

QUEENS ROAD METHODIST CHURCH
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Love in action in our community

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"Moving on..."

Once again it's all change in the Oakley household. All 3 of our children are facing a fresh set of challenges, be it a new school, college, or simply a new set of premises. Pam will have a fresh set of challenges at work (all change there, again...). As for me, I am now also involved with Toton Methodists Church and the exciting links that they have with St. Peter's, Toton.

I'm sure that I am not alone in finding it difficult to keep up with all this change. I would love things to be a more settled, predictable, and comfortable, and dare I say 'safe'?

In all the challenges that we face in our lives and the life of any church is the truth that things do change. The more I go on the more I am reminded that in an uncertain, changing world, there is only one certainty; the continuing and abiding presence of God.

In our world places change, people come and go; our way of being a church shifts and adapts to the changing world; even the way we worship alters and evolves. In the face of all this, I need to be reminded time and time again not to put my hope or trust in human beings or institutions, habits or customs that are ultimately all subject to change. The bible is constantly reminding us that the only real source of strength and hope for the future is God himself; after all it is He who guards and guarantees our future. So the next time you feel a bit bewildered in the face of

change, remember that close to you, even closer than your next breath; is the creator of all that is, the Lord of heaven and earth. He created you and loves you, with a love that will never end, and despite all that may happen in your life, he is with you.

While on the subject of change, we are starting a busy time in the life of the church. On the 12th September we will have the privilege of welcoming Mary Clarke, Rosemary Woodhouse, and Claire Milligan into the membership of the church. Do please pray for them as they take this big step.

Do please read carefully the information later on in the newsletter about the work of the Methodist Churches in Beeston and Chilwell. There is likely to be some far reaching changes in the lives of our churches. We will be hearing more about this on Sunday 3rd October. So do please put this day in your diary and come along and help shape the future of the Methodist Church in Beeston and Chilwell.

Finally, 19th - 21st November is our Re:Connections weekend. Please pray for the visiting team; also for all those who are involved in the preparations, not least Anthony Wright who has the unenviable job of making sure that everyone knows what they are doing!

Antony Oakley

Quote of the Month

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has".

(American Anthropologist)

Worshipping together

A reminder that the next two Beeston Churches services are on **Sunday 5th September** (the date of this publication) and **Sunday 24th October**.

The first is to mark the retirement of Melanie Stoodley at Toton Church at 6 p.m.

The second is at Queens Road at 6.30 p.m. for One World Week led by Richard Harrison.

We also have the special event at the Pearson Centre on Sunday October 3rd at 4 p.m.

RE : Connections



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The Re:Connections weekend is less than 3 months away. The plans are taking shape and those of us involved in the planning are already excited at the potential the event offers to us at Queens Road.

Sunday 12th September. George and Jenny Andrews are heading the team of Lay Witness Volunteers who will make the weekend such a success. They have visited a couple of times in the last few months to help Ant and the team with the planning. They have kindly agreed to give up more of their time to come and join us at the morning and evening services on 12th September. They are a lovely couple and a great opportunity for everyone to see them and get a bit more insight in to what Re:Connections will be all about. We will also be having a bring and share lunch on the 12th after the morning service. Jenny and George will be there so there will be a chance to chat with them, find out more about them and raise any questions you may have.

A Personal Invitation. I hope that many of you have already got the dates (19th-21st November) clearly marked in your diary. Part of the process for the weekend is that everyone in the church will receive a personal invitation. The thinking behind this is to make sure that everyone knows that they are invited! We don't want anyone to feel left out or think that Re:Connections is not for them. Invitations will start to be made after George and Jenny's visit and we hope everyone should have received theirs by 12th October. We have spent hours checking and amending the lists of names of people to invite because it is so important that everyone gets this personal invitation. However, there is always a nagging fear that we have managed, despite our very best efforts, to miss someone out. So, if you haven't received an invitation by 12th October, please come and give me a telling off and we can sort our mistake out.

It's Free.

Just a reminder that there is absolutely no charge to attend Re:Connections. Any costs for the weekend are being met through the church, including the 'Dine at Mine' fundraising activity, which Helen and Peter are organising. A new "Dine at Mine" leaflet is now available. This means no charge for any session or any meal which is provided. And, unlike many 'free' offers nowadays, this one doesn't come with any catches (I was always taught that you mustn't start a sentence with 'And' so apologies to lovers of the English language!).

