



MINI MACCLESFIELD MESSENGER

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A message from the Superintendent

Dear friends,

I had been putting it off for a while, but about a week ago I knew it was time. I had to buy some new shoes, it's not just spending the money that disturbs me, it's going through 'the breaking' in stage until they become properly comfortable. But it was time, and I did it – when I took them from the box they sat elegantly on the carpet, reflecting light from their polished uppers, and with a perfect leather sole. The trouble is that they don't stay like that... I was reminded of the first time I bought a pair of leather soled shoes and wore them on the carpet – there was no grip, and I performed a quasi-ballet dance while I sought to regain my equilibrium. However, after a quick walk on the path, the soles were suitably scuffed and now provided the grip I needed to walk normally... or as normally as I ever do! Some things only work properly when they have been used!



Faith is like that. It is a wonderful thing to have faith, it is a gift, it is a treasure, and often we wonder how we would get through life without it. The trouble is that faith doesn't really work if its locked safely away, if its untouched by the reality of the world in which we live. Faith is what helps us find our way to live our lives in the good and bad times and know that by the mystery of grace, God is with us. Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes "God does not give us everything we want, but he does fulfil his promises, leading us along the best and straightest paths to himself." We live our faith in the mess of the world with the promise of God's presence, God's hope, and God's peace, that somehow allows us to hold on to the Gospel we have received, the Gospel we know that proclaims God is love, and that love cannot be defeated. Faith allows us to see glimpses of light in the darkness and mess of this world.



When we live our faith in the world, we hear the call of God on us, because we begin to realise what we know deep down, that faith can transform all things. Now this is where it gets hard – because our faith needs to be used so that it can transform the world. We need to respond to God’s call and use the gifts we have been given

– whatever they are. Billy Graham writes:

some people have a warped idea of living the Christian life. Seeing talented, successful Christians, they attempt to imitate them. For them, the grass on the other side of the fence is always greener. But when they discover that their own gifts are different or their contributions are more modest (or even invisible), they collapse in discouragement and overlook genuine opportunities that are open to them. They have forgotten that they are here to serve Christ, not themselves.

God calls to give the gifts we have, to be who we are, in the faith we have been given to transform the world. I’m sure you’ll remember the words from Romans 12 “We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully”.

It can be hard, it can be costly and it can be challenging, but our faith cannot be safely locked up in our houses or our churches – it needs to be lived in the world, where it gets scuffed up a bit, because then it becomes the greatest of all things as through us – with all our weaknesses and failures, with all our gifts and graces – God is at work.

Don’t miss that opportunity.

With every blessing
Graham

We are always pleased to receive articles for mini messenger and these are the words and views/ comments of the authors themselves. They may or may not represent the views of the Macclesfield Circuit of the Methodist Church.

Children & Families

This year is still not slowing down. I can't believe we are nearly in June and that the Jubilee celebrations are about to start!!!!

What's been going on since March 2022?!

Breakfast Church we are still maintaining numbers and have enjoyed spending time with our children and their families as well as church members. In April we gave all our families a Lent sticker chart, where they had to stick a sticker on for each day in Lent and read part of the Bible. This was a great activity for all the family to do at home.



In May we went a bit OTT with the setup of Breakfast Church. The theme was breakfast on the beach, so we turned the hall into a beach. The kids really enjoyed themselves and really listened to the story, sat on the beach around the campfire. They then made their own campfires and decorated fish biscuits.

Breakfast Church is a family event, even if you have no children or your children are all grown up. It is for everyone and not just children.

Breakfast Church is the first Sunday of the month 9-10am @ Macclesfield Methodist Church. We share breakfast together, then listen to a story and make a craft whilst sitting and chatting to each other. Anyone is welcome to join us for breakfast, there is toast and croissants as well as the bacon butties. Come and try it out!!!! Breakfast Church dates are as follows (please note that there are two in July and none in August).

**5th June – where we will celebrate
Pentecost and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**
3rd July
31st July
4th September



Chippy Church has been going strongly. Numbers have fallen slightly during the spring months as the weather has improved and people are going on days out, but we have been getting new families every month. We have on average each month 20 people (8-10 families) which is great. At Chippy Church we share a story box,

listen to songs from the Puppets, make a craft and then have chip butties or chips and gravy. Chippy Church has now stopped until after the summer holidays and will start back on 10th September.

