

Bromborough Methodist Church

Spring Newsletter 2019

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

Dear Friends

The promise of Spring is around the corner although we can be forgiven for thinking it had already arrived in February. The new life we looked forward to during the winter season is shooting and blossoming wherever we look. Hopefully the arrival of Spring will give the outdoor pot plants which have survived the colder months, an extra boost.

We all need an extra boost to put a spring in our step and the season of Lent moves us to make that possible.

Is it a time to reflect on what we 'what we give up' or 'what we give out'? I think it's both.

As we reflect prayerfully the Holy Spirit guides our thinking and, in enabling us to let go, boosts our growth to become the people God calls us to be.

We think of Jesus in his wilderness reflection at this time of year seeking the Father's will; the way of conducting the ministry entrusted to him; and the strength to see it through. Thanks be to God that he continued this throughout his short lifetime, heralding the Kingdom of God.

The Cross stands in eternity, transforming our own eternity, a loving God-given way of enabling reconciliation with him. His tomb became a womb as new life entered his body and resurrection enabled the bursting forth into a promised new birth for us all as we embrace all he has done for us.

Let us acknowledge and celebrate that new life as we move through this exciting season.

Have a thoughtful Lent, followed by a Happy Easter.

Barbara

St George's Day Word Search



Can you find all the words in the puzzle? Use the list below to help you, and cross them off when you find them.



Saint	England	
April	sword	
knight	patron	shield
George	national	cross
rose	flag	dragon

What there is to know about St George:-

1. Was he of English or Turkish birth?
2. Was he a knight or just a soldier in the Roman army?
3. Did he ever come to England or not?
4. Read about Richard 1 and the story of the crusades in the 12th Century.
5. St George is celebrated also in Portugal, Catalonia, Venice and Genoa.
6. Did he ever slay a dragon?
7. Was he tortured to death for his Christian Faith?
8. Celebrate his life on the 23rd April.

Find out more yourselves and make your own mind up about his life.

A view from the Pew

God's grace at Arrowe Park Hospital

I have recently been in Hospital with a broken femur. A 'bank' nurse who normally works at Clatterbridge Hospital was working her two days off at Arrowe Park.

By God's 'happenstance' or grace I met up with her on the ward. She told me that she lived in Eastham and had connections with an autistic child who needed a specialised companion dog which would cost about £1000. She had no idea how to raise such a sum.

A long conversation ensued on how to raise such an intimidating sum based on the child's needs and my own fund raising experience. In spite of my encouragement she was still daunted by the prospect.

That evening I was talking to my son on the phone. Again it was by God's grace that I raised the child's plight with him. He mentioned that he had a contact with a key figure in the charity 'Children in Distress'. Later that evening, without mentioning it to me, he telephoned her. Her response was that this is the type of project we would like to support. We agreed the sum of £1000 would not be a problem. Details have been exchanged and we wait with confidence in the Lord.

The one thing I can't get my head around is why I had to break my femur to get things on the road; however my heart has no such problem!

Some will have difficulties with this concept of God's happenstance or love in action but when you are involved in such a chain of events you will know it in no uncertain terms.

A Church member.

Give your love

Give your love to others. Don't spend it on yourself.

Give your heart's good treasure. Don't hoard it on the shelf...

Give a word of comfort. Give a helping hand.

Give where it is needed. Try to understand.

Give the best that's in you to do the job you do.

Give the world your blessing and it blesses you...

Give your life to something that is well worthwhile.

Give- and never forget to give a smile.

Patience Strong.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is a simple idea that works-by providing a daily meal in a place of education and chronically poor children are attracted to the classroom where they can gain a basic education that provides an escape route from poverty.

The global Mary's Meals campaign was born in 2002 when founder and CEO, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, visited Malawi during a famine and met a mother dying from AIDS. When he asked her eldest son, Edward, what his dreams were in life, he replied simply: "to have enough food to eat and to go to school one day."

Mary's Meals vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need share with those who lack even the most basic things. Wherever possible, the meals provided are made with locally produced food, thereby supporting the local economy.

They operate an International Headquarters from a shed in a remote part of the Scottish highlands.

The charity is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. It is a non-denominational charity which respects and reaches out to people of all faiths and none. Worldwide it currently feeds 1,425,013 children in different countries around the world.

