



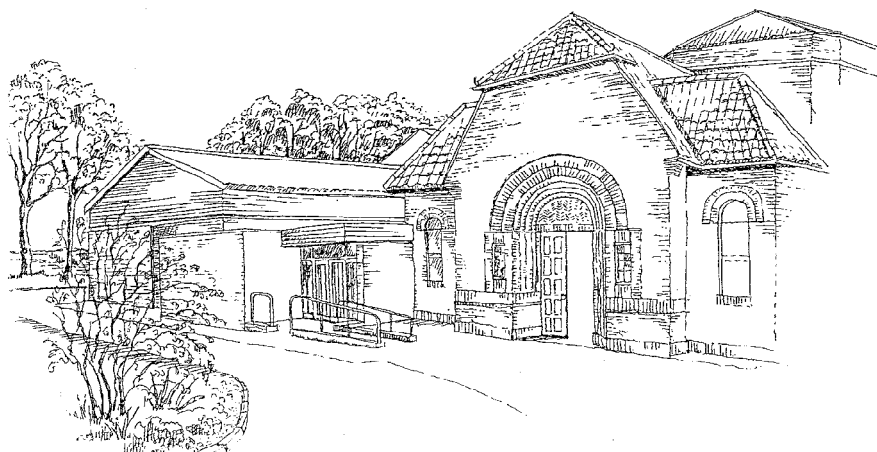
The
**United
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Church**

Sherwood

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The Newsletter



August and September 2011

Summer and early Autumn

“Let us go forward together” *Winston Churchill*

“Build one another up in love.” *St. Paul*

Ministers letter

Looking at the contents of the magazine this month I have to agree with the statement spoken by another magazine reader who said "What a busy Church Sherwood U.R.C. is nowadays!" There is certainly a lot going on in the buildings and in the lives of many of our members, and it is good to read about this in our 'rag'.

A book that I have just begun to read - "*Hit the Ground Kneeling*" - reminds me that this is not always a good thing! Of course, as a church, we are called to be busy about sharing the gospel – that after all is the purpose of the church. But if we are to share the gospel, that requires that we are ourselves immersed in the gospel. If we 'hit the ground running' then we will have no time to bathe in the gospel, to soak ourselves in the presence of God, to be drenched in the Holy Spirit.

This August, the one month of the year with very few meetings, I hope to put some quality time aside to do just that – to think about my faith and re-connect with God. I hope you do too.

Have a good, relaxing, spirit filled Summer!

David

Family News

Many Congratulations to two of our Members who have both become Great Grandmothers. Jean Bull whose Great Granddaughter Elizabeth Anna Wilson was born on 17th May.

Mavis Kimbley whose Great Grandson Samuel was born on 29th May to Heather and Alex Morgan at Pilgrim Hospital Grantham.

Cherry Saarik has had her operation and is now convalescing. She thanks everybody who has kindly enquired and sent cards.

Carol Foote is recovering well from her recent fall and hopes to be back amongst us soon.

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Deborah Anderson who is to be received into membership over the summer.

What's been going on

Beeston Big Band

On Thursday 26th May we spent more than two enjoyable hours foot tapping and getting "In the Mood" with the Beeston Big Band. It was a great pleasure listening to many hits from the 40's 50's and 60's including, Glenn Miller and a wonderful solo version of "Misty" played on the saxophone by Tracey Beeby specially for his wife Janet, her favourite and certainly one of mine. A very big "thank you" to the Compère, Musicians and Vocalist who gave us such a fantastic evening and raised £320. for Christian Aid. I'm sure we all hope to do it again soon.

Doreen Fillingham

Pentecost Praise Party

On Sunday 12th June after our morning Service we held a party. We all brought sandwiches for lunch, and the Church provided tea/coffee and orange squash. We enjoyed our usual coffee and biscuits after the Service, then settled down at tables for lunch, and at the same time did various quizzes, one connected with guessing the names of famous people and the other in respect of Pentecost (now who was listening during the Service!!) There was a bouncy castle which was much appreciated in spite of the rain, as it had a roof. As well as the bouncy

castle, we had floor games, crayoning, and table tennis, floor snakes and ladders etc. plus playing with the toys. We were delighted to have several members of Chill Out join us for the fun.

