



The Link



The Magazine of

Marshside Road Methodist Church Southport

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Give Thanks to the Lord!

Dear Friends,

As a circuit and indeed as a local church we are being challenged as to what the Methodist church in Southport will look like in the coming years because we know that we cannot, for many reasons, carry on as we are. In amongst this discernment there has to be a degree of looking back, looking back to our roots and cherishing what brought us to this point in time and then maybe wondering what we would like to leave behind for the next generation. It is a massive undertaking for those in leadership within the circuit and the local churches and there are so many voices that need listening to that it's very difficult to know which way to turn first. I have found the following poem helpful, I hope you might too:

What lasts?

What lasts? We ask, when pondering the worth of what we've done.

What will the world remember when each one is dead and gone?

What impact will remain to show the difference we have made?

And will we be remembered as the ones who've made the grade?

Will generations yet to come recall what we've achieved?

Might they rejoice and marvel at the tapestry we've weaved?

Can signs remain for ever showing we've been past this way?

Will changes we have made outlive the passing of our day?

Will what we thought was special be remembered by the rest?

Might we be singled out for praise reserved for just the best?

Will what we have accomplished mean a plaque can mark our fame?

Will people talk of eminence when mentioning our name?

O child, you'll be remembered not by things that will not last,

Like merit, style or prominence, or kudos, rank or class, or accolades that make you
seem august and grandiose,

But by your help for others who have needed you the most.

Where love has changed a life, then you'll be worthy of our praise;

Where brokenness found healing, then a voice in thanks we'll raise;

When poverty was challenged, then you'll be recalled with pride;

If justice was your watchword, then your worth can't be denied.

The things of time will soon decay and crumble into dust;

For transience can never offer substance we can trust;

If you want immortality, kiss the things of time goodbye,

And grasp what is eternal – then your love will never die.

You see it doesn't matter that we leave an institution or a building, sound or otherwise, for the next generation to inherit. What matters is that we have passed on the love of God to them and shared the faith those who have gone before us with them. If that is our priority the rest of it should be a walk in the park.

Every blessing, *Rev Jan*

A Message from Melissa

Most of you know I am now living at Peacehaven on Roe Lane.

Some of you have already visited me here, and some have brought Communion to which I am grateful. I am always pleased to receive visitors from Church, on the other hand, I know you are all busy with your lives.

I am quite content thinking of you all, and the happy memories from my time at Marshside Road Methodist Church.

I will keep in touch from time to time.

God bless us all,

Melissa Woods

MWiB Marshside Road.

Dates for your diary

The Circuit Get-together will be held on Thursday, 27th October 2016 at 7:30pm in the Hall. All women are welcome to come.

The Liverpool District Project 2016/2017 will be Mary's Meals, there will be a Brunch on 14th January 2017 to support this worthy cause. (see next page).

The Southport Circuit Easter Offering Service will be held in the Church Lounge on Thursday, 27th April 2017, 2:30pm.

Everyone welcome.

Sheila Jones

MARY'S MEALS.

Mary's meals is a global movement that sets up school feeding programmes in some of the world's poorest communities, where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining education.

It's a simple idea that works. We can provide one daily meal in a place of learning in order to attract chronically hungry children into the classroom where they receive an education that can, in the future, be their ladder out of poverty.

The Mary's Meals campaign was born in 2002 when Magnus Macfarlane-Barrow visited Malawi during a famine and met a mother dying from Aids. When Magnus asked her eldest son Edward what his dreams were in life, he replied simply "I want to have enough food to eat and to go to school one day". That moment was the inspiration leading to Mary's Meals, which began by feeding just 200 children at a Malawian primary school in 2002.

Today, we are reaching over one million children with a nutritious daily school meal in 12 of the world's poorest countries. With 59 million children out of primary education all over the world, our work is just beginning. It costs just £12.00 to feed a child for a whole school year, this equates to 6p a meal. Mary's Meals works hard to keep running costs low to ensure that at least 93p of every £1.00 donated to us is spent directly on our charitable work. Our school feeding programmes are community-run and require absolute dedication from local volunteers who collect firewood and manage the school kitchen, as well as preparing and serving the meals to the children.

Wherever possible, Mary's Meals uses locally grown food to support the local economy, favouring producers who support small hold farmers.

University student Veronica Chiphwanya was one of the first children to benefit from the school feeding programme in Malawi more than 10 years ago. Many Malawian girls of her age are already married, but Veronica, was determined to be educated and improve her prospects. Her father died when she was a baby and she lost her mother when she was 9 years old. She remembers how difficult it was to become an orphan at such a young age, "back then my brothers and sisters weren't working, sometimes I would go for a whole week without food, I was very weak." The promise of a hot meal in school encouraged her to keep attending classes. She said "I was doing my best before the porridge, but the food and support from Mary's Meals improved my performance." Thanks to Mary's Meals she was able to concentrate and move into further education. She now is studying Business and Education at University.

Our Kitchen Unit

When we were first married in 1954, we were very short of money and could not afford to buy much needed things for the house but we were very resourceful and Ron had a few good ideas on how to make do and mend which many people had to do in the lean years after the war. We needed a small unit in the kitchen and Ron had seen some government surplus ammunition boxes for sale in a shop in Manchester. They were strong, grey, wooden 15 inch square boxes with a hinged lid,

just what we needed. For four Saturday mornings Ron went into Manchester on the bus and bought two boxes. That was all he could manage to carry as we had no car. We lived quite a long way from the nearest bus stop so it was not an easy task.

