



Church Family News

How brilliant it is to be able to start this page with celebrations! Our first, and greatest celebration, of course, is the most joyous celebration of our Christian calendar, Easter. Throughout holy week, we have been reminded of Christ's suffering – and all for us, then Easter Day! What joy! Christ is risen. Hallelujah!

On March 11th, our minister Jan, celebrated a special birthday. We hope you had a great birthday, Jan & enjoyed your holiday. On 24th March, a celebration was held in the church lounge for our dear friend **Reg Cheshire** as he celebrated his centenary. The lounge was packed with family & friends and it was wonderful to see Reg enjoying the occasion. He even made a speech, complete with his usual sense of humour! The card from the Queen took pride of place. It was a wonderful occasion.

For several months, **Darren Wright** has been planning a great fund-raising event for Leukaemia & Lymphoma research and the Bone Marrow Transplant unit at the Royal Liverpool Hospital. During the planning stage, Darren was unwell and was admitted to hospital so the event, which was held on Saturday 28th March was a double celebration. Firstly that Darren was well enough to be there organising the event at the Fleetwood Hesketh Sports and Social Club and secondly, the wonderful occasion which was enjoyed by everyone who attended. A really great occasion and the amount raised, £3322.71p in total is just amazing! Well done Darren & all your helpers.

Unfortunately, it hasn't been celebrations for everyone this month. Two of our members have had problems which have resulted in admission to hospital. **Tony Rimmer** was admitted to hospital on March 21st. He is home now but has had to remain indoors for a few days. We hope you will very soon be back to full health again Tony, with any further treatment being completed speedily and successfully. **Bill Sutton** is at present in hospital & is likely to remain there for at least a few more days. However, we are pleased to report he is responding well to treatment. Get well soon Bill. We are remembering both you and Tony in our prayers.

Jane Biggs recently had surgery on her neck. She has now recovered from that but she has realised that maybe now is the time to take things a little easier. For several years now, Jane has opened her home on a Tuesday evening for the Tuesday Prayer Fellowship. The prayer group have been extremely grateful to her for this and for her commitment to prayer which has been an inspiration to us all. We know that if Jane is not able to attend the meetings very often now, she is praying along with us in her home. God bless you Jane and thank you for all you have done.

Bob Gardner has not been well enough to worship with us for some time now. He has recently spent time in hospital but is now home where he is being cared for. He remains

poorly. Please pray for Bob, his wife Jean and his daughters at this difficult time. We send them our love.

Finally, on Friday 27th March, the funeral service took place here at Marshside Road for **David Abbott**. David, a young man of 29 years of age passed away having suffered from cancer. David was known to this church as a member of the Boys' Brigade, along with his brother and though his family attended Russell Road Church, they chose for the service to be held at Marshside Road. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and his parents, brother and other members of the family at this very sad time.

Once again, please can I ask you to keep me up-dated with family news. I am conscious that there must be those in the church with special events or occasions which we would love to share with them but they are missed from this page because unfortunately I don't know about them. Please forgive me if this has happened to you.

Again, to those not able to share in fellowship with us any more, you are always in our thoughts and I hope you never feel forgotten.

God Bless,

Dorothy Simpkin