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Wallasey Village Church

The United Reformed Church in Wallasey Village





Letter from Jeff

You're invited to...



The summer is a time for weddings and marriage blessings and, over the last couple of months and in the months to come, I'll have conducted a few and been invited to others.

They are times where people are brought together in common purpose. They are exciting events; full of promise and hope for the future as well as being times of great celebration.

We often meet old friends at weddings getting the opportunity to 'catch-up', but we also meet people we've never met before with the opportunity of celebrating with them and the potential of starting new friendships.

At the heart of any wedding there is 'invitation'; The invitation of the proposal – 'will you marry me', the invitation of the promises – 'will you take...', the invitation of a new relationship – 'you may kiss your bride' and the invitation to celebrate – 'You are invited to...rsvp'.

Over the coming months there will be opportunity for us to do some inviting. We have the church BBQ in August, the McMillan coffee morning and our harvest celebrations in September, a planned 60s/70s night in October, the remembrance and remembering services and the pie and pudding night in November and our Christmas services and celebrations in December, not to mention the weekly coffee mornings and services.

*Cover:
Summer sunset
at New Brighton
Beach*



Jesus told a great parable about a wedding feast to which many were invited - some people came and others gave their excuses. The same will happen to us too as we offer our invitations. One thing you can be sure of is that no one will come unless they're invited.

Every follower of Jesus, including you, was once invited.

Every blessing

Jeff

You are invited
to our Open House and Garden, on
Saturday 7th September 2019

From 2.00-6.00pm

Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon, (in the shape of a BBQ - weather permitting!)

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us as we say thank you for your love, support and prayers over the last 9 years and ask for ongoing blessings as we commence our 10th year in God's service with Prenton and Wallasey Village.

You are all welcome, we'd love to see you there and why not invite a friend.

Jeff and Heather x

(109, Shrewsbury Rd, CH43 8SS)





CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2019

Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to our Christian Aid Week collections of funds for those struggling with poverty in our world today.

As noted in our May Magazine, the funds we raised have been paid in together with those raised by Marlowe Road URC. An increase in their house-to-house collectors this year has resulted in an increase in their contribution.

We raised £1,448.85 plus gift aid on £805.10:

Marlowe Road raised £352.82 plus gift aid on £73.00:

a total from both churches of £1,801.67 plus gift aid on £878.10.

Our prayer that the poor should not suffer because of any increase our community's willingness to donate has been answered yet again this year!

Since the above totals were published on our church notice boards, another envelope has been received containing 39p.

Every little helps! Thank you.

DGB



Fusion

Fusion is going to be part of Love Wirral for its fifth year! We are so excited to be part of this exciting project that has created so many opportunities for us in the past. This year we have decided to do things a little differently.

We are going to run a holiday bible club for primary school aged children at Claremount Methodist on Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th July.

We are also using Flynn's Piece for two outdoor events on Friday 26th and Sunday 28th July .

Love Wirral will run from 25th-28th July, holiday club is from 10am-12 noon each day (apart from Sunday), with evening events.

We need helpers for food (one day) and set up, please let Matt know if you can help or want more information. Also, if you know of any primary school aged children please invite them and we can get them signed up. Any secondary school aged children can be young leaders to grow in their leadership skills too!



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Operation Christmas Child

I understand that it may seem rather early, but I've been thinking about shoeboxes.

I have decided to start collecting through the summer so that we have a head start, spread the cost and perhaps find different things to include in our boxes.

Each week through June, July and August, I am asking for items for boxes in different categories, if you could like to contribute please bring something along and put it in the box at the back of the church.

If you intend to make up your own boxes please do so, I wish to collect from those who are not able to complete a box individually.

Knitted items are gratefully received I have knitting patterns for those of you who would like to take them and have a go! (Patterns are for a range of knitting abilities!)

Full details of Operation Christmas Child can be found on line at www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

Items to avoid

War related items e.g. toy guns and soldiers, knives, camouflage items etc. Religious items or literature, 4 suit playing card, Sweets or other food items Toothpaste, Handmade toys with stuffing, Glass items, Liquids, Aerosols, Sharp objects, Medicines, Books with many words, Unwrapped scented items, Clothing other than that stated.



