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OCTOBER 2018

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Springfield Rd, Elburton PL9 8PR

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3 Tresillian St, Cattedown

WORSHIP AT 11.00am every 2nd Sunday of each month

Minister: Rev'd David Youngs Tel (880286)

Worship Leader : Mr Roger Dodd Tel 406850

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THE LECTIONARY

7th October

Job 1: 1; 2:1-10

Psalm 26

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

21st October

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)

Psalm 104: 1-9, 24,25

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

14th October

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

28th October

Job 42:1-6,10-17

Psalm 34: 1-8 (19-22)

Hebrews 7:23--28

Mark 10:46-52

The above are usually the readings used in church and are offered here for your personal use and meditation.

FRONT COVER: The 2018 crop in fields before it is harvested. We thank God for this annual provision.

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Letter for Elburton and Oreston



Dear One and all,

'What's your agenda?'

It's a modern way of asking 'what do you really want?' And yet there's somehow a sub-text, almost accusative, in its questioning; as if one is employed in a subterfuge and not being quite transparent. I am coming to the view mostly our 'agendas' don't work when it comes to the Methodist Church. The 1990's had the Decade of Evangelism as its agenda. By and large it was a flop. The Methodist Church is re-launching 'Our Calling' as a means, in part, of addressing Methodist Church decline; let's hope it has some renewed traction. In the last 24 years of my ministry, despite many programmes, agendas, missions, strategies, reforms and the expenditure of huge amounts of energy, the result in terms of the Methodist Church is, we are where we are. Perhaps I should be downhearted or depressed, disillusioned or dismayed and yet I am not; in fact I am quite hopeful. Why?

1: For myself I am looking to God, through Christ, to set the agenda now. This means taking a risk and handing over control; saying Lord, it's your Church, I'll play my part but I want your will to come first and therefore, accepting the words of the hymn, 'lead us heavenly Father lead us'. Not easy when I have a tendency to be controlling.

2: To engage more deeply in discerning God's will through prayer and reflection. This means asking the Holy Spirit to pour out the Spirit's wisdom, to spend more time in studying God's Word and sharing the fruits of such study. There is something prophetic in this calling and it's a voice which needs exploring. It is also about living-out the sacrament in daily living.

3: To stop running around like a mad thing, being engaged with 'stuff', rather than what Mr Wesley said 'to spend and be spent in the salvation of souls'. This is what is quaintly called 'the care of souls'. It's at the very heart of ministry. Indeed, it's time prayerfully to ask 'what are ministers for and what does the Church want them to do?'

This is something which I feel needs 'testing' and I ask you to help me discern where Christ is calling His Church. Our 150th Year should be a good vehicle for exploring this.

I hope the summer has refreshed you.

Every blessing,

Simon

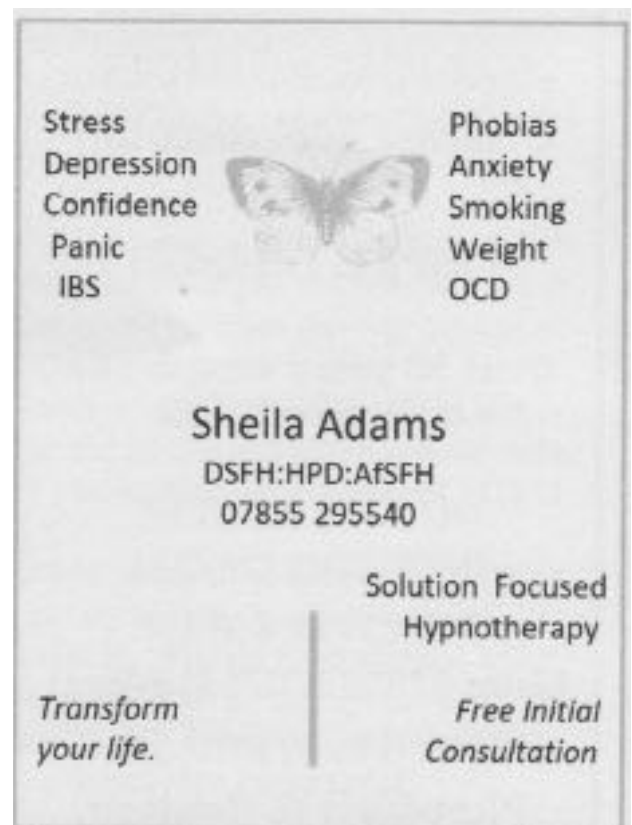
HARVEST SUPPER



October 20th at 7pm will be the date and time for this year's Harvest Supper. As in recent years, there will be a "Bring the fruits of labour to share with your neighbour" supper. This has proved very successful previously, with much wonderful food donated. As usual there will be competitions and quizzes. A sheet of possible requirements will be placed on the notice board in the Crush Hall, to avoid too much duplication. See you there!

