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An Anglican Methodist Partnership

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Christ in Nether Edge & Us



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Welcome & Cover Illustration

Welcome to all readers of NEXUS. Our late summer edition celebrates the last of the summer sun (and hasn't it been amazing this year) as well as the resumption of activities in church, school and work life. It is the season of harvest and the wonderful Nether Edge Festival, in which we play our part. There are links to further information contained within the text and readers may find it easier to access those links by accessing Nexus on our web page <http://www.standrewspalterlane.org.uk/> Nexus is curated by Anne Hollows 07723407054, anne.hollows@gmail.com Contributions for the next edition of Nexus are most welcome and will be needed by Tuesday 18th September

Letter from Gareth

Dear friends,

It's sometimes worth asking ourselves what makes a church. What are the features or characteristics that identify a particular community of people as a church?

The Sheffield Methodist Circuit decided recently to engage with precisely this question through an initiative called Holy Habits. You'll be able to read about Holy Habits in more detail in Chris L's article a little later in this edition of Nexus, but to put it briefly, HH began as a programme developed by the Birmingham Circuit a few years ago, and alongside this came a book written by Andrew Roberts, a Methodist minister, and more recently a series of accompanying resource booklets. The "habits" refer to the practices of the very early church as described in chapter 2 of the Acts of the Apostles. These are: eating together; prayer; making more disciples; gladness and generosity; breaking of bread; service; fellowship; worship; biblical teaching; and sharing resources. This description in Acts is seen as putting forward a model of church life to be imitated by all communities of disciples of Christ, and the Holy Habits programme invites churches to look at each habit in turn as a way of exploring how these can be part of the life of discipleship today.

All the churches in the Sheffield Methodist Circuit were asked to consider whether they would like to participate in the programme, and I noticed this week that the Diocese is also now making the resource material available. Our Leadership Team here at SAPLC decided not to commit fully to Holy Habits, partly because we are already focusing on a number of things – not least the objectives from last year's away day. However, we felt nonetheless that the list of habits could provide a helpful way of reflecting on what it means to be a church, and asking ourselves whether there are aspects of church life to which we could give more attention. We therefore agreed to consider them in our house groups and occasionally in our Sunday worship – hence Chris's article. If you don't currently belong to one of the house groups, I wonder whether this might be an opportunity to consider joining one? If there is enough interest, it might even be possible to start a new one.

In our Sunday worship, we hope to reflect on one of the habits every two months, mainly on the second Sunday of a month.

As indicated by some of the habits, the purpose of the church is not only to build up its internal life. The former Archbishop of Canterbury William Temple once said that “the Church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members.” Another forthcoming series of events I’d therefore like to mention is this year’s Nether Edge Festival, which takes place from 15th-23rd September, and about which you can read more in Jean’s article in this Nexus. Once again, SAPLC and its members will be playing a significant role in this. There are a number of events that we shall be organising, and others that we shall host. Some are primarily spiritual, others creative, and still others to do with building up the community. In addition, a number of church members will be involved in running and supporting events in other venues.

What then is the church (or *a* church)? There will be opportunities in the near future to reflect on this question.

Love and peace,
Gareth



CONTEMPLATION GOD'S PEACE

Simplicity will be followed in Nexus by Patience, Courage and Kindness (Gentleness and Generosity were in previous editions). We pray that we will be blessed by all of them. Marilyn

SIMPLICITY

Lord, make me simple - for I have become too complicated.
Take from me the vain dreams of sophistication and status,
and give me in return a desire to be shaped by the service
of others.

Take from me the desire to accumulate or hoard
and give me in return a decluttered life
and simple spirit.

Help me to be content with what is
and with who I am.

Help me to delight in what I see,
what I hear.

Help me to appreciate the people I know well.

Help me to see the stranger's grace.

Give me your gifts of straightforwardness and clarity.

Lead me into integrity.

Pull me from the deceits of shame
and let me become
wholehearted and
transparent.

That when people see through me
they might glimpse your trace.

Stephen Cherry

Holy Habits – heard of them?