Messy Church We are now seeing families on a regular basis at Messy Church, there are at least 20 families who have been to nearly every one. We are still getting new families joining us, which amazes me!!! In March we held Messy Family, where we looked at what family means and celebrated Mothering Sunday as well. On 28th May is Messy Celebrations where we will kick off the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and look at other important women from the Bible. June's Messy Church will be on Saturday 25th June 'Messy Creation' at Broken Cross Methodist Church. We will then have a break over the summer and return in September.

Messy Easter Experience was during Holy Week. It was the same format as our Messy Church, we just extended it by 2 hours, so that we could explore the story of Easter more. We had 31 children booked onto the event, but 48 turned up, so in total including adults we had around 70 people in the church. Again, new families. We started with an upfront and told the Easter story through Holy Week. Then the families went around 5 stations where they looked more in depth at part of the story. Our five stations were Palm Sunday, Jesus washes the disciples' feet, The Last Supper, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.



There were different crafts at each station and play stations, so toddlers could learn through play. We then all shared a meal together. After lunch we had craft stations where the children could choose what they wanted to make, either an Easter Garden, Easter Bonnet or Crown or decorate a wooden Easter Egg. We then finished off with a parade to show off what the children had made. The feedback I have had from the families is amazing, they really enjoyed it. There was something there for everyone. So, thank you to all the volunteers who help make the event a success, without you it wouldn't happen.

Summer Holiday Club

Our summer holiday club is from Tuesday 26th – Thursday 28th July at Macclesfield Methodist Church. We need volunteers for the following:

Setting up on Monday 25th July – this will involve moving chairs and tables in all the rooms.

Help during the holiday club, we need volunteers for the following:

Group Leader – this isn't as bad as it sounds. You would be responsible for your group ensuring they are in the right place at the right time. Talking to them about what was discussed in the upfront bits. You will have someone else with you each day.

Craft team – each day there will be different crafts to do with each group. You would be responsible for showing how to do the craft and help the children. The crafts will be prepared for you. Hopefully with enough volunteers there will be 2 or 3 people for each craft.

Door Staff – to oversee the registration, man the door always during each day and be a point of call for the volunteers and the holiday club.

Packing away on Thursday 28th July – this will involve moving chairs, hoovering, mopping, and putting the building back to normal.

Susan has kindly emailed everyone on her contact list, but if you haven't had an email and would like to help, please let your children's contact in your church know Ruth @ Broken Cross, Sheila @ Gawsorth, Brenda @ Langlely, Alison @ Macclesfield and Heather @ Prestbury or email me at methodistfamilies@gmail.com.

The children and family's team at each church are already planning a year's programme from September onwards. If you would like to be involved in any of the children and families events, please speak to us and we can add you onto our volunteer's email list.

God bless Angela and the Children and Family's team.

Journey along the Beach
Kids Holiday Club

26th - 28th July 9:30am - 1:30pm
@ Macclesfield Methodist Church

5 - 11 years

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Prayer – in our Circuit Prayer Cycle we remember our friends at Broken Cross and we thank Anne Fielding for contributing this prayer.

Broken Cross Prayers

We give thanks that we seem to be almost over the worst of the pandemic, but we continue to pray for all who are still affected especially those whose mental health has suffered.

We ask for your prayers for a beloved member whose daughter recently lost her battle with cancer. We surround her and her grandson with our love and care throughout this difficult time, and remember others who have also lost a close family member to this horrid disease.

We also pray for any who are having to cope with a diagnosis of cancer, including my younger sister Christine.

Broken Cross has been running a Pop Up café on Thursday mornings and this has become a very popular meeting place enjoyed by many members. We are grateful to those who prepare it and bake the cakes.

We are now looking into the possibility of running a Dementia Café as an outreach into the community. We ask your prayers as we begin to look into training for this new venture.

We pray for a peaceful solution to the conflict in Ukraine and pray for all who have lost their homes and possessions. We pray for the refugees, especially the children who must be traumatized by what they have endured.

We ask our prayers in the Name of Jesus our Lord, amen.

Members' voice....

We are holidaying in a grand hotel in Northern Cyprus. I am wearing an orange band on my wrist which says 'All inclusive!'

It means that breakfast, lunch and dinner, drinks, ice creams, snacks are 'free' to enjoy at any time! It is a busy hotel, the food is good and we're enjoying it all. In a quieter moment, my mind goes to the title of this year's 'Methodist Prayer Diary 'A Place for All'.

And then I reflect that Scripture tells me that Jesus was 'all inclusive' too, tending Jew and Roman with his healing touch. Eating with tax collectors and sinners, not judging the woman caught in adultery, applauding the faith of a Samaritan and a Roman centurion. Choosing a motley crowd of men and women as friends, and loving them to the end, and today loving you and me no matter what !