(See Page 20)

Jean



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SUNDAY

SERVICES

Morning

Evening

10.30 am

6.30 pm

October 7th Mr Mark Pellow

United Service at Stoke

October 14th Mr Paul Whitell
HARVEST FESTIVAL, PARADE

Mrs Ann Cullum

October 21st Revd Simon Leigh
SACRAMENT

Revd Simon Leigh
SACRAMENT &
ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP

October 28th Mrs Gillian Mills

Revd Simon Leigh

*“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”*

— John Wesley



Elburton Methodist Community Church

JaM (JESUS AND ME)
- 10.30 a.m.

JaM is the name for our children's and youth ministry. We meet in the Moore Hall for 10.30 am.

SOUNDS ALIVE SINGERS

When we have a presentation to work towards we meet for rehearsals at 11.45 am after church on Sundays to share our love of music.

MONDAY

DANCE FITNESS - 10.30 a.m.

Contact Sarah Danning, 01752 881447 or email:
info@physicallyfabulous.co.uk
www.physicallyfabulous.co.uk

LUNCHEON CLUB - 11 a.m.

On Mondays lunches are provided for those less able to cook for themselves. Contact June Dinner (407418) for 3rd Mondays, Barbara for the other Mondays.

BEAVERS - 5 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.
CUB SCOUTS - 6.00 - 7.30 p.m.
SCOUTS - 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

There are a few vacancies for boys and girls and also helpers. Contact Roger Galloway 268803 for more information.

TUESDAY

METHODIST WOMEN

IN BRITAIN - 2.30 p.m.
Oct 2nd Members' Afternoon
Oct 9th Brian Gerry
Oct 16th Mrs Daphne Freeman
Oct 23rd Rev'd Simon Leigh
Oct 30th Deacon Linda Brown

The Women's Network Fellowship, now called MWiB, meets in the Moore Hall of Elburton Methodist Church. For more information contact Carol Batchelor 491962

RAINBOWS
BROWNIES - 6.00 p.m.

Contact Julie
There is no Guides group at present.

Elburton Methodist Community Church

PLYMSTOCK & RIDGEWAY

MEN'S GROUP 7.30 pm

Oct 9th Ridgeway, Owen Rules
(with ladies) Harrobarrow Aerodrome
Oct 23rd Elburton, David Hocking
Buses.

Contact Andrew Gow (341037) for more details. Half the meetings are held at Ridgeway, the others are in the Rank Hall, Elburton Methodist Community Church.

WIVES CLUB - 7.45 pm

Oct 2nd queens dock ukulele players
Oct 9th John Dobson, Putin's Russia
Oct 16th Margaret Parker
From prostitutes to P.M.

Ladies are invited to join us on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 pm in the Elburton Moore Hall. For more information contact Sylvia H or Carol.

23rd HARVEST

39th Keith Mason, Houses & gardens

HOME GROUP 1 - 7.30 p.m.

The Tuesday home-group is coordinated by Di Smart and is held at homes of the group. For more information contact Di Pam

WEDNESDAY

EXERCISE CLASS 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Contact Denise Avent (402818)

HOME GROUP 2 7.30 pm

Held at the home of Trisha Stringer and led by Maureen

HOME GROUP 4 8 p.m.

A group meets at a different home each week (helpful for the young families who attend). Contact Jon Carhart (480319).

THURSDAY

WORKING PARTY from 9,30 am
1st Thursday of month

Come and help us keep our church in a good state of repair. Contact Tony S for details.

Elburton Methodist Community Church

MEET AND EAT

THIRD Thursdays from 10 a.m.

A good meal, tea/coffee, and good company for everyone, led by Rosemary, Barbara and Jennifer

TABLE TENNIS 3.15 - 5.15 p.m.

Contact David Finemore

HOME GROUP 3 7.30 p.m.

David and Brenda Youngs (880286) lead this group on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm at Ruth Sweetland's home.

