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Wallasey Village Church

The United Reformed Church in Wallasey Village





Letter from Jeff

Happy Birthday!

I wonder what was the best birthday present you ever received?

It might have been a special gift, a proposal, a surprise visit or party, an unforgettable day out or some really special news. Whatever it was I'm sure you remember it with fondness.

During June we mark the 'Feast of Pentecost', this year it falls on 9th June. It's the day when we remember the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples in a 'roaring wind' as 'tongues of fire'. We're told that as a result of this event more than 3,000 people joined the disciples in believing that Jesus Christ was Lord and Saviour and the church was born. You can read it in Acts 2.

What a great birthday present for the church to grow in such numbers with such power. It was the beginning of the answer to a prayer Jesus had taught his followers in what we call the Lord's Prayer, in it we pray 'Thy Kingdom Come'. I wonder, when we pray it, do we expect anything to change? If we don't then the prayer is just words and not worth speaking. But if we do expect change then we need to be prepared to be instruments of it.

Between Ascension and Pentecost, 31st May – 9th June. The Church, that's you and me, is being asked to pray that prayer, 'Thy Kingdom Come', by specifically praying for 5 people we know who aren't Christians



that they might come to know Jesus as we do; as Lord and Saviour.

There are more details on how we can do that in this month's newsletter and if that prayer 'Thy Kingdom Come' is one you take seriously then I hope you will join me in praying over these 10 days.

If we all pray for 5 people then we will be praying for more than 200 people to come to faith in Jesus and join His church. It may not be the 3,000 recorded in the bible but we'd certainly have to put more pews or chairs. Now wouldn't that be a great present!

Every blessing.

Jeff

'Pentecost' by William Blake

Unless the eye catch fire,
 God will not be seen.
 Unless the ear catch fire,
 God will not be heard.
 Unless the tongue catch fire,
 God will not be named.
 Unless the Heart catch fire,
 God will not be loved.
 Unless the mind catch fire,
 God will not be known.



Thy Kingdom Come



This year 'Thy Kingdom Come' runs for 10 days from Ascension to Pentecost, 31st May – 9th June.

It is hoped that during those 10 days everyone who participates will deepen their friendship with Jesus, bring others to know Jesus or know him better, and come to know that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer.

There will be resources in church for you to take to help you in the discipline of praying for your friends so please take as many as you think might help.

We also hope to have the church open for an hour each of the 10 days for people to drop in and pray if they wish. To help with this there will be some prayer stations set up around the church to help in the focus of prayer. Please see the notices posted in church for further details.

Here are just a few prayers you can use to help you pray.

Loving Father,
in the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have
blazed forth.
Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my
friends.....
the life of your Son and your love for all. Strengthen
me as a witness to that love as I pledge to pray for
them, for your name's sake.
Amen.



Loving Father,
Send your Holy Spirit so I can share your love, life
and message with.....
Reveal Jesus to them, that they might know,
follow and love him, for Your glory.
Amen.

Loving Lord,
Please work in me so I can share your love, life
and message with.....
Reveal your love to them, that they might know,
follow and witness to you, for Your glory.
Amen.

You build your church through the power of your
Spirit.
By the same Spirit enable me to witness to.....
your love, beauty and grace, that they may come
to the fellowship of the faithful, for Your glory.
Amen.

the Times the Church will be open

Friday 31st	4—5pm.
Saturday 1st	6—7pm.
Sunday 2nd	7—8am
Monday 3rd	9—10am.
Tuesday 4th	12.30—1.30pm
Wednesday 5th	1—2pm
Thursday 6th	3—4pm.
Friday 7th	5—6pm
Saturday 8th	7—8pm.





Coffee Morning (Tuesday)



Something quite lovely has been established in our new place of worship over the past few weeks, that is touching lives in a very real way by simply inviting people in and providing a smile or handshake with a willingness to talk to one another (I should, of course, mention that tea, coffee, toast, etc and a free raffle).

For me it has been a wonderfully refreshing time, particularly when others have taken me into their confidence—what a privilege!

We are indebted to Claire, her husband Ben and Claire's mum, Trish, for creating our Tuesday mornings out of nothing, and for funding the project.

Our first group of 20 has grown to 40 and we are now remembering each other's names, but more than that, I've witnessed how people are beginning to care for one another in very practical ways.

Please pray for this group. Please thank God for this group. Pray that God will raise up others like Claire, Ben and Trish to reach out in love and compassion to others in our community.

Thanks to Ron Taylor for this article and thanks to Claire and her family for making such a difference to the lives of so many in the village



Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support.

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Our shopping list shows the food items that we need right now.