So, I got to thinking 'All inclusive' is a slogan to live by! BUT

Are all welcome amongst us, even those we find it hard to understand?

Are they really given a welcome to our worship and fellowship?

and not just a welcome, but a feeling of really belonging.

Are all given a welcome around Christ's table?

Do they feel at home among us?

Can we recognise them as God's children, no matter what their status, circumstances, their race, gender, politics or sexual orientation?

Does our body language, facial expression, organisation, way of worship make it immediately obvious that as the Body of Christ 'We are 'all inclusive'.

My orange band set me wondering!

Rev Sheila



Could you write an article?

We love to feature contributions from members of the congregation who would be willing to tell us what they are doing during these strange times – what are you watching/reading/making? Any tips to share with others? It would be lovely to hear from you!

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Community & Church News

Broken Cross

Broken Cross Dementia Club.

Broken Cross Methodist Church is opening the A B C D Club (A Broken Cross Dementia Club), a club for people living with dementia and their carers', on Thursday 16th June, 2022 from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

We will then be open on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

We are happy to invite anyone living with, or affected by, dementia to come and join us for an afternoon of singing, music, crafts, games, armchair exercises and refreshments.

If you are interested, or want to find out more, please contact John on 07915 252535 or Jean on 01625 402446.

Macclesfield

Used Stamps - Because of problems at Leprosy Mission with their stamp collection, we contacted RNIB who will be delighted to accept our stamps (they receive £20 per kilo).

So please continue collecting your used stamps and we will pass them on.

Chris & Margery Wilson, Macclesfield Methodist Church



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Prestbury

Prestbury have recommenced the weekly Pop Up cafe on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30 to 4 pm. It is a lovely time of friendship while people enjoy coffee and cake.

The Women's Wellbeing Evenings are held once a month on the first Thursday evening. These are attracting more participants in the pampering and the reflections.

Our coffee mornings held on the last Saturday of each month are a welcome return and raise funds for a different charity each month.

We will be having a stall at the Prestbury Street Party celebrating the Jubilee on 5th June and again at the Summer Party on 10th July giving an opportunity for outreach in the village.

Our congregation is growing now that more people are returning to worship as the lockdown restrictions have eased.

Heather Cann



Christian aid

In Zimbabwe, the climate crisis is causing aching hunger for families. For the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. The combined effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict, and drought have robbed communities of the power to provide for their children. It's unjust. Christian Aid

Week 2022 ran from 15-21 May to help turn hunger into hope. If you didn't get an envelope through your door, you can still donate, see.....

[Christian Aid Week 2022 - Christian Aid](#)

Christian Aid also have an emergency appeal active within Ukraine - the fastest growing refugee crisis since World War II

[Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - Christian Aid](#) working with 3 partner organisations in the ACT Alliance:

- Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) in Ukraine and Hungary
- the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Poland
- Swiss Church Aid (HEKS) in Ukraine, Hungary and Romania, to offer assistance to internally displaced peoples and to refugees

Through the DEC emergency appeal, Christian Aid has donated £1 million for trauma first aid kits and £1 million for urgently needed medical and pharmaceutical equipment, items and supplies, for Ukraine, through our partner Crown Agents. Our partner is working directly with Ukraine's Ministry of Health to supply these kits to those caught up in the fighting.

Christian Aid was founded in 1945 by British and Irish churches to help refugees after the Second World War. Back then, we worked with partner churches to alleviate suffering by raising the equivalent of £3 million plus in today's money. We supported, equipped and enabled partner churches in mainland Europe to provide what people needed. Nearly 80 years later, we are doing the same.

Climate Change: What can I do?.....

Me, the climate and my gas bill

While preparing for the Lent study sessions I led last year in Bramhall on climate change. I calculated my carbon footprint again (go to <https://www.carbonindependent.org/> if you want to calculate yours). What struck me this time was just how much of my footprint comes from my domestic gas use. My total footprint was 9.4 tonnes of CO₂ of which 2.7 tonnes came from my gas.



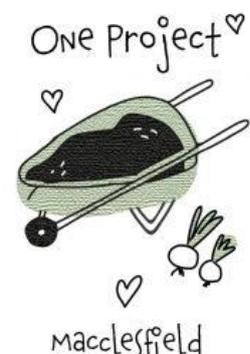
This last winter we've tried to watch carefully how we used gas. We waited as long as possible to turn the heating on in the autumn and turned it off as early as we could in the spring. We've started to wear warmer clothing indoors and turned the master thermostat to a lower setting. We've been more disciplined at turning off the thermostats in individual rooms that we don't use. We've thought through just when we want the heating to turn on and off during the day.

