



# CARLTON-IN-LINDRICK METHODIST CHURCH

## CONTACT

July/August 2022

Dear Friends

In the Boys' Brigade we are talking about St Paul at the moment. We have learned how he became a follower of Jesus, of his imprisonment in Philippi and of the shipwreck that took him to Malta. (See Children's Page.) He had been a very strict Jew and he carried that approach into his new found belief. He learned most of the message directly from God. He then set about fulfilling his calling by telling as many people as possible about Jesus.

Paul saw Jesus as the fulfilment of the prophecies in what is now the Old Testament. Once Peter had gained approval from Jerusalem about preaching to Gentiles, Paul went to a wider audience. He set up worshipping groups that later were called Churches. He went all over the eastern Mediterranean and was preaching whilst he was a prisoner on his way to trial in Rome.

He was zealous in his preaching and teaching. He left rules in place wherever there was a church. He wrote to the Churches to remind them of this and of the basic message of the truth of Jesus. He even found that there were disputes growing between different Churches. Some were very evangelical whilst others were much more liberal. Nothing is new!

Paul expected much of his followers and left some of them because they did not come up to his standards. He believed that a Christian should be totally committed to Christ and should therefore be consistent and loyal.

John Wesley was equally zealous and set up a regular pattern for the groups he set up. They were to attend Holy Communion on Sunday in the Parish Church. They were put into a small group for the weekly class meeting. People were also expected to attend the weekly preaching service in the preaching house, or other suitable venue.

Wesley was reluctant to leave the Church of England and it was only when he and his followers were banned from preaching in churches that The People Called Methodists became a Church.

Wesley's commitment to the message of Jesus, that forgiveness was only possible through belief in Jesus, was what led to the Methodist Church becoming an establishment.

Where has that commitment gone? I include myself in that question. We wonder why the Church is declining (in a number of denominations). It seems to me that it is because we have not obeyed the instruction of Jesus to "make disciples". Most Christians seem to struggle to talk about their beliefs.

We need to ask God to help us to learn again how to talk about our faith. It is a quite remarkable thing to be forgiven and free. Let us take that on board and share the joy of the freedom that it brings.

May God bless you.  
Rev Alan

DON'T KEEP THE FAITH — SPREAD IT AROUND

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| JULY                    |                 |                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 3.00 pm         | Rev Alan Hindmarch – Holy Communion                                                                                                    |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30 – 12 noon | Coffee Morning                                                                                                                         |
| Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> |                 |                                                                                                                                        |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 – 12 noon | Coffee Morning                                                                                                                         |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00 am        | * Own Arrangement – Action For Children                                                                                                |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 – 12 noon | Coffee Morning                                                                                                                         |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> |                 |                                                                                                                                        |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 – 12 noon | Coffee Morning                                                                                                                         |
| Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> | 10.15 am        | United Service at The Crossing (Deacon Emily & Rev Mark Cantrill)<br>(Garden Service & Holy Communion)<br><b>No service at Carlton</b> |

\* See below



\* In past years, Lynn from Rotherham Bridges Project has attended our service and has very gratefully received gifts of toiletries and household cleaning items etc for young people leaving care. However, this year she is unable to attend so Yvonne will have gift envelopes available if anyone wishes to give a donation for Action For Children.

The worship in August will all be united services with the other churches in our section – Dinnington and North and South Anston – with one service at each church. Carlton will host the first one.

| AUGUST                  |                 |                                                                                                |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 10.30 – 12 noon | Coffee Morning                                                                                 |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 11.00 pm        | United Service at Carlton – Rev Julie Coates<br>(With Dinnington, North Anston & South Anston) |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30 – 12 noon | Coffee Morning                                                                                 |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 am        | At North Anston – Rev Angela Potheary<br><b>No service at Carlton</b>                          |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 – 12 noon | Coffee Morning                                                                                 |
| Sunday 21 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00 am        | At South Anston - Rev Angela Potheary (Holy Communion)<br><b>No service at Carlton</b>         |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 10.30 – 12 noon | Coffee Morning                                                                                 |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 am        | At Dinnington – Rev Angela Potheary<br><b>No service at Carlton</b>                            |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 – 12 noon | Coffee Morning                                                                                 |

Anyone unable to get to any of the united services will be made very welcome at St John's Parish Church.  
8.15 am - Holy Communion, 10 am - Holy Communion, Common Worship

## BOOKS AND JIGSAWS



The books remaining from the Book Sale are now on tables in the upstairs kitchen and the area outside it. You're welcome to have a look during coffee mornings, and place your money in the coffee morning donation pot. Books 30p each or 4 for £1. During the school summer holidays, the jigsaws will be on the table tennis table in Kendrick (main room upstairs), and will be priced separately.