You may have heard “Holy Habits” used as a term at SAPLC in recent months. Certainly both ECC and Leadership meetings have discussed them; and Gareth’s letter in this Nexus also talks about them.

The reason is that the Sheffield Circuit plans to start looking at 10 holy habits identified, and successfully used, by the Birmingham Circuit. In Birmingham, they took their inspiration from, “At the end of Acts Chapter 2 – vs 42– 47, we see a passage entitled “The Fellowship of Believers” which talks about the early church and the way it went about living out its ministry. This has been summarised by some as the **10 Holy Habits**”. (Taken from <http://www.holyhabits.co.uk>)

As in Birmingham, the Sheffield Circuit plans to work through the 10 Habits in a 2 year programme. For each Habit. the Birmingham team have published a booklet with materials for study groups, church services etc.

At SAPLC, we decided the timing is not right for us to incorporate the programme in all of our activities and worship, but that it would be good to work alongside the Circuit via our house group programme. So, up until Christmas, house groups will look at 5 of the Holy Habits: Fellowship; Prayer; Serving; Worship; and Eating Together. In winter 2019, we will look at the remaining 5.

It’s great that we have this opportunity to work alongside other local churches. And that makes it a particularly great time for people to be part of one of our house groups at SAPLC. We currently have a daytime group and an evening group, but it would certainly be possible (desirable!) to set up more.

So, what would joining a house group involve? Each house group meets 10-12 times between September and Easter, using a common programme of materials. The courses we study vary considerably: sometimes it is a particular ethical topic, sometimes the theme is one Bible book. Each session is a mixture of chatting, prayer, Bible reading,

discussion and coffee/tea. In other words, a sociable afternoon or evening during which each of us reflects on an aspect of our faith. And, no, we don't always agree with each other (and that's important).

If you want to know more, please talk to Chris Lowry, or anyone who is already part of one of our groups.

Talking Point : Taking the challenge

If August is high summer, the year's corner seems to turn in September as school and many other organisations pick up their threads and head towards... well the year's end. But here's the thing. As we pick up the threads of our lives after what has been a glorious summer (at least at the time of writing) it seems to be a good time to raise some of the critical issues in justice and peace work across faith communities. These are issues that urgently need some volunteers and I will be happy to talk to people who might be interested.

1. Universal Credit.

The roll out of UC in Sheffield is now scheduled to start in December. For those who haven't yet caught up with this, the impact in other cities has been disastrous. Detailed research has shown that it has little or no impact on increasing employment but it does create massive hardship. In summary it:

- 🎬 Amalgamates all previous benefits
- 🎬 Will be paid monthly as a single payment (current payments arrive at different points in the month enabling patterns of budget management; many claimants have no experience of money management)
- 🎬 Requires completion of a complex 40 page form, on line, which requires digital skills and a computer
- 🎬 Payments are often delayed for 6 weeks and sometimes much longer
- 🎬 Claimants can get a loan to cover the delay but it has to be repaid immediately posing further problems in budgeting

There are a number of consequential problems. First, there is a great need for people with capacity to take a lap top to a wifi enabled centre and help people complete the forms. No specialist knowledge is needed

but the ability to help people to persevere with form completion and basic digital skills are really important. The Department of Work and Pensions will provide awareness training. We are in the process of establishing a team of volunteers drawn from Methodist, URC, some Anglican and some RC churches; from the Sheffield Mosques and from a campaigning political group. These volunteers will provide this service at local centres across Sheffield. Problems thereafter will be referred to qualified advice workers, but this takes the pressure off them for the basic form filling. We need also to bear in mind that there are some key groups who will be most severely affected: people in privately rented accommodation; self employed or zero house contract workers; anyone with a sudden change in their circumstances; victims of domestic violence; anyone with a substance problem; people with health or disability difficulties; care leavers.

ACTION Could people at SAPL help with this? If you think you could volunteer to take your lap top to a wifi enabled place for half a day each fortnight please let me (Anne Hollows) know.

It will be really important to engage at a political level to protest about UC. The Methodist Conference agreed to lobby MPs and government. While all of Sheffield's MPs are opposed to UC, it won't hurt to let them know of our opposition.