Comparing our bills for this winter and last winter we've reduced our gas use by 30% and our household CO₂ by over a tonne. Great news for those of us who care about protecting our planet and its most vulnerable people from the effects of climate change. On a more practical note, at current gas prices this would save £380 each year. We've not really done anything special – just thought carefully about what we are doing. Why not give it a go – it will be good for the planet and good for your wallet!

Richard Baker, Poynton

One Project Summer Fest - Sunday 12th June (10-4)

In the grounds of St Michael's Church, Macclesfield. The One Project are bringing together the best of Bolly and Macc in their green fest! Come and hear about what groups are up to and how you can get involved, and browse stalls from local makers and producers.



Did you know?.....

The Methodist Conference has set a target of becoming a net zero emissions Church by 2030. [Net Zero Carbon \(methodist.org.uk\)](https://www.methodist.org.uk/)

Methodist Women in Britain – District News



News from MWiB Manchester and Stockport District

President's Letter

Hello everyone. With the longer days and some welcome sunshine I think it makes us all feel more cheerful that summer is just around the corner!

As world events are touching our lives, I thank God that opportunities come for us to make a difference. 1 of the ministers in my circuit is collecting toiletries, gift vouchers, etc for the Ukrainian refugees who are coming into our District. A small contribution to a huge catastrophe you might say but each small act gives hope to the receiver. As it's written in Jeremiah 29 v 11 ' For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.'

MWiB Swanwick Conference 2022

It was brilliant to be back in Swanwick after an absence of 3 years, meeting old friends (as well as making new ones!), prayerfully walking in the beautiful grounds, enjoying the variety of activities on offer with, of course, delicious food!

The theme was 'Surviving by Hope' so relevant in this world of ours. The keynote speakers were Jill Baker and Fiona Kendall who were truly inspirational. Speaking in tandem they linked a Bible study on Noah with the plight of today's refugees. Later there were workshops that gave us an opportunity to listen, question and discuss topics on a variety of issues.

If you've never been to our Swanwick Conference ladies I would encourage you to give it a try. Like me you won't regret it!

Exciting News for our Summer Gathering on June 11th

Many of our MWiB ladies have expressed disappointment that our District Summer Gathering clashed with MWiB Garden Party & Afternoon Tea at Epworth Old Rectory. This is being organised to celebrate 10plus years of Methodist Women in Britain.

So we have decided to have our Summer Gathering at Epworth Old Rectory!!! We are planning a coach trip for any ladies in our District to the event. We will be leaving Manchester Piccadilly Gardens at 10.30am on Saturday June 11th, you could also be picked up at Stockport Train Station at 11am if preferred. We would arrive at Epworth about 1.30pm for 2.00pm start. We will leave Epworth at 5.00pm and arrive back between 7pm and 8pm. We should take a packed lunch to eat on the coach and there will be a toilet stop if necessary.

The cost is £13 for the coach. The Garden Party is free but they suggest a donation to go towards the upkeep of the Rectory. Please go on the MWiB website for more information on the event.

If you would like a place on the coach please contact me on chrisg7684@gmail.com or by phone on 07975 503019. I will need your response by Sunday May 29th as Epworth need the numbers attending for catering purposes.

I apologise to anyone who usually attend our Gatherings and are unable to travel to Epworth. Our next Gathering will be much nearer to home at Central Hall, Manchester on October 1st.

Blessings to you all

Chris Gregory

MWiB District President

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You may be planning a holiday over the next few months, but ever been tempted by the idea of just packing up and exploring the country we live in?

Phil Maltby, Local Preacher from Poynton and his wife Bernie are touring the UK in their motorhome. This is the start of their adventures.....

Living In A Van (Bernie's Big Adventure)

Bernie has long had the dream of buying a motorhome and travelling, for a year, around the UK coastline – I'm in full agreement with her thinking. During Covid we travelled nowhere, spent very little money, and accumulated enough finance to purchase a small motorhome – part one of the plan complete.

Our original plan was to leave Poynton on the 1st of May and head for the East Coast – Bernie was given a birthday voucher for the purchase of fish and chips in Whitby (not the Magpie Café). Unfortunately, due to falling off a stile whilst on a family holiday in Wales, we had to wait for Bernie to part recover from damage to her Sacrum. Couple that with the effort required to pack up our possessions and put them in storage, and time seemed to evaporate.

