



CARLTON-IN-LINDRICK METHODIST CHURCH

CONTACT

March 2022



Dear Friends

It seems no time at all since I was writing and we were entering the season of Advent and Christmas and as always Lent and Easter are never far behind. This letter will be going out no doubt post Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Those observing some sort of Lenten Discipline will have already embarked upon it, and hopefully not already have slipped off course.

As I write this it is mid-February, I'm trying to get a little ahead of things as well as preparing for my sabbatical, and thinking about how we shall as a group of churches journey through Lent together. There have already been some ecumenical talks and discussions. By the time you will be reading this, hopefully things will be in place and up and running.

Thankfully this Easter is already feeling a bit more like what we are used to, but this doesn't mean we should be closed to trying new things. I always think that Holy Week can become a little lost after the joyous Palm Sunday, before arriving at the solemnness of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. It would be nice if one or two of our churches may open with prayer stations for people to come and visit and pray during Holy Week. I do hope that there will be an opportunity to hold a Maundy Thursday service at one of my churches and include communion. There is something so profound, when we leave the service in silence with the communion table stripped bare. After two years of being unable to fully participate in these traditions "in person" I think we should seize the opportunity to GO BIG and all out this year.

** Dancing in the desert –
A Meditation for the start of Lent*

Listen. Take some time now to tell God what makes your heart sing. Feel free to whisper whatever you want. It'll get where it needs to go.....

Sometimes you just need to hear that you are loved; sometimes that's enough – sometimes that's everything.

As you take a deep breath and submerge yourself in the waters; as you rise wet and warmed and welcome, prepared to walk into Lent, hear this;

*You are loved by God,
Each and every one of you:
Cherished, adored, liked,
Just as you are
God loves you,
Jesus loves you,
the spirit loves you;
Three-in-one
No exceptions
Follow Christ's footsteps,
Walk into the wilderness –
And dance in the desert.
Beloved of God,
Come on a journey.*

In Christ's Love
Rev Angela

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| MARCH | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Sunday 6 th | 3.00 pm | Rev Angela Potheccary – Café Church |
| Monday 7 th | 10.30 – 12 noon | Coffee Morning |
| Tuesday 8 th | 10.30 am | Property Committee (C&C) |
| Friday 11 th | See below | * Bag 2 The Future clothing collection |
| Sunday 13 th | 11.00 am | Morning Worship – Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook |
| Monday 14 th | 10.30 – 12 noon | Coffee Morning |
| Monday 14 th | 2.00 pm | Church Council (C&C) <i>(All our church member are also members of the Church Council)</i> |
| Sunday 20 th | 11.00 am | Morning Worship – Own Arrangement |
| Monday 21 st | 10.30 – 12 noon | Coffee Morning |
| Sunday 27 th | 11.00 am | Clocks go forward Mothering Sunday – Morning Worship – Rev Angela Potheccary |

* See below

Please note the change of time for Sunday 6th



Bag 2 The Future

A reminder that the bags will be collected on Friday 11th March. If you haven't had chance to clear your wardrobes there's just about time left to do it!

Please bring your bags when you come to morning worship on Sunday 6th March, or during coffee morning on Monday 7th, or during the week by arrangement with Eddie. If you would like your bags collected please telephone Eddie on 733288.

Bag 2 The Future is interested in collecting **good quality adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains, and towels.** All items are for **RE-USE**. No bric-a-brac please. (They **do not** accept school or work uniforms, duvets, pillows and cushions.)

Advance Dates

Thursday 7th April 3.00 pm Church AGM
(This date has changed from Sunday 22nd May, which some of you may have in your diary.)

First Signs of Spring

Eddie spotted the first snowdrop in his garden on 16 December last year. Anyone beat that? There was a lonely daffodil in a garden near church on 17 February, no doubt joined by more now, as snowdrops and crocuses appear on grass verges and in gardens, and leaves of bulbs come through. Keep watch for a Spring 'treasure hunt' next month!!



LENT COURSE 2022



Based around the films *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *Chronicles of Narnia*, and *Shadowlands*.

“Each film clip is related to one of the sayings of Jesus. Topics covered range from the challenging – Suffering, God’s absence, hell – to the distinctly unfashionable – Sin, Judgement and the Devil. Each session ends with a brief meditation.”
(Taken from back of the book.)