Suggested Contributions

In June we've collected 'Something Fun' and 'Something to Love' and over the next couple of months we can collect:-

7th & 14th July **SOMETHING CREATIVE**

Chalk, Crayons, Small Colouring book/ Drawing pad, Stickers, Magnetic drawing board, Mini Stampers (pre inked) Click together model, Play-Doh, Glider kit (non-military), Bead kit, Small sealed sewing kit (10-14), Mini scraper foil kit (10-14), Paint set (solid), Stencils, Mini Spirograph

21st & 28th July **SOMETHING TO BE CLEAN**

Toothbrush, Soap, Flannel, Washmitt, Sponge, Hairbrush, Comb, Chapstick, Emery board, Nail clippers, Compact mirror

4th & 11th Aug **SOMETHING TO LEARN WITH**

Pens, Pencils, Sharpener, Eraser, Solar Calculator, Geometry Set (10-14), 6" Rule, Exercise book, Notebook, Highlighters, Colouring pencils, Felt tip pens, Pencil case, Safety scissors, Glue stick, Mini boardgames, Water bottle

18th & 25th August **SOMETHING TO PUT ON**

Hat, Gloves/Mittens, Scarf, Head band, Ribbon, Hair clips, Bracelet, Necklace, Small bag, Sunglasses (UV), Draw string bag, Dress up items - animal ears, crowns etc.

If you miss a specific week please bring items that you have whenever suits you, this list is offered to assist rather than impair!

Thank you, Heather.



August Dates for your diary

Sat 3rd	10am— 4:30pm	Caldy Valley Church, Chester	Festival of Worship (see below)
Fri 23rd— Mon 26th			Grenbelt festival (see p14)

Not available online

Volunteers are needed to join the Saturday morning coffee rota (speak to John Laing) and also the sound/vision rota (speak to Ann Barr)

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](http://www.urcmerseysynod.org.uk/festivalofworship2019.htm)



Sunday Services 10.30 am

4th Aug	Ron Taylor
11th Aug	Revd Jeff Hughes
18th Aug	TBA
25th Aug	Revd Jeff Hughes

Prayers of Intercession

4th Aug	Joyce Humphreys
11th Aug	David and Margaret Bigmore
18th Aug	Chris and Carol Doran
25th Aug	John Laing

Duties

Date	Duty Elder	Vision/Sound	Welcome/ Offering
4th Aug	A Barr	G Humphreys	E Levell/I Friar
11th Aug	J Humphreys	A Barr	J Hough/ J McGlashan
18th Aug	Chris Doran	J Humphreys	Carol Doran/ Chris Doran
25th Aug	A Barr	G Humphreys	P Evans/J Laing



July Dates for your diary

Every Saturday	10am—12noon	Village Rooms	Coffee morning
Every Tuesday	10:30am—12noon		Coffee Morning (Campaign to end)
Thurs 4th	7:00pm	WV URC	Summer Classics Concert (see page 20)
Sat 13th	7:45	Holy Apostles & Martyrs	Concert (see below)
25th—28th			Love Wirral (see page 5)

Songs for a Summer Night

An evening of show-stoppers from Broadway and

The West End

Presented by

Birkenhead Operatic Society Trust

Holy Apostles and Martyrs

(St George's Road)

Saturday 13th July 7:45pm

Tickets £6, u18 £4

Contact 666 1200



Sunday Services 10.30 am

7th July	Ron Taylor
14th July	Revd Jeff Hughes
21st July	Ray Craig
28th July	Chris Doran

Prayers of Intercession

7th July	Walter
14th July	Heather Hughes
21st July	Irene Friar
28th July	Edna Rowan

Duties

Date	Duty Elder	Vision/Sound	Welcome/ Offering
7th July	A Barr	H Welsh	P Evans/J Laing
14th July	J Humphreys	G Humphreys	Carol Doran/Chris Doran
21st July	H Welsh	A Barr	E Levell/I Friar
28th July	Chris Doran	J Humphreys	J Steel/J Copple



Coffee Rotas

Saturday

6th July	Heather Hughes
13th July	
20th July	
27th July	

Sunday

7th July	Jean Copple Joan Leighton
14th July	Jenny Hough Eileen Levell
21st July	Jenny McGlashan Margaret Moore
28th July	Carol Doran Sue Norris

Duties

Date	readers	cash	flowers
7th July	J Hough/ J Duffin	J Laing/J Duffin	Joan Leighton
14th July	D Bigmore/ M Bigmore	J Laing/Chris Doran	Jean Copple
21st July	I Friar/J Laing	J Laing/E Levell	Jenny McGlashan
28th July	Chris Doran/ Carol Doran	J Laing/J Steel	Helen Lawton



Somewhere to believe in

Greenbelt Festival runs over the August bank holiday weekend. The next festival will be **Friday 23rd – Monday 26th August 2019**. Greenbelt takes place in Boughton Estate, three miles from Kettering town centre. Kettering sits neatly on the main west-to-east road across central England, the A14.