I sanded them down and painted each of the six boxes in cream with several coats of gloss paint. The other two were painted in a very pale green and we each had one by the side of our bed to hold a small lamp.

When we had six boxes finished, Ron fastened three together on their sides to make small cupboards for each side of the unit. He made a drawer out of the top of an old gramophone and put dividers in it for cutlery. I lined it with a piece of green felt and Ron put a handle on the front.

A piece of metal across the back held the cupboards together and a piece of wood and red formica across the top finished the job.

We were really proud of our kitchen unit. It lasted ten years in Fairway and when we moved to Southport it went in the utility room to hold cleaning materials. The little drawer had small balls for the grandchildren to play with in the garden.

When I moved to Churchtown Gardens in 2009, the trusty little kitchen unit went in a skip, it served us faithfully for 56 years.

Barbara Eyes.

Money raised by Marshside Road Church - Sept 2015-Sept 2016

Parent, Carer and Toddler group raised £180 for Barnardo's

MWiB Easter Offerings raised £95 and went to World Missions

MWiB Project Twinkle House Raised £185.10

World Missions (excluding JMA) raised £353.47

(7 x Boxes raised £138.16 and 54 x 1p Jars raised £215.13)

CBM raised £801.10.

Southport Food Bank has so far raised £822.15

One World Week for All you Can raised £211

JMA: Raised £562.21 for World Missions

Action for Children raised £583.34, Action for Children Sunday raised £48.80

Christian Aid Week raised £705.15

Bible Society was sent £75

Total.....£4622.32

Thank you to everyone in church that made this possible.

Information compiled by the Mission Committee

Next Issue

The next edition of **The Link** will be published on the **Sunday the 6th of November 2016**. Therefore, items for inclusion in the next edition need to reach me by **Sunday the 30th of October**. Thanks, Mike (MikeOwen10@aol.com)

Your Supporter Number is: 99328181

12 September 2016



Mrs Dorothy Taylor



Supporter Care
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Watford
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Thank you

Telephone: 0300 123 2112
ask.us@actionforchildren.org.uk

Dear Mrs Taylor,

Please pass on our sincere thanks to everyone involved in raising the recent donation of £48.80. We were delighted to hear about your Action for Children Sunday collection and we hope everyone from the church that took part had fun in the process of making such a wonderful and much needed gift.

'Go not only to those who need you, but to those who need you most'
John Wesley

Action for Children's ethos is deeply rooted in Methodist principles, and for over 145 years we have worked together helping vulnerable children to reach their full potential.

Thank you, it really does inspire us to hear about your Fundraising, and to know that working together we are still able to touch so many lives, as we continue helping over 300,000 children and young people we work with through more than 650 projects right across the U.K.

With kind regards, and our heartfelt gratitude to all our friends at the Church

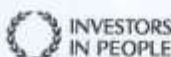
Kate Brown
Supporter Care Fundraiser

P.S - If like Action for Children you want to be there for vulnerable and neglected young people for as long as it takes, you may wish to consider remembering Action for Children in your Will. If the time is ever right for you to do so, please contact our Legacy team on 0300 123 2112 or at legacies@actionforchildren.org.uk.

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Sunday Services

09:00 am. Holy Communion – first Sunday of each Month
10:30 am. Morning Worship – including Crèche, J Team and Teenscene
18:30 am. Evening Fellowship – see Weekly Notices

Weekly Programme

Day	Meeting	Time	Contact
Monday	Parent, Carer & Toddler Group	09:15 – 11:45	Mrs Margaret Boston (211548)
	Preschool	09:15 – 11:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Playgroup	12:50 – 14:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Monday Evening Fellowship	20:00 –	Mrs Joan Owen (220436)
Tuesday	Preschool	09:15 – 11:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Playgroup	12:50 – 14:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Bible Study Fellowship	10:45 –	Mrs Dorothy Taylor (211643)
	Prayer Fellowship	19:00 – 20:00	Mrs Pat Wright (213647)
	Knit & Craft Club, see website for details	13:00 – 16:00	Mrs Dorothy Mitchell (228430)
Wednesday	Preschool	09:15 – 11:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Boys' Brigade & Girls' Brigade	18:30 – 21:30	Mrs Kay Owen (225126) Miss Heather Jackson (532977)
	Wednesday Group - every 4 th Wednesday		Mrs Sheila Jones (227661)
Thursday	Preschool	09:15 – 11:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Thought for the Day	10:15 –	Mr George Phillips (514795)
	Playgroup	12:50 – 14:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Choir Practice	19:30 – 21:00	Mr Glenn Howard (840485)
Friday	Preschool	09:15 – 11:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Chris Wright's School of Dance & Drama	16:00 – 19:15	Miss Alison Wright (0773 4305348)
Saturday	Chris Wright's School of Dance & Drama	09:15 – 15:00	Miss Alison Wright (0773 4305348)
	Monthly Messy Church (see Website)	16:00 – 18:00	See the Church Website for details
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