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Wallasey Village Church

The United Reformed Church in Wallasey Village





Letter from Jeff

Harvest Thanksgiving

I caught myself moaning the other day. I was shopping in Tesco at Bidston. If you've been there you will know that it is a huge superstore with shelves bulging with food of every conceivable type from all around the world; there are 5 aisles just for fresh fruit and veg. And it's not just food they sell but toys, clothes, household appliances, gadgets, stationery and much, much more. This isn't an advert for Tesco by the way but I do want to emphasise it in order to highlight my moan. Surrounded by all of this I moaned because they had no small tins of evaporated milk, a treat for me now and again.

One of the things I find in our society today is that as we are given more and more choice we become less and less grateful and when we find ourselves moaning because we can't get just what we want we need to stop, think and consider:

'If you have food in your fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the world. If you have money in the bank, your wallet, and some spare change, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million people who will not survive this week. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the agony of imprisonment or

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An unusual
rainbow in
Wallasey Village*



torture, or the horrible pangs of starvation, you are luckier than 500 million people alive and suffering. If you can read this message you are more fortunate than 3 billion people in the world who cannot read it at all. We would all be more happy and have plenty to be grateful for...if only we would count our blessings rather than our problems.'

As we move into autumn we move into a season of thanksgiving. As a church, we celebrate harvest, thanking God for His providence, (including small tins of evap) and remembering those who have little reason to celebrate.

Christian Aid are asking not just to be grateful for the abundance we experience but to think more ethically about where we buy our food and those who produce it.

The food we buy in the supermarket is grown all over the world so, as we go shopping over the harvest period, get a map of the world and the look through the food labels to see where the food was produced. Find that country on the map and pray for the farmers from those places who have grown your food. Pray for their working conditions and the health of their land. We can also pray into the compromises many of us have to make as we seek to source our food ethically within a fallen world.

God Bless.

Jeff



Below is a general prayer you may wish to pray over harvest:

**God of the heavens and the earth,
You call us to share in the care of your creation and to
bring food and fruitfulness from field and farm. Hear
our prayer for all who make their living on the land
and make us grateful for the work of their hands and
for the generosity of your provision. We ask this in the
name of Christ.**

Amen

(From Arthur Rank Centre)

Open House - Thank you!

Jeff and I would like to thank all of you who joined us at our "Open House" on Saturday 8th September. We were delighted to receive over 70 visitors, who had the opportunity to chat and enjoy the blessing of a lovely sunny afternoon.

A big 'Thank you' to Ron Taylor who stood and cooked burgers and hotdogs all afternoon and to all those who just mucked in and helped with the refreshments, worked in the kitchen and who cleared up afterwards.



Remembering Service

November is a month of remembering and in addition to our Remembrance Sunday service we will also be hosting a Remembering Service.

This is a quiet and reflective service when we pause to remember loved ones who have passed away and to acknowledge before God the loss and pain we still feel.

There will be an opportunity for the names of our loved ones who have passed away to be read out during the service. There will be cards available for this purpose but you can also email the Rev. Jeff Hughes at jeffrhughes@virginmedia.com with any names you wish to be included.

The service will be held on **Sunday 24th November, 2016 at 4.00pm**

For further information please contact Jeff on the email above or by phone on 0151 201 1883.

Advent Bible Study

There will be an Advent Bible Study taking place on Mondays before Christmas.

The first session will be on 11th November at 2:30pm. And will last for 4-5 weeks.

The full details including the location will be in next months issue .



Peter Dickson Barr

9th February 1938 – 30th August 2019



Peter was born in Oldham. He lived in Scotland during World War 2. After moving to Wallasey, he attended St George's primary school where his strong Scottish accent prevented him being understood. His secondary education was at Wallasey Grammar School. When he left school, he started work in a Liverpool insurance office.

He was a choirboy at St Hilary's and became a Scout at our church, Wallasey

Presbyterian Church of England at that time. Peter was called up for National Service. After training, he served in the Royal Tank Regiment for 18 months in Germany. He learnt to drive a tank before he learnt to drive a car. Some say he drove a car the same way he drove a tank!

After returning to insurance, he set up his own firm before retiring through ill health.

Peter met Ann at our church. When she went to Leeds University, Ann said "He got used to the East Lancs Road for 3 years". They got engaged, married and raised 2 daughters, Debbie and Jennie, who both married and bore Peter and Ann's grandchildren Issy, Marcus and Abigail.



