

OLD CHAPEL  
Dukinfield  
a Unitarian congregation  
Here let no one be a stranger



October 2018

Dear Friends

One of the oldest hymns that is still sung fairly regularly is *Now thank we all our God*. It was written by the German poet, dramatist and musician Martin Rinkart (1586 – 1649) and despite being over three hundred years old it remains a favourite with most congregations. It has stood the test of time partly because it is set to a tune which is easy to sing and to remember and partly because it reminds us in a very simple and effective way that we have much to give thanks for and that we should not forget to give thanks for all we have. Too often we take everything for granted, everything comes our way so easily and we never go short of anything. If we run out of something we go to the shop for more and our shops almost always have full shelves and are nearly always open.



By the time you read this our Harvest Thanksgiving will be approaching, but do any of us actually know what the harvest has been like this year? It isn't something that we need to know these days. If home grown produce is in short supply we simply buy food from abroad and we import so much food anyway that it actually makes little difference to our food bills despite the doom and gloom that usually accompanies a very wet or very dry spell early in the year.

At the time that hymn was written and until well into the nineteenth century the success of the harvest at home was vitally important to people. If your harvest failed you starved. Sometimes we talk today about going hungry but we don't really know what that means. There are however some places in the world where people do know real hunger and where the success of the local harvest can still mean the difference between life and death. Thankfully people are more aware of this today than ever before

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**Sunday School (normally) 2.00pm**

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## **FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER 2018**

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| 7  | Harvest<br>Mrs M Lawton        | In memory of Alice Edwards and husband  |
|    |                                | In remembrance of Mr R G Tym and Mr & Mrs H Tym<br>of Cornwall and formerly of Dukinfield |
| 14 | Janet Ford, Helen<br>& Rebecca | In loving memory of Christine & Harold<br>Critchlow and Jack & Bessie Heelis              |
| 21 | Jean Mellor                    | In remembrance of Mr & Mrs W Landers  |
|    | Pat Cheetham & family          | In remembrance of Lena & Stanley<br>Cheetham  |
| 28 | Mary Gaskell                   | Loving birthday memories of a dear sister,<br>Eileen Hall                                 |

and governments, international agencies and charities are working to remove this blight from our world which actually produces more food than is needed to feed everyone. However, there is still a long way to go as we see all too often on our television screens.

So let us never forget to give thanks for what we have and never forget those who are not as fortunate as we are.

Every blessing

Andrew

### **WARDEN'S WORDS**

I'm writing these words before we have discovered the outcome of our recent Heritage Lottery Bid, and I have been wondering what we might do if we don't receive any further funding. It's a hard puzzle to solve! As a congregation we know that we are committed to preserving our wonderful Chapel building for future generations, but we need it to be a useful and productive building – not one that is opened only on Sundays. We don't want to leave a huge building with enormous costs and no sustainable income. So how do we achieve this? We need to start thinking outside the box and applying to more grant funding bodies, and we all need to help in this venture. If you have an idea or a grant making body in mind, then please pass these on to the Chapel Trustees – we all need to be active in saving our Chapel for the future. It sounds a bit gloom and doom doesn't it – but what do they say? No pain no gain! On the up side it was wonderful to hear that Mark Pearce our architect, has successfully bid for the King of Prussia's Gold Medal Award for the first part of the restoration project. We have been shortlisted (one of only six projects), and we will be represented at the awards ceremony in London on November 1 to discover if we have been successful. The work done on our roof and ceiling was fantastic and Mark's team and the contractors – Heritage Conservation Restoration should be proud.



So, we await the decision, and in the meantime, we put our thinking caps on please!

Bronwyn

## FUND RAISING

This month of course the big event will be our **Autumn Fair** on Saturday 20 October. I know there are notices regarding this event in the magazine, so I will just say – please come along and support it. It is always a chance to meet old friends and chat, and hopefully spend a little money!

On Tuesday 23 October we will have our **Post Fair and Fund-Raising meeting** at 7.30pm in the Hall. Please come along with your ideas for the next 6 months and we hope we can announce a good result from the Fair.

Before this however we have a Coffee Evening on Tuesday 9 October at 7.30pm in our Community Hall. There will be a **talk on Dementia Awareness** which I know is a topic we are all close to, so please come along and hear what we can do to help those who suffer with any form of Dementia. Refreshments will be provided by Janet, Judith and Brenda and Jean will see to our raffle and door. It's £5 inclusive of 2 raffle tickets – where can you go for £5 and get such good company! See you there.