FRIDAY

LUNCHEON CLUB

11 a.m. (in term time only)

A lovely lunch provided for those less able to provide for themselves. Good food, good company. Contact Trisha Stringer (482532).

SATURDAY

COFFEE MORNING


Last Saturday of the month
10 a.m. - noon.

Held in the Moore Hall, Arranged by Margaret Passmore (404929), run by various groups. Funds go to church projects, term time only.

MESSY CHURCH

First Saturday of month 10.30 a.m.

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belongs to someone who isn't.**

Charles Spurgeon

**God sends no one away empty except
those who are full of themselves.**

Dwight L. Moody

ARE YOU CRAFTY?

No, we do not mean devious. At the Family Community Day on 10th November, there will be one stall available to share with other exhibitors for you to show and sell your handicrafts. Please see Liz if you wish to be included.

There will also be all age activities, so if you have any ideas for this, please pass information to Jean. Thank you.

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Planning a party? Need a venue? Looking for a hall?

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THURSDAY

18th October

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Founder of the Salvation Army, William Booth

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It has been reckoned that publishing the Link this year will have cost our church in the order of £1,000. This is after some readers have paid generously towards it and the advertising revenue has been added in. While it is accepted that it is an excellent outreach and very useful within the church, it is still difficult to justify an outlay of such a large sum.

The on-line version of the Link is actually superior in many respects. I have sometimes added corrections in it after putting it up as things change, making it more dependable, and it is in colour throughout which greatly enhances the readability. The text can also be adjusted to whatever size suits the reader's eyes. What's more, the on-line copy has no significant cost whatever. The figures for how many hits the Link receives are surprising - 600 people have looked at the Summer Link so far, 1,000 for the one before that and eventually tens of thousands for some of the older issues.

Good reasons to keep it are that many of our readers will not have a computer and so will be unable to read the web Link. Some Links are passed on to other people so they have multiple readers.

It has been decided that we will continue producing the Link in both formats, on-line and on paper, but that the paper one which incurs a printing cost must carry a charge. I realise that very many of you already pay for it and also that some will no longer take it if a charge is made. We ask readers of the paper version to pay what they can with a suggestion of £1. Perhaps Pastoral Leaders who disperse them would discuss it with the recipients and pass on any money they receive to the Treasurer, Bob Faulkner in an envelope marked 'for the Link'. We will still provide local surgeries and some shops with free copies to continue the outreach.

I know that most of you give money already and will understand that the church cannot easily afford to continue the outlay. I also expect that we will produce fewer copies as some switch over to the on-line version. Whatever happens, the Link will continue. *AR*

The Methodist Church

DATA PRIVACY NOTICE

Elburton, Pomphlett, Oreston and Gateway Methodist Churches

1. Your personal data – what is it?

Personal data relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data. Identification can be by the information alone or in conjunction with any other information in the data controller's possession or likely to come into such possession. The processing of personal data is governed by the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (the "GDPR").

2. Who are we?

The **Methodist Church in Great Britain** is a membership church made up of different bodies of Managing Trustees. Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) is the controller and responsible for general data protection issues arising in respect of day to day matters in relation to how your personal data is processed and for what purposes. If you have any questions about this privacy notice, including any requests to exercise your legal rights, please contact the Superintendent Minister (details below).

3. How do we process your personal data?

Elburton, Pomphlett, Oreston and Gateway Methodist Churches comply with their obligations under the "GDPR" by keeping personal data up to date; by storing and destroying it securely; by not collecting or retaining excessive amounts of data; by protecting data from loss, misuse, unauthorised access and disclosure and by ensuring that appropriate technical measures are in place to protect personal data. Each individual church uses your personal data for the following purposes: -

- To administer membership records;
- To fundraise and promote the interests of each church;
- To comply with legal or regulatory obligations that each is subject to (including Safeguarding and DBS checks);
- To manage, where applicable, employees and volunteers;
- To maintain each Church's accounts and records (including the processing of gift aid applications).
- To protect your vital interests e.g. in an emergency life or death situation where the emergency services are called to treat you when you are with us.

- To inform you of news, events, activities and services at each of the churches.
- To share your contact details with the Methodist Circuit and District so they can keep you informed about news, events, activities and services that will be occurring and in which you may be interested.