Urgently needed items

- Tinned Potatoes
- UHT Milk
- Fruit Squash
- Jam
- Nappies (size 6)
- Hot Chocolate
- Instant Mash
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Deodorant
- Shower Gel



June Dates for your diary

31st May—
9th June

“Thy Kingdom Come”
See page 4 & 5 for details
and opening times

Sat 1st 8:00am Thornton Hall Wirral Breakfast

Every 10am— Village Rooms Coffee morning
Saturday 12noon

Every 10:30am Coffee Morning
Tuesday —12noon (Campaign to end
loneliness)

Wed 5th 7:30pm Village Rooms Church Meeting

Sat 15th 10am— Village Rooms Cupcake Coffee Morning
12am (see back page)

Not available online



Not available online



Sunday Services 10.30 am

2nd	Ron Taylor	
9th	Revd Jeff Hughes	Pentecost
16th	Ray Craig	
23rd	Revd Jeff Hughes	
30th	Kevin Hogan	

Prayers of Intercession

2nd	Carol Doran
9th	Heather Hughes
16th	John Laing
23rd	Joyce Humphreys
30th	David and Margaret Bigmore

Duties

Date	Duty Elder	Vision/Sound	Welcome/ Offering
2nd	Chris Doran	J Humphreys	E Levell/I Friar
9th	J Humphreys	G Humphreys	Carol Doran/ Chris Doran
16th	A Barr	H Welsh	J Hough/J McGlashan
23rd	H Welsh	A Barr	J Steel/J Copple
30th	Chris Doran	J Humphreys	R Duffin/J Duffin



Coffee Rotas for June

Saturday

1st	John Laing
8th	Heather Hughes
15th	Gill Smart
22nd	Irene Friar
29th	John Laing

Sunday

2nd	Jean Copple Joan Leighton
9th	Jenny Hough Eileen Levell
16th	Jenny McGlashan Margaret Moore
23rd	Carol Doran Sue Norris
30th	Edna & Nina

Duties

Date	readers	cash	flowers
2nd	Chris Doran/ Carol Doran	J Laing/J Duffin	Eileen Lovell
9th	I Friar/J Laing	J Laing/E Levell	Irene Friar
16th	E Levell/ H Dunbar	J Laing/C Doran	Ken and Mona
23rd	E Rowan/ J McGlashan	J Laing/J Steel	Jenny Hough
30th	J Humphreys/ G Humphreys	J Laing/E Levell	Jane Falcon



Advance Notice details to follow

If you have any meetings planned for next month, please inform us by Sun 23rd June so that they can be included in the next issue.

3rd August	10am—4:30pm	Caldy Valley Church, Chester	Festival of Worship (see below)
23rd—26th August		Northants	Greenbelt Wit and Wisdom (see opposite)

Festival of Worship 2019

For the first time Mersey Synod is running a whole day of different creative worship sessions - so don't miss out.

You'll be able to take part in five taster groups throughout the day and see what you like. It's free, it's fun and it's family friendly. Most of the sessions will be open to children but for any which aren't appropriate we'll be running activity sessions for the youngsters.

Contact: www.urcmerseysynod.org.uk/festivalofworship2019.htm

Wirral Breakfast

Saturday 1st June 2019

At Thornton Hall

Guest Speaker Sir Peter Vardy

£11.50

Contact [//wirralbreakfast.co.uk](http://wirralbreakfast.co.uk)



What is Greenbelt?

Engaged with culture, inspired by the arts, sustained by faith, we aspire to be an open generous community re-imagining the Christian narrative for the present moment. Our mission is to create spaces, like festivals, where art, faith and justice collide. Where artistry and activism, spirituality and politics, faith and justice are held together.

This mission is primarily lived out annually, over the August Bank Holiday weekend, when we host a rich multi-arts festival programme of music, visual and performing arts, spirituality, comedy, talks and discussion. The diversity of content not only demonstrates our commitment to the arts, faith and justice, but also our underlying values of tolerance, dialogue and hope.

We do all we can to keep the festival as accessible as we can, offering a range of discounted and concession ticket deals as well as giving away some tickets each year (through our Open Festival scheme) to people who otherwise would not be able to afford to go to Greenbelt – or any other festival. And we try to make a difference beyond the festival, through our campaigning activity and through Trust Greenbelt, which gives grants to quirky, entrepreneurial, risky community projects combining arts, faith and justice.

Our focus will always be on running a festival over August Bank Holiday weekend. But we are also open to hosting and collaborating on events around the country year-round that reflect the openness, bravery and creativity of the festival's community and its spirit.

Contact www.greenbelt.org.uk for details.



URC is one of the festival's partners



Green Christian—the 7 R's



Rejoice

Let's take delight in Creation - God's free gift to us.
This is all that we need for our own fulfilment!