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### UP HIGH (Yvonne)

Look up – at clouds, the moon and stars, at trees and birds, the tops of buildings in towns - these often tell a story of the history of a town. There are lots of ways to go up – on stairs, lifts, escalators, stairlift, ski lift, climbing wall, climbing hills and mountains, hot air balloons, helicopters and planes. How many have you tried? Maybe the cliff lifts in Scarborough or cable cars to the Heights of Abraham in Matlock Bath. The highest outdoor elevator in the world is the Bailong elevator built into a cliff face in China. It is 326 metres high (that's over 1,069 feet!). The edge of space is above 50 miles.

The film 'Up' is a heart-warming story about Carl, a widower who lives alone. He is befriended by an 8 year old Boy Scout, Russell, and his dog. Thousands of balloons lift his house into the skies and they go on an adventure in his flying house.



Jacob's ladder leads to heaven in a dream in the Bible.

Jacob had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

(Genesis 28: v12, New Living Translation)

Look up – be optimistic.



A smile is a frown upside down.



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### Communion on the Moon

In 1969 the two astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were preparing for man's first landing on the moon. It was an anxious moment, if anything went wrong there was only enough fuel left for a few more seconds of flight! But all was well, and the lunar module Eagle landed safely in the Sea of Tranquillity on the moon's surface.

The first thing the two astronauts did, when they realised that they were safely down on the moon's surface, was to give thanks to God for the successful end to this historic and dangerous voyage. Their next action was to hold a Communion Service. Buzz Aldrin described what happened.

*I opened the little plastic packages which contained bread and wine. I poured the wine into the chalice which our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine curved slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the first food eaten there, were the Communion elements.*

In a few minutes more, they were to be the first men ever to set foot on the lunar surface.

(Chalice used by Buzz Aldrin)



## UP IN SPACE

Without wishing to steal Eddie's thunder  
(his end of term Boy's Brigade report will be in the next edition),  
I'll just say the boys recently made alien spaceships.  
Here's Kai with his creation.

Love the pom-pom alien.



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Praise the Lord.  
Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights above.  
Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.  
Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heavens  
and you waters above the skies.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for at his command they were created,  
and he established them for ever and ever –  
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

Psalm 148: 1-6

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## RECIPE CORNER (Yvonne)



### Pile 'em high! **Stacked pancakes**

Batter – egg, plain flour, milk.

Savoury fillings – grated cheese, softened onions, chopped mushrooms, ham or parsley.

Oil

Heat oil in pan until smoking – pour in batter for 1 pancake. Swirl. When nearly cooked, add a filling – put stack in oven to keep warm.

*Or make sweet pancakes using, syrup, orange or lemon juice, berries, jam or chocolate spread.*

If you are still on a HIGH after the Jubilee and fancy HIGH TEA or a picnic - savoury sandwich filler is a Chapel favourite – grated cheese, grated carrot, chopped spring onions and mayonnaise, or go for egg and cress, potted meat or ham and mustard.

### **Queen Cakes** (from around the 18<sup>th</sup> century - liked by Queen Victoria)

175g/6oz butter or marg

175g/6oz sugar

175g/6oz plain flour

3 eggs

2 tblsp milk

Grated zest of a lemon

75-110g/3-4 oz currants

Oven 170°C/Gas 5.

Mix butter & sugar. Add flour, then eggs, mixing well. Add milk then lemon zest. Stir in currants.

Spoon into about 18 patty tins. Dust with sugar.

Bake for 15 minutes.

*Reading Yvonne's article, and the mention of clouds, planes, mountains, chair lifts and cable cars etc, my mind went back to a holiday Mum and I took to New Zealand 25 years ago, to visit my brother and his wife. I found the diary I kept and, as it's the holiday time of the year, I thought I'd share some of the experiences that correspond with the theme of this edition. I won't bore you with all 22 pages(!), but I hope you enjoy it.*

The Maori name for New Zealand is Aotearoa – land of the long white cloud.

It was for us an epic adventure. I had never flown before, and mum only once on a short trip, and we were going as far round the world as we could – any further and we'd be on the way back! As we taxied down the runway I was feeling a bit nervous, as I had no idea what to expect, but I quite enjoyed take-off. It was an exhilarating experience of building up speed and power, and amazement that such a huge machine could actually get off the ground. It was dull and cloudy as we left but we soon flew through and above the clouds and into the sunshine, gradually reaching a height of 37,000 feet and travelling at 500 miles an hour.