Sherwood Festival

Once again Churches Together in Sherwood and Carrington were out in force at the Sherwood Festival on Woodborough Park.



Gale force winds and torrential rain did not dampen our spirits! OK, I am exaggerating a bit - we did get wet from time to time but the sun soon dried us out.

The main thrust of the tent was the Bible - celebrating the 400th anniversary of the King James Version by inviting people to write out a verse in calligraphy style 'just like they use to do in days gone by'!



To get the little grey cells working there were some work sheets and quizzes for children, and the adults were invited to suggest a 'commandment' for the 21st century (that's this century, now!) We used these commandments in our worship on Sunday Morning.



Next to the Bible Tent Sherwood Methodist Church ran a taster for their Messy Church.

Sherwood Arts Week Craft fair

on Saturday 25th June we welcomed members of Sherwood Arts Group to our Church premises and garden.



Stall holders selling arts and crafts, plants etc. lined the car park on both sides, and there were further stalls on the back lawn (the secret garden) not forgetting the artists quarter in the back hall, it was estimated approximately 50 in all - and hundreds of people came to enjoy, look and buy!

Groups took it in turns to provide music for the event, including a steel pan band.

It was a happy family occasion with beef burgers, candy floss, a beer tent, coffees provided in the morning by

Christian Aid Coffee morning team, and afternoon cream teas supplied by the Sherwood Sunrisers Rotary Club.

The whole atmosphere was delightful, families enjoying picnics on the lawn whilst listening to the music, in fact a really wonderful day for everybody, it was estimated at least 1500 happy people attended the event.



Our thanks go to our own members who were stewards during the day, and then helped to tidy up afterwards, it was a long day for some, but very rewarding. Thanks also to SAW for organising this event, and choosing our 'Secret Garden' for the venue.

Prime Time Outing.

Wednesday 15th June dawned fine and bright – we were all very pleased about that as on this day Prime Time Lunch Club were having their annual outing. This year we had decided to visit Alison House Hotel – a beautiful Georgian building set in seven acres of lovely gardens on the outskirts of Cromford in the attractive Derbyshire hills (many of our Church members will remember the happy weekends we had there a few years ago – see pictures in the Foyer.)

Twenty five of us, Prime Time Guests, Helpers and Church members, set off from Church at 11.00am making full use of the lift to ascend into the coach. The coach driver was most friendly and considerate, helping all on to the lift.

We had a very pleasant drive including a run through Matlock Bath and Matlock arriving at the hotel just after noon. There we were offered drinks by the most attentive staff and shortly afterwards the hotel provided us with an excellent lunch. Did I detect a twinkle in one or two eyes when we found that Alison House is licensed for marriages!!!

After lunch many of us rested in the lounge and some went for a stroll into Cromford and then back onto the coach for a pleasant run around Carsington Water getting back to Church at 4.45pm

Many thanks to Kath and Pam R for organising the day which was enjoyed by all.

David H

The Moderators retirement service and party



It was a great pleasure and privilege for us to be invited to host this celebration of the forty years of Terry Oakley's Ministry.

We were joined by special guests from the different periods of his working life from college through Church Minister and Assembly Officer to Synod Moderator.

We wish both Terry and Joan a long and peace filled retirement.

Future Events

**7.00PM
SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER
£4.00**

Light Hearted Entertainment
from 14 Ladies & Gentlemen
harmonising S.A.T.B
together with
their professional Pianist

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Sept 10th 2.30-4.30pm
A family
fun day and
PARTY!



Introducing **PILOTS**:
The United Reformed
Church's Children's
organisation.

Come and see
what
it's all about!



Back to Church Sunday

here at the U.R.C. will be held on September 18th. Invitation cards will be available in August so that you can invite someone to this Special Service.

Work Day. There will be a Church Work Day on Saturday 24th September. Members and friends are invited to help clean various parts of the Church rooms and cupboards etc. that require a little extra attention. Please put this date in your diary.

