

Minister's Letter

Dear friends

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who made the annual church meeting so memorable. The photos on the power point presentation made me realise just how big a church we are with groups that aren't even church groups wanting to be included in our annual report. How great is it that they think of our church as their church?

We said our goodbyes to Jean and Elaine who have faithfully served on the leadership team above and beyond their call of duty. They have seen the church through some tough times and then even stayed on to give me some continuity of leadership whilst I settled in – thank you!

We welcomed four new members of the leadership all eager to contribute to the life of our church and serve as we move forward. Thank you to all of those people who volunteered to come onto church council, we are looking forward to serving Marshside Methodist Church alongside you.

How appropriate that this year we had our ACM on Pentecost Sunday because the Holy Spirit really showed up. I was humbled, taken aback and moved by all of you who felt able to come to the front and share how God has been working in your lives for the past twelve months. God is really moving in our church at the moment!

Reflecting on the day I am reminded of one of my favourite Matt Redman songs – 10,000 reasons. Part of it goes like this:

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

[Chorus]

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

We have 10,000 reasons, and more, to sing God's song, so sing like never before Marshside Road! God has got something great in store for you.

Blessings, Rev Jan