



Salisbury Park United Reformed Church

Newsletter

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Morning worship every Sunday at 10.45am

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A warm welcome to everyone



A word from our minister

Hello everyone,

There is always a tension as to how we witness in our Christian lives, whether to speak out on the big issues affecting us or to concentrate on only the local and what is close to us. There are arguments both ways. Horrible things happen in the world and we are right to denounce them but we cannot change them unless there is a mass movement in the Church Universal as there was 20 years ago with 'Drop the debt,' but we had prominent politician also campaigning for the same end. We can work for, and give to, Christian Aid to alleviate hunger as well as other international or national charities. But we have to realise that it is not good enough to care about people thousands of miles away and ignore the need in our neighbourhood. We may be able to influence national events more easily especially in Wales as Cytûn has a Liaison Officer at the Assembly, but again we must not lose sight of the neighbour at our feet.

What has made me think of writing about this? Simple, the weather! We can look after people who are vulnerable such as the elderly and young and people with breathing difficulties in a real way, though my plea to my younger neighbours smiled when I suggested they should be looking after their elderly neighbours! More seriously, I write this on the day when the papers are full of the horrific fires in Greece. In many ways it is a local issue but the reason behind it is not.

The weather map is frightening, with the whole northern hemisphere very hot indeed and Japan is having one of its hottest periods ever. Climate change is upon us and it is a massive problem requiring international co-operation. At the same time we can do our own thing by thinking about our life style and asking ourselves how many little things we can do to help.

God came to us in Jesus in a small way, He lived in a backwater of the Roman Empire and only lived locally dealing with individuals whom He met and healed. Yet, His coming was also a cosmic event, He is the 'Saviour of the World.' God is the Creator of the whole world yet, in the words of St Augustine, He is closer to us than even our own breath. Let each of us witness as we are led, to be prophets on the bigger scene and good neighbours to the person next to us, and let us always pray for each other and for all work done for God.

Every blessing,

Brian.

Sunday Morning Worship

August 5th 2018

Leading Worship – Rev Chris Howard

Duty Elder – Barbara Jones

Morning Tea – Yvonne Owen

Flowers – Barbara Jones

Door Steward – Gordon Burgess

OT Reading – Exodus 16.2-4,9-15 **Mark Rodgers**

NT Reading – John 6.24-35 **Yvonne Owen**

Epistle – Ephesians 4.1-16

Psalm - Psalm 78.23-29

August 12th 2018

Leading Worship – Rev Brian Matthews (Communion)

Duty Elder – Barbara Jones

Morning Tea – Barbara and Sheila

Flowers – Carole Blackwell

Door Steward – Gordon Burgess

OT Reading – 1 Kings 19.4-8 **Shirley Devaney**

NT Reading – John 6.35,41-51 **Carole Blackwell**

Epistle – Ephesians 4.25–5.2

Psalm – Psalm 34.1-8



August 19th 2018

Leading Worship – Mrs Barbara Jones

Duty Elder – Barbara Jones

Morning Tea – Christine and Michelle

Flowers – Pat Taylor

Door Steward – Gordon Burgess

OT Reading – Proverbs 9.1-6 **Paul Fewings**

NT Reading – John 6.51-58 **Sharon Langford**

Epistle – Ephesians 5.15-20

Psalm – Psalm 34.9-14

August 26th 2018

Leading Worship – Rev Brian Matthews

Duty Elder – Barbara Jones

Morning Tea – Glenys and Merfyn

Flowers – Doreen Pryce Jones

Door Steward – Gordon Burgess

OT Reading – Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18 **Merfyn Jones**

NT Reading – John 6.56-69 **Glenys Jones**

Epistle – Ephesians 6.10-20

Psalm – Psalm 34.15-22



September 2nd 2018

Leading Worship – Rev Chris Howard

Duty Elder – Judith Dolben

Morning Tea – Mark and Collette

Flowers – Michelle Berry

Door Steward – Merfyn Jones

OT Reading – Deut 4.1-2,6-9 **Barbara Jones**

NT Reading – Mark 7.1-8, 14-15,21-23 **Judith Dolben**

Epistle – James 1.17-27

Psalm – Psalm 15

September 9th 2018

Leading Worship – Rev Brian Matthews

Duty Elder – Judith Dolben

Morning Tea – Gordon

Flowers – Barbara Jones

Door Steward – Merfyn Jones

OT Reading – Isaiah 35.4-7a **Corbin Winter**

NT Reading – Mark 7.24-37 **Michelle Berry**

Epistle – James 2.1-10, (11-13),14-17

Psalm – Psalm 146



September 16th 2018

Leading Worship – Ms Sue Allen

Duty Elder – Judith Dolben

Morning Tea – Sharon and Terry

Flowers – Helen Simons

Door Steward – Merfyn Jones

OT Reading – Isaiah 50.4-9a **Christine Anderson**

NT Reading – Mark 8.27-38 **Mark Rodgers**

Epistle – James 3.1-12

Psalm – Psalm 116.1-9

September 23rd 2018

Leading Worship – Mrs Carole Blackwell

Duty Elder – Judith Dolben

Morning Tea – Shirley and Thelma

Flowers – Lillian Owens

Door Steward – Merfyn Jones

OT Reading – Jer 11.18-20 **Shirley Devaney**

NT Reading – Mark 9.30-37 **Barbara Jones**

Epistle – James 3.13–4.3, 7-8a

Psalm – Psalm 54



September 30th 2018

Leading Worship – Mark Rodgers

Duty Elder – Judith Blackwell

Morning Tea – Susan

Flowers – Shirley Devaney

Door Steward – Merfyn Jones

OT Reading – Num 11.4-6,10-16, 24-29 **Lydia Rodgers**

NT Reading – Mark 9.38-50 **Hannah Rodgers**

Epistle – James 5.13-20

Psalm – Psalm 19.7-14



A lovely night was had by all, in the month of May, as the Trinity Handbell Ringers entertained us and taught a few of us the art of ringing.

