



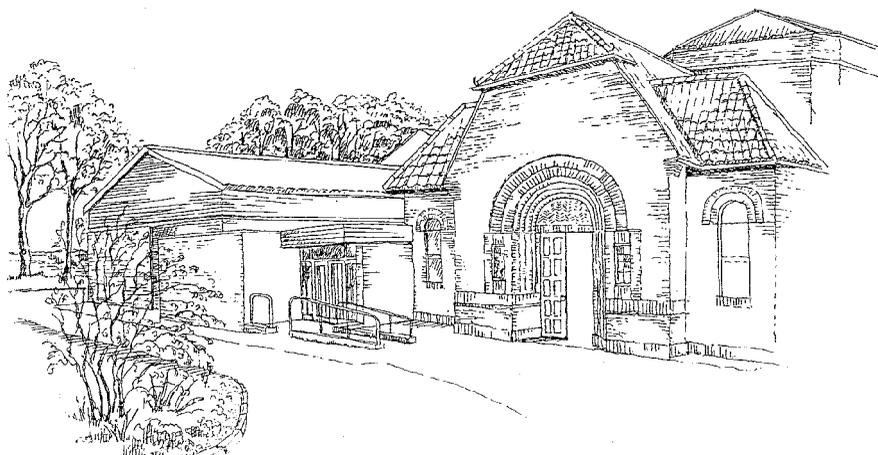
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The Newsletter



June and July 2010
Pentecost – Summer

*The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will
send in my name, will teach you all things*

The Minister's Letter

I am writing this on the Friday after polling day. We have woken up to hear the news that the conservatives have the largest number of seats but do not have a majority. As you read this you will know what has happened, but as I write it is unclear who will form the next government. It is a time of change, a time of uncertainty; but it is also a time of expectation. Will anything new, anything different come out of it?

We are at a similar place in the Christian year. Jesus has lived his life and been put to death on the Cross and buried in the tomb. The disciples have been surprised and amazed by meeting him, talking with him, eating with him. He was not dead, but alive! Then just as they were beginning to get their heads around what was happening, Jesus was taken away from them again! (the incident we call the Ascension – see Acts 1)

Then, when all the disciples were gathered in one place, the wind of God blew among them and they were filled with the fire of God's Holy Spirit. The election had happened, the transfer of power had occurred. The question was, Will anything new, anything different come out of it?

Well we know the answer to that one, as we are inheritors of what was born – the church! Jesus did not found the church. I am not sure that the apostles exactly 'founded' it. That sounds too premeditated to me, as if they had planned it that way. But what they did do was to respond to the situation in which they found themselves, with steadily opening minds and in the power of the Spirit. And the result was something

new, something fresh and exciting which did change the world.

We are at a similar place in the life of the church. The United Reformed Church has accepted that we are not going to be a temporary church that would join with more and more of the other denominations (that if you remember was the vision in the 1970's). God has other plans for us. God is still speaking and we must listen. Will anything new, anything different come out of it?

The depends to a large part upon the local congregations within the United Reformed Church – and that includes us here in Sherwood. It is quite clear that 'going to church' is not popular nowadays. I think there are a several reasons behind this – some of which are down to the church. One such reason is that people do not enjoy Sunday worship. Their experience of church is that it is dull, amateurish, and totally disconnected from life as they know it. Another reason is that they do not know what the Christian faith is all about, thinking it is full of 'thou shalt not's and is therefore designed to restrict life rather than set it free; thinking it is about judgement and condemnation rather than love and forgiveness. We, in our part of the church, in our local fellowship can change these.

This is the situation in which we found ourselves. With steadily opening minds and in the power of the Spirit can we respond? The question for us is "Will anything new, anything different come out of us?"

Pray to God that it will!

David

Family News

Golden Weddings

Congratulations to **John and Pam Whitby** who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding on 2nd June. They were married at Addison Street Congregational Church by Rev. T. Elfed Isaac (former Minister of the Church, and cousin by marriage of the Bride) David Hughes, was Best Man, and the Bridesmaids were Cherry Saarik (Nee Whitby) sister of the Bridegroom) and Beryl Hulbert (Nee Hawes)– Milton Mount College School friend of the Bride.

Congratulations also to **David and Avril Turner** as they celebrate their Golden Wedding on 25th June.

Wedding

Congratulations to **Nicholas and Pippa Inman** who were married at Wooler URC on 17th April.

Football

Well done to **Hannah Martin** who received the footballer of the year trophy in her local team. It's good to see that girls can excel at football.