Finally, on the 21st of May, we set off on Bernie's Big Adventure. So, I hear you ask, where are you now? Well, having spent two nights on the caravan park at Tebay Services – the restaurant is quite good – we are in wild countryside quite close to



Mungrisdale. What on earth are you doing there – you wonder? Well, I neglected to say that I had committed myself to walking up Carrock Fell as part of the Wainwright Society's annual fundraising event.

So how did the walk go? It didn't – well, not yet. The wind is currently far too strong for me to climb the prescribed route by myself – Bernie is still recovering from her fall.

How has the trip been so far? We are experiencing an amazing learning curve – having never ventured out in a motorhome before.

At Tebay we took advantage of the available electrical hook-up only to discover that we had no power coming into the van. Not to worry, help was at hand. There seems to be a real fellowship between motorhome owners and we received advice from Cheryl, Alex, Anne, Fred, and, by telephone, from two of my brothers, an agent from Motorhome Depot and the previous owner – incidentally, the concept of a handbook

that covers all models, just doesn't work. Eventually, by sifting through all the well-meant advice, we discovered that there were TWO switches that had to be pressed and everything kicked in.

Part of Bernie's plan was to visit a different church each Sunday. The oasis just off the M6, Tebay Services, didn't lend itself to that. However, I have had a Wi-Fi system fitted to the van and we were able to avail ourselves of the Revd Helen's recorded service. I must confess, I too used to shy away from Revelation, but now find it reassuring about the future.

Hopefully, when the wind dies down, I will be able to complete my walk and we will pick up on Bernie's Big Adventure – or should it be called 'Local Preacher On Tour'. We will head south towards York, pick up the M62, and reach the East Coast beyond Hull.

You may hear more from us.

God bless each and every one of you!
Bernie and Phil Maltby



REV. KENNETH CHORLEY 1934-2022 – A TRIBUTE

Many members of the Circuit may already have heard that Ken Chorley passed away in Hereford Hospital on Monday 17th January aged 87 in the 65th year of his ministry; his funeral was held on Wednesday 2nd February. There will be a Memorial Service at Broad Street Methodist Church, Ludlow on Monday 23rd May at 1:00 pm.

Ken and Jean Chorley moved in to the Marlborough Drive manse in August 1985 after a difficult time for the Macclesfield Circuit, following the premature death of our much-loved Superintendent Gordon Parkhouse. Ken was just his equal, he was a tireless preacher delivering sermons with plenty of substance, but always with something for everybody to take home. His pastoral care was second to none. He was dedicated to his calling not only here but throughout his ministry. At the end of his seven years ministry here, when considering his further invitation, he told me he did not intend to fuss about offers that might or might not suit, his approach was that he would receive the first three Circuits that made an enquiry and make his selection within a fortnight from those three alone. Ken preached whenever and wherever invited, often three times on a Sunday.



Ken grew up in Southampton during wartime, left Technical College aged 15 entered the aeronautics industry as an apprentice with Vickers Armstrong 1950-55. He became a qualified aircraft fitter and was a member of Northern Methodist Church, Southampton, beginning his Local Preacher studies at this time. He felt called to the full-time ministry in the Methodist Church, entering Richmond College, London with the full support of his home Circuit. He met Jean in 1953 at Hildenborough Hall in Kent on a Christian summer event. Jean lived in Rhiwbina in Cardiff and had gone to Hildenborough with three friends from her home church. Everyone had to wear a badge to indicate where they came from. The others asked the girls where "Rhiwbina" was, that included Ken. At the end of the week he asked Jean for her address, and the rest is history! Ken & Jean were married in September 1958, and spent that autumn term at St Andrews College, Birmingham, training for overseas mission work, being stationed to the Mysore diocese of the newly formed Church of South India. On 23rd December 1958 they left Tilbury Docks on the P&O "Chusan" bound for Bombay via Suez, arriving 6th January 1959.

Ken was ordained in St Marks Church Bangalore on 20th August 1961, being Presbyterian of St Bartholomews Church in Mysore. That same year he was "ordained" formally into the Methodist Church at the Bradford Conference by The President, Rev Maldwyn Edwards.. After 5 years in India Ken & Jean returned to UK for several months of missionary talks, visits and deputations before then sailing off to the Caribbean for a four-year stationing in Barbados.