A massive thank you to the THR for putting on a great show and all those who turned up.

And a well done to Shirley, Judith and Carole for getting up and giving it a go. You're very brave!!



Work in Action

WREXHAM FEEDING THE ROOFLESS

Our small team continue to meet, the next “feeding” is August 12 th. We provide sandwiches for 50, although numbers vary considerably, of egg, cheese, cheese and onion, ham, ham and pickle and tuna and a piece of fruit usually a banana. The tea, coffee, hot chocolate, crisps and choccy biscuit are provide from the WFTR funds. Now that we are able to use Trinity church hall for distribution it is a much better environment for us and our grateful clients. We are able to make the sandwiches fresh before we begin and don't have to fill the large flasks to take out now. Donations are always acceptable.

TRUSSLE TRUST/ WREXHAM FOODBANK

You may have seen in the media that the facility for distribution/collection on Rhosddu road has closed as it was not deemed fit for purpose. As I visit regularly with the food you all donate can say I am not surprised as it was a very cold place for the volunteers to work in.

We are still to collect because when new premises are found (soon we hope) they will need as much as possible to restock, and with the school holidays starting more families will be needing access. 3 days of meals are given which should cover breakfast ,lunch and tea. Just a reminder of the kind of foods needed.

Cereals,

Long life milk – small and large cartons

Fruit juice cartons

Tinned fish, meats veg

Dried pasta and rice

Tinned or cartons longlife puddings and fruit.

Hygiene products

I thank with all my heart those of you who give so generously. None of us know what lies ahead for any of our friends and family any of whom could at some time be in need.

Thank you

Barbara

Harvest

Harvest supper 2018

This year the Harvest Supper will be held on FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
AT 6.30PM

For a change this year the menus will be

Jacket potato with a filling of cheesy tuna and red onion, chicken curry
or beef chilli.

All will be made “in House”!

Followed by dessert which we have yet to decide! Suggestions welcome

Please indicate your choice of main on form below.

Cheese, tuna and red onion

Chilli

Chicken curry

Barbara and Sheila

Carole's poetry corner

Thank you for the gifts you gladly give to me
There is no one else like you
Every day you bring such joy into my heart
Dear Lord I love you through and through

Thank you for the message in your holy book
There is love and joy to read
Wisdom in each page, a way in which to live
A manual for our every need

Thank you for my life, my friends and family
Lead me in each task I do
As I journey on, please show me how to serve
And keep me ever close to you



Carole's Top 10 Beauty Tips

- 1) For attractive lips, speak words of kindness**
- 2) For beautiful eyes, look for God in other people**
- 3) To lose weight, let go of stress, hatred, anger, contentment and the need to control others**
- 4) To improve our ears, listen to the word of God**
- 5) To improve your nose, smell the roses in your life and count your blessings, giving thanks for each one of them**
- 6) For poise, walk with knowledge and self esteem. Rather than walk this earth lightly, walk firmly with determination and leave your mark**
- 7) To strengthen your arms, hug at least 3 people a day. Touch someone you love.**
- 8) To strengthen your heart, forgive yourselves and others. Don't worry and hurry so much**
- 9) To strengthen your back, carry someone else's burden for them**
- 10) For the ultimate in business, casual or evening attire, put on the robe of Christ, it fits like a glove but allows room for growth. Best of all it never goes out of style, and is appropriate for any occasion**

Do these things on a daily basis and they will certainly make you a more beautiful person



Walking the Way

Walking the Way: Living the life of Jesus today

Walking the Way is the United Reformed Church's exciting focus on lifelong Christian discipleship and mission. It moves beyond a set of programmes into the world, where each step we take is accompanied by Jesus, helping us to bring about change in our own lives and, ultimately, in Church culture and society. As you engage in Walking the Way, we hope your understanding of what being a Christian disciple means will deepen. Who knows, you may grow beyond your wildest dreams, living as a disciple in all parts of your life.

The Greek word for 'disciple' is *mathetes*, which literally means: 'one who learns as they follow'.

Walking the Way explores what it means to follow actively, learn from – and eventually be transformed by – Jesus. It's for anyone at any stage of the Christian journey – whoever you are, whatever your existing relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church, whatever your personal circumstances. It's for you whether you have been following Jesus for five days or five decades.

Of course, there's nothing new about being a disciple of Christ. What is new about Walking the Way is its practical, flexible, dynamic and accessible approach, and the wide range of supporting resources produced and planned. Over time, these web pages will fill with rich, creative materials to help you on your walk – as an individual, as you walk with a few others, and as you walk courageously in the world.

One key resource recommended for Walking the Way is [Holy Habits](#), a set of texts exploring 10 habits that can help us to develop new ways of Christian living.

Walking the way has a dedicated discipleship development programme, [Stepwise](#), which will start from September 2018. Read all about it [here](#).

You can also sign up [here](#) to receive the URC's Daily Devotions e-mail with thought-provoking and inspiring words to encourage and equip your discipleship journey every morning.

If you need any further information or have stories to share about missional discipleship where you are, please e-mail wtw@urc.org.uk or call us on 020 7520 2718. We'd love to hear from you!