depend on the rightness of our beliefs or the correctness of our theology (thank goodness!).

In another sense it does matter, because it matters where our ideas come from, and it matters that we are careful in our use of the Bible, and it matters that we think as clearly as we can about our faith and our beliefs.

Many years ago, one of the people who used to come to a Bible Study group which I led had a background in the Brethren. From time to time, he would assert, "Jesus was God," and I would respond that this was an oversimplification of what we find in the New Testament! We agreed to differ! However, if we are going to speak about the person of Jesus, our starting points need to be what he had to say about himself (as far as we can know that) and what the writers of the New Testament had to say about him, rather than the pictures evoked by a hymn (or, indeed, by what we might find in the Creeds!)

Howard Curnow

# Around the Churches



## TREBULLETT

The weekend of 7th, 8th and 9th September saw Trebuletts Commemoration of the three centenaries in 2018 – the end of WW1, the formation of the RAF and the Representation of the Peoples Act which gave votes to women for the first time. We spent a very busy afternoon on Wednesday 5th September setting up the chapel with all the memorabilia we had been loaned. Thanks to all who contributed items and a very special thanks to Launceston Museum who were very generous in the number of items they loaned us – this really helped us to illustrate the centenaries we were commemorating. The chapel was filled with memorabilia, all of which was interesting and showed the links of those who were connected with the centenaries commemorated to the families here today.

On the Friday evening in the chapel we were entertained by Old Time Music Hall. Sheila and Richard Burt were comperes, introducing comic turns from Debbie Deacon Green and Neil Burden – we won't forget Debbie's calves in a hurry! It was a pity there wasn't a bigger audience to enjoy the evening but those of us there thoroughly enjoyed singing all the old songs, finishing with Land of Hope and Glory. We then sojourned to the Hall where a very good supper had been provided.

On Saturday the chapel was open all day for people to see the exhibition and there was a steady stream of visitors throughout the day. Comments show that everyone found the exhibition both interesting and informative and stimulated reminiscences and discussion. There were several videos being shown in a loop which emphasised the hardships of the War, the events that led to the formation of the RAF and the efforts of the Suffragettes that were successful in 1918. The trench biscuits made by Janet Honey were of great interest too – these were biscuits that were given to men in the front line trenches. Janet found the recipe online and made some for the exhibition. Several people have since enquired for the recipe so they must have been tasty! There was also a book of remembrance available for people to write the names of those they would like remembered and these names were included in our prayers on Sunday.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are already collecting shoe boxes at Central, and raised £353 at our Afternoon Tea at Elmslea. This will ensure we cover all the costs of transport and enable us to make a donation to the mission of the Greatest Journey which shares the Good News with children in their communities.

Last year we sent 201 boxes which went mainly to Europe. For many children this is the first gift they have ever received and they will never forget it. Here is one story.

'My sister is still in Romania; she works with very poor children from villages in Transylvania. She told me some children cut the rubber from old tyres, make holes in it and tie it up with wire to make shoes. They received boxes from Operation Christmas Child. I can't begin to tell you the happiness those children feel when they receive a present. I will never forget because I was one of those children. On behalf of the little girl I was and all the other children who benefit - thank you!'

Further information from Irene Stanbury 01566 777661



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!

## AUTUMN MORNING

By the time I ventured out on a sunny autumn's day  
The morning mists had all but gone, but still I found they lay  
Beyond the town of Launceston, like a collar all upturned  
Silhouetting church and castle as the sun rose up and burned.  
While in the fields there glistened in droplets on the ground  
Dew, which beautified the cobwebs as it freshened all around  
There were spiders' webs with diamonds strung twixt blackberries of jet  
With the spider ever-watchful in his jewel-encrusted net.  
The thistles were all powder puffs of softest, palest mauve  
With soldier beetles clambering there like amber treasure trove.  
The multi-coloured butterflies danced gaily in the sun –  
From cobalt blue to brightest hue, and speckled, every one.  
I stood and watched this country scene, and wondered at its beauty  
Then I returned to daily tasks, to do a farmer's duty.