Harvest Festival this is to be held on the 2nd October more details nearer the date. and will be focusing on Commitment for Life – the United Reformed Church's special partnership with Christian Aid.

Articles

Thoughts on Bibles

Do you have a “King James” Bible at home? The media has given quite a bit of coverage to the fact that this year is the 400th anniversary of the printing of the Bible in English. There had been English translations of the Bible before this but the King James went on to become the dominant edition in the English-speaking world and still remains in widespread use.

Howard and I both have copies. Howard’s copy is kept in its original box. It was a baptism gift and inside the box there is also his baptism certificate. My King James Bible came to me when my mum died. Inside the cover there is page to record the births and deaths of family members. Mum wrote in the births and sadly I have had to write in some of the deaths. This Bible didn’t originally belong to mum as on the cover engraved in gold lettering is the name “Bob Claiborne”. We don’t know anything about Bob; he isn’t a member of the family, so I can only assume that the copy came from a church bazaar at some time.

Until this year I must admit that I hadn't picked up the King James edition for quite a while. I had forgotten how much I liked it. This was the edition that was used for assemblies when I was at Haydn Road school.

In 1983 I was given a copy of the "Living Bible" by a friend for Christmas and this is the Bible I mostly use. Unfortunately the binding is now in a very poor state and some pages are loose. I intended to buy myself a new Bible but when I went to Waterstones I was faced with too much choice. There were so many different editions of the Bible and so I did what I usually do when faced with too much choice, I came away without making a purchase.

I also have two other Bibles at home. These were given to my brothers when they were at school. They are copies of the New Testament presented by the Gideons charity. One copy is the "New International" version and the other is the King James version. They are a handy size to pop in a handbag. I am not sure that either of my brothers ever looked at them though as they were in a very good condition when they were passed to me.

Here at Church we use the "Good News" Bible but very often when people read the lesson they read from their own favourite version of the Bible that they use at home.

So can you ever have too many Bibles? I treasure the Bibles I have. The style of language may be different in each version but the message remains the same. Perhaps having a Bible in a language that we understand is something that we take for granted. Let us remember the work of the Bible Society in our prayers as it continues the task of translating and printing Bibles into different languages for the millions of people who lack the Bible in a language that they can understand.

Bev Lockyer

Finance

		2011	2010
May	Offertories	793.60	1082.50
	Lettings	917.00	
June	Offertories	836.80	621.06
	Lettings	1451.50	

The Smartie Club Donations up to July 3rd amounted to £113.46, this compares to £99.16 for the same period last year. Thanks to all, "Smartie Club" Members – keep up the good work!

Christian Aid Week

The three churches in Sherwood took part in Christian Aid Week this year. The total raised was -

House to House Collections	£1,427.70
Church Collections	£132.95
Concert	£320.00
	<u>£1,880.65</u>

Diary

August

Wed	3	12.00pm	Prime Time
Sun	7	10.30am	Morning Worship / Junior Church
Sun	7	6.00pm	Epilogue - a 'reflective' communion
Sun	14	9.15am	Early-Birds Morning Worship

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Wed	16	12.00pm	Prime Time
Sun	21	10.30am	Morning Worship / Junior Church
Sun	28	10.30am	Morning Worship / Junior Church

September

Thur	1	11.00am	Chill Out Meeting
Thur	1	7.30pm	Management Meeting
Sat	3	7.00pm	Concert by The Sometime Singers
Sun	4	10.30am	Morning Worship / Junior Church
Sun	4	6.00pm	Epilogue - a 'reflective' communion
Tues	6		Communications Meeting
Wed	7	12.00pm	Prime Time
Thur	8	11.00am	Chill Out
Thur	8	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
Sat	10		Fun Day - Introducing PILOTS
Sun	11	9.15am	Early-Birds Morning Worship
Sun	11	10.30am	Morning Worship / Junior Church
Thur	15	11.00am	Chill Out
Thur	15	6.30pm	Oasis
Sat	17		Induction of Rev Peter Meek as Moderator of East Midlands Synod at Sherwood URC

Sun	18	10.30am	Back to Church Sunday
Wed	21	12.00pm	Prime Time
Thur	22	11.00am	Chill Out
Sat	24	10.00am	Work Day
Sun	25	10.30am	Morning Worship / Junior Church, Communion
Thur	29	11.00am	Chill Out

October

Sat	1	10.00am	Decorating for Harvest
Sun	2	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving
Sun	2	6.00pm	Epilogue - a 'reflective' communion

Magazine Deadline

We really would like more contributions
to our splendid Magazine!