Jean Neville Briggs

It is with sadness that we have to report the death on 21st March 2010 of Jean Neville Briggs. A Service to celebrate her life was held in the Church on 31st March, and was conducted by Revd. David Legge. Jean was 94 and had lived a full life, being a Wife, and mother to two sons, had a Nursing career, and other activities, plus her part in the Church, particularly as Cradle Roll

Secretary. We extend our love and sympathy to her Husband and Sons, together with their extended families.

Thank you message

I would like to thank all my dear friends for their prayers, cards, telephone messages and thoughts during the past few difficult months for me. It's so good to be back with you all once more.

Doreen Fillingham

What's Happening!

Synod Day

This year the Synod summer day is Saturday June 12th at Bluecoat School. If you didn't attend the one 2 years ago you missed out on a good day so come along this year. There will be a speaker at the opening worship followed by workshops. There is a variety of these, some are serious and some are fun. You can choose which you want to do. It's a good opportunity to mix with other Churches in the synod on an informal basis. Please complete one of the forms that are in the Garden Room and hand it to Jill or ask her if you can't find one. I'm sure you will have a good day.

Sherwood Art Week

Sherwood United Reformed Church is to play a major part in this years Sherwood Art Week during the opening weekend to the festival.



On the first Saturday of the week- June 19 we will be hosting the opening ceremonies and events as the preferred venue (The Robin Hood) will by then be closed. So our garden at the back of the church will become the place to be on that day, with stalls and music. Our regular coffee morning will still be held, and perhaps open for a little longer than usual until the Rotary Club will come in and serve afternoon Cream Teas!

On the Sunday we will host a special "Arts Week Songs of Praise" with hymns (hopefully) chosen by the organisers and contributors to the week. From around midday there will be stalls out in the garden once again with arts workshops and activities for children.

On both the Saturday and the Sunday in the "Foyer" and the "Sherwood Hall" there will be a display of children's art work from local Schools.

This will be an exciting weekend for us all, and many people will come through our doors. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet the people from our community, and for them to see inside the United Reformed Church!

The Art Week organisers will provide attendants for the events but it will be good for Church members to come in and represent us.

Sherwood Festival

The Art Week will culminate with a festival on Woodthorpe Park as it has done in the past. We would like some volunteers to help run the 'Churches together in Sherwood and Carrington' stall. Please listen for the announcements for this event.

David

BIBLE SOCIETY
GARDEN PARTY AND STRAWBERRY TEA
in the garden at
Sherwood United Reformed Church
1 Edwards Lane
SATURDAY JULY 17th 2010 2 – 5 p.m.

**There will be stalls selling cakes, preserves,
fancy goods, nearly new items**

EVERYBODY WELCOME

If the weather is inclement the sale will be held indoors

What's been going on?

Easter 2010 at Sherwood

Maundy Thursday where 21 of us sat down to a meal in the garden room, commencing with soup, followed by cheese and biscuits, and tea or coffee. This meal incorporated the liturgy of the communion service, between the courses, and included hymns, prayers and



readings, concluding with the communion service. All those attending felt the fellowship of those around them, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Good Friday walk

... took place on a cold morning. A good number of people from all the Churches in Sherwood and Carrington took part. After some prayers, readings and hymns at St Martin's they all processed across to us where they filled the Garden Room.



After a reading, hymn and prayer we all moved into the car park where we had to speak loudly to combat the traffic and wind. After several stops we finished at St John's where a welcome cup of coffee awaited us.

Saturday 3rd April and a happy band prepared spring baskets and vases of flowers, to decorate the Church.

The younger people, with helpers, were in the Hall preparing the Easter Cross with yellow flowers and an outline of greenery.

Easter Sunday At 8.30a.m. fifteen of us gathered together in the Garden Room for a half hour Service of Meditation. This was followed by breakfast, cereal, juices, eggs, toast and marmalade, plus tea or coffee, not forgetting a little packet of mini chocolate Easter eggs, for everyone.



The 10.30a.m. Service was for all ages, and the beautifully decorated floral cross, was carried into church by some of our young people, one of whom also brought round a basket with a mini egg for every member of the congregation. The Service also contained the Ordination and Induction of Elders, and Communion.

Our Easter Services concluded with coffee in the Hall. Our thanks go

to all those who worked so hard from Maundy Thursday, to Easter day, preparing the tables and food, for both the Maundy Thursday meal and breakfast on Easter Day. The flower arrangers and decorators, enabling us to have such a beautifully decorated Church, not forgetting the helpers and young people who prepared the Easter cross. Do go and have a look on the **Church**

website at the photographs that were taken of the Easter Activities.

Pam Whitby

Dorothy Magai's Farewell Tea party



On the evening of Saturday 10th April, just over 30 friends enjoyed a tea party – tinged with sadness because we were saying Farewell. The proceedings commenced with a delicious buffet tea, prepared by Creative Flavours.