*Sandra Smale*

### **SOUTH PETHERWIN METHODIST CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES**

**Sunday 7th October**

11am Speaker, Mrs Sue Rowell

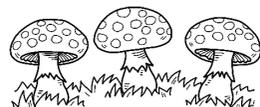
**Monday 8th October**

6.45pm Short Service to be led by Mrs Ann Foster  
Harvest Supper to follow

All are Welcome

£5.00 Adults    £2.50 Children

Bookings please – Mary Stoneman Tel: 01566 773375



The weekend finished with a special service on Sunday 9th September, led by Revd Jo Smart, the theme being Peace in our Community. We were pleased to welcome three students from The Queen's Foundation who took part in the service with readings and poems. So good to see young people entering the ministry.

We now begin to look forward to our autumn and Christmas events. Trebulet's Harvest Festival will be on 7th October when we will welcome Revd Roger Greene to lead the morning service which will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. There will be a stall of produce – donations for Farming Community Network. All are welcome.

Christmas events – diary dates to remember are our annual meal and entertainment on Saturday 24th November (always a good start to the Christmas season) and our Carol Service and Nativity on Sunday 23rd December. Please do join us for these events, all are very welcome.

*Jill Price*

## TREGADILLETT

SWINGS, ROUNDABOUTS, FAIRGROUND ORGAN, AND `FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND`--

Now that's an unusual group of topics!!

Swings and roundabouts - we all know the other meaning of that - things get better - things get worse. The monthly Sunday afternoon service for the Memory Café is beginning to struggle for numbers. A new banner advertising the events may pull in a few extras - we shall see. Already there has been talk about taking the service to them. Watch this space. On the other side of the equation, The Family Fun still continues to grow. Their main four un-elected leaders are reaping rewards for the effort they have put in over many months. Again a new banner just emphasizes the dates as they come along. They are just as intent as ever about having `church input` every month.

Fairground organ? - not quite-but there is a similarity-read on. With the retirement of Catherine from playing the organ regularly every other week, we were left with Sarah to do it all. That is too much to ask. Thanks are due to those people who were involved with Broadwood who kindly gave us their CDs and hymn sheets. We have tried them. Fine-but, as in the fashion of the fairground organ tempo is a part of the scene. There was little time to draw breath between the verses. One result was Dorothy D. even took off her jacket so it might help her keep up. We have had a kind offer of someone who will come to us and help play. They will be most welcome.

Feeding the five thousand-Safari Supper-no-one has kept account - but, as this has been happening for between 25 and 30 years, and with the average numbers attending we reckon we have fed about 5 thousand people. This year's event was a great success again with several new faces attending. A big `thank you` goes to all who came. It would not happen at all without our

venues- Hidden Valley, Trethorne Leisure Farm, and Trekeastle House- a big thank you to them too! Our church members really pull out all the stops in providing all that they do. Apparently our collection of desserts was the most ever supplied. Well done.

EXTRA- whilst the Safari Supper boosted our church funds our next meal, a Big Breakfast will be for charity- mainly the Launceston Money Advice Centre. Obviously confidentiality is of paramount importance there, but we do hear some vague details of the work going on. The need is great. Please come and support it on Saturday October 13th. Further details are available from Sarah [880244].

*Terry Jones*

## COADS GREEN

### Covenant Service

Moving the service to Coads Green, where there is plenty of parking, made little difference to the numbers as far as I could tell. There were about 120 people from all around the circuit. I think most chapels had a representation.

The worship through singing was wonderful, both with the organist Jenny Worth and the young band from Coads Green. The band really are getting very good for folk who have only been playing together for a short while. Lots of people remarked on this as one of the highlights of the service.

Being able to project the readings and prayers, you could see, and the new sound system allowed you to hear how varied they were. When Malcolm spoke, you could see why. He took the word Covenant and explained how it had come from the Latin via French to the English. Also how Abram had been given a covenant with God.

The Covenant prayers and statement were similar to usual but in the different setting, a service I have loved in the few years as a Methodist, came over as new again. This service has been the envy of other denominations and many have a similar service now.

The children went out after the offering to Messy Sunday School. The theme was promises: God's promises to us and our promises to God. The children did a range of activities, which included writing promises to go on a promise tree; making promise boxes; bookmarks and rainbow decorated cakes.

Communion, not an easy thing to do, was executed well. We were led well and served by Malcolm, Jo and Daphne. The children came back in for a blessing as communion came to an end.

After the service, we were given tea and coffee by Linda and her team. Many people stayed and there was lots of chatter and fellowship.