We host our 46th festival of artistry, activism and belief this year. In a world on fire, we're still somewhere to believe in. We're somewhere that welcomes anyone and everyone, where punks meet priests, debate meets dancefloor, and belief meets beats. Spend a few days with us in a field this summer, and see for yourself.

"Greenbelt is an inspiring and fascinating celebration of social justice, breaking down barriers between those of faith and no faith. It's not only good fun – it lifts the hearts of all of us who believe in a better world."

Owen Jones

Contact
www.greenbelt.org.uk
for details.

Greenbelt has always been somewhere to listen, learn and reflect. We don't exist in isolation either. That doesn't mean that every last point of view is slavishly platformed. Instead, our particular theology and worldview – knitted around our three-stranded DNA of artistry, activism and belief – forms a frame for our conversations as together we seek to deepen our understanding, to seek engagement and inspiration so that when we leave the festival space to join the fray again, we can do so with wit and wisdom.



Coffee Rotas

Saturday

3th Aug

10th Aug

17th Aug

24th Aug

Sunday

4th Aug Jean Copple
Joan Leighton

11th Aug Jenny Hough
Eileen Levell

18th Aug Jenny McGlashan
Margaret Moore

25th Aug Carol Doran
Sue Norris

Duties

Date	readers	cash	flowers
4th Aug	J Hough/ J Duffin	J Laing/J Duffin	M Bigmore
11th Aug	E Levell/ H Dunbar	J Laing/Chris Doran	E Tunnicliffe
18th Aug	E Rowan/ J McGlashan	J Laing/E Levell	N Squires
25th Aug	J Humphreys/ G Humphreys	J Laing/J Duffin	M More



Advance Notice details to follow

If you have any meetings planned for next month, please inform us by Sun 18th Aug so that they can be included in the next issue.

Sat 7th Sept	2:00pm— 6:00pm	Manse	Open house at the Manse
Sat 21st Sept	7:30pm	WV URC	60s/70s Night
Tues 24th Sept	10:00am —Noon	WV URC	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Sun 10th Nov			Last date for Christmas Child shoeboxes
Fri 15th Nov	6:30pm	Large Hall	Pudsey Pie and Pudding night
Thurs 5th Dec	6:30pm	Manse	Mingle at the Manse



Dear Mrs Lawton

You have made my day! Thank you so much for your amazing gift of £147.87 (*this amount will be doubled by our government ed.*) for Heal Nepal and for people like Kumal.

Through your generosity, more people will be found and brought to Anandaban Hospital for an accurate diagnosis and expert medical treatment

From Peter Waddup National Director of heal Nepal.
(see the full text of the letter on our notice board).



Shameless Audacity

I am writing to inform you that the need to establish a Wallasey Debt Centre is now very pressing. Since June 1, the Wirral Centre is no longer able to serve clients from postcodes CH45 and CH44. The exciting news, however, is that New Brighton Baptist Church, which has been running CAP Life Skills Courses for some time, has a bank account set up to administer that course. The signatories for that account have agreed that any sponsorship for a Debt Centre can be paid into that account and that all monies to go towards the setting up of the Debt Centre will be securely ring-fenced within the account.

Barclays Bank; Sort code: 20 51 01; Account number: 50506230 (New Brighton Baptist Church CAP Life Skills). Please identify any donation as Debt Centre .

The group is asking for your prayers (Please refer to the prayer in the attachment.) and for pledged support. (Please see the bank details above.)

Please pray the words in bold type:

Saviour, Abba,
we are seeking with

Shameless Audacity (Luke 11:8 NIV Version)
a group of 200 (made up of individuals, churches, businesses, groups, charities) **to join in**
Shared Action and Sacrificial Aid
(at a pledge of £2 a week or £10 a month) **to provide**
Support and Advice
for those suffering debt in CH44 and CH45.
AMEN.