All sessions will be on Zoom.
Please contact Angela if you would like to join.
angela.pothecary@methodist.org.uk

(The book is available from Amazon at £5.25, and other online stores too.)

Friday 4th March 1.30pm – 3pm

Week One: Living in the Shadows.

Friday 18th March 1.30pm – 3pm

Week Two: Living with the beyond

Friday 25th March 1.30pm – 3pm

Week Three: Living with the unexplained.

Friday 1st April 1.30pm – 3pm

Week Four: Living with what we have been given

Friday 8th April 1.30pm – 3pm

Week Five: Living with Absence

At the end of the course there is set out in the book a meditative service which can be used in Holy Week. This would be nice to do in person at one of the churches at the start of Holy Week and something the group could decide as we near the end of Lent.

TREASURE (Yvonne)



Treasure Island was written by Robert Louis Stevenson in 1883 – an exciting book about pirates and a map of an island to find a chest of buried gold. Treasure can be jewels, gold coins and diamonds, but treasured memories and nostalgic items are more precious to us.

Treasures come in so many ways.
The sun that lights up the cloudy days.
A rainbow from a summer shower.
A rose that blooms within an hour.
Yes, treasures come in many ways.

From a poem by Patricia Cisco



Here are the real jewels of mankind –
breathing, smiling, walking, watching the sunrise,
listening to the birds, smelling the forest.
Know thy true treasures.

Mehmet Murat Ildan

RECIPE CORNER (Yvonne)



Golden Rice

150g basmati rice
300ml water and veg stock cube
½ teaspoon turmeric
1 lime – zest and cut in half
Soy sauce

Red pepper – remove core & seeds and slice
Green beans – chop into 3
Carrot – grated
Ginger – grated
2 spring onions

Pour water into a saucepan over high heat. Stir in vegetable stock, rice and turmeric. Bring to the boil with lid on. Leave to cook gently for 10 minutes, remove the pan from the heat (still covered) and leave for another 10 minutes or until ready to serve (it will continue to cook in its own steam).

Heat oil in a large frying pan over a medium high heat. Once hot, add the green beans and red pepper, and stir fry for 5-6 minutes. Add spring onions, ginger and lime zest into the pan. Stir together and cook for 1 minute, then pour in the soy sauce. Stir together and cook for 2 minutes, then remove from the heat. Squeeze in half the lime juice and a pinch of pepper and sugar. Mix together. Fluff up the rice with a fork and stir it into the veggie mixture along with the grated carrot. Serve in bowls.

Pomegranate seeds are like jewels and can be added to salads or desserts.

Millionaire's Shortbread

Base

240g unsalted butter, cubed
300g plain flour
120g sugar

Topping

240g butter
240g light muscovado sugar
4 tbsps golden syrup
400g condensed milk

200g plain chocolate (70% cocoa)

Heat oven to 180°C, Fan 160°, Gas Mk4. Rub butter into flour and work in sugar until mixture clings together. Press into a shallow tin (about 23cm x 20cm) and bake for 20-25 minutes.

Put butter, sugar, syrup and condensed milk in a pan and gently simmer. Whisk and cook for 10 more minutes until thick. Pour over shortbread and chill until firm. Melt chocolate in bowl over hot water. Pour over toffee and smooth. Leave to set. Cut into pieces.

World Book Day is on 3 March this year. Their website says this:

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. Our mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own.

It's not just youngsters who enjoy reading for pleasure is it? Many of us love to settle down with a good book (when time permits!!), or read a chapter or two before we go to sleep at night. Some books may be treasured possessions for any number of reasons – the first one we were ever given, a prize from school or Sunday School, a gift from someone special. I've just looked up a

favourite story I remember reading as a child and you can now buy it on the internet – it's classed and 'old and rare' – no comment !

And of course, the best-selling book of all times is the Bible. We are fortunate that we can go to a book shop and buy one, but there are many countries where this is still not the case, even in the 21st century. Book Aid (not to be confused with Bookaid International) is a charitable trust which ships new and second-hand Christian books and Bibles to areas of need. In particular it supports Christian bookshops, mainly in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. One of their four UK shops is at Ranskill, and books can be taken there to be shipped out. Full details of what they accept are on their website.