*Margaret Ridley*

## DO WHAT GOD HAS TOLD YOU

'For want of a nail, the shoe was lost. For want of a shoe, the horse was lost. For want of a horse, the rider was lost. For want of a rider the message was lost. For want of a message the battle was lost. For want of a battle the kingdom was lost. And all for the want of a horseshoe nail'.  
(Ancient Proverb)

Stop putting yourself down and thinking what you do is not important. In God's eyes, small acts of obedience are big things. When you joyfully do little things like they are big things, then God will do big things like they are little things. that's how the kingdom advances.

*'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.'* Colossians 3 v 17.

## COMMUNITY HARVEST THANKSGIVING

### LAUNCESTON TOWN HALL

**Sunday 21st October 6.30pm**

Speaker: George Dunn, Chief Executive of  
Tenant Farmers Association

Chair person: Mr David Pett

Music by Bridge Worship Group

All are welcome



Cornwall District of Methodist Women in Britain

## THE TRELOYHAN EXPERIENCE

Monday to Wednesday 3rd to 5th December 2018  
or Wednesday to Friday 5th to 7th November 2018

Spaces for this memorable Conference are available for both  
Monday to Wednesday and Wednesday to Friday.  
A highly recommended experience.

Speaker: Rachel Deigh

(Presbyter and Mission and Evangelism Facilitator,  
Liverpool District)

Bible Studies with Revd Jane Willcock

Booking forms available from Revd Anne Curnow 01566780422  
or Jill Price 01579 370835

## COADS GREEN METHODIST CHAPEL

***“Our mission is to provide accessible worship and to nurture disciples, so that as we meet the needs of others, in our chapel and our community, we witness to God’s love.”***

C S Lewis’ epic fantasy series, **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**, will be shown at **Coads Green Chapel** on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October** at **2:00 pm** – please note the change of time.

**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** is the most famous of the Narnia series and is about four children who discover a magical country through the back of an old wardrobe. Whilst there they become involved in a battle between good and evil in a land where it is “always winter and never Christmas.” The wicked White Witch rules this land, but there is a saviour, the lion, Aslan.

For those people who are attending the **‘Not a Tame Lion’** evenings at **Coads Green Chapel**, this is an ideal opportunity to see the whole film. For those who just enjoy C S Lewis’ grappling of the Christian faith in an alternative and exciting way, or have not seen it before, then come along and join us on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October** at **2:00 pm**. I can assure you that you do not have to climb through the back of an old wardrobe in order to see this magical film!

### COADS GREEN CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY

Sunday October 28th 11am Family Service  
to be led by Rev. Pam Stranks

#### Poster found in a church in France (translated).

“When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear  
“the call of God.”

However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile.  
Thank you for turning off your phones.

If you want to talk to God, enter, chose a quiet place and talk to Him.  
If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.”

#### Given to all who enter a local church

##### **As you prepare for worship**

Let the peace of this place surround you as you sit or kneel quietly.  
Let the hurry and the worry of your life fall away from you now.  
You are God’s child. He loves and cares for you. He is here with you  
now and always. Speak to him slowly and thoughtfully, give yourself  
time to bring things to mind.

## LIFTON

### Coffee mornings

Our next monthly coffee morning will be on Wednesday October 3rd at 10.30am at the chapel when we shall be preparing the Christmas Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Wednesday November 7th – Coffee Morning. All are welcome.

*Diane Northey*

## BRIDGE

It is hard to believe that we have just had the 2nd birthday of The Bridge over the Summer. Like most chapels, August took on a rhythm of its own but now we’re ready to start the new term across the ages.

We are starting Fruitfulness on the Frontline within the house groups which continue to grow in size. We now have 68 attending so have created new groups so that there is at least one meeting every day; Monday-Thursday. Coffee and cake is obviously essential at each one! We have folk from other chapels joining us and everyone is welcome. Please let us know if you wish to join us.

The big challenge for this month is the move downstairs of the church and all of its rooms so that Oriel Ministries can use the other part of the building by the beginning of October. Many of you will have seen that downstairs is a dusty warehouse with crooked floors, no heating and looks nothing like a place of worship; so lots of prayer and manual work are the emphasis to get this ready for the first family worship on the 7th October. All prayers gratefully received! We have given all families within the church the following verse in a frame to ensure that we are continuing to look to God for all provision: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we all ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen

*Jude Jones*

### **BOYTON HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October:

Cafe style service at 6.30pm led by Mark & Sandra Shepherd

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October:

Harvest Festival celebration at 11am led by Mr Keith Mutton.