After 10 years of full-time overseas missions work, Ken entered UK Circuit ministry in Minsterley in Shropshire, followed by Dudley and then Shropshire South (Ludlow) before coming among us in this Circuit. He was unashamedly "old-school", not inclined to fashions and innovations in worship, but giving 120% in the traditional

liturgy. However, he would never stifle the inclinations of others like me and gladly accepted my poor attempts at creative or contemporary worship. Pat & I always recall the Easter Communion at Beech Lane when led by Andy Donaldson and Geoff Pickering the Circuit shared in the Rob Frost drama and musical Holy Communion liturgy "Breaking Bread". Only Ken of course could bless and administer the sacrament but as required by the stage directions he presented the enormous loaf and broke it dramatically, wherever his personal instinct might have led. Ken was a true pastor of his various congregations, and he gave his utmost to support, love and shepherd his flock. Ask anyone still around and it is likely that the first thing they will recall of Ken was his tireless pastoral visiting sometimes, for those whom he knew would welcome it, not arriving home to Jean until 10:00pm. He was without equal in this aspect of ministry.

In 1992 after seven years in Macclesfield, Ken and Jean took up their final appointment in the Pembrokeshire Circuit. It stretched from Saundersfoot to the East of Tenby as far as St David's on the western extremity of that beautiful area. 16 churches were covered by only two ministers, it was over 40 miles end to end, and was divided by Milford Haven. Preachers were scarce, and on our annual visits to stay Ken and I would fulfil at least five appointments between us on the Sunday. Ken's norm was three services each week.

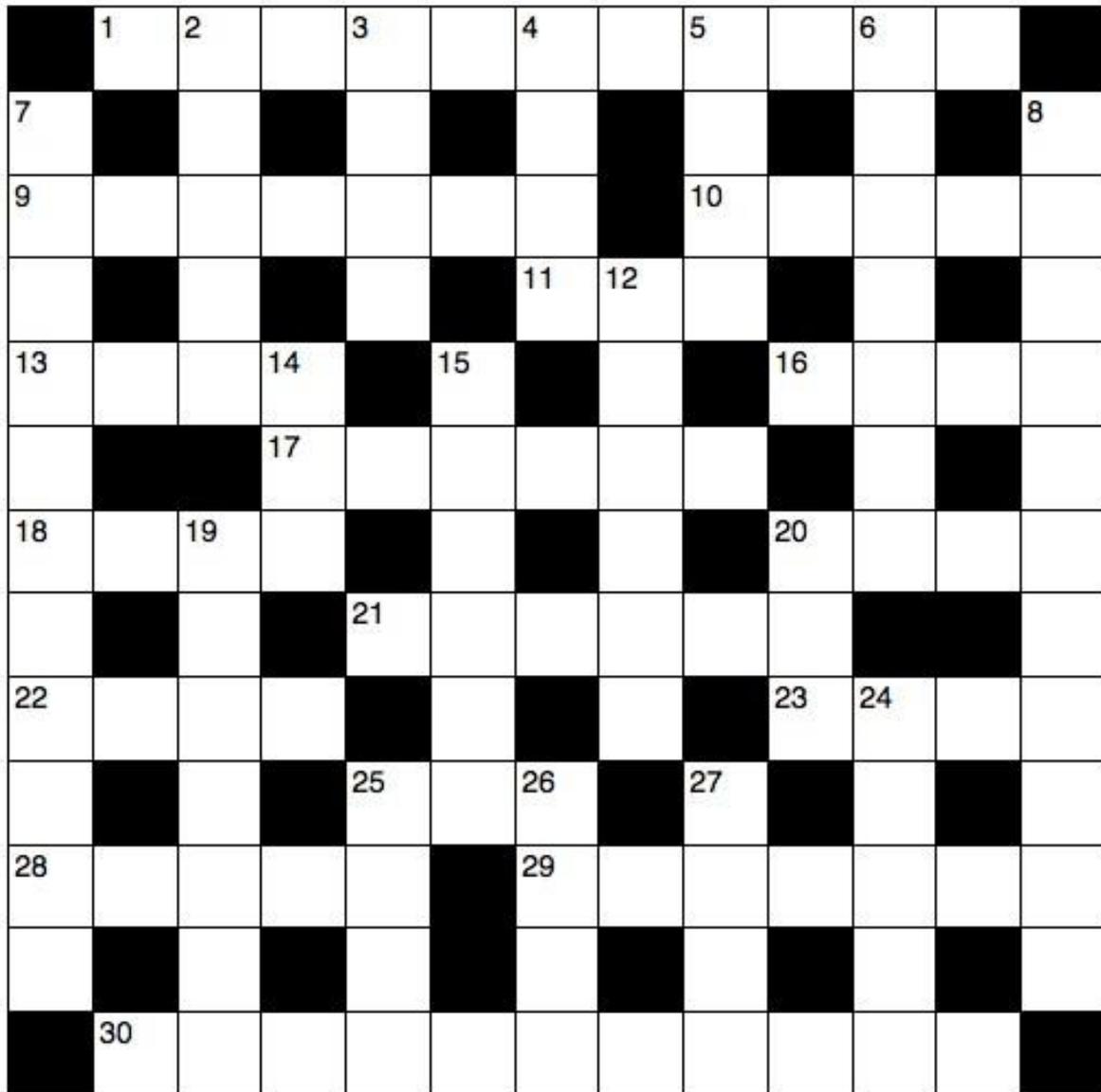
When Ken "sat down" in 1999, he and Jean chose to settle in Ludlow where their youngest daughter still lives, having settled there when Ken & Jean moved to Macclesfield. Happily it coincided with the birth of their first Ludlow grandchild, since the calls of ministry had not made it easy for Ken & Jean to see their other grandchildren growing up. Ken and Jean continued preaching in Shropshire, often with Jean playing the organ for Ken's services. Ever great walkers, having frequented the canal and Middlewood Way whenever they had free time in Macclesfield, they became freer to walk extensively around Ludlow and in the Cleve Hills. On 8th December 2021 Ken had a serious stroke, was treated in Hereford Hospital until he passed into God's hands on 18th January 2022, in sure and certain hope of his place.