Last but not Least. All of us are at different stages of our Christian life, and many of us often feel we are a long way behind others on the journey. Re:Connections is designed for all of us, not some 'super spiritual' elite. The whole programme is designed to help people on their walk of faith in a non-threatening manner. We should be able to say afterwards that 'no people were embarrassed in the running of this weekend!' The Lay Witness Movement run lots of these events and are experienced in making sure attendees are relaxed and comfortable throughout.

So less than 3 months to go. Please make sure you have booked the date in your diary and I hope you will be able to come and meet with George and Jenny on 12th September.

Mark Hampton

Accommodation

As the November Re-connections draws nearer I am still looking for accommodation for two nights bed and breakfast only for Friday 19th and Saturday 20th November. If you can help for any single persons please contact me.

Kathleen Hadley

Lunch Club

The next lunch will be on Tuesday 14th September.



Men's Group

Men's Fellowship resumes on Monday September 13th at 7.45 p.m. and will continue on the monthly format as in recent years.

The evening will commence with a few hymns as usual for the first meeting and the members will try their skills at "Call my Bluff" hosted by Tony.

All welcome, regularly or occasionally.

Ralph Hadley

Wives Group

July 6th

Tonight's speaker was Patrick Cooke who brought along a replica 1900 twenty-one note street organ designed by Peter Truman. The street organ took new music to the streets so that people who could not afford to go to the music halls could enjoy it. Music books can be cut mechanically but Peter cuts his by hand, which takes most of the day against 45 minutes for a mechanically cut one. Patrick gave us a talk and demonstration and we enjoyed a variety of tunes including; Down at the old Bull and Bush, Singing in the rain, 12th Street Rag, I'll be your sweetheart and This is my song. An Organ grinder always had a monkey who would collect the money in a tin can so they were always well looked after, Patrick's was of course the stuffed variety which moved his arms, blinked his eyes and scratched his head in time to the music. It was a really enjoyable evening.



July 13th

The last meeting before the summer break with strawberries and shortcake to accompany our tea and coffee.

Wives group resumes on September 14th

Future Meetings

September 14th Members Evening
September 21st Fresh air & fun - Mrs. B. Grimley
September 28th Quiz Evening
October 5th Talk on Canan Trust - Mr. K. Curtis

Janice Duffield



**Pat Shirra & family invite you for tea or coffee, biscuits and cake
at**

4 Burleigh Square, Chilwell (off Longleat Crescent) Tel: 8759002

**Saturday 11th September
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

If you require transport or directions please get in touch.

NCH Action for Children 2010



As mentioned previously, there was no sponsored walk in Derbyshire this year owing to the retirement of the previous organiser with unfortunately no successor. For a number of reasons, my planned unofficial walk has been deferred for some time, but I hope to walk part of a previous route, unless the weather is very unkind, in the week ending September 18th. The area is to the east and north east of Bakewell, to miss the 2 miles between the town and the normal starting point and perhaps by-pass the "dog-leg" somewhere, to cover most of the usual distance.

A donation box will be available on the following two Sundays and any contributions will be gratefully received.

If anyone fancies a day out, please let me know. Thank you.

Ralph Hadley

Thanks

Thanks to all who came to cut the hedge. It was done in record time partly because the wind acted as a blower and also Dan and Harry rolled up their sleeves and helped. Teamwork!

Just to remind you we are producing Dine at Mine Brochure soon and any offers of meals Coffee / tea events are welcome a.s.a.p. Breakfast for four on Saturday 11th September still has vacancies.

Helen Mellors



Karen, Ian, Dan, Harry, Jo, Chris and Martha would like to thank everyone for the lovely gifts Harry and Martha received for their baptism. We would especially like to thank those who gave money for D34 at QMC. We raised a total of £130 which allowed us to get lots of much needed toys and equipment for the children including toys for babies, DVDs, felt tips and pencil crayons.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Raspberry Tea. £100 was sent to the Angels Charity for autistic and Aspergers Syndrome children and a £10 donation to the Church.

Kathleen & Ralph Hadley

Irene Donkin

Sorry to receive the news that Irene Donkin had died at the end of last month. Until her move to the northeast, Irene was a regular church attender and involved with various House Groups. For a time she organized a weekly prayer group at her own home. She was a caring person with a love for her fellow beings. Our condolences go to Don and the family.