Following no sleep at all that night, I lifted the shutters as we flew into daybreak and I watched the sky slowly change colour as the sun rose.

We had a two night stop-over in Singapore, home of the Westin Stamford Hotel – then the world's highest hotel with 73 storeys. (On the way home over a month later we enjoyed a gorgeous Afternoon Tea there. The Compass Rose restaurant is at the very top of the building, and affords wonderful views over the city and the coast.) On the second day we visited Sentosa Island, a short distance from the mainland. We went by taxi up Mount Faber and then travelled to Sentosa by cable car. We decided the best way to see everything in the short time we had, would be to take a monorail ride. This went all the way round the island, stopping at various attractions.

Chris met us at Auckland airport and it was great to see him for the first time in two years. Over the next four days we relaxed in Auckland and Chris and Sue took us to see the local sights and viewpoints, including Mount Eden, an old volcanic cone and one of the highest points in Auckland, from where you get excellent panoramic views over the city. Another scenic drive took us along the ridge of the Waitakere Range of hills, stopping off at a visitors' centre from where we could see both the east and west coasts of the city. Auckland is on the narrowest part of North Island, having coast on two sides - you can walk right across the country in just four hours! A third trip, on another hot and sunny day, was to Cornwall Park and One Tree Hill. As they say, the clue's in the name - the hill has one tree on the top of it,

and an obelisk. Again, the hill commands wonderful views over and around Auckland.

The next part of the adventure, which Chris had planned, and was joining us, was ten days touring South Island. We flew to Dunedin in the south of South Island, where we collected a hire car.

One of the highlights of the holiday was the visit to Fiordland, and Milford Sound. On the two hour drive, the weather brightened up, the clouds dispersed and the sky was blue. The journey itself was very beautiful, but nothing compared to the treat in store. Towards the end of the journey you travel through the Homer Tunnel, a mile long and just hewn out of the mountainside of a glacial valley.



We were booked on a cruise aboard the Milford Monarch. The sun was out and we couldn't have picked a better day. It's easy to see why Rudyard Kipling described Milford Sound as the 'eighth wonder of the world'. The mighty Mitre Peak towers above you, rising one full mile out of the water. It is the highest mountain in the world rising directly from water. Words (or photographs) just can't express the beauty - splendid, majestic, magnificent, stunning, awesome and inspiring are just some of the words that sprung to mind - pure magic.

We saw fur seals basking on the rocks, and a pod of bottlenose dolphins swum and played alongside the boat. We were offered complimentary tea or coffee when we boarded, but we weren't told we also got a free shower and hair wash as the cruiser approached, and got very close to, the tremendous Stirling Falls. The force and height from which it fell caused clouds of spray which nearly drenched us. There were other cool, crisp waterfalls cascading down the sides of the snow-capped mountains, fuller than usual due to the recent heavy rainfall. It was a truly wonderful trip. It brought to mind the words of "How Great Thou Art". How can anyone fail to see the wonders of creation and the work of the hand of God?

Our destination that evening was Queenstown, situated on the shores of beautiful Lake Wakatipu. It could be described as the adventurous activity centre of New Zealand,

and we woke to see people paragliding above the hills opposite our motel. Also on offer were hair-raising, high speed jet-boat trips down the nearby narrow and fast flowing river, white water rafting, river surfing, tandem parachuting, aerial sightseeing, bungee-jumping and, in the winter, skiing. Our most adventurous journey that morning was up the Skyline gondola/cable car. We had lunch in the restaurant at the top, with camera at the ready for the views over the lake with the Remarkables mountain range as a backdrop.

The next day we drove north, crossing the Southern Alps and through Mount Aspiring National Park - very beautiful - stopping to look at two splendid, but quite different waterfalls - Fantail Falls, and the majestic Thunder Creek Falls, crashing 80 feet into a pool and river below. Our next night was in Franz Josef village, to visit the Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers the next day. It was a 5 minute walk from the Fox Glacier car park, over very rough and undulating ground, before we were once more greeted by spectacular scenery - peaks of ice, and large crevices, surrounded by vast mountains. Helicopters were buzzing around overhead taking people on scenic flights. The Franz Josef was much more visible from its car park, with a more even approach - but because Fox had taken more effort to reach the impact had been greater. (There must be a message in there somewhere.) Nevertheless, it was still very beautiful and dramatic. We visited the village church, whose altar window has a view over the glacier. What a wonderful sight to have whilst listening to the sermon! The day ended in Hokitika, watching the sun set over the Tasman sea.