ACTION – all members at SAPL should write to their MPs A sample letter will be available in hard copy and and online version will be circulated with the notices in the next 2 weeks.

2. Homelessness

I'm sure I am not alone in noticing the significant increase in street sleepers in Sheffield. There is a semi-myth that many are choosing to live on the streets, but research with which I'm currently involved in Manchester is showing that the biggest pull of the streets is the sense of camaraderie it offers and the fear of isolation that may follow moving to some form of housing. What is needed is a four stage programme, which the churches and faith communities are pursuing in Manchester: reduction (i.e. prevention) respite (i.e. emergency accommodation particularly in adverse weather); recovery (supported living) and

reconnection – long term engagement with ex-homeless people. The Methodist Church is currently starting to gather data on the extent to which Methodist people are making on the ground connections with these activities.

ACTIONS: It would be really good if someone at SAPL could be a lead person for homelessness. Beyond this, again letters to MPs, to Sheffield City Council and to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. Draft letters will be available shortly.

3. Human Trafficking

Human trafficking and modern slavery are increasing concerns in cities as well as the countryside. In a city like Sheffield you are most likely to encounter trafficked people in nail bars and in car wash locations. There is an interesting article here

www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jul/16/true-human-cost-5-pound-hand-car-wash-modern-slavery and here you can find details of an app recently launched by Anglican and catholic churches to alert you to the likelihood of trafficked people in car washes you use.

www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/jun/03/anglican-catholic-churches-condemn-carwash-slavery-england

Action – download the app and please let us know if you find that a car wash is using modern slaves.

Global Church

Christian Aid reminds us that this July is the seventh anniversary of South Sudan's independence , and asks us to "pray for our sisters and brothers Who have endured years of conflict, hunger and hardship. Give thanks for faith leaders in South Sudan who are working to broker peace. May they be blessed."

'Pray for....' is a frequent request , but interestingly ,the Methodist Prayer Handbook always asks us to 'pray WITH ' Christians around the world. Is the difference significant? Perhaps. Praying for... may give rise to a 'them and us' mentality. Praying WITH, necessitates a mental re-alignment, putting ourselves in others' shoes, crucially needing to

understand something more about their lives.

On Day four, the MPH invites us to pray for the Church in Equatorial Guinea - well, that must be ...er...somewhere near the Equator? Fortunately, a map is provided, and EQ (the only Spanish-speaking country in Africa!) is found, a tiny square clinging to the NW corner of Gabon on Africa's west coast.

In a recent TV game show, four celebrity contestants were asked to locate places in Africa. Only one (not the academic historian!) could locate Egypt. None knew the whereabouts of Timbuktu. Yes, it was just a game, but also possibly a bit of a challenge? Can we really care about people whose homes and lives are a mystery to us. Finding out about the lives and struggles of those we are asked to pray with and for is not so difficult in these days of many web sites and emails. And, very importantly, in doing this, we can often discover what the media rarely bother with, that there is good news to be celebrated even in the darkest places!



Interfaith News

Well, not so much news as thoughts.

I was recently asked what faith I would follow if I could not choose Christianity.

Why does any of us choose a religion?

Historically, we followed the path of our

parents and neighbours. This is primarily why I chose to learn more about Christianity and thereafter to stick with it. But now we are more aware that some of our neighbours follow different religions, or none, so choosing a faith is a more active decision. Some people pick up on one feature of a religion that appeals to them; maybe clear rules on moral behaviour (laws, diet, clothing, personal relationships etc.) or styles of worship (chanting, meditation or patterns of prayer, for example).

The most thorough, but arduous, method is to study every religion in depth before coming to a decision. Though few of us who attend Shirley

House Interfaith events do much studying in depth, we do get a taste of each other's beliefs and practices as they are lived day to day. The lovely barbecue on the 1st July was an excellent opportunity for this. Personally I feel aspects of both Paganism (seeing God at work in the cycles of nature), and Baha'i (established in 19th century Iran and combining teachings from many world religions as well as their own interpretations) contribute to my own understanding of Christianity.

