

FAMILY WORSHIP - 10.30 am every Sunday

FAMILY COMMUNION - Monthly - see diary

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Fountain Square Church

United Reformed/Methodist

Tideswell



October 2015

Member of the Evangelical Alliance

Commitment for Life Church

Fairtrade Church

Rotas for October 2015

<u>Sunday</u>		<u>Door Stewards</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
Oct.	4	Andrew Turner	Val Gaffney
	11	Judith Mount	Paul & Judith Mount
	18	Jill Whitnell	Paul & Mal Fletcher
	25	Freda Kenworthy	Margaret Brignell
Nov.	1	Sue Clarke	Freda Kenworthy & Anne Hollis

Communion

Oct.	4	Jill Whitnell & Ben Twelves
Nov.	1	Margaret Brignell & Philip Turner

Sunday Morning Coffee

Oct.	4	Iris Broomhead & Margaret Brignell
	11	Jill Whitnell & Jean Bancroft
	18	Jean Jackson & Marjorie Gregory
	25	Val Gaffney & Andrew Turner
Nov.	1	Gill Adams & Anne Hollis

Ladies Fellowship Meeting Wednesdays 2.15 pm

Oct.	7	Kath Anderson
	14	Audrey Buckley
	21	Glynis Hughes
	28	Marjorie Gregory
Nov.	4	Jill Whitnell

If any of these dates are not convenient
- please exchange with someone else on the list

Diary for October 2015

From the Manse

October 2015

Saturday	3rd	10-11.30am	Autumn Coffee Morning
Sunday	4th	10.30 am	Family Communion - Steve
Thursday	8th	7.00 pm	Men's Curry Night at H & D's
Sunday	11th	10.30 am	Family Worship - Brian Heeley
		10.30 am	"Play & Praise" in the hall
Saturday	17th	7.00 pm	Peak Filling Station - Calver Village Hall Speaker: Barry Streeter
Sunday	18th	10.30 am	Worship for All - Local Arrange-
ment	Thursday	22nd	3.30 pm Afternoon Teas - details in maga- zine
		7.00 pm	Leaders Meeting
Sunday	25th	10.30 am	Family Worship - Richard William Menlove
Tuesday	27th	2.00 pm	Churches Together Service at Nicholson Court
Thursday	29th	3.30 pm	Afternoon Teas - details in magazine

November

WEEKLY MEETINGS

OPEN HOUSE Thursdays 7.30 pm
at Ben & Kirstin Twelves, Holly House, Parke Road

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Wednesdays at 2.15 pm in the vestry

BUSY BEES

Tuesdays 10 am - 12 noon in the Hall
for 0 - 5's and carers Contact: M Gill 872057

PRAYER MEETING

Fridays 10.30 am in the vestry

Dear Friends,

If you set out to read the New Testament from beginning to end, you start with a long list of names at the beginning of Matthew's gospel which makes tedious reading! The names mean nothing until you know the stories behind them and why they are listed there. For Matthew they represent the broad sweep of people for whom Jesus came –that everyone could say, 'He was one of us!' I still enjoy the BBC series 'Who do you think you are?' which traces the ancestors of some famous people and shows their own fascination with the discoveries. They identify for the most part with their ancestors and feel they have inherited something from them.

Now I enjoy going to zoos and join with everyone else in straining to see the lions asleep in their dens, or enjoying the antics of apes. But watching people is sometimes even better! Humans have the capacity to show great love and care, made more unique by their individual personalities. And yes, we can also be foolish, destructive and stubborn too. What I like about history is that you can 'watch people' in the past, bring life to what might otherwise just be a name on a piece of paper and learn something about the present through it. And sometimes we inherit from their legacy.

