



## July Newsletter

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## Passing Thoughts

Apparently it is a time for change all round. According to the election poster I still pass each day on my way to work we have recently voted for change. There are many who are nervous about the potential changes this may bring. There is change in our household too. This week our daughter, Frances, has started her first job as a nurse and, despite having previously experienced the ward during her training, she was extremely nervous. It was something new, a step change into the unknown and she is the type of person who finds such situations daunting. There is also change at Old Chapel with David's departure. Like Frances' new job, this is not a completely new situation for us, since we have operated without a Minister before, but it will mean new duties and responsibilities for Chapel members and there will inevitably be some nervousness about the future. Personally I did not experience misgivings in changes in my professional life but I must admit to certain concerns in taking on the Chapel Newsletter. David, over the years, produced an informative and stimulating document with 'editorials' which were in part witty, at times uplifting, at others insightful but always worthy of a second glance. The comparison with Newsletters from other Churches in the locality is highly favourable. This is quite an act to follow.

In the run up to her starting work we have provided Frances with the support any family would. Thus we have tried to build her confidence in her own abilities to do the job, say that others also have confidence in those abilities otherwise they would not have appointed her and also tell her she will not be expected to perform as an experienced staff nurse on the first day. We are sure she will come through this new stage in her life with new skills, added confidence in her abilities to progress and make a contribution to the wider Community.

The changes at Great Hucklow raise a similar need. Those taking on new tasks will not be confident in their new role. However, with the support of the Old Chapel 'family', this can be grasped as an opportunity to learn new skills or uncover skills they never knew they had. The realisation of new skills can only strengthen the community. The Newsletter provides one such opportunity. Contributions will be gratefully received!

## Services for June

*All services at 10.30am*

6th June	Chrissie Wilkie
13th June	Cody Coyne
20th June	Mike Cuerden
27th June	Dawn Buckle

## Welcome

We continue to display diversity in our occupants of the pulpit during June. Chrissie Wilkie and Mike Cuerden, members of Dean Row Chapel, are new to Old Chapel's pulpit. Mike has taken one service last year whilst this will be a first for Chrissie. We look forward to hearing them. Cody is

an American and member at Stand Chapel, who is currently on the Worship Studies Course. Currently he is intending undertake training for the ministry starting in 2011. Dawn will be familiar to many in the congregation as a result of many and varied contributions to the Denomination

## Flowers for June

6th	Pat Furness
13th	Janet Ashworth
20th	Pat Furness
27th	Jack and Kath Binks

## June Dates for your Diary

Saturday 5th June 10.30am to 12.30pm  
Coffee morning hosted by Vic and Pam Mason

Tuesday 8th June **The WI 7.45pm**  
Speaker: Mrs A Gittleson  
Title: "Jewish Food and Customs"  
Competition: A Favourite Biscuit  
Teas: K Maltby, P Mason, M Darley

Saturday 12th June 10.30am to 12.30pm  
Coffee morning

Saturday 19th June 10.30am to 12.30pm  
Coffee morning

Wednesday 23rd June Community Spirit meeting  
8.15pm

Saturday 26th June 10.30am to 12.30pm  
Coffee morning

## The important things in life

Dear Friends

On my retirement from Upper Chapel, I needed to vacate the vestry. The "Man with a Van" came and with the help of several people we filled the van with my filing cabinets, roll-top desk, and countless boxes of books, files, papers and assorted office equipment, which have all ended up in my garage at home. Since then I have spent several days sorting and culling. Lots of stuff went to my local paper recycling depot.

Having been a hoarder throughout 45 years of my working life in both teaching and ministry, i have found the process amazingly cathartic after my initial apprehension. Most of us seem to keep all sorts of things "just in case", but never get around to using them.

I get reminders of things I did a long time ago, but I have kept something a lot more important: the many memories of people, places and events. May all of us learn to value the memories of our lives more than mere objects.

Ann and I were glad to come to the Coffee Morning hosted by Jack and Kath Binks on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. I plan to join you on Saturday mornings at Old Chapel whenever possible.

I remind you of my availability over the summer months. Please contact me (0114 285 1885) if you have any request for pastoral support, or just want a conversation.

With all good wishes

Geoffrey R Usher

## **David's Retirement Party**

Dear Friends,

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed towards David's farewell party on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, not only the food for the buffet but also towards his farewell present. We presented him with stainless steel spade and a cheque for £200.00. The letter of thanks from David is included below.

Thank you again.

Phyllis



## **David's letter of thanks**

Dear all,

I would like to thank you all for a most wonderful and special time following the service last week to say 'farewell' to me and to wish me well. All the thought that had been put into the occasion and gifts is most appreciated. Liz, too was delighted to be presented with the flowers and thanks you all. The spade has not been in action yet but the cheque has gone to buy a new digital camera as my old faithful died a few weeks ago!

Many, many thanks for everything. I have had a wonderful time and I thank you all for your kindness and thoughts.

In love

David

## **Advance notices**

Songs from the Shows  
A Musical Evening by Lodge Moor TG Ladies Choir  
on  
Wednesday, 14th July 2010  
in The Old Chapel , Great Hucklow  
at  
7.30pm  
Minimum Donation £4  
(including refreshments)  
Further details from 0114 220 5917