All Welcome

# News and Views



## St Martins, North Stoke, Somerset.

Dear visitor

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, or dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, thin as a rake or who could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Pavarotti, or like us and can't carry a note in a bucket. You are welcome here if you are 'just browsing', just woken up or just out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since a family christening.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians and junk food eaters. We welcome those in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, or you are down in the dumps or if you don't like 'organised religion' We've been there too.

If you blew all your money on the horses, you're welcome here. We offer a welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or just because grandma is staying and she wanted to go to church.

We welcome those, who are inked, pierced, or both. We offer a special welcome to those, who could use a prayer right now, (see our prayer request book on the font), had religion shoved down their throat as a kid or got lost trying to find the Crown at Kelston or the Swan at Swineford and ended up here by mistake. We will welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts – But above all

WE WELCOME YOU

## LEAGUE OF PRAYER

The September meeting was well attended as we met for fellowship, prayer, worship and to hear the ministry of Delarre Irvine from Plymouth. She sang: 'God's love reached out to me' and read from Luke 13 vv 10-17, the story of the crippled woman healed on the Sabbath.

Delarre described how this poor, bent woman, arrived for the service as usual on an ordinary Sabbath and probably sat in the same seat as usual. It would have been difficult for people to speak to her as she looked only at the ground, so she may have been left alone. Most of us tend to sit, as usual in the same seat and speak to the same people and feel comfortable and more able to worship like that. This woman would have struggled to get to the synagogue with her back problem and had to cope with the loneliness, but made the effort in order to worship God.

There may be someone in our church who seems insignificant, or crippled by evil or burdened in some way but still makes the effort to be there.

Someone else in the story was also crippled... the synagogue leader by religiosity - the rules of religion, the customs and habits that had evolved over time. This took the joy out of faith because it left no room for love of God. We hear of churches where a new minister is keen to try new ideas but some members prevent it because it's 'against the rules'! We can be crippled by 'religion' because we conform to external rules, but true faith is about a relationship with God through Jesus, an internal relationship.

We can also be crippled by life's pressures; it might be illness, grief, family issues, or sin and guilt. We say we are 'fine' but inside are broken and desperate. We need to ask God to show us someone we can talk to, someone we can trust to support us through these times.

The crippled woman recognised people not by their faces, but by their feet! So she knew that the different pair of feet in front of her were of someone very special. Jesus saw her even though she was in the crowd, and called her. Jesus knows we are there too and calls us to come to Him.

Delarre imagined the woman coming to Jesus and he just putting His hand under her chin, as we might with a child, and gently lifting her head until she stood upright, fully restored and set free. The first face she saw was Jesus's!

Jesus promises to set us free and make us His children, if we respond to His call. He will raise us up and make us whole.

Delarre ended her message by singing; 'Shackled by heavy burden'.. the chorus is 'He touched , he touched me and made me whole'. It was a poignant end to a wonderful message.

Next month we meet on October 9th at 7.30pm in the Dingley, when our speaker will be Sam Beasley. We welcome everyone to join us then.

*Pat White*

## GENIUS OF ALTARNUN

November 11th 2018 is the bicentenary of the birth of Neville Northey Burnard, a precocious and renowned sculptor in his day, whose life went from rags to riches and back to rags again. To celebrate, Lawrence House Museum is putting on a display of some of his work in the inner hall of the museum until Friday 26 October when the museum closes this year. Burnard was born in Penpont, Altarnun, where his father was a stonemason, and at the age of 10 left school to help his father as a 'mortar boy'. However, he began to draw and to carve angels and men, flora and fauna on an old oak door and then turned his talents towards carving on slate, using a chisel made from a large nail

At the age of 12, he carved a small headstone for his 9 year old cousin's grave, (now in the Royal Cornwall Museum), and also a small cameo from a shell, (now in Trewint Cottage). This was followed, aged 14, by a headstone to the grave of his grandparents in Altarnun Churchyard. He went with other stonemasons to Place House in Fowey where his talent was recognised by Sir Charles Lemon and persuaded to go to London to work with the best sculptors of the time.

After 30 years in London, and after he had produced an impressive list of busts, medallions, statues and memorials, his work was no longer fashionable. He began to drink and gave up his studio, returning to his roots in Cornwall. He often stayed with friends but eventually became ill and died in Redruth Workhouse. He was buried in an unmarked grave. It is sad that his work has been neglected and forgotten.