Flowers

"The flowers on Sunday 12th of September will be given by Amy Hom's Mother. They are to say thanks to all at Queens Road who prayed for her during her recent Heart operation."

Change of Address

Beverley Gore, 8 Westward Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1HY.

Methodist Churches in Beeston and Chilwell, Sunday 3rd October 2010

The Methodist Churches in Beeston and Chilwell have been looking at ways in which we can work more closely together in order to fulfil this great commission more effectively. This involves praying for one another, sharing news of our activities, meeting together more often for worship and supporting one another in mission.

Effectively fulfilling the great commission that Jesus gives to us also involves looking honestly at the resources of property that we have. It may be that we will best serve Jesus, and by implication the community in which we are set, by having fewer buildings and even coming together on a new site. You may feel that we have been talking about these things for far too long. Perhaps that is so. However, we are now intending to take action.

A very important event for the local Methodist Churches will take place on **Sunday 3rd October 2010**. We are inviting the members of all our congregations to gather together at The Pearson Centre on Nuart Road during the afternoon for a time of sharing, prayer and envisioning. The afternoon will conclude with a united act of worship. After this time, each church will be asked to commit itself to an ongoing process of working more closely together and maybe eventually coming together as one Methodist Church in one new building.

Further details of this event will be published in due course. Please put it in your diaries now.

Chris Gray and Antony Oakley

20's 30's Group

If anyone is interested in going to see Joseph on 28th September at The Theatre Royal please contact Mary Clarke on 07964175528.

Book Launch + Book Signing

Marie Swift will be having her book "The Doll's House" launched on **Saturday 25th September at St. Michael and All Saints Church Centre, Church Street, Bramcote at 2.30 p.m.** Entry is **free** The book tells the story of a young girl growing up in Nottingham, coming to terms with abuse, sadness, forgiveness and Joy. The book costs £10.99, with 50p going to Child Line. To pre-order email: marieswift@live.co.uk

By the By

Items for the next Newsletter are requested by **Sunday 26th September** please.

Preachers for September

September 12 th	10.45 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Rev. Anthony Oakley - Sacrament Rev. Anthony Oakley
September 19 th	10.45 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Mr. Ivor Moon Mr. Malcolm Wilson
September 26 th	10.45 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Rev. Anthony Oakley - Harvest Festival Rev. Stuart Bell - Harvest Festival
October 3 rd	10.45 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Dr. Stephen Travis United Service Pearson Centre

Stewards Rota

	<u>a.m.</u>	<u>p.m.</u>
September 12 th	Mark Hampton	Ralph Hadley
September 19 th	Alison Hembrow	Alison Hembrow
September 26 th	Richard Collins	Ruth Peterson
October 3 rd	Alison Hembrow	

Welcoming Stewards

	<u>a.m.</u>	<u>p.m.</u>
September 12 th	Mrs. C. Brindley & Mrs. K. Hadley	Mr. R. Dawson
September 19 th	Mrs. S. Simpson & Mrs. M. Pettifer	Mrs. B. Spencer
September 26 th	Mrs. Y. Wicks & Mrs. V. Warner	Mrs. S. McAvinchey
October 3 rd	Junior Church	

Organ Rota

	<u>a.m.</u>	<u>p.m.</u>
September 12 th	Ralph Hadley	Trevor Hides
September 19 th	Lorna Gibbon	Pat Shirra
September 26 th	Trevor Hides	Roy Larkinson
October 3 rd	Ralph Hadley	

Projector Monkey

	<u>a.m.</u>
September 12 th	Clare Bailey
September 19 th	Mike Colechin
September 26 th	Ian George
October 3 rd	Anthony Wright

Coffee Rota – a.m.

Lorna Gibbon & Sian Hampton
Grant & Hay Families
Janice Duffield & Karen George
Alison Bexon & Sue Bailey

Counting Rota

	<u>a.m.</u>	<u>p.m.</u>
September 12 th	Janice Duffield	Elaine Liquorish
September 19 th	Chris Brindley	Chris Wright
September 26 th	Clare Farrelly	Trevor Hides
October 3 rd	John Hay	

Flower Rota

September 12 th	Amy Hon
September 19 th	Shirley McAvinchey
September 26 th	Harvest Festival
October 3 rd	Jean Cheetham

