

Wonford Methodist Church

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A Message From The Minister

May I first congratulate the stewards for their encouraging and heart-warming piece in last month's Contact,

They say that 'absence makes the heart grow fonder', although I have not really been absent from Wonford during my 6 week study period I have, in many senses, been absent from my 'usual' duties. I just wanted to say that that absence has made my heart fonder for the work that God wants me (and you) to do at Wonford.

An opportunity to study for a prolonged period of time has been a generous gift and one that has been immensely challenging and enjoyable. Yet as I have studied I have missed the preaching, pastoring and meetings(!) associated with a minister's responsibilities. During the summer I will be reviewing my studies but whatever happens I will return in September from my holidays keen to embrace what God has for us in the autumn and ensuing year.

In the meantime there is much to do and much to pray about. Might I draw your attention to a number of those things:

- ★ Community Worker - we are hoping to appoint a community worker to work with older people on the estate, this will be a genuine service but also an outreach.
- ★ Youth Emmaus – we are hoping to run a 6 week Emmaus course for our younger people in the autumn.
- ★ Girl's Brigade – this excellent outreach has new leaders which are being trained to be appointed in the autumn.
- ★ Week of prayer – Christians of all denominations will be praying across the city and for the city 21st-28th November 2009
- ★ Back to Church Sunday – 27th September, who will you invite?
- ★ Don't forget all of the other things that are ongoing and continue at Wonford!

So I hope you have a blessed summer and for those of you going away I hope you have restful holidays. Whether you spend it sat at home or on the beach please pray for all that will be happening in the autumn.

Yours, in Christ

Mark Gilborson

Dates For August/September

Birthdays - have a great birthday!!

August

3rd Ruth L
8th Ella O & Tudor C
13th David W
14th Rob F
18th Jenna L
23rd Sam B & Adrian W



September

2nd Jenny T
4th Joan W
5th John T
8th Tracey S
10th Kira G
12th JJ L, Judith M, Rhianne M and Tom M
13th Michael M
14th Emma T
15th Amy T
16th Joseph W
18th Ellie F
19th Rod M
20th Tony W
22nd Abbie N
30th Sean L



Flowers

August

2nd Margretta
9th
16th Bronwen & Clifford
23rd Pat
30th Sylvia & Tom



September

6th Angela
13th Melanie
20th Doreen
27th Jenny

Coffee

August

2nd	Emma & Family
9th	Susan & Martin
16th	Sharon & Nigel
23rd	Jean & Pat
30th	

September

6th	Vanessa & Helen
13th	Jenny T & Angela
20th	Eileen & Melanie
27th	Margaret & Barbara

Thursday Dates

August - No meetings during this month

September

3rd	7.30 p.m.	Church Prayer meeting in the lounge.
10th	10.30 a.m.	Coffee & Chat + Planing for Autumn and Winter
17th	2.00 p.m.	Bible Study led by Rev Mark Gilborson Mark 9: v 33-50 'The first and the last'
24th	10.30 a.m.	Coffee & Chat

Home Group Dates for September

We are studying an MRDF resource 'What does the Bible say about changing the world?' with 6 sessions; and will be meeting in homes about once a fortnight, usually on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings.

15th	8.00 p.m.	'Fighting Injustice' at 14 Grainger Close
30th	8.00 p.m.	'Living Compassionately' at 181 Monks Road

If you need any further information please contact Sharon Gilborson.

Silverton Street Market Weekend

Silverton are looking forward to being joined by Wonford friends on the 2nd August 2009. Events for the day are listed below.

4.00 p.m.	Guided walks,
5.00 p.m.	CreamTeas,
6.30 p.m.	Worship (with musical contributions from the Brazier/Palmer Friends)

If are intending to go please contact Patricia Rolls at Silverton. (860483).

Monika's Service of Recognition

Monika Noronha invites you to her Service of Recognition to mark the completion of her local preacher studies. The service will be held at Wonford Methodist Church on Saturday 26th September 2009 at 2.00 p.m. There will be refreshments in the hall following the service. Everyone welcome - please come along.

Plymouth & Exeter District Training Calendar

A new edition of this is on the church notice board in the hall and covers January - August 2009. This version is interactive and courses can be booked online. I have put an electronic copy on a website. The address is below:

<http://public.me.com/andrew.m.jackson>

Back to Church Sunday - September 27th 2009

In 2004 the first Back to Church Sunday was held in the diocese of central Manchester. This was so successful that it has been held every year since and has spread to many dioceses across the UK and to most other denominations as well as to churches abroad. And this year our Church Council has voted that we will join them!

The principle is simple. Just take an invitation card and offer it to a friend who used to go to a church and invite them to come back. This is a chance for all of us to be thinking about whom we can invite.. and to be praying now.

We'll have printed cards available and may need volunteers to leafleteer the roads near to our church in September. So this is advance notice for you to put the date in your diary. It will be a great opportunity!