Forthcoming Events - Once again, the deadline for Nexus just precedes our Interfaith planning meeting, so the only date for your diary is the **Nether Edge Festival Event in Church on Monday 17th September – Sounds of the Spirit 3.** Caroline Cripps

By the book

No reviews this edition but a link and a competition:

First for those of you who enjoyed reading Half of a Yellow Sun on the strength of Jean Allen's review last time (and if you haven't yet read it, it's so worth it). Chimamanda Ngoze Adichie has just given a brilliant TED talk 'The dangers of a single story'. She says 'Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Novelist' and tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice -- and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding. You can listen to her talk at www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story

And now for the competition:

What have you been reading this summer? Which book would you like to tell friends about, good bad or indifferent? Please would you write around 250 words telling Nexus readers about it. And there may be a prize!

Please ensure that your review is emailed to anne.hollows@gmail.com by 15th September.

Nether Edge Festival

As we enjoy the summer in Nether Edge, please spare a thought for the members of the Nether Edge Festival Committee who are beavering away preparing a panoply of pleasure for your delectation in September. Now in its fourth year, the Festival has grown into a nine day celebration of all things Nether Edge, with talks, music, art, crafts, sport, dance, food and drink - and more! The opening event at Common Ground and the closing Party in the Park at Chelsea Park are not to be missed - nor are all the things in between! Events are taking place all over Nether Edge, and are increasingly varied, as befits the multi-cultural personality of the area.

Each year SAPLC has become more and more involved in the Festival, supplying three members of the Committee and with an increasing number of events taking place in the Church and Shirley House.

Here are the events - all dates are in September, and events are in Church unless stated.

Regular events

Knit and Natter - with a talk and demonstration by Lyn Carruthers

Monday 17th 10-12am Shirley House

Memory Cafe - Tuesday 18th 10-12am

Parent and Baby Group - Friday 21st 10-11.30am

Festival events

Sounds of the Spirit - Monday 17th 7.30pm

Yarnstorming workshop Wednesday 19th 3-7pm Shirley House

Young Artists Exhibition (this year including crafts sessions for children)

Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th 3.15-6pm

Community Art and Craft Fair Saturday 22nd 12-4pm

It is marvellous to see such a varied selection of worthwhile events put on by one church. Please put the dates in your diaries now - more details (and a plea for helpers) to come!

Jean Allen

Gardening Notes: Late Summer

How long will the effects of very low rainfall go on? Well it depends if you looked after the right things. Your grass/ lawn, if it had not just been rolled out from a shop, will be just fine if it goes brown. Grass is used to long dry periods. Did you remember to put saucers under your outside pot plants? Shrubs and in particular those trees on dwarfing rootstocks, will need to be watered. Anything that you planted within the last 12 months will need your help too. Applying water to the roots slowly, so that it doesn't run away from your subject needs patience. But it is worth doing. Spraying and hosing indiscriminately is wasteful and not very effective. Adopting a recently planted street sapling, to give it 2 gallons of water each week would be a neighbourly thing to do. The plants that live in herbaceous borders generally will need some watering. I have had Phlox and Hellenium both wilting, I lost some of a variegated Berberis and other bushes are struggling. Watering in the morning is the most beneficial. Put a 4inch layer of mulch, using the contents of your compost heap from last year, after watering. Spent hops will suffice if you enjoy the smell but be careful with tender subjects. I over did it trying to force rhubarb this spring. Peas, beans and leafy crops will need water and protection from wood pigeons. Continue to plant salad veg and peas if you want a succession. Lettuce seed will germinate better if you put the seed packet into the fridge overnight. Sow them into a tray or pots to bring them on in favourable circumstances and make it easier to look after them. If you would like to see how I got on with my own garden this year, the local allotment show, Archer Lane Allotment Society, has the annual show on September first. I will be putting my produce into competition there.



It is open to the public from 2pm until 3pm.

