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NEWSLETTER

May 2024

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Dear siblings in Christ,

Musings on Ascension Day and Pentecost

As we approach Ascension Day (Thursday 9th May) and the subsequent celebration of Pentecost (Sunday 19th May), I find myself ruminating on the profound significance of these events in the Christian calendar. This month I would like to offer some thoughts around these two events in our Church celebrations and suggest that we might need to make more of them in the future.

Ascension Day, occurring forty days after Easter, marks the moment when Jesus ascended into heaven, bidding farewell to his disciples. It's like the grand finale of Jesus' earthly ministry, the moment when he returned to the Father after completing his mission. Now, I don't know about you, but imagining that scene leaves me in awe. Picture it: Jesus, surrounded by his beloved disciples, imparting his final words of wisdom before being lifted up into the heavens. It's a powerful reminder of Christ's authority and promise to be with us always, even unto the end of the age.

But here's the point: Ascension Day isn't just about bidding Jesus adieu; it's also about anticipating something incredible. Cue Pentecost! Ten days after Jesus' ascension, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, empowering them to spread the good news far and wide. Talk about a divine plot twist! Suddenly, a timid bunch of followers transformed into bold proclaimers, speaking in tongues, and performing miracles left, right, and centre. It's like the ultimate superhero origin story, except the power comes from above.

So, what do these two events mean for us today? Well, for starters, they remind us of the power of transition. Just as Jesus ascended into heaven, leaving his earthly ministry in the hands of his disciples, so too are we called to embrace change and step into new seasons of faith. Whether it's bidding farewell to the familiar or welcoming the unexpected, Ascension Day teaches us to trust in God's plan, knowing that even in times of transition, we are never alone. My experience of

church includes the celebration of Ascension Day in an act of worship, marking that special moment when Jesus ascended to be with God. Perhaps that is something we could add to our calendar of worship dates for next year? Would you come and worship the risen and ascended Jesus on Ascension Day 2025?

And then there's Pentecost, the ultimate game-changer. This celebration reminds us that we are not left to navigate life's journey on our own. The Holy Spirit, that divine wind of change, is with us always, guiding, comforting, and empowering us to live out our faith with boldness and conviction. So, when life throws us a curveball or we find ourselves at a crossroads, we can take heart knowing that the same Spirit that emboldened the disciples is alive and active within us today. We will mark Pentecost with our morning all-age service and then in a special 3pm Circuit service at Gedling Road Methodist Church. There will be no evening service at Nuthall, and I do encourage you to attend the Circuit service if you can, marking your commitment to our shared life as Methodists in Nottingham North East.

As we prepare to celebrate Ascension Day and Pentecost, let's take a moment to reflect on the significance of these events in our own lives. May we embrace the transitions with grace and courage, knowing that the same Spirit that hovered over the waters at creation is at work within us, bringing forth new life and endless possibilities.

Until next time, dear friends, may the peace of Christ be with you always.

Yours in Christ's service,

Jason



SERVICES FOR MAY

AWSWORTH

Unless otherwise indicated services are held each Sunday at 10.30am in The Youth Wing, The Lane NG16 2RQ

5 th	10.30am	Deacon Julie Morton
12 ^h	10.30am	United Service at St. Peter's
19 th	10.30am	Rev. Richard Byass – Holy Communion
26 th	10.30am	Service at Nuthall - Mrs Catherine Smith

NUTHALL

Services are held each Sunday at 10.45 am and 6.00 pm.

Junior (ages 7-11) and Primary (ages 3-7) Sunday School meet at 10.45am (except on Family Service Sunday). Late Risers (11+) meet at 6.00pm.

5 th	10.45am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley – Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Deacon Helen Snowball
12 th	10.45am	Mrs Sandra Langford & Mrs Gail Brockway
	6.00pm	Mr Marc Williamson – Youth Service
19 th	10.45am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley - All Age Worship Baptism and receiving into membership for Libby Bales, Jac Chambrelan and Matthew Heffernan
	6:00pm	No service at Nuthall
26 th	10.45am	Mrs Catherine Smith
	6.00pm	Rev. Richard Byass

ASPLEY

Unless otherwise indicated services are held each **Tuesday** at 2.30pm in St. Teresa's Catholic Church Hall, Kingsbury Drive NG8 3EP

- 7th Mrs S Langford
- 14th Rev. Richard Byass - Holy Communion
- 21st Rev. John Wiseman
- 28th Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley

STEWARDS REPORT

What a full schedule we had for Easter! Those of you who joined in any of our services will know what a blessing they were – busy and inclusive for young and not so young to enjoy. Our church had a real buzz about it. One of the highlights was decorating the tree on Easter Sunday – the cross which had looked 'dead' during Lent burst into vibrant life before us all. It illustrated the Easter message perfectly.