4. What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

- Explicit consent of the data subject so that we can keep you informed about news, events, activities and services;
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- Processing is carried out by a not-for-profit body with a political, philosophical, religious or trade union aim provided: the processing relates only to members or former members (or those who have regular contact with it in connection with those purposes); and there is no disclosure to a third party without consent.

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Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential and will only be shared with other members of the church in order to carry out a service to other church members or for purposes connected with the church. We will only share your data with third parties outside the church with your consent.

6. How long do we keep your personal data?

We will only retain your personal data for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting or reporting requirements.

Full details of retention periods for data processed by the Methodist Church of Great Britain can be found on the Methodist Church website at: <http://www.methodist.org.uk/for-ministers-and-office-holders/office-holders/office-holders/archivists/>.

Specifically, church membership data while it is still current; children's and young people's data only for the duration of attendance at groups and activities, unless they are children of church members; gift aid declarations and associated paper work for up to 6 years after the calendar year to which they relate; and registers (baptisms, marriages) permanently.

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9. Contact Details

To exercise all relevant rights, queries or complaints please in the first instance contact the Superintendent Minister, Plymouth & Devonport Methodist Circuit, Circuit Office, Stoke Christian Centre, Devonport Road, Plymouth PL3 4DS Tel: 01752 551515 office@pdmccircuit.org.uk

You can contact the Information Commissioners Office on 0303 123 1113 or via email <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/email/> or at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 5AF.

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METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

MWiB AUTUMN DISTRICT DAY – Thursday 11th October

This year's MWiB Autumn District Day will be held on Thursday 11th October at Wonford Methodist Church in Exeter. The day will include the induction service for Revd Jane Sperring as District MWiB Vice-President and will be led by Revd Graham Thompson and Revd Ben Haslam. Revd Deborah Kirk will give a Forum Report, and a final large decorative cheque for our recent overseas project Amigos will be presented to Mr Roger Bartlett. We will now be supporting Devon Air Ambulance Services in the South West for our local project, and after lunch there will be a presentation from a representative. In order to have less 'business', a comprehensive Newsletter will be available once again. Tea and coffee will be provided throughout the day, available from 10 am, but you will need to take a packed lunch.



WORLD FEDERATION DAY – Saturday 27th October

The World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women will be holding the 2018 World Federation Day in Truro on Saturday 27th October. The title is 'Life and Learning: Quality Education for All' and the day will include worship, Bible study, keynote presentation and 'information stations'. There will be refreshments on arrival and a hot lunch included; there is no set charge for the day, but you are invited to make a realistic donation (suggested amount is £10 per person).

There are posters giving information for both these events on our MWiB notice board in the Moore Hall. If you would like further details, a copy of the booking form or need help with transport, please contact Carol Batchelor (491962).

Prayer Page

14th Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

Prisons' Week Prayer 2018

18th We remember St. Luke. Almighty God, by whose grace your servant Luke, the beloved physician, was enabled to write in the Gospel of love and healing power of your Son: may your Church today show the same love and power to a world in need by proclaiming the good news of your salvation, both in word and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

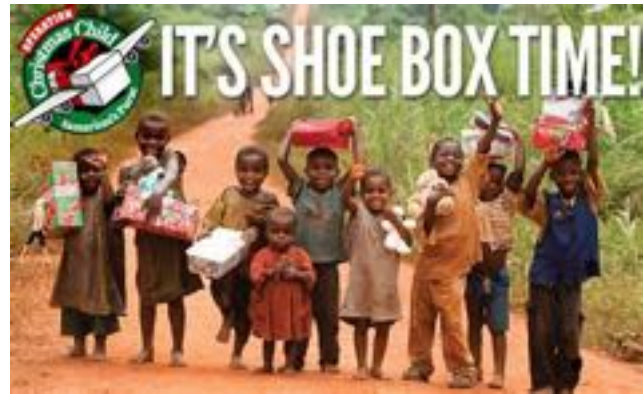
Roger Pickering adapted from American Prayer Book

28th We remember St. Simon and St. Jude. Lord Christ, we thank you that you chose as your apostles some ordinary and obscure men such as Simon and Jude.

Teach us by their example that it is more important to be faithful than to be prominent; and help us to serve you at all times with holy and humble hearts, to the glory of God the Father.