Our Boys' Brigade Company here at this Church supports a school called Mocho Primary on Likoma Island in the middle of Lake Malawi which has approximately 100 pupils. The cost of feeding each child is £13.90 for the whole year. Our target for this year is £1362.20. £1012.20 has been raised to date leaving £350 to be raised.

The next event is our cream tea afternoon which will be on June 15th in the Hall at the rear of our Church from 2.30 to 4.00 pm.

All will be welcome to support us on this day.

We also sell handcrafted cards at our Church coffee mornings which are on the first Saturday of each month at 10.30 am in the smaller room alongside the Hall, the next two being the 6th April and the 4th May.

Hot Cross Buns

(One a penny, two a penny)



Traditionally Hot Cross buns are baked on Good Friday from the flour used for the Communion bread. It was said that buns baked on Good Friday would never go mouldy.

The bun itself should be round which represents the stone that was rolled away from the tomb.

It is different from other buns in that it was marked with a cross.

The spices used to flavour the bun are said to represent the spices with which Jesus was buried.

Hot Cross Bun recipe

- 500g strong white bread flour ½ tsp salt
- 2 heaped tsp mixed spice 50g caster sugar
- 50g butter chopped into cubes 200g mixed dried fruit
- 7g sachet easy-blend dried yeast 200ml milk 2 eggs
- For the crosses & glaze 3 tbsp plain flour honey or golden syrup, for brushing

Method

1. Tip the flour into a bowl and stir in the salt, mixed spice and sugar.
2. Rub in the butter with your fingertips. Stir in the dried fruit, then sprinkle over the yeast and stir in. Gently warm the milk so it is hot, but still cool enough to put your finger in for a couple of seconds. Beat with the eggs, then pour into the dried ingredients.
3. Using a blunt knife, mix the ingredients to a moist dough, then leave to soak for 5 mins. Take out of the bowl and cut the dough into 8 equal pieces.
4. Shape the dough into buns on a floured surface. Space apart on a baking sheet, cover loosely with cling film, then leave in a warm place until half again in size. This will take 45 mins-1 hr 15 mins, depending on how warm the room is.
5. When the buns are risen, heat oven to 220C/fan 200C/gas 7. Mix the flour with 2 tbsp water to make a paste. Pour into a plastic food bag and make a nick in one of the corners. Pipe crosses on top of each bun.
6. Bake for 12-15 mins until risen and golden. Trim the excess cross mixture from the buns, then brush all over with honey or golden syrup. The buns will keep fresh for a day. After that they are best toasted and served with butter

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 st Bromborough Brownies
Tuesday	2:00pm	Friendship Group (<i>every two weeks</i>)
	6:30pm	1 st Bromborough Girl Guides
	7:30pm	Rangers
Wednesday	6:30pm	3 rd 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>2nd Saturday in the month</i>)
	10:30am	Coffee Morning (<i>1st Saturday in the month</i>)
	8:00pm	Late Night Lock In (<i>2nd Saturday in the month</i>)

Special Church Services this quarter

31st March Mothering Sunday @10.30 am

Rev. Christine Jones

18th April Maundy Thursday @ 6.30pm

Rev. Barbara Banton (Joint Communion Service)

19th April Good Friday @ 10.30 am

Pat Jones & Peter Colver

Services Mar. to May 2019

Date	10:30 am	6:30 pm
3 rd March	Rev. Barbara Banton Communion	Stephen Cooper
10 th March	Rev. Malcolm Daley	Rev. Jackie Bellfield
17 th March	Sylvia Price	Peter Colyer
24 th March	Jean Knott	@ St. Mary's Ctog
31 st March	Rev. Christine Jones	Rev. Christine Jones
7 th April	Rev. Barbara Banton Communion	Worship Leaders
14 th April Palm Sunday	Andrew Clough	Stephen Cooper
21 st April Easter Day	Rev. Barbara Banton	Rev. Jackie Bellfield Communion
28 th April	Pam Simms	@ St. David's Ctog
5 th May	Rev. John Barnett Communion	Dr. Judy Ford
12 ^h May	Peter Colyer	@ Moreton Easter Offering
19 th May	Rev. Barbara Banton Songs of Praise	Pat Jones
26 th May	@ Lwr. Bebington Jt. Service 10.45am	@ Bromborough Ctog

**Ctog=Churches together. 18th April, Maundy Thursday Service, see P7
19th April, Good Friday Service See P7**

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