Tip: Say a prayer of thanks before each meal.

Tip: Enjoy your own local patch of nature.

Refuse

Refuse to believe what the adverts say. You are no less a person because you don't have this gadget or haven't been to that exotic place.

Tip: Always wait at least 24 hours before buying something you have seen in an advert.

Tip: Have regular off-line days to avoid the adverts and images on social media.

Reduce

By reducing our impact on the planet can we also reduce our levels of stress and anxiety? We can buy less, travel less, and put less pressure on ourselves to have that perfect home and ever-active life.

Tip: Have one day a week where you buy nothing.

Tip: It's ok to say you can't do something because you need a quiet day with the family.

Reuse

Replace the convenience of single use and disposable items with the love of something which can be reused for months or years.

Tip: Bring your own mug and teaspoon if you need a take-away coffee.



Tip: Modern washing machines make cloth nappies really easy to use – spread the word!

Tip: Use charity shops and give-away groups like Freecycle.

Repair Let's look after our stuff and keep hold of the old skills of sewing and repairing. Find out if there are workshops near you where you can get your electronic items fixed, and donate old furniture to charities which teach young people refurbishing skills.

Tip: Invest in a sewing kit and a good tube of super-glue.

Rent, Borrow and Share

Ownership is overrated. Tools in particular are often bought and used only once or twice a year. Borrowing and sharing can be a great way of bonding with neighbours, and there are organisations which will rent tools and other rarely used items such as camping equipment. Tip: before buying anything you won't use every day, ask your friends and neighbours, with a promise to lend them something in return.

Tip: book lovers – remember your local library.

Recycle Recycling comes last on the list because it should be a last resort. Recycling does reduce the rate in which we use natural resources but it still uses a lot of energy for transporting and processing the items.

Tip: Complete the loop by buying recycled.

Contact greenchristian.org.uk



Green Christian—the 7 R's

Finding joy in God's Creation

It has been said that the basics of reducing our environmental footprint are the three Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. But is this enough? To just cut down a bit, try to reuse the occasional plastic bag or bottle, and recycle when we remember to? The threats to our planet which scientists have been predicting for decades, can now be seen with our own eyes: the plastic in the oceans, the loss of our garden insects and birds and the climate change which is disrupting our own weather patterns. As Christians, we know we should protect God's creation and we commit to living lives of loving service. And yet, we are continually bombarded with advertising, and with images on social media, which encourage us to buy more, or to travel to more exciting places. The pressure this can put on us can be a cause of emotional and mental strain as we often find ourselves busier than ever. Almost everything we buy has a carbon footprint and much of it is packaged in un-recyclable plastic. Put simply – by buying less we can reduce the rate at which natural resources are used up and the earth is polluted. This is why Green Christian invites us to explore a few more Rs which may help us reduce our consumption and find joy in the free gifts God gives us. Keep this list to hand as a reminder to live more simply and enjoy pleasures which cost us, and the earth, nothing



From the editors

The global climate threats made by scientists and activists are getting ever louder and more urgent just as our governments seem to be losing interest in the business. In spite of the threat, coal is being mined and oil pumped in ever greater quantities. It suits industry to have increasing output year on year. Commercial wisdom has it that profits must not be just maintained, but increased steadily for ever. This could be maintained as there was an regular increase in the number of people on the planet—all fresh customers. But there will come a time when that increase must stop and the earth will be unable to produce any more food. I am tempted to say that there are already too many people on the planet, but if I do people will ask “how many should there be?” and “what should we do with the surplus people?” Questions I can't even attempt to answer. Let us pray for an answer to this ongoing problem and that the answer comes without much suffering.



All items for inclusion in the July/August Magazine must be in the hands of the editors no later than Sunday 23rd June

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Regular Activities

Activity:	Meets:	Notes	Where?	Contact
Fusion	Tuesday 7:00—9:00pm	Helpers at 6:30pm	Village rooms	Matt Bentley
Little Stars	Thursday 10.00-11.30		Large hall	Christine Johnson 07581071979
Indoor Bowls	Thursday 1.30 - 4.00	Oct – Mar	Large hall	John Steel 637 0674
Rainbows	Thursday 5.15 – 6.30	Term time	Large Hall	Maz Sprenger 0790 3380683
Brownies	Thursday 6.00 – 7.30	Term time	Small hall	Emily Antley
Guides	Thursday 7:30—8:30	Term time	Large Hall	Gill Smart 630 0504
Sunday Breakfast church	9:15am— 10:00am			
Sunday Worship	10..30– 11.30			Please see centre pages for details

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ASSOCIATION**