Frank Colquhoun

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Come and join our

Harvest Festival

Sunday October 14th at 10.30 am

at Elburton Methodist Community Church

Preacher: Mr Paul Whitell

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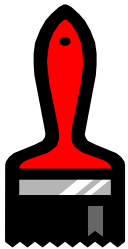
SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.30 am

October 7th Rev'd Simon Leigh
SACRAMENT

October 21st **LOCAL ARRANGEMENT**

“Pride” is the major issue facing Christians, “It opens the door for everything else to come in, It is the same sin that causes so much separation in the church today. The church is sick and she doesn’t want to admit that. You have to admit you are ill before you can realize the need for healing. And the few who do recognise it only want to separate themselves from her and judge her. I have been guilty of the latter. It’s time to love the church back to health. The same way Christ loved us to salvation.”

Eric Lidji



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ORESTON EVENTS...

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The Group meets every Friday in term time, in the Church Hall



Oreston Stitch, Knit & Natter

The group meets every Monday from 2.00 – 4.00 pm in the Church Hall. Craft activities of many types take place and all are welcome to attend.



All Age Table Tennis



2 pm to 4 pm each Tuesday (excluding School Holidays)
Used to Play? Want to Learn? or just want to have some fun & exercise at the same time? Drop in any Tuesday and expect A WARM WELCOME!

THE INTERCHURCH BIBLE STUDY GROUP

the interchurch Bible Study Group now meets only once a month at Pomphlett on the 4th Friday of each month at 10am and it is led by the Rev'd Andy Day - all are welcome.

Oreston Methodist Church.