Ken's faith was rock solid. He preached the Kingdom and never gave up. At his funeral service Ken's hymns were "O Jesus I have promised" and "Love divine", and the reading was 1 Corinthians 13. The Hallelujah Chorus was played. Ken was a family man, though not inclined to excessive emotions or grand gestures, and he loved his church as his family.

Roger Bolton

Just for fun

Crossword



Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)

- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1–2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across

This quarter's services

2022	JUNE				JULY					AUGUST			
	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28
	PENTECOST	MHA SUN				AfC SUN							
READINGS:	Acts 2:1-21, Rom 8:14-17, Jn 14:8-17	Prov 8:1-4, 22-31, Rom 5:1-5, Jn 16:12-15	1 Kgs 19:1-15a, Gal 3:23-29, Lk 8:26-39	2 Kgs 2:1-2, 6-14, Gal 5:1, 13-25, Lk 9:51-62	2 Kgs 5:1-14, Gal 6:1-16, Lk 10:1-11, 16-20	Amos 7:7-17, Col 1:1-14, Lk 10:25-37	Amos 8:1-12, Col 1:15-28, Lk 10:38-42	Hos 1:2-10, Col 2:6-19, Lk 11:1-13	Hos 11:1-11, Col 3:1-11, Lk 12:13-21	Is 1:1, 10-20, Heb 11:1-3, 8-16, Lk 12:32-40	Is 5:1-7, Heb 11:29-12:2, Lk 12:49-56	Jer 1:4-10, Heb 12:18-29, Lk 3:10-17	Jer 2:4-13, Heb 13:1-8, 15-16, Lk 14:1, 7-14
BROKEN CROSS 10.30	Ward T	Byrne HC	Bird	Rashleigh	Bradley	Byrne	Halstead T	F Bishop HC	Oliver	CCT	OA	Byrne HC	CCT
GAWSWORTH 10.30	Edwards LU	Fielding T	S Bishop P	OA	Rashleigh	Edwards HC	Watson	Byrne	Nicholls	CCT	Baker	F Bishop HC	CCT
GREEN CLOSE 14.30	Tonge	Edwards	Hawkyard	Watson HC	S Bishop	Dascombe	Watson	Rashleigh	Watson HC				
LANGLEY 10.30	F Bishop	Edwards HC	Town Centre	Nicholls	OA	Watson HC	Fielding T	Edwards	Bradley	CCT	Edwards	S Bishop HC	CCT
MACCLESFIELD 9.00 10.30	OA Bf Watson HC	Baker	Town Centre	Byrne	OA Bf Edwards B	Wakelin	Byrne AAW	Gunning OA	OA Bf Edwards HC	CCT	Nicholls	Beesley	Byrne CCT
POYNTON 10.30	Hawkyard	Watson	Watson B HC	Watson B	Watson B	Oliver	S Bishop	Watson HC	OA	Watson MHA CCT	Rashleigh	Watson HC	CCT
PRESTBURY 10.30	@ St Peters LU	Wakelin	OA	Hawkyard	Byrne HC	F Bishop	Baker	Bird	Byrne	CCT	Watson HC	Halstead T	CCT
WOODLANDS MHA 14.30		Rashleigh						Rashleigh			Ogier		
ZOOM 18.30		WBC		Watson		WBC		Edwards			WBC		Watson
VIDEO	Edwards	Watson	Byrne	Edwards CONF	Edwards	Watson	Byrne	Edwards	S Edwards	Watson	Edwards	Baker	Byrne
PRAYER CYCLE:	Gawsworth	Langley	Poynton	Green Close	Macclesfield	Prestbury	Broken Cross	Gawsworth	Langley	Poynton	Green Close	Macclesfield	Prestbury