As well as Burnard's plaster bust of the other genius of Altarnun, John Couch Adams, astronomer and co-discoverer of the planet Neptune, which is part of the museum's collection, we have been fortunate to borrow, from the Royal Falmouth Polytechnic Society, a slate relief of the Trojan Laocoon and his sons who were killed by snakes sent by the goddess Athena who favoured the Greeks in the war. Burnard carved this relief when he was only 16, never having had any formal training. He was awarded the first silver medal awarded by the society. Also on display will be a bust of the Prince of Wales. later Edward VII, at the age of 6. This was commissioned to mark the visit of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert to Cornwall and was exhibited at the Society. It was approved of by her Majesty who thought it 'very correct'.

Remember the museum closes this year on Friday 26 October but until then will open every weekday during the hours of 10.30 to 4.30 (last admission 4pm). It is also open on Saturday 13 October when the Friends of Lawrence House Museum will be having a coffee morning in aid of FLEET (Frontline Emergency Equipment Trust) from 10.30am – 1pm. On Tuesday 23 October, there will be a "Fake or Fortune" free antiques valuation day from 10am-12 noon You can keep up to date with our website: [www.lawrencehousemuseum.org](http://www.lawrencehousemuseum.org) The museum is signposted from all the Town's car parks and has a ramp for wheelchair access to the ground floor. We look forward to seeing you.

## WESLEY COTTAGE TREWINT

Rev James Gilbert writes:

I am a Baptist minister, currently based in Hampshire, and on my Sabbatical, I asked to work with John Hogarth in Wesley Cottage to get experience ministering in a different way in a different place.

Wesley Cottage gave me a wonderful opportunity not only to tell the story of the cottage, but also to tell visitors about how the early Methodists came to Cornwall to share the Good news about Jesus Christ and the love of God who seeks to draw all of us to Himself. Wesley Cottage is not a shrine to Wesley, someone who died 250 years ago, it is an opportunity to welcome all those who visit many of which know little about either John Wesley or the Christian faith.

As people hear the story of the place and the passion that drove Wesley and the early Methodists, they invariably leave with a sense of wonder and I found this especially delightful. For a lot of the Christian visitors – Methodist or otherwise, the example of our spiritual ancestors is a challenge to look to how we can share our faith in the twenty-first century. I encountered people from all over the United Kingdom as well as people from Ireland, Germany and even Peru. I was inspired and encouraged by the experience and would recommend visiting Wesley Cottage to everyone, especially to you who have this treasure on your doorstep.

I also thoroughly enjoyed preaching at Trebulet and Coads Green and leading a study day on John Wesley, exploring how what we can learn from him is relevant for today. People came and participated in the day and seemed to enjoy it as much as I did.

I am very grateful to you all for the experience and for allowing me to spend time among you.



**Coad's Green**

**100 Years WW1**

**We Will Remember Them**

**Sunday 28th October**

Afternoon tea served from 4.30pm

Entertainment starting at 6pm including contributions from Coad's Green Primary School, Shelley Jeffery and Youthful Spirit.

Everyone welcome

## AVAILABLE TO CARE, LISTEN & HELP

Street Pastors are trained volunteers from local churches who care about their community. They patrol town and city centres in teams of men and women, usually from 10 pm until the early hours of the morning on a Friday and Saturday night to care for, listen to and help people who are out on the streets.



Launceston Street Pastors are managed by a Committee drawn from local church leaders, the Police and the Town Council. For the past 5 years they have met on a Saturday night and have witnessed a number of positive changes to the level of crime and unrest during the late hours. Easily identified in their blue jackets and hats, Street Pastors can be found clearing the streets of bottles and cans, handing out flip-flops, water and lollipops. They are available to give basic first aid, call for paramedic assistance when necessary and ensure that people get home safely, offering a listening ear to those in need.

Every Street Pastor team is supported by a team of two Prayer Pastors who pray for the Street Pastors before they commence their patrol and then remain at the base to pray. Prayer Pastors also support the Street Pastors by preparing and serving 'tea and toast' during their break. This is especially welcome during a cold, wet winter night. Street Pastors are in regular radio contact with the Prayer Pastors enabling them to pray immediate "informed" prayers. They are an essential part of the Street Pastors patrol. The role of the Prayer Pastor is a rewarding one and there have been many amazing answers to prayer including peaceful retreats following aggressive altercations, taxis arriving to transport agitated customers becoming frustrated from waiting, and the generosity of strangers offering unexpected support to those in need in the form of company, lifts and taxi fares. Every Saturday is different.