The dry weather has not suited many insects. Biting ones have been pleasantly infrequent this year. Bees seem to have done OK. I have seen some unusual critters. I was minding my own business watering cucumbers in the greenhouse when a large noisy creature flew in

through the open door and hit the opposite wall, then both sides of the roof. Because of the racket it made I thought it must be a BIG beetle, and as it did not seem to be a respecter of persons, I got out of the way by leaving the greenhouse. About twice the size of a big bumble bee, a black body, a loud buzz, strong flight, an iridescent metallic blue shine in its wings and a fondness for my sweet peas. Where I photographed it. “This looks like the Mediterranean Blue Carpenter Bee and could be the first record for Sheffield!” I was told, “ it bores tunnels into wood to raise its young so not necessarily a great thing. But it's beautiful and a pollinator.”

Given the size of the bee they will be big holes! Well, they live in pairs not huge groups and there is lots of standing dead wood in Brincliffe Edge.

Bill

Food and Feasting

When I received Bill's article above, I replied thanking him and mentioning my courgette deluge – the only deluge my garden has seen these past 3 months. He replied with the following recipe and, with his permission, I am sharing it with you all.

Pickled Courgettes.

1lb (450 g) Courgettes thinly sliced in processor or mandolin.

Salt

1 Teaspoon turmeric

1 T'spoon Salt

2 T'spoons White mustard seed

2 Tablespoons clear honey

10oz (300ml) Cider vinegar

2 medium onions sliced into thin rings.

Sprinkle the sliced courgettes with salt and leave for an hour. (This salt is not in the list of ingredients)

Mix the Turmeric, salt, mustard seeds, honey and vinegar in a pan and bring to the boil simmering for 5 minutes only. Don't cover the pan or

reduce the volume of the fluid. Leave to cool skimming if required. Drain the courgettes, wash well and pat dry. Pack them tightly into warmed, clean jars with the onion rings. Cover with the spiced vinegar. We have found it best to half fill the jar with veg then put in some of the vinegar before completing the packing. It is easier to get the air bubbles out that way. Seal well and leave 2-3 days before eating.



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South Pennine Group
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Eco Church

In our previous Nexus report we encouraged our readers to attend an early evening event in Shirley House on 30th May. This was entitled “carbon Footprint Drop-in” and was part of this year’s Sheffield Environmental Weeks programme. Our group was very happy to organise and host this as it gave the opportunity to learn more about what a carbon footprint is, and at the same time to enable us to estimate the size of our own footprint. Many of us try very hard to keep our utilities consumption low, but we discovered how easily our efforts are undermined by travel, especially in the air. The event itself passed off efficiently but very quietly and we were never “overburdened” with visitors.

At the summer meeting of our group (5th July), we decided that our next initiative should involve the discussion, agreement and finalisation of a once-and-for-all plan to develop the area to the west and south sides of the church in an as ecologically and spiritually aware way as possible, and at the same time to maintain the whole area as a community resource. Over the past 7 years there have been several attempts to get things moving here and there has never been any shortage of ideas, suggestions and reports with even some actual landscape gardening work. For all this we are most thankful, though any progress has been very piecemeal. Our plan would build on all that has been previously considered but especially the latest survey (this June) conducted by Angus Hunter, the Biodiversity Officer of Sheffield City Council. We shall be consulting throughout the process with church members, the Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group (NENG), other relevant local and national organisations and our E.C.C.’s Property and Finance Committee, to whom the final report will be submitted. All being well, we then hope to enlist the help of student volunteers to implement the plan perhaps as part of their ongoing coursework. Our target is to begin the gardening work next spring. In a way, this article is the beginning of the consultation, so please do not be backward in coming forward with comments and ideas, to either Chris Lowry (255 6832) or myself.
Anthony Ashwell (255 0568)

Heritage Open Days 2018

As part of the annual Heritage Open Days festival, the church will be open for several days over two weekends in September. Take a short tour of the church, chat to our stewards about our history or simply enjoy the quiet space and wonderful light of our building.

Opening Times:

Thursday 6 September: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Friday 7 September: 11.30 am – 4.00 pm

Thursday 13 September: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Friday 14 September: 11.30 am - 4.00 pm

In addition to being open on these days, we are running two special events on Saturday 8th September:

Behind the Scenes Tour 10.00 am

Have you ever wondered what goes on ‘backstage’ in a church? What is all that silver for? Why do the ministers wear different colours? And what do all the buttons on the organ actually do?