Further information from Joan Wragg



Advance Notice - Shebbear Study Day 2009

This takes place on Saturday 17th October 2009 from 9.30am-4.30pm. The topic is "Christians in a Secular Society". The speakers are Mrs Sue Gunn-Johnson, Deputy Head in Torquay and Revd Ginnie Pearson Methodist Minister in Hartland (from America). The cost is £12 per head which includes lunch.

Contact: Peter Ellis 01409 231309

Church Anniversary Reflection

Following our attendance today (12th July 2009) at the excellent Anniversary Services, held at Wonford Methodist Church and led by the Rev Tom Stuckey, we hope we may be permitted to recap a little on our personal history and how we became involved with the Burnthouse Lane Mission (originally), and all it has meant to us over the past 40+ years! After spending ten years in South Africa (Paul entered the Ministry there and served the S.A. Methodist Conference there in Cape Town, Joburg, Durban and Port Elizabeth) we returned in January 1963 with three children: Sue born in England (then 12 years) and Jennie (9 years) and Chris (6 years) both born in S.A. We returned to England and Paul transferred to the Conference here. When we returned we were staying with Paul's parents at Ide (his place of birth!). Sadly my Father died just six months before we returned. We were very anxious to try and stay in this District as Paul's parents were getting quite elderly. So we approached the then Chairman of the District (Rev Russell Pope) - Bronwen's Father by the way - about being stationed nearby if possible from September 1963. He had applied to the Conference for an extra Minister for the Exeter Circuit, to cover the extra work in taking on the Mission work at Burnthouse Lane - an offshoot of the Exe Island Mission in Central Exeter. He had been approached about this by the Pastor there (Mr Pankhurst) and a retired Deaconess had been serving the Mission for the past year or so. As we were still living with Paul's parents, Rev Pope very kindly suggested we might like to move into 20 Whipton Lane which was then unoccupied. This we did very happily and served the Circuit for the next 4½ years with several other Churches e.g. Whipton and several rural chapels. Our time at Wonford Methodist proved to be a very happy and a challenging one. Since retiring back to Exeter some 15 years ago, we have kept our contact and have continued to rejoice in its growth and witness in the neighbourhood. Thank you for letting us share with your Church Anniversary and over previous years. We now live in a Methodist Housing Society House at 66 Whipton Lane - it was like coming "back home"!!

May & Paul Hardy

24/7 - "A Week of Prayer". 20th - 27th November 2009

Exeter is having its own 24/7 week of prayer. **CRUX** (Christian Umbrella Group for Exeter) have written to all the churches in Exeter inviting them to take part in this city wide initiative.

It is a creative and exciting opportunity for churches across Exeter to open their doors to prayer. A chance to present a united witness and to meet and

share in a continuous week long act of prayer.

The prayer team have met to discuss how Wonford might enter into this special united vision of Christian love and how it could make itself available during the week as a place of prayer and a link in the chain of continuous 24/7 prayer.

Plans will begin to come together early in the autumn. If you have any suggestions or feel you might like to be involved during the week please talk to one on the prayer team.

Martin Lloyd

Prayer Focus for August / September

August

God will put His angels in charge of you to protect you wherever you go.

Psalm 91:11 (Good News Bible)

Week beginning Sunday 2nd August

During August our evening services will move around 4 other circuit churches, starting with Silverton today and ending with our church on the 30th. Please pray that God will bless and inspire the witness of each service.

Thank God for the new directions He is inspiring in many of the 14 churches here in the Exeter Circuit.

Week beginning Sunday 9th

Please pray God's protection over the children during the holidays. Pray for safe travel and enjoyment for families. Lift up to God those children and families who are not able to enjoy a holiday for one reason or another.

Thank God for the peace and beauty we enjoy in Devon.

Week beginning Sunday 16th

Please pray for our young people as they wait for their A-level results this week. Results can have a great influence on their futures - university, jobs, expectations, especially during these uncertain times.

Thank God that 'He alone knows the plans He has for us'. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Week beginning Sunday 23rd

Please pray for:

(a) The last service at Whiddon Down that Mark will take as 'Minister in Pastoral Charge' this Sunday.

- (b) The young people expecting their GCSE results on the 26th.
- (c) Jon Curtis, Pippa and Joan and all the preparations for 'Greenbelt' next weekend.

Week beginning Sunday 30th

With a new Methodist year starting on September 1st, please pray for all the activities, clubs/groups, leaders/feet washers, planners, pray-ers, and of course our minister, Mark.

"Praise God - from whom all blessings flow. (Songs of Fellowship 980)

September

'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path'.

Psalm 119:105 (RSV)

Week beginning Sunday 6th

Please pray for all young people returning to their studies this month. Also for teachers and tutors, who sometimes have to deal with difficult and stressful situations.

Thank God for the spiritual teaching our young people receive here at Wonford.

Week beginning Sunday 13th

Please pray for our housegroups/fellowship groups and all the social activities we enjoy here at Wonford. Pray for those who lead and encourage others to take part and thank God for the skills He has equipped them with.