In Christchurch we went up Mount Cavendish gondola, giving 360° views of the city, its harbour and suburbs, and the Southern Alps.

We flew back to Auckland, and after 4 days at a slower pace, Mum and I collected a hire car and set off on our own this time, destination Taupo, another town on a lake of the same name. The next day was cloudy and miserable, but we still ventured out to the Tongariro National Park, home to three volcanoes - Mount Tongariro, Mount Ngaurahoe and Mount Ruapehu - the latter of which last erupted 18 months earlier and had received worldwide television coverage. We had hoped to take a chairlift ride to get excellent views of the volcanoes but it wasn't to be as visibility was down to a matter of yards. I had to make do with a poster instead.

Back at Taupo the weather was much better and we went to find the Huka Falls, where the

beautifully coloured turquoise waters crash and thunder through a natural chasm, generated from a geothermal power station. At 9pm we enjoyed a river cruise and saw the Huka Falls by moonlight as well as various wildlife. Parts of the river were quite warm, caused by the heat of the earth's crust naturally heating the water - we were on the edge of New Zealand's geothermal area. So, having visited the coldest part of the country two weeks before, we were now experiencing the hottest part - geographically anyway - despite the weather.



Next on the itinerary was Rotorua, a town of geothermal activity and Maori culture. Our first stop was the Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland and scenic reserve. Here you can see the Lady Knox geyser, which, if left to nature, would erupt once every 24–48 hours. So, for the benefit of the tourists, it is made to erupt at 10.15 am every day. To do this, a kilo of pure soap is tipped into the cone, which reduces the surface tension of the water causing the boiling water underneath to escape. As we sat and watched, it first began to steam, then foam, then suddenly the water shot to a height of about 20 metres (over 60 feet). It was quite spectacular to watch.

In the afternoon we visited the largest thermal zone, fondly known as Whaka, short for Whakarewarewa. Even this is an abbreviation of the place's real name: Te Whakarewarewatangaoteopetatauawahiao (no, I can't pronounce it either!). This has two more impressive geysers, which are naturally active and erupt at least once an hour, if not more - the Prince of Wales Feathers and the Pohutu (Maori for big splash or explosion). They shoot water to a height of about 20–30 metres, and can be quite dramatic because, unlike the Lady Knox geyser, you don't know when they're going to erupt. It's a case of being in the right place at the right time.

A few days later our holiday of a lifetime was over. There had been so many 'wow' moments, so many 'highs' in the most wonderful of countries.

On the way home we flew through daybreak again, then descended below the billowing, fluffy clouds and left the sun behind, landing on Manchester's tarmac in cloudy, dull weather. I made a mental note that in future, every time the weather was wet and dull and miserable, I would remind myself that the sun was only just above those clouds and would come out again before too long! In fact, it shines all the time - we just can't always see it.



## SCOTTISH MUNROS

Of course there is plenty of wonderful scenery in this country too, like the stunning Scottish Highlands. For those who are experienced walkers they can 'bag a Munro'. Munros are Scottish mountains over 3,000 feet, named after a British mountaineer Sir Hugh Munro who surveyed and catalogued them all in 1891. There are 282 Munros in total, the highest being Ben Nevis at 4,411 feet, although some of the lower ones are more challenging, such as the 12 peaks of the Black Cuillin on Skye and the UK mainland's narrowest ridge walk - the Aonach Eagach - in Glen Coe. The smallest Munro is Ben Vane, just edging in at 3,001 feet.



To bag a Munro you have to reach the summit and then you can tick it off your list. The ultimate aim is to 'bag' all 282 peaks, thus completing a 'round' of the Munros and earning the name Munroist. Over 6,000 people have done this, the fastest being Stephen Pyke who completed his challenge in 2010, taking just 39 days, 9 hours and 6 minutes!

Non-walkers can cheat a bit and reach the top of a Munro without some of the legwork! They can take the Mountain Gondola up Aonach Mor at Nevis Range, the Funicular Railway up Cairn Gorm, Glencoe Mountain's lifts up Meall a' Bhuiridh or the chairlift up The Cairnwell at Glenshee Ski Centre. I'm fortunate to have been on all four of these over the years, and enjoyed some of Scotland's most outstanding and dramatic landscape.

"The best view comes  
after the hardest climb."

Unknown



"May your dreams be larger than mountains and  
may you have the courage to scale their summits."

Harley King

There is no wi-fi in the mountains,  
but I promise you will find a better connection."

Unknown

To walk in nature is to witness  
a thousand miracles.