For further
Information on
Shameless Audacity.
please refer to the
website:
[https://
medium.com/
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dare-to-pray-
1cd1120641dd](https://medium.com/@zanthia4u/shameless-audacity-dare-to-pray-1cd1120641dd)



Support Fairtrade

Speaking at the centenary conference of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) on 11 June 2019, Theresa May issued a call to *“ordinary shoppers... to vote with their wallets... to shun those companies that do not make the ethical grade”*.

This is a call that Fairtrade supporters will be familiar with and as we celebrate 25 years of the Fairtrade mark this year, there is a lot of learning around this ambition that the Fairtrade movement can share.

Companies embracing the Modern Slavery Act

But what was so encouraging this time around was to hear this call for consumer action, coupled with some strong announcements on policy, that should make it easier for companies that want to do the right thing, and start to penalise those that resist. Our experience of the Modern Slavery Act – in relation to business and the section referred to as ‘transparency in supply chains’ (TISC), has to date been mixed. Some companies have taken the opportunity to take a serious look at their supply chains and to think about how they can take additional steps to minimise the risks of slavery and child labour. The most forward-thinking companies are already going beyond the legal requirements, to consider wider human rights risks, become more transparent about where they source from, and to think about positive solutions such as improved purchasing practices and the payment of fair prices to support living incomes and wages.



Modern Slavery Act needs to go further

However, it is also important to recognise that the Modern Slavery Act needs strengthening. Many published statements remain of poor quality are themselves non-compliant with the Act. This is why the Fairtrade Foundation, along with a whole host of other civil society organisations, recently signed an open letter, calling for the government to improve the Act in response to recommendations made in the recently published Independent Review. In the Prime Minister’s speech, we had confirmation that the government will now move to set up a central registry of Modern Slavery statements, a very welcome move. Theresa May also talked about strengthening and improving the statements required of big business, and of expanding the law to cover the public sector.



Legislation across Europe

It was also interesting to hear the Prime Minister refer to the recently adopted Child Labour Due Diligence Bill in the Netherlands. This legislation is part of a growing trend across Europe to embrace mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) measures, that require companies not only to produce statements, but to clearly set out the steps that they are taking to identify, prevent, mitigate and account for how they are addressing human rights impacts in their supply chains.

For more information on this subject see <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/Media-Centre/Blog/2019/June/Where-next-for-Modern-Slavery>



Wirral Community Choir
Present their end of season Concert

Summer Classics

Thursday 4th July 2019 - 7pm

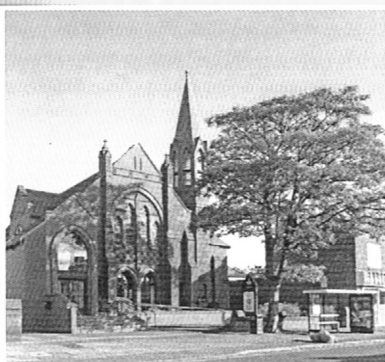
To be held at
Wallasey Village United Reform Church
Wallasey Village CH45 3LP

Music to include:

ASH GROVE

GENDARMES DUET

PLUS SOLOISTS FROM WITHIN THE CHOIR



Tickets obtained from Mavis Owens
£5.00 Unreserved seating
from mavisowens@gmail.com
Telephone: 0151 652 6373 / 07714 775 048



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From the editors

The Brexit vote is causing turmoil throughout the land. It seems that democracy and parliament itself is under threat. In times like this Christians look to the Bible for guidance. What does it say about democracy? Not a lot. Democracy as we know it was an alien concept to the people of Israel, they had a Judge or a king, but quite often they came under the rule of foreigners (Egyptians, Babylonians, Romans etc) who did not have the interest of the Hebrews at heart.

God is not a democratic God—he is omnipotent and needs no mandate to rule. Democracy is a human construct.

Moses says (Deut ch1) Choose for your tribes wise, understanding, and experienced men, and I will appoint them as your heads. This sounds a good plan and is similar to what we do today.

Let us pray, as the Anglicans have been doing every day for the last 331 years, that God supplies Her Majesty's ministers with the necessary wisdom.



All items for inclusion in the September Magazine must be in the hands of the editors no later than Sunday 18th August. Contributions should be emailed to JoyceHumphreys@virginmedia.com

Handwritten (print) or typed contributions may be given to the editors or sent to:

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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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Kevin Hogan, pictured here with members of his family, was commissioned as an accredited lay preacher in the United Reformed Church in June.