We are sure that you have something to share!

Please submit your contribution
for the next issue of Church News
by Sunday, September 4th.

If you possibly can, send it by email
to Jill (jill.turner2@ntlworld.com)
or written to Pam (926 8044)
who will type it for you.

Rotas

Sunday	Flowers	Coffee	Grounds (Sat prev)	Cleaning(week commencing)
August				
7	Mavis & Peter S	Jean B & Janet B	Norman & Edna Parr	Marita Chambers +
14	Joy Hammond	Joy & Margaret McA	Peter Seed	Gwen Rowe
21	Dorothy Gerrie	Pam R. & Doreen	George McAdams	Pam Whitby +
28		Mavis S & Shirley	Kath & David Hughes	Kath Hickling
September				
4	Pam Richmond	Jean B & Janet B	Norman & Edna Parr	Mavis Seed +
11	Kath & David H	Joy & Margaret McA	Peter Seed	Janet Beeby
18	Ted Sheppard	Pam R & Doreen	George McAdams	Pam Richmond +
25	Joy Hammond	Mavis S & Shirley	Kath & David Hughes	Tricia Legge

Flowers: *Each Sunday we enjoy seeing a beautiful bunch of flowers on the communion table, and sometimes in the Garden Room. As you can see for most Sundays no-one is down to do this simple yet very appreciated job. Can you take one of these vacant Sundays? Or another Sunday in the year perhaps to commemorate someone or some event? Please make you offer to Marita Chambers or Sheila Waldron*

Regular Weekly Events**at Sherwood U.R.C**

- Mon 10.00 - 12.00 Line Dancing
5.00-7.00 Shakinah Glory Cell
7.30 pm Singing for fun choir
- Tue 11.30 am Osteoporosis group (Sherwood Hall)
3.30 - 8.15 Children's Dance Class including
various age classes
- Wed 10.00 - 11.00 Osteoporosis group (Sherwood Hall)
12.00 noon Prime Time Lunch Club (1st & 3rd)
5.00 - 7.00pm Diet and fitness Group
- Thu 11.00 - 1.00 'Chill Out' drop-in
for under fives and their carers
afternoon Book Club (once a month)
7.30 pm Reformed Players
- Fri 10.00-12 noon Open Door
(Church open for quiet time)
11.00 am Stroke Club (fortnightly)
- Sat 10.30 am Christian Aid Coffee Morning
(Traidcraft, cakes,
greeting card stalls etc.)
10.30 am Progressive Christian Network
(discussion group)
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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 6.00 p.m. (Summer) or 3.30
(Winter).

Oasis is a half hour meditative service wing
held on the third 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:

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Jean Bull	9260714	Pam Richmond	9263310
Joy Hammond	9624636	Gwen Roe	8475182
David Hughes	9604432	Peter Seed	9190069
Kath Hughes	9604432	Jill Turner	9532915
Stefan Janiszewski	01623 750374	Alan Waldron	9653283

Church Officers:

Church Secretary:	Stefan Janiszewski	0771 071 8137
Assistant Church Secretary:	Jill Turner	953 2915
Church Treasurer:	Janet Beeby	840 0254
Pulpit Supply Secretary:	Jill Turner	953 2915
Chair of Management Cttee.	David Hughes	960 4432
Organist:	Marita Chambers	962 5700
Magazine Secretary:	Pam Whitby	926 8044
Flower Secretaries:	Marita Chambers	962 5700
	Sheila Waldron	965 3283
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To whom all enquiries for room use should be made