Peter has supported this church in many ways. He was ordained and inducted as an Elder in Wallasey Village United Reformed Church on 29th September 1974. His rich bass voice was heard in our choir, where latterly he was the only bass singer, and on our stage. More recently he and others sang with the worship band set up by our minister. He also joined other Wallasey church choirs when our choir was invited to join them for major choral works and carol services.

In his early days he was a strong supporter of Liverpool football club. His athletic activity amongst the church community was mainly "Wellie Throwing", both over Bank Holiday weekends in Anglesey and at church retreats, when he was Champion Thrower on several occasions.

He performed in many Brolly Players productions. Our church drama group, an off-shoot of the Umbrella Society, was very active in the 1970s and 1980s when performances included 1-Act to 3-Act plays, at least one of the latter being produced by Peter, and home-produced pantomimes in which Peter starred and relished the "baddie" roles. A highlight of one of the later variety shows was the Gilbert & Sullivan "Gendarmes Duet" performed by Peter and his father-in-law Charles Hamilton which brought the house down!

In recent years, he was a volunteer at "Little Stars", our mother and baby group. Where he mostly did washing up

Thanks to David Bigmore for producing this piece.



Peter Dickson Barr

continued

Peter enjoyed cooking and produced many tasty dishes for consumption at home, at church including church barbecues, and elsewhere on holidays around the world. He was famous for his mushroom soups and did his share of washing up.

His main hobby was photography. A vast number of his photographs recorded the many dishes, both his own and more by others, which he and fellow diners were about to enjoy together.

Peter was always looking out for the latest gadgets. A Swiss army knife with several blades, a screwdriver, corkscrew and a "thing for getting stones out of horses' hooves" was only part of his large collection of curious implements and useful gimmicks with which he entertained and astonished his friends.

He was a family man who enjoyed telling stories and jokes. He had a repertoire of funny noises and faces to entertain the children. Like many people with much humour in their lives, Peter had his good days and his bad days. His friends and family could rarely tell whether he was being serious or pulling their legs.

Shortly after a period which Debbie had spent with him, Peter died peacefully at home with Ann and Jennie at his bedside. The photograph on the front cover of the "Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving" for his life delightfully captures the twinkle in his eyes for which we will remember him.

Farewell, Peter. We will miss you and will long remember your loud **"AMEN"**s.



We want to make sure that no one in our local community has to go hungry, but we need your help to make this happen. Your gift of financial support, time, business partnership and food can make a real difference.

Urgently needed items

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Pasta Sauce
- Sponge Puddings
- Long Grain Rice
- UHT Milk
- Custard
- Rice Pudding
- Tinned Fruit
- Coffee
- Squash
- Deodorant

We've got plenty of

- Beans
- Tea
- Carrier bags

Donate

At the box in our church entrance or Tesco's (Bidston Moss or Heswall) or Sainsbury's (Upton).

Money is always welcomed. Please give any donations to Peter Evans.



People News

Not available online



October Dates for your diary

Every Tuesday	10.30am —noon	Our church	Friends of Wallasey Village Coffee morning
Every Saturday	10:00am —noon	Village rooms	Coffee morning
Sat 5th	9:30am—3:30pm	Spire	“Houses of Prayer” Training session
Sun 13th	6:30pm	Hr Bebington Road URC	Café Jam
Thurs 22nd	7:30pm	Church	Classic guitar Concert
Sun 27th	4:30pm	St David’s URC, Eastham	Café Jam



Friends of Wallasey Village

Coach Trip

(for Christmas shopping) Wednesday 20th November

To Boundary Mill 10:00am—6.00pm £10

Contact Ron Taylor



Sunday Services 10.30 am

6th	Ron Taylor
13th	Ron Taylor
20th	Kevin Hogan
27th	Jeff Hughes

Prayers of Intercession

6th	David & Margaret Bigmore
13th	Hazel Welsh
20th	Joyce Humphreys
27th	Carol & Chris Doran

Duties

Date	Duty Elder	Vision/Sound	Welcome/ Offering
6th	Joyce Humphreys	Hazel	Joan & Ray Duffin
13th	Hazel Welsh	Joyce	Sue & Walter
20th	Chris Doran	Jenny & Amber	Ella & Irene
27th	Ann Barr	Joyce	Alison & Jayne