Coffee Morning

13 October 2018 10 am to noon.

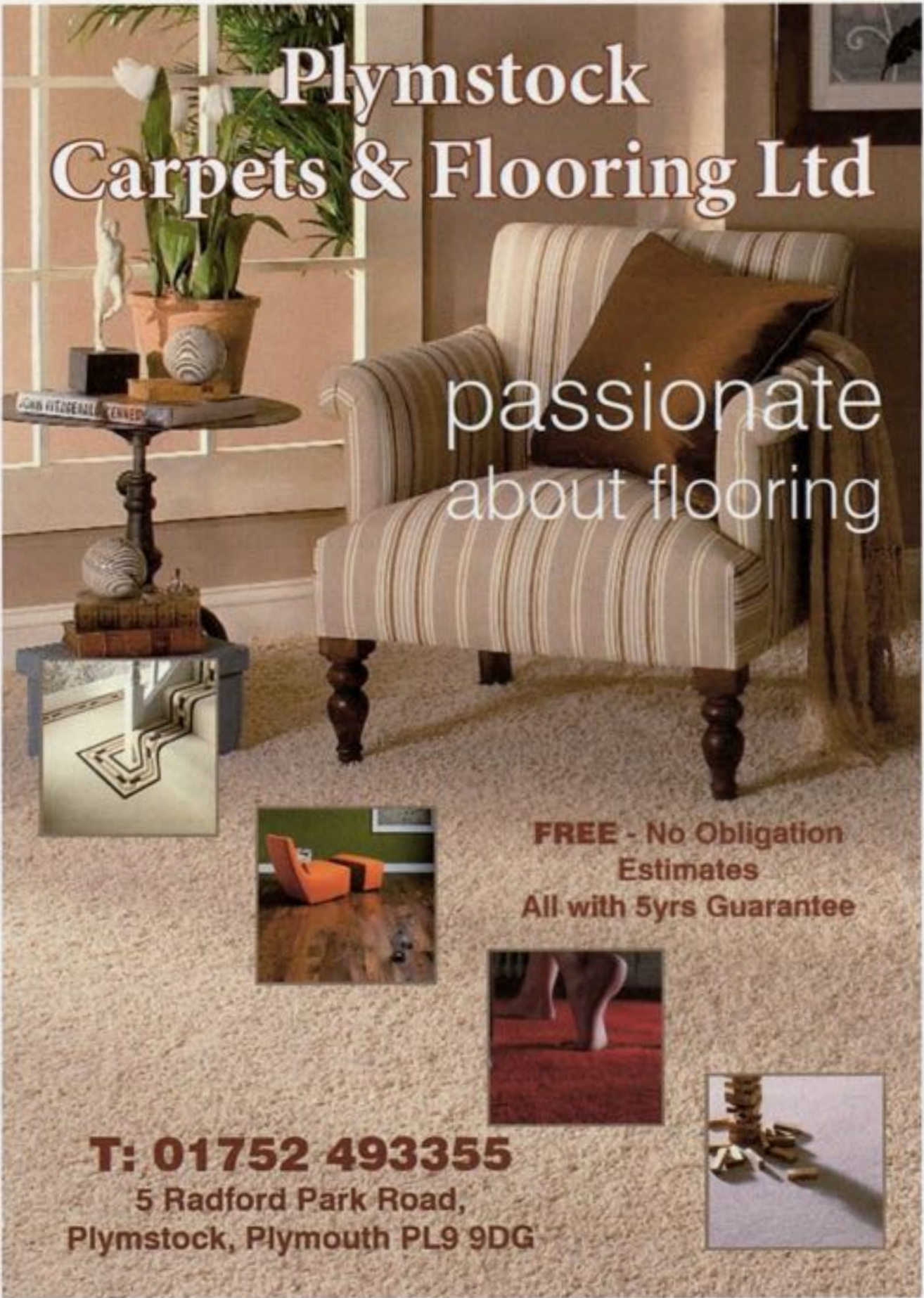


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POMPHELETT METHODIST CHURCH



PREACHERS AT POMPHLETT ON SUNDAYS AT 9.30 AM

October 7th	Miss Sue Bolt
October 14th	Rev'd Andrew Day
	SACRAMENT
October 21st	Rev'd Alison Richardson
October 28th	Rev'd Colin Roberts

2. "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us"- Augustine

3. "God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile" – Max Lucado

4. "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies." – Hudson Taylor

5. "God will meet you where you are in order to take you where He wants you to go." – Tony Evans

6. "Let God's promises shine on your problems." –Corrie ten Boom



Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

10 am
4th Friday
of each month
in The Lounge

We start our meeting with a cuppa and a chat and then we move into our prayer time which is led by our Minister Rev'd Andrew Day.

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At last we are ready. Following months of preparation our weekly Community Hub Café is ready to go. We will be waiting to welcome one and all. Starting on Wednesday October 10th and running alongside our Oldies Computer group we will be opening our doors for anyone to drop in for a hot drink or squash. We will also have light snacks on offer.

As well as the drop in café we will have a room to sit quietly in or for prayer. We hope to get other partners involved as time progresses and if the Café is successful and needs are indentified.

There is no cost to come in and no commitment to stay, it's a come and go time between 9.30 am and 12 noon. In the New Year we hope to extend our time to 2pm once a month to make us available to more folk. Come have a cuppa and a chat, welcome.

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Coffee Cakes Chat

Saturday October 20th

Teas Coffees
from 9 am

Bacon Butties
from 9.30 am

Table Top Bargains

Raffle and stalls



Dates In
October
8th, 22nd
Starting
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Movie @ 1245pm



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Pomphlett Methodist Church Friendship Group October

10th & 17th

Everyone welcome

2 pm alternate
Wednesdays

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Family Harvest Festival

Sunday October 14th
9.30 am

Donations of Tinned and Packet Food for Plymouth foodbank

Welcome! Family Worship Sundays @ 9.30 am
Experience the love of God in the Pomphlett Welcome Bible Study & Prayer Group

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- Tea Dances : Line Dancing
- Over 50's Keep Fit
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- USA Art and Craft Groups
- Childrens' Dance School
- Buffet and Movies
- Coffee Morning with Bacon Butties

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Gateway

The Church in a House



My dear friends at Gateway

I have asked that I might serve you for one more year but on a fortnightly basis.

It was lovely to see you at our monthly service with Brenda taking the service and a certain old man playing the keyboard! We had a nice meal at the Dartmoor Diner and although under new management, it was still very good. Later that afternoon, Brenda, the dogs and I motored up to New Mills, Stockport to look after our 21yr-ye-old granddaughter and 14 yr-old-grandson for the next six days. That included a visit to the Hayfield Village show last Saturday where there must have been over a thousand people there! Apart from the usual array of stalls there was a main show ring and a lower show ring. In the main ring amongst other things were the sheepdog trials and a very clever display of birds including a peregrine falcon. After packing up all our belongings we set off for home at 18.15hrs eventually getting home 02.15 hrs the following morning. The journey time had increased by two and a half hours due to a section of the M 5 motorway being cut off. The diversion signs were so bad that we went into Bristol four times by different routes!