On one of the boards above the doors into the church, is a list of people who were there when the last major refurbishment of the

church was completed in 1914. Among them is the name of Gipsy Smith. This man was a famous evangelist who began with William Booth and the Salvation Army, then became a Methodist and travelled England and eventually America preaching and leading many people into faith. He had the habit of bursting into song in the middle of his sermons and recordings of his voice can still be found on the internet. He came from gypsy stock, as his name suggests, and was brilliant in relating his faith to the ordinary people around him. Just after his visit to Tideswell, he was to serve with the YMCA in the First World War and received an OBE from the king for his work. Maybe some of the men on our war memorial in Tideswell who would have met him that day in May 1914, found his ministry of real significance as they struggled in the battlefields of France. A name on a board – but one which had real influence for God and is part of Fountain Square's legacy of faith.

And of all the names we read, Jesus himself has the greatest power to affect us. The short pages of the gospels tell us a great deal more about him than some of the long biographies tell us about their subjects. Jesus went under the surface and saw people for who they were. And he leads us to the very Creator who has given us breath. God our Creator has used the patterns of human evolution and for each one added a unique personality. And he alone has power to mend the tears and holes we have made by our own mistakes and stupidity. When we trust him, he places his Spirit with our spirit in our hearts, with the power to bring life, love and



Gathered in

All is safely gathered in
Frozen, cured or sealed in tin,
Then sent quickly off to store,
Tesco, Aldi, many more.

There the seasons are no more,
As they were in days of yore,
Summer fruits in winter days,
Far away they're grown and raised.

Autumn treats in Spring to choose
And even more exotic foods,
Things we never knew when young
Brought to us from lands far flung.

All to satisfy our taste,
Tons of which will go to waste,
And supermarket shelves to fill,
Yet millions are starving still.

So just remember while you feast
On food from north, south, west and east
And celebrating this harvest
To spare a thought for those with less.

By Allan Lewis



You say: I can't manage.

God says: I will supply all your needs. (Philippians 4:19)

You say: I'm afraid.

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (II Timothy 1:7)

You say: I'm always worried and frustrated.

God says: Cast all your cares on ME. (I Peter 5:7)

You say: I don't have enough faith.

God says: I've given everyone a measure of faith. (Romans 12:3)

You say: I'm not smart enough.

God says: I give you wisdom. (I Corinthians 1:30)

You say: I feel all alone.

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)



Fountain Square Church

Afternoon Teas

in aid of the Living Stones Project

Thursdays October 22 & 29
at 3.30 pm

Price £7.50 per head

Names please to:

Dorothy Sellars 01298 871575
& Irene McDermot 01629 640734

fresh creativity to us. If we are willing to be adopted into the family of Jesus, we inherit all his legacy. 'Who do you think you are?' Will your answer be: 'I am part of God's family and the richer for his inheritance.'

Be blessed,

Steve



Please Pray for....

...those who are sick, remembering Owen Walters and Kath Anderson who are both having operations at this time.

.....those in Care Homes and Nursing Homes, remembering Alan Jackson, Vera Skidmore, Mary Tibbles and others known to you.

.....the Refugees, Immigrants and those seeking to help them.

.....Churches Together outreach - Pre-School Praise & Play & the Men's Night - see centre pages

....our Fundraising and Grant Seeking for the Living Stones Project

A Prayer for heart-peace by Daphne Kitching

Dear Lord, sometimes the world is a worrying place,

so many problems, so much pain for so many.

We feel overwhelmed and don't know which way to turn.

Help us to turn the right way - to you Lord.

Help us to hand over to you our worries, to exchange them for your

peace in our hearts no matter what's going on all around,

knowing that you walk with us through it all, today,

tomorrow and forever. In Jesus name, Amen



The Peak Circuit welcomed Rev Adrian Perry as our new superintendent last month, replacing Rev. David Briggs, and we look forward to working with him. We are pleased that Rev Peter Meek, the synod moderator, is back at work on a phased return following his recent illness.

We wish those in our congregations facing operations our very best wishes and offer our prayers. For Kath Anderson who is having a replacement hip and for Owen who is facing an operation to remove the cancer from his jaw, replacing with bone from his leg.

We celebrated harvest on September 20th and gave money towards Christian Aid and the orphanage at Mchingi in Malawi, remembering that we are God's co-workers in providing, caring and sharing with His creation. Our shared lunch was delicious – a big thank you to all who helped.