Coffee Rotas for October

Saturday

6th	Gill Smart
13th	Irene Friar
20th	John Laing
27th	Heather Hughes

Sunday

6th	Margaret Moore Jenny McGlashan
13th	Jenny Hough Eileen Levell
20th	Jean Copple Joan Leighton
27th	Carol Doran Sue Norris

Duties

Date	readers	cash	flowers
6th	Jenny McGlashan & Jenny Hough	John Laing & Jayne	M Bigmore
13th	Joan Duffin & Jenny Hough	John Laing & John Steel	
20th	Walter & Eileen	John Laing & Chris D	Helen Lawton
27th	Joyce & Gron	John Laing & Joan Duffin	Jean Copple



Advance Notice details to follow

If you have any meetings planned for next month, please inform us by Sun 20th Oct so that they can be included in the next issue.

Sun	10th Nov		Last day for Christmas shoeboxes See p 20
Mon	2:30pm	tba	Advent Bible study starts
Fri	11th Nov		
	15th Nov	Large Hall	Pudsey Pudding and Pie night
Sun	4:00pm	Church	Remembering Service
	24th Nov		
	24th Nov	4:30pm	Parkgate & Neston URC Café Jam
Thurs	28th Nov	Wallasey Village	Christmas Fair
Thurs	6:30pm		Mingle at the manse
5th Dec			
Sun			Big Breakfast Church and Toy Service
Dec 8th			
Dec 22nd	3:30pm		Carol Service
Dec 24nd	11:30pm		Late Reflective Service
Dec 25th	10:30am		Christmas Service



Sponsored Climb

I attended the CAP Wirral Volunteer Training session recently to gain an understanding of what's involved and how folk will be able to support and participate in the new CAP Wallasey Debt Centre.

There are various teams covering Prayer, Visiting, Blessings and Social as well as those giving financially.

It has certainly made me more excited to use my Kilimanjaro Climb as a fundraiser for CAP Wallasey! So I am asking you to give any amount you choose to 'match fund' £5000 for CAP's Christians Against Poverty - Wallasey Debt Centre!

My £5000 donation will be given to the Christian Charity arranging the Kili climb on 12/10/19. It's the Nasio Trust, based in Western Kenya, which rescues orphaned children out of poverty by its provision of guardians, day care, education and medical centres. I will volunteer to help there for 1 month after the climb!

There will be sponsorship forms available to sign up in Church or see details of the online money giving site in the Weekly Newsletter!

Thanks so much
God bless
Hilary





Support Fairtrade



With global cocoa prices stuck at unsustainably low levels, Fairtrade is moving a step closer towards securing a decent income for impoverished cocoa farmers - many of whom earn less than US\$1 dollar a day.

"Most cocoa farmers are unable to afford decent housing, food and education, and that will continue as long as chocolate traders, manufacturers and brands fail to address the issue of price," said Fairtrade International CEO Darío Soto Abril. "Many farmers still live in extreme poverty."

As part of the solution to the huge power imbalances in cocoa supply chains, the Fairtrade Minimum Price - which acts as a safety net for farmers - will increase by 20 percent for conventional cocoa from October 1st, and even more for organic. At the same time, the Fairtrade Premium will also rise by 20 percent. Growers decide for themselves how to spend the Premium - for example by building community facilities or investing in their farms to improve productivity or diversify crops.



"Fairtrade's new Minimum Price and Premium for cocoa will help lift many growers out of extreme poverty and move towards a decent income," said Soto Abril. "However, there's still a long way to go before farmers earn enough to enjoy a decent standard of living."

Alongside an increase in the Fairtrade Minimum Price and Premium at the beginning of October, revised



living income reference prices have been set for Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire which show the price farmers need to receive for their cocoa in order to enjoy the basics such as decent housing, nutritious food and education.

The Fairtrade Living Income Reference Price is based on what farmers need to earn for a decent standard of living, taking into account variables such as viable farm size, sustainable yields, production costs and potential savings from growing food for home consumption on the farm. After a revision of the preliminary reference values, they have now been updated to US\$2.20 per kilo of cocoa at the farm gate for Côte d'Ivoire and US\$2.10 for Ghana.

"Several brands have already committed to this vision. Tony's Chocolonely, a leading chocolate brand with a track record of paying additional funding to farmers, has committed to paying the revised Living Income Reference Price from October. Oxfam Fair Trade and Belvas have already been committed to the Fairtrade Living Income Price for several months. "It's a great start, but we want to work with many more chocolate companies to help farmers achieve a decent income," said Soto Abril.

