

# **Bromborough Methodist Church**

**Allport Lane. CH62 7HW  
Autumn Newsletter 2018**



**“The people of the Methodist Church,  
Bromborough: Seeking to share their  
experience of the spirit of Christ”**

Dear friends,

As we move into autumn with shorter days we thank God for the opportunities realised during one of the warmest British summers on record. Of course whilst many basked in the holiday sunshine, others longed for rain, particularly our farmers who continue to struggle to feed their livestock, and bring their crop to harvest. Our thoughts are with them at this time.

Each one of us has a personal harvest, that which we produce using the skills and abilities given us throughout our lives. As well as that which can be seen there is also the unseen.

Amongst many examples, there is the listening to one in need bringing a harvest of peace; the encouragement to another enabling the reaching of potential; the patience offered to one in a difficult situation; all the outworking of the gift of love. It's likely that we have also been on the receiving end, the harvest of others, and have grown in many ways because of the love shown to us. In this vein we remember that God loves us dearly despite what may be, our indifference. Nothing can separate us from that love.

This church will be celebrating harvest on 14<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am, a time when we can thank God for the harvest of land and sea, and for all he has given to us. It will be an all age occasion so why not come and join in this time of celebration.

All are welcome.

In the meantime, enjoy the changing colours of autumn.

God bless

Barbara Banton

Minister

If you are a follower of the BBC 2 Country File programme you will have seen that the glorious weather we have experienced over the summer period has given the farmers a great many difficulties in managing certain aspects of their workload. Lack of rainfall has parched the ground and reduced the size and quality of the grain crops. Grass growth has been restricted for the livestock to graze upon and silage normally stored for winter feed has now had to be used to supplement what is not available at this time of the year. Meanwhile other crops such as fruits are abundant this year so all is not gloomy. If your apple crop is making you wonder what to do with them then you might like to try the following recipe.

### **Windfall Marmalade**

**2 grapefruit, 4 lemons, 900g (2lb) windfall apples,  
2.5 litres (5 pints) water, 2.25kg (5lb) sugar.**

**Method: Wash the Citrus fruit, pare off the rind with a vegetable peeler and cut it into fine shreds. With a serrated knife peel away all the pith from the flesh then chop the flesh roughly. Peel, core and chop the apples. Put the chopped apples into a preserving pan with the water, citrus peel and flesh.**

**Tie the citrus pith, pips, apple peel and cores in a piece of muslin and add to the pan. Simmer gently until the peel is tender and the mixture in the pan has reduced by half. Lift out the muslin bag and squeeze it well against the side of the pan to extract all the liquid there. Add the sugar and stir until it has all dissolved.**

**Bring to a good rolling boil and boil rapidly until setting point is reached. To test a spoonful of jam is placed on a refrigerated saucer. Leave for a few seconds then gently push with a finger. If it crinkles it is ready. Allow the marmalade to stand for 15 minutes before pouring into sterilised jars.**

**Join us at our Harvest Festival on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am and bring any spare produce (and marmalade) with you. The harvest goods are then donated to Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead.**

**On 4 August 1918 King George V called a National Day of Prayer. One hundred days later the war ended.**

**Remembrance 100 was launched on 4 August 2018 with 100 Days of Peace and Hope – prayers, Bible readings, reflections and peace-making activities – which are available to download free as from 4 July ready for the launch date.**

**Remembrance 100 is a collaboration between Christian denominations, ministries and chaplaincies to help churches mark the centenary of the First World War at the heart of their communities.**

**Log on to <https://www.remembrance100.co.uk/100-days/> to view the download and <https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/> to find many resources which can be accessed.**

### **The Last battle**

**The battle of Amiens or the 3<sup>rd</sup> battle of Picardy began on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1918 became known as the 100 day offensive and was to prove decisive in the drive to end the conflict. The allied forces advanced 7 miles on the first day against a dispirited German army and became one of the first battles involving armoured warfare.**