Mary Davis

*I sing the almighty power of God,  
That made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad,  
And built the lofty skies.*

Isaac Watts

*I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day,  
The moon shines full at his command,  
And all the stars obey.*

## QUIZ TIME



### Queen Elizabeth II Answers

1. Kenya
2. Westminster Abbey
3. Harry S Truman
4. Eight
5. Malta
6. Norfolk
7. Alexandra Mary
8. Helen Mirren
9. Holyrood House
10. None (despite having tried on many occasions)
11. Bruton Street, Mayfair
12. Savannah (Phillips)
13. French
14. Sturgeons, whales and dolphins in UK waters
15. 1986

## Miscellaneous Quiz

Name the films featuring these songs:

1. Up where we belong
2. Moon River
3. Climb Every Mountain
4. Somewhere over the Rainbow
5. If I were a Rich Man
6. True Love

Who famously sang?:

7. Fly me to the Moon
8. Rocket Man
9. Space Oddity
10. A Spaceman Came Travelling
11. Walking in the Air

What is the next line of these hymns?:

12. Jesus! the name high over all
13. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
14. All things praise thee Lord most high
15. Go tell it on the mountain
16. God in his love for us gave us this planet
17. For the beauty of the earth

18. Who wrote the Planets Suite?
19. According to the UK Met Office on what day does Summer officially begin?
20. At which of her residencies does The Queen traditionally spend the summer months?
21. According to the nursery rhyme, what did the Queen of Hearts make "all on a summer's day"?
22. When does British Summer Time begin each year?
23. Which Irish poet wrote "The Last Rose of Summer" in 1805?
24. In the film "Summer Holiday" in what did Cliff Richard and the Shadows travel to Greece?
25. The first Olympics of the modern era were held in Athens in the summer of which year?
26. Selling over 30 million copies and spending seven weeks as the UK number one single, what was the title of Mungo Jerry's 1970 debut single?
27. Esther Summerson is the heroine and narrator of which Charles Dickens' novel?
28. Released as a movie starring Elizabeth Taylor and Montgomery Clift in 1959, who wrote the play "Suddenly Last Summer"?
29. From which country do the boy band 5 Seconds of Summer originate?
30. Between which years did Britain have Double Summer Time?

Quietly in the evening  
Quietly when the stars appear  
Quietly in the stillness  
Quietly God is there.  
Listen for God in quietness  
Listen and you may hear,  
Listen for God in stillness  
Listen for God is near.



**Closing date for items for the next Contact – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August**



## CHILDREN'S PAGE

### Paul is Shipwrecked

Hello

In Boys' Brigade we have been hearing about St Paul. He was arrested for causing a riot and he was being taken to Rome to attend court. He was put on a ship with some other prisoners to go to Rome. On the way a great storm caught the ship. They thought they were going to sink and die. Paul prayed to God who told him that they would all live even if the ship was lost.

The sailors threw cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. The ship stuck in sand near an island. Everybody managed to get to the shore. They found that the island was called Malta. The people there were very kind and built a fire and made food for all of them. Paul gathered some wood and went to put it on the fire. A snake caught him and clung to his arm. The people of Malta said he must have done something very wrong and was being punished. They expected him to die from the poisonous snake.

Paul, however, shook the snake into the fire and sat down with the others. When the people saw that he was going to live they thought that he must be a god. They thought also that Paul's friend, Silas must be a god as well. They put garlands of flowers on them and began to worship Paul and Silas.

Paul did not want this so he stood up and told them about Jesus. He did this in such a way that many believed in Jesus. The crew of the ship and the prisoners stayed in Malta until a ship could take them to Rome. I have been in the cave where they believe Paul lived and preached the message of Jesus. When they left the island a number of people continued to worship God. There are many Christians on the island of Malta even today. Thank God for Paul.

God Bless you.

Rev Alan



## Storm in a bottle

*You will need:*

*An empty plastic bottle*

*Water*

*Washing up liquid*

*Decorations such as:*

- *sequins*
- *foil scrunched into small balls,*
- *small pom poms,*
- *beads*



*Sticky tape (optional)*

- Carefully fill the plastic bottle almost to the top with water.
- Add a tiny drop of washing up liquid.
- Put your small decorations in the bottle too.
- Fasten the lid on the bottle. (You may want to add tape round the top to secure it.)
- Shake the bottle and see what happens to the things inside, then watch them settle down.

Can you imagine what Paul and the other passengers must have felt like when they were tossed about in the boat in the storm?

A colouring page for the young at heart