At the time of writing this we have just celebrated the marriage of Christy Brockway and Joe Baumber. A joyful day enjoyed by so many of our church family.

We now look forward to our Pentecost service on the 19th May followed by a circuit service at Gedling Road church at 3pm. We also look forward to our first Pride service in July. Rev Jason says “Join us for a special celebration of love, equality and inclusion! Our Pride Praise service follows on from Notts Pride on Sat. the 27th July and aims to be an inclusive service of worship and fellowship for all. It will be a wonderful opportunity to embrace diversity and celebrate the beautiful tapestry of God's creation, and focus on how the church has for too long marginalised LGBTQ+ people, their lives and their families. Join us for a meaningful and inclusive worship experience that honours every life. All are welcome!

In June we will be resuming holding a 9am communion before the Family service for those who like a more reflective worship time. Initially this will be just once on each plan ie. every 3 months.

As always, thank you all for your support for the stewarding team.

Seven Trent Water Update

Members of the Property Committee have continued to be in consultation with STW regarding the works and how it will affect church use. We have endeavoured to ensure that we are affected as little as possible and that we are being treated fairly and consulted in all matters.

Despite other sections of the work being delayed, we have had confirmation that this will not affect the work across the church drive which will start on June 3rd.

We will be affected by the one-way system that will be in operation during June, but we will be more directly affected from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June when they will be installing the pipe across the bottom of our driveway, and there will be no vehicular access to church. We will be able to use the driveway for worship on Sunday 2nd June and probably, but not 100% guaranteed, on Sunday 9th June, and hopefully for coffee morning on Saturday 6th June. STW will keep us informed of progress during the week and notify us if they don't anticipate the work to be finished as planned. If so we will to spread the word using social media and email.

Groups can continue to use the building during the week, but there will be no vehicular access for any vehicle. We would recommend that you consider suspending your meeting during this period, or arrange to meet elsewhere. We can confirm that we will be compensated for any loss of outside rental the church suffers during this time.

We are also negotiating with STW to allow the residents of Spring Terrace to park on our front grassed area whilst work takes place along their road. This is anticipated to be from the end of June for a two or three weeks. Again we are being compensated for this, but as there will be a formal licence in place (to legally protect everybody and meet Methodist Charity Law) we will not be permitted to use the grass during this time. Signage will be in place for this time.

All of the above dates are anticipated to be correct after meeting STW and their contractor Above on the 18th March, but may be subject to change, although we believe this is unlikely. Again, if there are any changes we will provide further information as soon as possible

Please ensure that no-one else contacts STW or their contractor, Above, on behalf of Nuthall Methodist Church, as this may lead to confusion and undo the good relationships we have developed

We hope this is all self-explanatory, but should you require clarification then please don't hesitate to speak to David Blount.

**MORE DATES AVAILABLE FOR EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP
RELEASED BY REV'D JASON!**

**Would you like to be a member of Nuthall Methodist Church?
Wednesdays in July: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th at 10:30-11:30am in church.**

There are many ways of belonging to the church including by attending worship and other activities in the building. Wonderfully, the Methodist Church also offers you the chance to show another step of commitment by being 'confirmed' and 'received into membership'. This means that there is a service in which you make promises - these are the same promises that are made when someone is baptised. If you have already been confirmed in another denomination, you can be received as a Methodist member by a simple act of welcome.

Becoming a 'member' is a way of saying that you belong to and support Nuthall Methodist Church and that you want to do this. Being a member of the Methodist Church means that you can hold certain responsibilities within the life of the church (e.g., steward, pastoral visitor, local preacher, member of the church council).

If you are interested in exploring a little more of what membership means, then you are invited to a series of 4 sessions that Rev Jason will be leading during the regular Tea, Toast and Talk slot on a Wednesday morning. These sessions will be informal and will be held in the church. There is no obligation to become a member if you attend these sessions, but you are welcome to come and explore membership in the Methodist Church.

The four sessions are as follows:

THEME	CONTENT
A STEP ON THE JOURNEY	Exploring our understanding of God and some of the landmarks on our spiritual journey.
THE CHURCH: LOCAL AND WORLDWIDE METHODISM: LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD	Looking at what the church is and how the church exists on different levels and the roots of Methodism.
A METHODIST WAY OF LIFE, OUR CALLING – WORSHIP, BAPTISM, BREAD, AND WINE	Finding out about the distinctiveness of Methodism and what we are called to alongside why we worship and some of the special occasions we celebrate in worship.
CALLED TO BE A MEMBER?	What does it really mean to be a member? What does the membership service involve? Is it for me?