We are making progress with grant applications for our Living Stones project! At the time of writing, applications have been sent to the Methodist District Grants team and to the Connexional (national) team as well as to some other grant-makers. More news as we hear it. Church meeting discussed some of the details of our plans, from choosing organs to VAT! The question on many lips is 'How come it is costing so much?' The answers include the cost of VAT (probably £100,000 in itself), how much demolition and levelling of floors will cost and the instalment of greener heating. A leaflet will be produced to help explain this to us and the local community soon. In the meantime our own local fundraising is beginning

You are a Child of God. Please phone home! Anon
Prayer moves the hand which moves the world. Anon

.God's answer for you

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves,
God has a positive answer for it.

You say: It's impossible.

God says: All things are possible. (Luke 18:27)

You say: Nobody really loves me.

God says: I love you. (John 3:16 & John 13:34)

You say: I can't go on.

God says: My grace is sufficient. (II Corinthians 12:9

& Psalm 91:15)

You say: I can't figure things out.

God says: I will direct your steps. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: I can't do it.

God says: You can do all things. (Philippians 4:13)

You say: I'm not able.

God says: I am able. (II Corinthians 9:8)

You say: It's not worth it.

God says: It will be worth it. (Roman 8:28)

You say: I can't forgive myself.

God says: I FORGIVE YOU. (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

And the congregation replied...

Down in the southern United States,
there are many churches known as 'answer back' churches.
When the preacher says something, the congregation naturally replies.

One Sunday, a preacher was speaking
on what it would take for the church to become better.

He said: "If this church is to become better,
it must take up its bed, and walk."

The congregation intoned: "Let it walk, Preacher, let it walk."

Encouraged by their response, he went further.

"If this church is going to become better,
it will have to throw aside its hindrances and run!"

The congregation chanted: "Let it run, preacher, let it run!"

Now really into his message, he declared:

"If this church really wants to become great,
it will have to take up its wings and fly!"

"Let it fly, Preacher, let it fly!" the congregation shouted.

The Preacher then bellowed:

"If this church is going to fly, it will cost money!"

Whereupon the congregation murmured softly:

"Let it walk, Preacher, let it walk."

The Church still needs more people to volunteer
particularly to serve Tea & Coffee after the service
Can YOU help?

Please put your name on the list in church!

to take off. Attention was drawn to the easyfundraising.com website which enables anyone shopping online to contribute to the Building Fund without paying anything extra! There is also the 'Pledge Tideswell' campaign to go alongside the £10 talent scheme launched last month.

The Churches Together report was received and details of the Christmas events shared. We welcomed Rev Sue Ives-Smith, the new curate at St. John's. We also heard about a new ecumenical 'Sunday School' for pre-school children fortnightly on Sunday mornings at FSC from 11th October. This is an exciting venture with much potential for outreach. More details from Kirstin Twelves. A new Churches Together Men's Group are holding a curry night at H&D's on October 8th at 7. 30 pm– tickets (£11) from Rev. Steve Fisher.

Malcolm and Alison Bennison are in Malta with Malcolm's work, but will see us from time to time! Please pray that they feel at home on this sunny island and cope with all the travelling.

Our minister, Steve, is away on holiday from Monday 12th October until the following Monday 18th. Please contact the Leadership Team if you need any pastoral support during this time.

Steve Fisher

You will receive a warm welcome at the
Churches Together SERVICE
Tuesday October 27th at 2 pm
Nicholson Court Lounge

**AUTUMN
COFFEE
MORNING**
Saturday October 3

10 to 11.30 am

Pickles & Preserves

Cakes-Books-Bric-a-Brac etc

Please bring your gifts for the stalls

Come along and help!

THE WAY I SEE IT : What is Beauty?

When we look at a landscape, mountains or lakes and describe the scene as 'beautiful', what do we actually mean? That it is pleasing to the eye? That it speaks to some inner sense of order, tranquility and peace? That it arouses in us feelings of admiration or joy? That it evokes a sense of awe?