Bronwyn

## CHAIR BASED EXERCISE (TRIAL CLASS)

If you would like to try this gentle exercise do come along to a Trial Class in the extension on Tuesday 2 October from 1.30 to 2.30. We'll finish with a cuppa and biscuits. If enough people are interested we'll continue classes perhaps twice a month.

Hope to see you there!

Dawn Buckle



## WORCOM

This is an Invitation to the Congregation for the WORSHIP Meeting, which by the way is open to you all. [The meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday 4 October](#) in the Community Hall where we will plan our Services etc for the remainder of 2018 & the coming year 2019.

There will be light refreshments in the form of Cheese & Wine also soft drinks.

I hope you can join us as we really need your thoughts and ideas, you might have some thoughts on our previous services and what you have liked or disliked, the preachers that have made your services thought provoking or not!

Please come and see how the year's Worship is planned, I look forward to seeing you on the 4 Oct.

Janet

## CRAFTY NATTERING

The crafty natterers will meet on Tuesday 30 October, at 7.00pm after the Autumn Fair rush. Why not bring something gentle to do. Congratulations to Judith and her crew, who despite merciless mocking by me, have sold a record number of knitted dishcloths and raised a considerable sum for the Autumn Fair.

Dawn Buckle



## **Rosemary Alice Webster**

Life is a Journey.  
On the journey  
Through our sadness,  
There's a light that helps us find  
A tender reassurance and some peace of heart and  
mind.  
It's the light of loving memories with their gentle  
guiding glow  
To grace our days and soothe our paths  
Wherever we may go.



Thank you all at Old chapel, for your prayers and cards for my mum Rosemary.  
She is now at peace with God.

Also I would like to thank Andrew for your help and all your support you have  
given us.

Thanks again  
Rosemary (Blease)

## **Sheila Georgina Crumley**

I am asking for any photographs, writings or  
telling me verbally any recollections people  
have of Sheila as I am hoping to prepare a  
scrap book in loving memory of a very special  
lady.

Anne Stephens



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCENE

Autumn days are certainly here again and time is whizzing by as usual. With September behind us the Harvest Festival is now upon us.



After the harvest we are on a count down to the Gift Service! We are also thinking about the Autumn Fair and our Christmas Stall. We would very much appreciate donations of any Christmas items for our stall. Please hand them to any of the Sunday school leaders before the day.  
Christine and Ann

## PANTOMIME SOCIETY

Thank you to everyone who supported our successful Race Night. We raised over £400 which delighted us. We are grateful to Pam and Ian for all their efforts with the races and to everyone who provided food and prizes.

With the night barely behind us we are planning for our fireworks evening on Tuesday 6 November at 6.30pm. We would be very grateful to receive fireworks. Please hand these in when you arrive as we have dedicated people in charge of these. The entrance is £3 for adults and £1 for children. Hot dogs, black peas etc – the usual firework food will be available for all to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you there.  
Ann

### WELCOMERS

7 Dawn & Judith  
14 Ian & Janet  
21 Mary B & Ken  
28 Susan & Muriel

### TEA ROTA

Sunday School Team  
Jennifer and Judith  
Ian and Marjorie L  
Bronwyn and Kevin

Jean and Shirley have reluctantly decided to leave the Tea Rota so we are short of people to cover regularly, if you would like to help please see Dawn as soon as possible and she will fit you in next month.

## AUTUMN FAIR

This is one of our main Fund Raising events of the year we would appreciate your support on the day.

We would welcome donations to the following stalls.

Bric-a-Brac, Christmas Stall, Cake Stall, Bottle Tombola,  
Chocolates and toffees, Toys and Games (in good condition please)

Outdoor and indoor plants, Tombola and Pooh Corner.

These can be left in Chapel or Community Hall. Arrangement's  
can be made to pick up any item if needed.

Tel. 07947113397

Thank you

Marjorie Gee



## WELL DONE

Let us introduce Grace!

Most of us at Chapel and Sunday School know Grace very well. What some may not realise is that Grace has had a mission over the summer. She decided to ride her bike every day and set a target for herself of 100 miles! She got lots of sponsors and has raised over £400 for the charity—Believe and Achieve, which helps children with disabilities. Her mum Kathryn actually walked all the way round with her too!



On September 23 we welcomed our GA President Joan Cook to lead our service, and she thought Grace's work was inspirational. So much so that she allowed Grace to wear her President's medallion!

So well done Grace— you should be justly proud of your own achievements. And I'm quite sure she would not say no to any more donations!