AAW All Age Worship; **AfC** Action for Children Sunday; **B** Baptism; **Bf** Breakfast; **C** Carols; **CA** Church Anniversary; **CCT** Circuit; **Cf** Cafe; **Cn** Compassion; **CON** Contemporary Worship; **CONF** Methodist Conference; **CS** Covenant; **CT** Christingle; **EO** Easter Offering; **F** Family Service; **G** Gift; **H** Healing; **HC** Holy Communion; **HF** Harvest Festival; **HM** Home Missions; **IO** Iona; **L** Faith Lunch; **LS** Ladies' Sunday; **LU** Local United; **M** Memorial; **M&M** Music & Meditation; **MHA** Methodist Homes for the Aged; **N** Nativity; **OA** Own Arrangement; **OM** Overseas Missions; **P** Parade; **Pr** Proclaim; **Ps** Pulpit Swap; **Pv** Pastoral Visitors Dedication; **SOP** Songs of Praise; **T** Please Provide Transport; **Th** Thanksgiving; **Trad** Traditional; **TS** Toy Service; **TR** Time to Remember; **Tz** Taize; **WBC** Wellbeing Church.

Special Services & Events

19 June 2022 10.30am Town Centre - Hope in NE Cheshire service in the Market Place, Macclesfield

3 July 2022 Festival Manchester

7 August 2022 10.30am Circuit Service at Poynton focussing on the work of Methodist Homes for the Aged

Please note there will not be a breakfast church in August, there are two in July to link with holiday club.

SERVICE LINKS & CONTACTS

Sunday 29 May 2022

AM – Morning worship led by Ros

WATCH ONLINE : <http://tiny.cc/ascension2022>

The Reading is Acts 1:1-11

The hymns are StF : 342 / 335

LISTEN.....DIAL IN - 01625 786346 (Available from 10am Sun)

FACEBOOK..... : <https://www.facebook.com/MacclefieldCircuit/>

YOUTUBE..... <https://www.youtube.com/c/macclesfieldmethodistcircuit>

PM – Live Evening Prayer Service at 6.30pm

JOIN ONLINE..... Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88677436411>

Meeting ID: 886 7743 6411

Dial by your location

+44 203 051 2874 United Kingdom

+44 203 481 5240 United Kingdom

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LISTEN.....DIAL IN - 0203 051 2874 or 0203 481 5237 & and when asked, input the Meeting ID: 886 7743 6411

A [FREE phone service](#) to hear prayers and news from the **Methodist Church** has been launched.

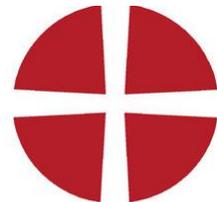


FREE phone lines for prayers and news from the Methodist Church

Listen to a **prayer**: 0808 281 2514

Listen to **news**: 0808 281 2478

Content is updated weekly on Thursday afternoon



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Are you in need of some daily hope during this lockdown? The **Church of England** have a new FREE telephone line for you to ring to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections.

Circuit Facebook page

For the latest information on what is happening within the circuit, follow....

<https://www.facebook.com/MacclefieldCircuit/>

Circuit Website

We also now have the Circuit website and the service link is on this, see

<https://www.macclesfieldmethodistcircuit.com/>

the page with the links etc on is

<https://www.macclesfieldmethodistcircuit.com/about-3>

You can use these pages every week to see the latest service.

Other important links

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/coronavirus-guidance/>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.methodistchurch.org.uk/MWoL>

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Charioteers. 9, Immoral. 10, Cairo. 11, SAE. 13, Inns. 16, Firm. 17, Accuse. 18, East. 20, Ogam. 21, Judith. 22, Seba. 23, Msgr. 25, Den. 28, Inane. 29, Entreat. 30, Chrysopraxe.

DOWN: 2, Human. 3, Rare. 4, Oils. 5, Ecce. 6, Raising. 7, Citizenship. 8, Commemorate. 12, Assail. 14, Sat. 15, Scouse. 19, Sabbath. 20, Ohm. 24, Seeds. 25, Deny. 26, Nero. 27, Star.