Now is your chance to find out! Get a behind-the-scenes look at some of the bits of the church that are usually out of sight – look at the ministers’ vestments, get ‘hands on’ with the silver, visit the flower arrangers’ room and the choir vestry – whether you’re an interested newcomer or a regular church-goer, there’s sure to be plenty to learn! The tour will include a short demonstration of the organ, a look round our garden and a visit to Shirley House to see the Church Office, the Interfaith Room, the impressive staircase and stained glass window and the War Memorial from the old St Andrew’s parish church, before returning to church for a visit to the kitchen for some welcome refreshments.

Art Activity Afternoon 2.00 pm

Unleash your inner creativity - let our stunning New Creation window inspire you to make your own masterpiece!

We'll be providing the art and craft supplies for you to create your own interpretation of the beautiful New Creation Window, designed by

Rona Moody as part of our major modernization and refurbishment

work.

With paper and paint and much, much more to work with, what will you make? It could be a simple bookmark, a card for someone you love, or a bright stained glass-effect window poster!

The afternoon is open to everyone, young and old, and no artistic talent or skill is required - just the ability to enjoy yourself!

Refreshments will be provided.

Places for both of these are limited, so call Clare Loughridge on 0114 2584164 to book yours now!

Church and Community

Knit and Knatter

Mondays 10-12 noon Knit and Knatter. In Shirley House. Contact: Alison Gregg, 266 5638.

Parent and Baby Group: New baby in the family? Join our friendly group of parents - Mums and/or Dads with babies up to 12 months. Friday mornings during term time 10.00 – 11.30 at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church. It's a chance to meet other new parents in friendly relaxed surroundings. Refreshments teas, coffees, other beverages and home made cakes. Cost: £1. 50 per family per week Contact Muriel on 2551473 or Jean 2550198

17th Sheffield Monday Brownies

Mondays at St Andrew's Hall from 5.45pm – 7.15pm. If you are at all interested, please contact Chris Venables. 07950 432487 for further information.

Church Family

Congratulations to

Florence Body and Thomas (Oz) Osborne following their wedding in Llansteffan

Angela Hooper and Billy Woods following their blessing service

Eleanor Mitchell on her graduation with an MBiochem and as she prepares to undertake a PhD with the Oxford Interdisciplinary Bioscience Doctoral Training Partnership

Abigail Hathway and Richard Collins, who recently got married at SAPLC

the family of Scarlett Ogden following her baptism

Welcome back to Rachel, Alistair, Zac and Julia Morris after their 6 month stay in Virginia.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those with health concerns:

Peter Rothwell

Chris Lowry

George Glover

John Booter's brother Philip

Lisa Solk, daughter of Margaret and Trevor Mann

Joanne McManus's mother Margaret Abbey

Pauline Mottershead following her recent accident
and others who are facing difficulties

Young SAPLC

Sandcastles: Our monthly service for younger children and their parents/carers is on the second Sunday of the month at 9.15. All church members are welcome to attend these services and share in the worship with this part of the church family.

Junior Church: (Pebbles 3-5, Stones 6-10,) is during the main service at 10.30. Children between 2 and 3 can join in the youngest group (Pebbles) with a parent/carer)

About our services

Sunday Services

Normal pattern: 10.30 am Service: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Holy Communion service; 2nd and 4th Sunday, Morning Worship

Monthly services: 2nd Sunday – Sandcastles at 9.15 am
4th Sunday – Holy Communion at 9.15 am (using Common Worship and the Book of Common Prayer)

2nd Sunday – Holy Communion at Southcroft, 6.30 pm

Please note that the bread used in our communion services is gluten free. Both fermented and unfermented communion wines are used.

Wednesday Services

At the 10.00 Communion service on Wednesdays, we reflect together on a piece of spiritual writing. This may be from one of the Christian traditions, or sometimes from another tradition of faith. The person leading the service will make copies of the piece of writing to give out to everyone. Come and enjoy an oasis of reflective calm in the middle of a busy week, and join us for coffee or tea afterwards.