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much to everybody who sent cards, donations and greetings on my recent birthday. I had a lovely time on the day, with lots of friends, and on the following Saturday evening with our family. Donations to the Chapel restoration came to over £250.

Dawn Buckle

## **DEMENTIA AWARENESS**

I hope almost everyone will attend the Dementia Awareness Coffee Evening on Tuesday 9 October. Marion Coleman will be speaking about dementia. She is working very hard, across Tameside, ensuring that the maximum number of people, groups and companies are Dementia Aware. Come and find out what you don't know about dementia. I learn something new each time I attend sessions like this.

I hope that in the new year we will be able to offer a Dementia Reading Together Group in our Community Hall which will fill a gap in the dementia provision in the neighbourhood. Most other groups are active and noisy and this doesn't suit everyone.

Hope to see you there.  
Dawn

## **CHAPEL VISITORS**

Sometimes we get requests from people tracing their ancestors and mostly now we can refer them to Tameside Local History Library where most of our records are kept on micro-fiche. But occasionally people want to visit the chapel itself. When this is followed by a lovely letter and a donation it's worthwhile. Jennifer and I responded to such a request last week. Alan Orme from Knutsford knew that his grandparents had been married in chapel and this is what he wrote after his visit.

'It was lovely to stand in the chapel where my Grandmother and Grandfather were married back in 1854.

I was fascinated by the history of the Chapel and its evolution over almost 200 years. In particular the beautiful west windows and the majestic organ were very impressive...I sincerely hope that you receive good news soon on your request for further funding.'

Dawn and Jennifer

## FOR THE RECORDS

### Baptisms

On 2 September, conducted by our Minister, Rev Andrew Parker:

**Oliver James Anthony Knight**, son of Natasha Coulfield and Anthony Knight

**Ellie-May Pickett**, daughter of Emma Pickett

**Charlie and Rylee Kirk**, sons of Danielle Kirk

On 16 September, conducted by our Minister, Rev Andrew Parker:

**Ethan Morris**, son of Keely Farmery and Andrew Morris;

also **Andrew Morris**, daddy to Ethan Morris and partner to Keely Farmery

### Wedding

On 22 September, conducted by our Minister, Rev Andrew Parker, **Janet Holt** and **Shaun Pattison**

### Funeral

30 August **Alan Berry** aged 71 years. Service in chapel followed by interment at Dukinfield Cemetery, the Minister officiating.

31 August **Sheila Georgina Crumley** aged 94 years. Service in chapel followed by committal at Dukinfield Crematorium, the Minister officiating

### Future dates - baptisms

7 Oct @ 11.30 am and 12.30 pm

21 Oct @ 12.30 pm

## DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2018

- 1 Mon Vocatones: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- 2 Tue **NWTDT Training 8.30am - 4.30pm**
- 2 Tue Chair based exercise class: 1.30pm – 2.30pm (In the Extension)
- 3 Wed Karate
- 3 Wed Council meeting at 7.30pm
- 4 Thu Worcom meeting at 7 .00pm (cheese & wine)
- 6 Sat Twinning concert
- 7 Sun Harvest Service at 2.00pm –  
Rev Andrew Parker and Sunday School
- 8 Mon **B’Inspired: 8.30am – 4.30pm**
- 8 Mon Vocatones: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- 9 Tue **B’Inspired: 8.30am – 4.30pm**
- 9 Tue Dementia Awareness 7.30pm
- 10 Wed Karate
- 10 Wed Cheshire Family History Group at 7.00pm
- 11 Thu Trustees’ meeting at 7.30pm
- 14 Sun Service at 2.00pm: Rev Alan Kennedy
- 15 Mon Friends of Dukinfield Old Hall AGM: 10.15.am – 12.30pm
- 15 Mon Vocatones: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- 16 Tue **NWTDT Training 8.30am - 4.30pm**
- 16 Tue Bible discussion group with Andrew at 7.30pm
- 17 Wed Karate
- 20 Sat Autumn Fair: 11.00am – 3.00pm
- 21 Sun Service at 2.00pm: Jean Clements
- 21 **Sun Deadline date for November magazine**
- 22 Mon Vocatones: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- 23 Tue TLHF meeting: 1.30pm – 4.30pm
- 23 Tue Autumn Fair and fundraising meeting at 7.30pm
- 24 Wed Karate
- 28 Sun Service at 2.00pm: Len Elias
- 28 Sun November magazine out
- 29 Mon Vocatones: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- 30 Tue Crafty Nattering at 7.00pm
- 31 Wed Karate

For Welcomers and Tea Rota please see page 7