Interested in becoming a Prayer Pastor?

- You need to be 18 or over (no upper age limit)
- Able to stay up from 10pm to early hours (often 1 am)
- A Christian and regular church attendee (you will need a reference from your church leader)
- Willing to welcome the patrol back to base and help with refreshments.

### GRAVEYARD SECRETARY NEEDED

This post would interest anyone who is interested in local history as well as Christianity. It involves some contact with people and sorting of the graveyards that the circuit are responsible for.

If you think you could serve in this way please contact one of the ministers or circuit stewards.

- Centre Manager and trustees – we are a registered charity and limited company and have to work with the framework of those two structures
- Money – to fund all of the above along with insurance, membership of our overarching charity, Community Money Advice, training, publications, stamps, folders, printer paper, printer toner cartridges

• Prayer

So what can you in your local chapels do to help us?

Well – several things:

1. Continue to spread the message that churches are working to help the vulnerable in our community
2. Help us financially (if you are able) – either as an individual or a chapel
3. And ..... continue to pray for the adviser team, the LMAC trustees and our clients

*Sarah Vinson – LMAC Centre Manager*

### WELCOME

On behalf of the Circuit Stewards I am pleased to welcome Caroline Sivyer as the Circuit Administrator. She starts on 1st October and will gradually get to know people. Caroline is in the Tavistock Circuit but knows Launceston.

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the recruitment exercise- and at times it exercised my brain! - and all the venues that took part.

*Ann Foster*

### New Addition to the Editorial Team

To bring the team up to strength we welcome Elaine Shillaber to the editorial team. Elaine who worships at Lifton attended our August editorial meeting and already started to make some useful suggestions for editorial items. We look forward to a long association.

### URGENTLY NEEDED - SPOTLIGHT COLLATOR....

a volunteer to create the Circuit's monthly magazine, Spotlight. This role could be shared by two people, possibly alternate months.

You will need the use of a computer but training and software will be provided if required.

Please contact Ann Foster, Margaret Ridley or Richard Wright for details.

## LAUNCESTON MONEY ADVICE CENTRE – AN UPDATE

Launceston Money Advice Centre started as an initiative from Launceston Churches Together some five years ago along with the Foodbank and Launceston Street Pastors and continues to meet the growing need of not just people living in Launceston but from a much wider footprint of North East Cornwall. Currently – we have clients from Gunnislake, Callington, Lifton, Bude, Tresmeer, Camelford and Holsworthy as well as Launceston itself.

LMAC is a truly practical expression of Christian service to the local community. As a client mentioned recently when I advised him of how LMAC had started and continues today with the support of local Churches, he said ‘I did not think the churches did anything for the local community – I thought they were just a kind of ‘Sunday Club’. So – worth thinking about .....

We have a plaque on the wall of our office which reads as follows:



In recent months, we have seen more than 30 new clients with a range of complex financial, health, housing, budgeting, relationship breakdown, bereavement and benefit issues. If LMAC is to continue this valuable work – we need seven things:

- Somewhere to be based – an office (we currently rent space in The Gateway Centre)
- IT – we need desktop/laptop computers, printers and secure Internet access
- Telephone – to liaise with clients, their creditors and partner agencies and local charities
- DBS checked, trained advisers – all of our volunteer advisers have to be trained and deliver debt advice in line with Financial Conduct Authority guidelines)

## CENTRAL CHURCH GROUP VISIT: TRAIN RIDE OUTING TO NEW MILLS FARM PARK

On September 5th 2018, thirty four members and friends of Central Church enjoyed the steam train from Launceston to New Mills Farm Park. The weather was perfect with autumn sun and conditions being neither too hot nor too cold.

The station gift shop and tea rooms are well worth a visit at any time when the railway is open. After about a ten minute ride, all arrived safely at New Mills Station. Most made their way down the pathway to the farm entrance where a really good range of snacks, teas and cakes was available. The Elmslea team demonstrated their prowess on the badminton lawn whilst others enjoyed refreshments including generous cream teas which drew the attention of a few wasps – thankfully, no one was stung. This often maligned insect, which is in decline in many areas, does much good in limiting parasites that are damaging to plants and crops – just one of God’s creatures and part of the amazing world that Christians and non Christians alike enjoy but which is all too often taken for granted.