Week beginning Sunday 20th

Please pray that God will 'go before us' to soften hearts as we prepare for the 'Back To Church Sunday' event. Pray that there will be a good response from those we invite to the service on the 27th.

Thank God for all our Local Preachers and those still in training, especially thinking of the service this Saturday which will recognise Monika as an accredited Local Preacher.

Week beginning Sunday 27th

Please pray that our prayer life will deepen and that the Holy Spirit will bless us with the power to be more effective as we pray.

Phone Prayer Link

Should you, or those you know, wish to be supported in prayer, the first contact is Beryl Violet (01392) 270132. Your request will be passed to members of the Prayer Link who will pray for your need.

After Church Prayer Support

This is available in the Quiet Room on Sunday mornings. Two members of the Prayer Team will be available to pray with you.

*Should you wish to join our Prayer Phone Link or After Church Prayer Support, please contact any member of the Prayer Team. Further details are displayed in the Quiet Room.

The Prayer Team

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Dates For Your Diary

August 2009

Sun 2nd	10.00 a.m.	All Age Worship - Joe Fisher
	4.00 p.m.	Silverton Guided Walks & Cream Teas **
	6.30 p.m.	Rev Andrew Brazier at Silverton MC
Thurs 6th	7.30 p.m.	Monthly Prayer meeting in the lounge
Sun 9th	10.00 a.m.	Singleton Nightingale
	6.30 p.m.	Rev Andrew Sails at Sidwell Street MC
Sun 16th	10.00 a.m.	Rev Martin Bailey
	6.30 p.m.	Rev Paul Collings at The Mint MC
Sun 23rd	10.00 a.m.	Rev Mark Gilborson - Sacramento
	6.30 p.m.	Rev Mark Gilborson at Whiddon Down MC
Sun 30th	10.00 a.m.	Janet Lee
	6.30 p.m.	Rev David Easton at Wonford MC

September 2009

Tues 1st	7.00 p.m.	Welcome service for Rev Dr Peter Pillinger - New Chair of Plymouth & Exeter District at Sidwell St.
Thurs 3rd	7.30 p.m.	Monthly prayer meeting in the lounge **
Sun 6th	10.00 a.m.	All Age Worship - Lara Herbert
	6.30 p.m.	Rev Mark Gilborson - Sacramento
Wed 9th	7.30 p.m.	Circuit meeting at Cheriton Cross MC
Thurs 10th	10.30 a.m.	Coffee & Chat + Planning for Autumn & Winter **
Sat 12th	10.00 a.m.	Plymouth & Exeter District Synod at Seaton MC.
Sun 13th	10.00 a.m.	Chris Mann
	6.30 p.m.	Prayer & Praise - Rev Paul Collings
Tues 15th	10.30 a.m.	CTH prayers and discussion
	8.00 p.m.	Homegroup meeting - 14 Grainger Close **
Thurs 17th	2.00 p.m.	Monthly Bible Study **
Sun 20th	10.00 a.m.	Rev Mark Gilborson - Sacramento
	6.30 p.m.	Ken Kite
Thurs 24th	10.30 a.m.	Coffee & Chat **
Sat 26th	2.00 p.m.	Local Preacher's Recognition Service for Monika Noronha at Wonford MC **
Sun 27th	Back to Church Sunday **	
	10.00 a.m.	Rev Mark Gilborson + Joan & Tony Wragg
	6.30 p.m.	Rev Heegon Moon
Tues 29th		Leadership Team meets
Wed 30th	8.00 p.m.	Homegroup meeting at 181 Monks Road **

****For more information see a separate item in this newsletter, or look on the notice board for a poster.**

Weekly Activities

Sunday

- 10.00 a.m. Morning Service and Young Church
(1st Sunday in each month is All-Age Worship)
6.30 p.m. Evening Service
(2nd Sunday in each month is Prayer & Praise)

Monday

- 2.45 p.m. Monday House Fellowship (68 Hoker Road)
(See Beryl Violet for details)
5.45 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. Girls' Brigade *A*

Tuesday

- 10.00 a.m. Men's Coffee and Games Morning
9.15 a.m. Weekly Prayers in the Quiet Room
6.00 p.m. Brownies *A*
8.00 p.m. Home Group
(See inside for more details)

Wednesday

- 7.00 p.m. Junior Youth Club (7 - 11 Year Old) *A*
8.15 p.m. Senior Youth Club (11+ Year Old) *A*

Thursday

7.30 p.m.

(1st Thursday in each month is a Prayer Meeting, the 2nd is a Bible Study at 2.00 p.m. Other Thursdays are coffee mornings starting at 10.30 a.m.) - **see inside for details as this does change.**

Friday

- 9.30 a.m. Friday Toddlers Group *A*
2.00 p.m. Friday Fellowship - see Sheila Bricknell for details

To be sure these take place see Dates to Note or the Notice Board
(*A* = No meeting during school holiday)

The deadline for items for the October 2009 Newsletter will be Sunday 13th September 2009. There is no guarantee of inclusion, but they may be given to:

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