Please let Rev'd Jason know if you are interested or have any questions.
Thank you!

Children and Families Update

What a busy Easter!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the display of crosses. I am so grateful to everyone who helped with the ideas, the assemblies or the full on sessions in school. Special mention goes to Colin for making the crosses themselves and putting them in place.

The Stay and Play sessions were a hit over the holidays with lots of familiar faces as well as some new ones too. The children had lots of fun creating and playing together. I will look to organise something similar for the summer holidays.

Youth choir 4-5pm every Monday during term time. Great fun for all Primary aged children with an interest in singing.
Volunteers welcome.

Looking ahead to the summer holidays... I am hoping to plan some Stay and Play sessions and a Teddy Bears picnic for our families and local community. To do this effectively and safely I will need help. Whether that's making sure we have enough adults to supervise children or serve drinks and help set up or clear up. I have made a form to find out when people are available. At present all of the proposed sessions are on Wednesdays in the Toddlers slot (although we will meet slightly earlier for a picnic) as Church is usually free.

Please follow this link to let me know when you could volunteer for one of these fun sessions. <https://form.jotform.com/232672175655058>

Rachel
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Church Family Meal

Please join us for a church family meal after the service on Sunday 2nd June. Come and enjoy a home cooked Sunday lunch or vegetarian option and enjoy food and fellowship with our church family. For more details see or contact Sarah Foster: 07840768387 Or Wendy Green. 60 tickets will be available on a first come first served basis at a cost of £5.00 per head.

NMC COMMUNITY CHOIR

Following on from our performance at Easter we will be resuming rehearsals again at the end of April/beginning of May and a rehearsal schedule will be available soon. If you are interested in singing with us please text me on 07813 453224 or let Rev Jason or Lorna know.

We are planning to do a "Hymn A Thon" on Saturday 3rd August when we will sing from 9.00 am until 12.00. There will be bacon butties and coffee/cake to purchase and we will sing any requested hymns for a small donation in the pot! All proceeds towards the church funds. Let us know your favourite hymn and what time you hope to be there and we will sing this for you. A sheet will be on the notice board for you to fill in.

If there is anybody who is thinking "I'd love to join a choir but I can't sing..... or I haven't got the confidence" please just come along. It is a COMMUNITY choir and everyone is very welcome.

Coach Trip-11th May 2024

BPFA are running a coach trip to Gloucester Quays on Saturday May 11th. The cost is £25. Pick up from Woodland Drive at 7:50am, Church at 8am returning around 6pm, traffic dependent. Contact Norma Ellis (07879455591)



TIME FOR A CUPPA



Please come along to the "Time for a cuppa" coffee morning at Church on Saturday 22nd June between 10 and 12.

Lots of homemade cakes to buy and all the money we raise will go to support families facing dementia.

CHRISTIAN AID FUNDRAISER, MAY 18TH

You can help Christian Aid!

Please donate raffle prizes, tombola prizes, books, toys and bric-a-brac. These can be collected at church on Sunday 12th May and piled up in the coffee lounge under the cradle roll/television. Please bring your cakes on the day.



Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Saturday 18th May
10.00 – 12.00

NUTHALL METHODIST CHURCH
Nottingham Rd, Nuthall, Nottingham NG16 1DP

Lots of stalls:

Tombola	Cakes	Toys
Books	Bric-a-brac	Cards
Bacon cobs	Tea & Coffee	Raffle

No-Mow May, Wildflowers and Work morning

We are working hard to encourage wildlife in the church grounds and this month wildflowers are conspicuous. You can see Cow Parsley in our no-mow strips. It's a tall plant with white flowers, these are very small but held together in flat groups which face the sky and reflect light to maximum effect so as to signal their presence to pollinating insects. Another tall white wildflower is Garlic Mustard which favours shady sites, it grows well under our veteran Lime tree; its heart shaped stem leaves are distinctive. White Dead-nettle is in bloom - its white tubular flowers carry lots of nectar and are very attractive to bees, the flowers grow in whorls around the stem. In our no-mow patch on the back lawn the Oxeye Daisy is growing well, its dark green leaves are distinctive and it may be in flower by the end of the month. The Common Daisy has been flowering since January, it is very low-growing and adapted to survive in short grass. At the last count we had over 30 species of wildflowers in the church grounds. Let us know any you have seen. There are lots of illustrations on the internet, www.seasonalwildflowers.com is an easy to use site.