A variety of animals was seen, fed and stroked to include domestic rabbits, pigs, pony, goats as well as free range ducks and chickens – some rare breed poultry included in the collection including Brahmas and a Lakenvelder cock. A few travellers returned home on the 3:20pm train but many stayed on enjoying the peaceful afternoon setting with lovely autumn weather. Those remaining, climbed the hill to the station in time to catch the last train of the day – the 4:20pm.

Once all were aboard and seated on the train, Les, who spent many of his boy-hood days playing locally, gave a reading of Charles Causley’s poem: “Bramble Park” which was inspired by the poet’s love of the area. All agreed that this was a memorable early autumn afternoon outing with clement weather and enjoyable fellowship.

## LAUNCESTON AREA CHRISTIAN AID ACTION GROUP

Please note that the Silent auction which was due to be held on 2nd November has been postponed. We have been advised by the auctioneer that we do not have enough items to make the auction viable.

However we intend to hold a traditional auction at Central in March 2019. This will be a more informal event being held during the daytime. Any items already received will be stored for that event.

We are planning to hold a Big Breakfast at Central on Saturday 1st December and invite you all to come. Further details next month.

Dear Friends,

Before David and I were called into full-time ministry David had his own business in fire protection for twenty years and I worked at Falmouth Docks for twenty five years. Having left our home town of Falmouth some thirteen years ago, David and I are delighted to be joining God in his mission here in North Cornwall.

We moved to William Booth College in London for two years to train as ministers. Along with our fellow "Heralds of the Good News" session we were ordained and commissioned on 21st July 2007.

Over the last eleven years we have had the privilege of serving in North Scotland. In Orkney, Dundee and Forfar/Brechin in Angus.

As well as being appointed as the church leaders in Launceston Corps, David will be Chaplain at our Lifehouse (hostel) in Devonport and I will be the Prayer Co-Ordinator for Cornwall.

The scripture which was passed to us whilst we were in training is Psalm 133 and is one that has travelled with us ever since ...

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!  
It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

It paints a beautiful picture of God's people living together in harmony. From those verses we are naturally brought to the greatest command given to us from Jesus and which describe quite simply our calling as Christians to ...

"love God and to love our neighbour" (Luke 10:27)

Our prayer is that God will indeed bless us in all we do in his name.

Every blessing,

Captain David Tidball &  
Captain Susan Tidball  
Launceston Salvation Army

## SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS THROUGH PRAYER

There are around 30,000 schools in the UK. Many already have groups of parents, teachers, local church members or pupils who are praying specifically for their local school because they believe, and have experienced, that when they pray God changes things.

Here, in Launceston, there is an opportunity to meet together in homes from 8 -9 pm on the FIRST MONDAY of the month, to pray for our schools. Through our prayers we can support our school leaders and the good work that takes place in our schools as well as encourage the staff, pupils and families and those who regularly visit our schools, bringing Christian input, such as the local Open the Book teams, Oriel Ministries and local church leaders.

We pray for opportunities for Biblical values to be honoured and upheld in all areas of school life, practical issues that affect school through the year, some of the wider educational issues that regularly reach our news headlines and for more opportunities for young people to hear and respond to the Gospel.

We would welcome others with a heart to see God at work in our school communities. If you would like to join us, please contact Rita Prout on 01566 776926 for the details of the next meeting.

### Christmas is coming.

For many people, sending and receiving Christmas cards heralds the start of the festive season and helps to stave off winter blues with steady reminders that family and friends are thinking of each other during the cold, dark weeks ahead.

Sending a charity Christmas card not only helps brighten someone's day but also helps support one of the many brilliant organisations working tirelessly to improve lives across the UK.

'Cards for Good Causes' helps over 250 charities by selling their cards in 300 popup shops across the country. It offers an unrivalled selection of charity Christmas cards, wrapping and stocking fillers and promise to return at least 70p in every £1 to the individual charity you have chosen to support. Buying from Cards for Good Causes is a great choice for both you and your chosen charity.

You can see a selection at Central from 1st November to 8th December 10am - 4pm Monday to Friday, 10am - to 1pm on Saturdays.



### Methodist Women in Britain

**Autumn Event: 2.30pm October 24th at Central.**

Speaker - Mrs Jenny Skinnard on her trip to the Holy Land.

Followed by Tea.

Bring & Buy stall.

All welcome.