### **The peace**

**The Treaty of Versailles was signed on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 1919, exactly 5 years after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand which directly led to the start of WW1.**

### **Poem- The Miracle of Friendship**

**There's a "miracle called Friendship" that dwells within the heart,  
And you don't know how it happens or when it gets its start  
But the happiness it brings you always gives a special lift  
And you realise that "Friendship" is God's most precious gift.**

**The Church is 90 years old this year and the picture below is the official party who opened the doors in 1928. A lot of people have passed in and out of these doors during this period of time; baptisms, weddings and funerals as well as many young people through Sunday school and its youth organisations.**



**If you were one of those who remembers a time in our Church you are invited to attend our special Service conducted by Rev. Peter Powers at either 10.30 am or 6.30 pm on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> November. We would love you to share your stories and renew your connection with the Church. We will be having a lunch after the morning Service and if you wish to attend could you let us know prior to the date through our website (click on contact us and Senior Steward) as it would help in our preparations.**

### **Fellowship at Bromborough Methodist**

**Our outreach and community involvement means that we invite all in our local community to come and join in fellowship with us through the many groups who use our Church and Hall for less formal gatherings during the week. A lot of these are listed on page 7 of this issue.**

**Our Coffee mornings on the first Saturday of each month are held in the Fellowship Room down the left hand side of the Church at 10.30 am and is a time for meeting each other in friendly conversation. The next three are on Saturdays Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and Nov.3<sup>rd</sup>. See you then.**

# Flower, Tree, Fruit Wordsearch

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# Weekly Worship & Activities

Sunday	10:30am	Morning Worship and Junior Church
	6:30pm	Evening Worship ( <i>United Service 4th Sunday in the month</i> )
Monday	2:00pm	Mayfield Singers
	4:15pm	Rainbow Guides
	6:00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Bromborough Brownies
Tuesday	2:00pm	Friendship Group ( <i>every two weeks</i> )
	6:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Bromborough Girl Guides
	7:30pm	Rangers
Wednesday	6:30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bromborough Brownies
	7:45pm	Network ( <i>First Wednesday in the month</i> )
Thursday	10:00am	Toddlers Group
	7:30pm	Choral Group
Friday	6:00pm	Boys' Brigade Anchor Section
	6:00pm	Boys' Brigade Junior Section
	6:00pm	Boys' Brigade Company Section
Saturday	10:30am	Toasty Church ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month</i> )
	10:30am	Coffee Morning ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month</i> )
	8:00pm	Late Night Lock In ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in the month</i> )

### Special Church Services this quarter

**14<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 am. Rev. Barbara Banton - Harvest Festival Service.**

**11<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am. Remembrance day Service**

**25<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 am. Rev. Peter Powers, Former Minister celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church with us.**

# P8 Services Sept. to Nov. 2018

Date	10:30 am	6:30 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.	<i>Rev. Barbara Banton Communion</i>	<i>Rev. Kim Goh</i>
9 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<i>@Hr. Bebington 10.45</i>	<i>Rev. Carole Natton</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<i>Pat Jones</i>	<i>Rev. Sheila Prest</i>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	<i>Sylvia Price</i>	<i>@Venue tba Ctog</i>
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<i>John Crowther</i>	<i>Worship Leaders.</i>
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	<i>Rev. John Barnett Communion</i>	<i>Andrew Clough</i>
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	<i>Rev. Barbara Banton Harvest Festival</i>	<i>Peter Colyer</i>
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct.	<i>Stephen Cooper</i>	<i>Rev. Barbara Banton Communion</i>
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	<i>Rev. Malcolm Daley</i>	<i>@St. Mary's Ctog</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<i>Rev. Barbara Banton Communion</i>	<i>Richard Daymond</i>
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<i>Own arrangement.</i>	<i>Stephen Cooper</i>
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<i>Pam Simms</i>	<i>Rev. Jackie Bellfield</i>
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<i>Rev. Peter Powers Church 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>	<i>Rev. Peter Powers Ctog</i>

*Ctog=Churches together.*

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