Everyday expressions borrowed from the Bible

Let there be light
Genesis 1:3

There is nothing new under the sun
Ecclesiastes 1:9

At their wits end
Psalm 107:27

Pride comes before a fall
Proverbs 16:18

To go the extra mile
Matthew 5:41

To escape by the skin of your teeth
Job 19:20

A man after my own heart
Acts 13:22

(From a tea-towel sold by The Leprosy Mission)

Hidden Treasure

The Lord does not look at the things people look at.
People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.
1 Samuel 16: 7

I love antique fairs. I'm a painter so I'm always on the lookout for interesting drawings or paintings. One day I'm going to find an unrecognised masterpiece by Turner. It's not happened yet but maybe next time?

Some time ago I bought an old Victorian oil painting. It was very dirty and had obviously been in a room above a smoky coal fire for years. It was covered in grime and stained dark brown. I could just about make out a tree and a couple of sheep. I licked my finger and rubbed it a bit. A bit of the tree began to show. It looked well painted so, after a bit of haggling, I took a risk and bought it.

Back home I went over the painting with a damp cloth and just a bit of soap. That got rid of some of the grime. Then, very carefully, I began to clean off the old varnish and bit by bit the picture began to show until the whole painting revealed itself.

It's not a great painting but it's a good one, and I can see it now the way the artist meant it to be. He painted it with love but over the years the grime and smoke had dulled and darkened it.

Life can get very heavy; overlaid with worry and routine. The beauty gets hidden under all our responsibilities. Maybe we need to shake off the dust, clean ourselves up, and live the way God meant us to be. And if we took a bit of time and trouble we might begin to recognise the possibilities on other people.

Lord, let me look below the surface of life and find the treasure hidden deep inside.

Eddie Askew (1997)

When did they first play cricket in the Bible?

When Peter stood up with the 11 and was bold



How do we know Moses often wore a wig?

Because sometimes he was seen with Aaron and sometimes without

QUIZ TIME



Treasure Quiz

Answers include precious metals & gems, eg 50th anniversary – Golden wedding

1. Tall pirate
 2. Sandy stretch in Lancs
 3. Marilyn's mates
 4. Bulks up scotch broth
 5. Great exhibition for supporters
 6. Digit with the Midas touch
 7. Sean Connery's last
 8. Marilyn or Jean Harlow
 9. Fearsome gorilla
 10. A spy or a duck?
 11. At the end of the yellow brick road
 12. Naval base in Hawaii
 13. Will Del & Rodney drop it?
 14. The way to San Francisco
 15. Caroline, his sweet girlfriend?
 16. Bernie the Bolt's game
 17. Dorothy's footwear
 18. Is there a leprechaun here?
 19. In a hurry in 1848
 20. Mercury
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A Prayer for peace in Ukraine

Holy and Gracious God

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life,
and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn
our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy.

Amen

Closing date for items for the next Contact – Monday 21st March

CHILDREN'S PAGE

LENT

Lent this year begins on Wednesday 2nd March. Lent is the time of the year when Christians prepare for Easter. Some people give up something like chocolate or other things that they normally enjoy. This helps them to remember the suffering of Jesus and also the time when he was tempted to use His special powers in a wrong way. Jesus remained faithful to God His father, and resisted the temptations.

Jesus was tempted when he was going without food in the desert. He did this for forty days (nearly six weeks). Lent lasts for forty days. So it is a time when we remember that Jesus was tempted and also that he suffered and died for us.

The day before Lent begins is Shrove Tuesday, better known as Pancake Day. Monks used to eat up those things that would be wasted if they went without food for Lent. The last of this was on Shrove Tuesday. So we eat pancakes with different toppings to remember that this is the last day before Lent. You will probably have eaten your pancakes by the time you read this, so Lent will have started. We are then in the time of preparation for Easter – when we remember everything that Jesus sacrificed for us.

God bless you
Rev Alan



PANCAKE DAY WORDSEARCH

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BATTER

LENT

CHOCOLATE SPREAD

MILK

EGGS

PANCAKE DAY

FLOUR

SHROVE TUESDAY

FRYING PAN

SUGAR

LEMON

SYRUP

Fill in the missing letters below to show items you might have as toppings for your pancakes.

(Clue: some of them appear in the wordsearch)

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A colouring page for the young at heart

WE PRAY FOR