Together with the new Minimum Price and Premium, the Fairtrade Living Income Reference Price comes into effect a full year ahead of a planned 'living income differential' announced by the governments of Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire. Fairtrade has welcomed the government initiative as an important step towards securing sustainable prices for cocoa farmers.





Chris Gillett



I first met Chris & Nigel Gillett on the Sunday before we opened the new part of our church in 2000, whilst we still had the big plastic screen up in the church, I asked them to join us after the service as we were having a meal together, to celebrate the completion of the building work. As they came into the hall I asked them if they would like a drink, she said wine & he said beer, so I said no problem, they were both taken aback and I'm not saying that's why they stayed for the next 13 years. Obviously it was the warmth & friendliness that kept them here.

Chris & Nigel would always say that God asked them to stay at WVURC, until they had done all they could for the Church in

both the material & spiritual sense, and they contributed greatly to the Church as a whole and to a lot of us individually.

We thank God for their witness for the Lord, and the whole-hearted work they did for all our people, both young & old.

Chris, you were a good & Faithful servant to the Lord and now we know that you have that eternal reward that we all seek, so rest in the love of God now & we will meet in that forever place.

I'm sure that many of you could recall, the personal stories you have of Chris and may be we could collect them as a remembrance of Christine Gillett.

Chris Doran.



Chris Gillett will be remembered in our church for her enthusiasm & encouragement to others, over the 13 years, she and Nigel were with us

She became a member of our church, an elder, taught Sunday school, started and ran the Kidz Klub, helped running Summer clubs, helped at Little Stars, she held Bible studies at her home and latterly, Chris & Nigel set up Food for Friends, to provide an evening meal to anyone in need

One of my lasting memories of Chris, is of walking into the church hall, one evening and watching 30 smiling Kidz Klub children shooting their hands up into the air to answer the bible question that Chris had just asked them, she was an amazing teacher, a gift from God.

Carol Doran.

Thanks to Chris and Carol Doran for these memories of Chris Gillett.

Chris came from Anglesey and I enjoyed speaking Welsh to her (and her mother) when we got together.

Ed

Remember Nigel and his family in your prayers.

*Chris Gillett's funeral will be on Thursday 3rd October—
Landican at 12:30pm—Wallasey Village URC at 1:15—
1:30pm*



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big THANK YOU to all who baked for and supported this year's Macmillan Coffee Morning – over 50 people came and we raised £383.93 and shared a time together raising money, eating cake, and building community. Time well spent – thank you!

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for your contributions, over the last few months, of items to include in the Shoeboxes this year. Please continue to bring things along as you see them. If you wish to make up a box yourself please do so or if you would like to make a monetary contribution, I would be very grateful, we're aiming to send 150 boxes this year.

Please have all contributions to me by Sunday **3rd November**. Completed boxes can be brought on **10th November** for dedication during the morning service.

At **6.30pm on Tuesday 5th November** we will be packing the boxes in church and would be very grateful if you could come along and help packing.

1960's/70's Night

Thank you to all who contributed to, helped with and came and joined in with this night of fun, dancing, dressing up and reliving younger days! Everyone said they had a great time and we raised **£370** towards the refurbishment of the building.

Heather x



Houses of Prayer

On October 5th (during the day time) Anne de Leyser from Ffald y Brenin is coming to lead a training day on Local Houses of Prayer. These are small groups who pray and speak blessings over their local area or workplace and are experiencing the incoming of the Kingdom - (healing, reconciliation, conversions, encounters with God etc)

This is a lovely move of God, as beautiful stories are being told from all over the world where these groups have formed (There are 3000+ local houses of prayer). Anne gives biblical teaching about blessings and teaches people how to gain confidence in speaking blessings.

The training day is at the Spire in Wallasey on 5th Oct from 9.30am to 3.30pm. It is a free event with tea, coffee and cake. Booking is required. I enclose an attachment with details and the link to book is:

<http://www.ffald-y-brenin.org/local-houses-of-prayer-events>



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Amanda Pauls

All items for inclusion in the November Magazine must be in the hands of the editors no later than Sunday October 20th

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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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Sixties & Seventies night

Some of the goings on at the 60's & 70's social night