What makes something beautiful is a very difficult question to answer, because we apply it to so many different things: a human face, a flower, a piece of music, a painting or sculpture, a sunset and even a cover-drive at cricket. Beauty is something we recognize, but can't



Bible Sunday – 25 October

As this year's Bible Sunday approaches, the Bible Society is encouraging churches throughout the UK to celebrate the joy of encountering Jesus through the Scriptures and sharing that experience.

Did you know that, in the UK, nine out of ten adults have NO regular engagement with the Bible? That 45% of children NEVER read or hear Bible stories?

Yet the value of the Bible lies in its use. We must use it or lose it. Let's keep the message of the Bible alive for future generations. Let's join others throughout the country in celebrating the Bible and having the freedom to pass on its message.

The Hard to Swallow Tale of Jonah and the Whale

By Joyce Denham and Amanda Hall, LionHudson, £5.99

The story of Jonah is full of ingredients that children love:

a dangerous mission; a man on the run; danger at sea;

an incredible whale rescue;

and a grand finale about forgiveness.

Amanda Hall and Joyce Denham give this classic tale

their own special twist.

The beautiful illustrations and

dramatic story line

make this a great read.



Calais migrant church leader happy to stay in camp

Mima, the Ethiopian pastor of the church in the so-called 'Jungle' refugee camp in Calais has said he is no longer trying to get to the UK. Instead, he believes God wants him to stay and help distressed people in the camp.

In a recent interview with Premier Radio Mima said: "Maybe Jesus has brought me [here]. For me it's better than to go to England." And in a message to Christians in the UK, he said: "If you can, come and visit us and see. If you can't do that - pray. Pray for the immigrant people...the ones who are dying on the Mediterranean Sea, those who are dying on the train station when they try to go to England. All Christians need to pray for these people. Ask Jesus to give us protection and send the angels. We're eating once a day. We don't have any facilities. People are dying."

The gift

After the Sunday service the minister stood by the door to greet the congregation as they left the church. Soon one of the younger children filed by. "Good morning, Jonathan," the minister said, as the little boy reached out and handed him something. "What's this?" "Money," said the boy, with a big smile. "It's for you!" When the minister protested in surprise, the little boy continued: "But I want you to have it. My daddy says you're the poorest preacher we ever had, and I want to help you."

really define. Not everything beautiful is 'pretty' (think of some of Picasso's paintings!). 'Beauty is in the eye of the beholder', we say – a matter of individual taste. In that case, it's surprising that almost everyone would agree with the most common assertions of beauty, whether scenes of nature or works of art.

My own suspicion is that beauty is linked to awe. 'Awe' is the recognition of something beyond our normal experience. The dictionary defines 'awe' in terms of 'respect', and that perhaps begins to capture how we feel when we encounter beauty. This is 'beyond' us, something which we can enjoy with others without being able to analyse it. It shares something with religious or mystical experiences. The poet John Keats attempted a definition: 'Beauty is truth, truth beauty'. There is undoubtedly a sense in which beauty speaks of truth, because surely beauty exists when great concepts of light and shade, form and contour, colour and context - truths of our human experience - work perfectly together.

The opposite of truth is falsehood, and there is nothing false about a thing of beauty. The Bible speaks of the 'beauty of holiness'. Could it be that there is also a 'holiness of beauty'? For those who believe in a Creator God, there is something truly awesome about the fact that the created world is so indescribably beautiful. Is a snow-flake an evolutionary accident? Or a starry night? Or an open rose in the garden? Why does God bother making things beautiful? It's an intriguing question! Perhaps, like us, He simply enjoys it.

Rev'd David Winter

Churches Together in Tideswell are launching.....

.....a season of evenings for men
starting with a

Men's Curry Night!

Thursday
October 8
7 pm



at H & D's
(The Old Wool Shop) in Tideswell

Tickets £11
(first come first served basis)
available from
Steve Fisher 01298 938831

Bring your own drinks!

.....a new time of

**Play
and Praise**

for pre-schoolers



Sunday October 11
10.30 - 11.15 am

at Fountain Square Church
in the hall

All children 0 - 4 (& their carers)
are welcome for

Crafts, Singing, Playing,
Stories, Praying & Snacks