A tribute was given to Dorothy by Jean Bull her Elder. David our Minister presented Dorothy with a cheque, which was a gift from the Church to her.

Dorothy wished to leave a gift to the Church and this was a beautiful 3D picture of the "Last Supper" , and also an ornate peace candle.



As Dorothy was a member of the Choir they sang a "Farewell" song to her.

Dorothy has served Sherwood U.R.C for about nine years. She has undertaken many jobs – serving coffee, cleaning the church and grounds, arranging flowers, singing in the Choir – to name but a few.

We admire her hard work and studies at the Nottingham Hospitals, where she finished her thesis, and obtained her Doctorate. She has been an example to us all by her Christian life. We shall miss her smile, and her love towards everyone of us.

We pray for her health and safety on returning home to Malawi. May God's blessings go with you Dorothy.

Joy Hammond

The Bible Society of Brazil

Rev. Ian Wiseman's animated talk on March 19th was very inspiring, he spoke without notes very enthusiastically. First he told us about a very respected family from Nottingham, the Wilson family who lived in Castlegate, and attended the Congregational Church there. Sarah Wilson decided to go to Brazil as a Missionary, on the long sea voyage she met Dr. Robert Reid Kalley who was 16 years her senior, and they married. It was Sarah who took the British and Foreign Bible Society to Brazil. Since the second World War it has been called the Brazilian Bible Society.

We were shown a D.V.D. of the printing of Bibles in Brazil, huge printing presses producing 18 million Bibles a year, enormous warehouses and trucks distributing them.

We also saw a D.V.D. of the present work of the Bible Society in Brazil. A large boat has been adapted to have a medical surgery and operating facilities, which travels along the Amazon river, calling at the villages situated on its banks. People come to the boat for healing, and to receive the precious Bibles, they are amazed that people care about them, and want to help.

The latest project is for the poorest North East part of Brazil, where the desert area exists. A large truck has been adapted to bring Bibles, and healing to people in this inhospitable land. The talk made me feel proud to be associated with the Bible Society today.

Jean Bull

Re-dedication of buildings at Boulevard

Several years ago, John and I attended the opening of the new Sanctuary, at the **Boulevard United Reformed Church**, a redesigned place of worship at the rear of the existing Church. I have a special affinity to the Boulevard Church, as it was my Father and Grandfathers place of worship, and I was christened there.

On Saturday 27th March 2010 we were delighted to be with the congregation again for their re-dedication service, this time it was the former "body" of the original Church, devoid of pews, and a wonderful open space for general purpose use. The Service was introduced by Kathleen Pass, and then led by the Moderator Revd. Terry Oakley.

A lively multicultural service , with music from Interlude, and a Malawian

Song sung by one of the congregation. The tape was cut by the Moderator, and after the Service we were able to go through to the new "space" which had been decorated attractively in pastel shades of cream, pink



and blue, the oak floors had been "buffed" and returned to their original glory, - where tables and chairs were set out, and a beautiful buffet for tea. Round the outside of the room, displays from the various organisations, who use the premises. John and I had a lovely afternoon, in a warm and welcoming environment, thank you for inviting us, and we wish you well with your new endeavour.

Pam Whitby

General

Prime Time

Several appeals have been made in the Church Magazine over the past few months for help either in the kitchen or with transport, unfortunately with no response. We are desperately short of volunteers and if none are forthcoming, there is a distinct possibility that Prime Time will have to close. This obviously would be a great shame as the Lunch Club is a service to the community and greatly enjoyed by those attending. The lunch club meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. If anyone feels they are able to help, please put your name on the list in the Foyer. Many thanks

David Hughes

Treasurer's News

Sunday Offertories

March 2010 £924.20	March 2009 £1,236.70 (5 Sundays)
April 2010 £1,081.80	April 2009 £1,054.70

Lettings

March £1,226.10	April £1,122.00
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As this is my last report as Treasurer I would like to thank all the members of the Finance Team for their support and encouragement over the last few years. I wish Janet Beeby every success in her new role as Treasurer.

Bev Lockyer

Our grateful thanks to Bev who for many years has so ably managed all aspects of our Church accounts, and presented them to us in a most professional manner.



Last month Tricia & David visited the great steam engines at the Papplewick Pumping station. Admiring the craftsmanship and the dozens of tons of steel effortlessly, and almost silently, pumping hundreds of gallons of

water, Tricia's brother-in-law Mark said "...and where did we get the idea that water should be free?"

