



## Church Family News

Southport seems to have been pretty busy this week. Thankfully, there are still those who enjoy coming to Southport on holiday and I think the numbers of visitors were increased by delegates and their families to the Methodist Conference. It was lovely to have some sunshine so that Southport could be seen at it's best. Some of our church family have already been on holiday and if you have, I hope you had a good time. If you are due to go, hope you too have a lovely and refreshing break.

Many congratulations to **Rachael (Cowan)** and Terry on the birth of their baby son, Jack. Congratulations also to proud grandparents, **Richard and Elaine**.

There are some birthdays this month. Happy Birthday to **Millie Aspinall** who celebrated her 16th birthday this week. Special birthday wishes to **Nita Howard & Ruth Stirling** who will be celebrating 90+ birthdays this month and **Joyce Walker** who will be celebrating hers at the beginning of August. We hope you all have a lovely day. A little bird has also told me that **Marion Halpin** celebrated her 80th birthday recently. Congratulation Marion. Hope you had a lovely day.

It hasn't been plain sailing for some of our church family this month. **Colin Hickson** became unwell whilst on holiday. He is now improving at home and we hope to see him out and about again soon. **Francis Thomas** had to return to hospital following her surgery and is still an in-patient. We are thinking of you, Frances, and send you our love. **Ruth Stirling** had a nasty fall and was admitted to hospital. Fortunately, nothing was broken and she was transferred to Chase Heyes for a period of convalescence. Hope you are feeling stronger now, Ruth. Take care and God bless you. **Brian & Pam Flatt** have also been going through a rough time recently. Our thoughts and our love are with you both and please be assured of our prayers.

We think also of **Jane Biggs**, whose husband is currently in hospital. Normally he is cared for at Henshaws but is poorly at present. We are thinking of you and Jim and remembering you both in our prayers.

As always, I am conscious of all those who are not able to share with us in worship through age or infirmity but I just would like to mention **Melissa Woods** and to say a big 'thank you' for the wonderful contributions to our church magazine each month. We all look forward to your articles, Melissa and you prove a point that everyone has a contribution to make to the life of the church, even if not able to attend. Maybe not

everyone has the gift of writing, but all contributions are greatly valued, the most important of which is prayer. God bless you all.

On 19th July, we look forward to our young people's anniversary. We so look forward to the contribution they make to our church life and it is great to see so many of them taking a full and active part in the church. Our very best wishes to **Jake Owen** for his visit to Thailand where he will be working as a volunteer for two weeks. Our love and prayers are with you, Jake. We are so proud of you.

God Bless you all,  
**Dorothy Simpkin**

### **Young People's Anniversary.**

The Annual Young People's Anniversary Service will be held this year on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2015. The theme for this year is "Prayer" and the service will include items from J-Team and Teenscene and will explore different times/ways to pray, what we pray for and how God answers our prayers in his own way.

The service will also include Holy Communion and a presentation of the cheque to the British Heart Foundation for the money raised by Chris Purcell's Sponsored Walk at the end of May.

Hope to see you there,  
**Mike Owen**