The Tuesday Café

The Tuesday Café, our café for people living with memory loss or dementia and their carers opened in the middle of March. The café takes place in the narthex in church on Tuesday mornings between 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon . We intend that it will be open every Tuesday of the year (except Christmas Day!) The café offers hot drinks, biscuits and homemade cakes, music, memory activities, and the opportunity for a chat. The café already has a good group of volunteers from the congregation and we are also grateful to those who have offered to bake for us. If you know anyone who might be interested in coming to the café, do please take flyer with all the information. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Judith Roberts.

CHURCH DIARY

AUGUST

Saturday 4 th	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	
Thursday 9 th	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1 st	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	
Wednesday 5 th	7.30 pm	Property and Finance Meeting	Interfaith Room
Thursday 6 th	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	
Thursday 6 th	10.00 am - 4.00 pm	Heritage Open Day	Church
Thursday 6 th	7.30 pm	Worship Planning	
Friday 7 th	11.30 am - 4.00 pm	Heritage Open Day	Church
Saturday 8 th	10.00 am – 12 noon	Behind the Scenes Tour – a Heritage Open Day event	Church
Saturday 8 th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Art Activity Afternoon – a Heritage Open Day event	Church
Tuesday 11 th	7.00 pm	Leadership Team Meeting	Narthex
Thursday 13 th	9.30 am – 2.30 pm	Belonging: a one-day live streamed conference to support churches' ministry with children and young people who have additional needs	Shirley House
Thursday 13 th	10.00 am - 4.00 pm	Heritage Open Day	Church
Friday 14 th	11.30 am - 4.00 pm	Heritage Open Day	Church
Saturday 15 th – Sunday 23 rd		Nether Edge Festival	
Sunday 16 th	2 noon onwards	NENG Farmers' Market	
Monday 17 th	To be confirmed	Sounds of the Spirit 3 – a Nether Edge Festival Event	Church
Wednesday 19 th	7.30 pm	ECC meeting	Narthex
Saturday 22 nd		Community & Craft Fair	Church
Saturday 29 th	6.00pm – 9.00 pm	Rev John Howard, Caitlin Procter and Kairos : an evening of life, food and farming in Palestine, both West Bank and Gaza, with recipes and food to share.	Church

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER SERVICES

August 5th	Tenth after Trinity	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
August 12th	Eleventh after Trinity	
10.30 am	Morning Worship	<i>Judith Roberts</i>
6.30 pm	Holy Communion at Southcroft	<i>Revd Anthony Ashwell</i>
August 19th	Twelfth after Trinity	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Anthony Ashwell</i>
August 26th	Thirteenth after Trinity	
9.15 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship	<i>Judith Roberts</i>
September 2nd	Fourteenth after Trinity	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
September 9th	Fifteenth after Trinity	
9.15 am	Sandcastles	
10.30 am	Morning Worship	<i>Imogen Clout</i>
6.30 pm	Holy Communion at Southcroft	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
September 16th	Sixteenth after Trinity	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
September 23rd	Seventeenth after Trinity	
9.15 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship at Quakers	
September 30th	Eighteenth after Trinity	
10.30 am	Holy Communion and Harvest Festival, followed by a Soup and Puddings Lunch	<i>Revd Gareth Jones and Mark Carrick</i>

Last Words:

Just 100 years after the birth of Nelson Mandela, three quotes to inspire us all:

To be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.

There is no passion to be found playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.

A fundamental concern for others in our individual and community lives would go a long way in making the world the better place we so passionately dreamt of.

A vibrant blue poster for the Nether Edge Festival. On the left, a stylized tree with green leaves and colorful triangular bunting flags is depicted. A small grey owl sits on a branch, and a yellow bee is shown flying nearby. The text 'CELEBRATING NETHER EDGE AND ITS COMMUNITY' is written in white above the main title. The title 'NETHER EDGE FESTIVAL' is in large, bold, white capital letters. To the right of the title, a purple circle contains the dates '15-23 SEPT' in white, and a red circle below it says 'MANY EVENTS ARE FREE*'. At the bottom right, a small line of text reads '*PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE AND PROGRAMME FOR PRICING INFORMATION'.

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