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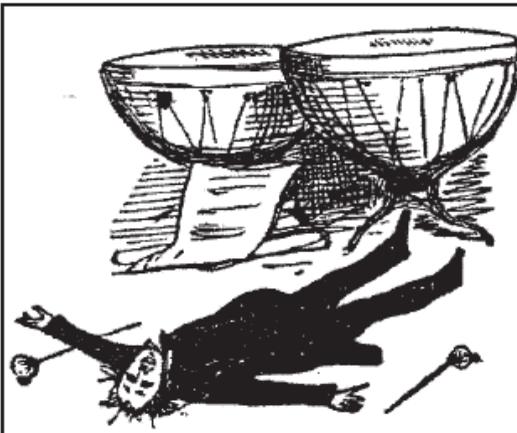
Flower Rota Marita Chambers and Sheila Waldron	June	6	
		13	
		20	Doreen Fillingham
		27	
	July	4	
		11	
		18	Joy Hammond
		25	

Ground Rota	June	5	Kath & David Hughes
		12	Norman & Edna Parr
		19	Peter Seed
		26	George McAdams
	July	3	Kath & David Hughes
		10	Norman & Edna Parr
		17	Peter Seed
		24	George McAdams
		31	Kath & David Hughes



Sunday Rota
organised by Jill 9532915

	Vestry Elder	Door Stewards	Coffee
June	6 Joy Hammond	Team D Ted Sheppard (Eve)	Jean Bull Janet Beeby
	13 Jill Turner	Team A	Mavis Seed Shirley Ringrose
	20 Carol Foote	Team B	Joy Hammond Margaret McAdam
	27 Alison Taylor	Team C	Pam Richmond Doreen Fillingham
July	4 Gwen Roe	Team D Pam Richmond (Eve)	Jean Bull Janet Beeby
	11 Stefan Janiszewski	Team A	Mavis Seed Shirley Ringrose
	18 Kath Hughes	Team B	Joy Hammond Margaret McAdam
	25 Bev Lockyer	Team C	Pam Richmond Doreen Fillingham



**LAUGHTER
LINES**

42 choruses of
Shine Jesus Shine
were just too much
for Mr Higgins when
he moved up from
the tambourine.

Dates for your diary

June

Thu	3	11.00	Chill Out Meeting
		7.30	Elders' Meeting
Sun	6	10.30	Morning Worship with Junior Church
		6.30	Evening Epilogue with Communion
Sat	12	10.00	Summer Synod at Bluecoat School
Sun	13	9.15	Early Morning Worship
		10.30	Communion with Junior Church
Thu	17	6.30	Midweek service
Sat	19	11.00	Sherwood Arts Week (see article)
Sun	20	10.30	Songs of Praise
		12.00	Sherwood Arts Week (see article)
Thu	24	6.30	Tea followed by Church Meeting
Sat	26	11.00	Sherwood Festival on Woodthorpe Park
Sun	27	10.30	Morning Worship with Junior Church

July

Thu	1	7.30	Management Meeting
Fri- Mon	2 to 5	2.00	General assembly at Loughborough University
Sun	4	10.30	Morning Worship with Junior Church

	6.30	Evening Epilogue with Communion
Thu 8	7.30	Elders' Meeting
Sun 11	9.15	Early Morning Worship
	10.30	Communion with Junior Church
Thu 15	6.30	Midweek service
Sat 17	2.00	Bible Society Garden Party
Sun 18	10.30	Communion with Junior Church
Sun 25	10.30	Morning Worship with Junior Church

August

Sun 1	10.30	Morning Worship with Junior Church
	6.30	Evening Epilogue with Communion

Magazine Deadline

We really would like more contributions to our splendid Magazine! Please submit your contribution for the next issue of Church News by **Sunday, July 11th** email to Jill (jill.turner2@ntlworld.com) or written to Pam (926 8044)

Do you like the new look magazine?
What else would you like to see in it?
Let Pam, Jill, Stefan or David (or all four) know!

General Information

Minister: Revd David Legge, 0115 952 5759
Contact David for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

WORSHIP

Sunday Morning at 10.30 with activities for children.
with communion on the third Sunday of the month

'**Second Sunday** at 9.15' informal worship & breakfast in the Foyer.

'**Epilogue**', a short Communion Service,
on the first Sunday at 6.30 (Summer) or 3.30 (Winter).

Oasis is a half hour meditative service
held on the last Thursday of each month at 6.30 pm.

Voluntary offerings maintain the work of the Church and details of
planned giving can be obtained from Alison Taylor, Gift Aid Secretary
(07757311531) or John Whitby, Asst. Gift Aid Sec. (9268044)

Serving Elders of the church:

Janet Beeby	8400254	Bev Lockyer	9810960
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