There are plenty of mini sermons to be made from that experience. Perhaps the best one was that we thanked God for bringing us safely home. One of my many favourite hymns is **'Guide me O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land'**. Our heavenly Father promises to be with us eternally; the problem is that so often we forget his words and endeavour to go it on our own and can end up in all sorts of problems.

In August we celebrated Vee's birthday, In September we celebrated Diane's birthday. In October it's Roger's turn. This month also celebrates Prisons' Week commencing on the 14th, when we remember the work of HM Prisons throughout the country. This year's theme is ***'Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.'*** Hebrews 4 v16 NKJV. We are asked to think of those imprisoned, the victims of crime, the families of perpetrators and victims, for our communities, those who work in prisons – the warders and the governors, and all who are working in the criminal justice system.

Your brother in Christ,
David

Celebration on Sunday 14th October at 11 am. To be led by Tony and Pauline Raine.
Birthdays in October :- Roger Dodd and John Edmondson (It will be his 90 th.)

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

The conversation in Emily's house group was getting a bit overheated. They were discussing the beginning of Genesis.

"About two hundred thousand years ago," Harry declared, "human kind was beginning to emerge as the dominant creature. It was a difficult journey. In the beginning they lacked the brain power to work as a team. Only by putting self first did they survive the multiple threats of predators, disease, starvation, competition and climate change. Obviously they protected their family and their clan, but strangers were regarded as competitors to be vanquished or even food to be eaten. It was a hard and selfish world."

"That must have been after Eden," Emily interjected.

Harry ignored her. He was off on his hobby-horse. "Even today, other animals are basically selfish. Like babies they have needs and will do what it takes to satisfy themselves."

"Our Savannah was never selfish," Emily argued.

"All right then, she was self-centred if you prefer the term. Good sacrificial parenting is usually instinctive and vital to a human child's development. It is only from the example of loving parents or parent substitutes that our children can learn to love. Lower animals do not show sacrificial love to those outside their family."

"What about the dogs that see for the blind?" Emily pouted.

"Ok, it's arguable but remember that a dog can adopt other animals, even other species, and regard them as part of its clan. Also they're trained from puppies with tidbits to behave as we want them to." Harry looked at Emily who was slowly shaking her head.

He continued. "So if people were originally totally selfish then we have a basis for the origin of what we call sin, though it was more an obvious survival strategy in a hostile environment, than it was evil. They didn't know what was right and wrong."

"The snake said to Eve that eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge would show them good from evil," Emily smiled knowingly.

"Exactly," Harry said, surprising her. "Perhaps it started with 'killing a stranger is all right but killing a brother is bad'. It was the start of the concept. It's all there in the myth of Cain and Abel."

"It's not a myth - it's true!" Emily stated angrily.

"After Cain killed Abel he was marked by God to warn others not to kill him," Harry argued. "Exactly who? there were just his Mum and his Dad left." He looked round the room, before continuing, "Genesis is a number of myths rolled together. In Chapter One God made man and woman in the last of the six days, and later in chapter two he's making the woman from the rib of Adam when Adam gets bored". He paused. Nobody spoke. "Any way," he continued, "At which point did 'love others' replace 'love only self'?" "Perhaps for some it never really has. War mongering still happens frequently. There are still despotic leaders," One of the others said. Harry nodded. "It was in the New Testament that we learn that Jesus came to introduce people to his contrary way of thinking - love your enemy, go the extra mile, be good to those who persecute you - 'love God and love your neighbour as you love yourself,' found in Leviticus 19 though Jesus used it later and amended it before his crucifixion to: "love others as I have loved you. John 15:12". To change our way of thinking from love of self to love of others is a monumental hurdle that we have not yet managed universally, but **every** Christian is an embodiment of this 'new' philosophy and there are now more than two billion of us."

He continued, "The Bible needs to be read every day - but with a good commentary that can explain difficult parts and reveal the rich truths behind myth, hyperbole, and some language conventions that are alien to modern day readers."

"You seem to regard Genesis as myth that can't teach you anything," Emily scoffed.

"Absolutely not!" Harry insisted. "It's stuffed with truths. It's telling us that God was at the beginning and created everything, Do you realise that Cain must be your forefather? So all evil, even killing, is a potential inside all of us. The fruit tree marks the beginning of knowing what is right and what is wrong. Don't you see...?"

"Enough Harry" a heavy male voice broke in quietly. "Let's not kick away the foundations of the faith of others. The truth is there. It makes no difference in the end whether you see it as myth or reality ."

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