Take a look in our back hedge and you should see our young Rowan tree which we planted in January 2023, this is growing well and we are delighted to see that it has some flowers. These provide a food source for pollinating insects and later in the year berries are produced which provide a food source for birds. Growing trees in hedges results in minimal obstruction to the land, it's an old tradition so it fits in with the local landscape character.

Thank you to those who sponsored new shrubs for our hedges. We have planted 4 Beech shrubs to fill a gap in the front hedge and 10 Hawthorn shrubs to start filling a gap with an adjacent hedge. Continuous hedges are important for wildlife, they provide corridors for movement and dispersal. Wildlife is vulnerable to changes if it becomes isolated, hedges allow all types of wildlife; plants, animals, birds, bats and others to move and colonise areas where the habitat provides for their needs.

May is a great time to give the lawn mower a rest. Allowing the grass to grow longer allows more wildlife to survive. Invertebrates find more opportunities, and wildflowers in the grass make a great addition to our biodiversity. Join us for no-mow May and leave some of your own grass uncut! The church grounds no-mow areas are being left right until July or August before we cut them.

So, lots happening in the church grounds! We continue to need some volunteers to help shape and maintain the church grounds. Our next grounds management session is on Wednesday 8th May from 10am. Come along if you wish to join in - bring a garden fork and garden waste bag if you have them or just come to look. The church will be open for drinks at Tea, Toast and Talk.



ANYONE FOR A MUSIC GROUP?

Do we have enough musical talent to form a group capable of playing hymns and other music in services? We have a choir thanks to Rosie and Jason and hopefully a junior one too. It's just a progressive thought on my behalf, thinking of Monday evenings but nothing has been arranged at this stage. We have two clarinets at the moment and other instruments could be added in different combinations depending on who comes forward.

It will not be intensive but participants will obviously need to be able to read music. There are a number of brass instruments at church so if anyone would like to take up one of these teaching can be arranged. If you are interested, please contact Brian Watson.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

7 th	10.30am	Creative Corner
8 th	10.00am	Pause for Prayer
11 th	7.50am	Coach Trip to Gloucester
12 th	7.15pm	Finance & Property Meeting
14 th	2:00pm	Women's Fellowship – Terry Shelbourne
16 th	2.00pm	Take Time Together
18 th	10.00am	Christian Aid Coffee Morning
18 th	2.00pm	BPFA Jumble Sale
20 th	7.00pm	BPFA Committee Meeting
22 nd	10.30am	Pause for Prayer
28 th	10.30am	Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning

ADVANCE NOTICE

INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE on Saturday 8th June, 1-3pm
If any Church organisations wish to have a stall to raise funds for their group, please call Jo Lievesley. Her number is on the website.

Please email any items for the June newsletter
to kirstie.dane@hotmail.co.uk
or deliver to Church **by Sunday 19th May 2024**

DUTIES AND ROTAS FOR MAY

CHURCH FLOWERS

May	5 th	Gail Brockway	12 th	Liz & Carl Armstrong
	19 th	Cathy Milne	26 th	Val & Ray Stone

COFFEE CORNER

May	6 th		11 th	Heather & Fiona
	18 th	Christian Aid	25 th	

TODDLERS DRINKS ROTA

May	1 st	Wendy Green & Gill Maloney
	8 th	Janet Lander & Janice Matthews
	15 th	Beryl Harris & Sue Perrett
	22 nd	Mick & Margaret Sendall
	29 th	-----Half-term-----



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Mrs. Josie Wilcock

CHURCH / HALL BOOKING CLERK

Mrs. Jo Lievesley ☎ 9278193

SUNDAY SERVICE DUTIES FOR MAY

Date		Duty Steward	Readers	Pianist
5th	10.45am	I Lishman	Gail Brockway Sue Perrett	Janet Wilson
	6.00pm	A Reeves	Andrew Wilcock	Janet Wilson
12th	10:45am	S Langford	Lynn Saunders David Gee	Lorna Page
	6.00pm	P Corah		Youth Band
19th	10.45am	R Jackson	Barry Langford Cathy Milne	Hannah Chamberlain
	6:00pm		No service at Nuthall	
26th	10.45am	J Dent	June & David Gorton	John Wakefield
	6.00pm	S Chambrelan	Ben Jackson	Janet Wilson

SOCIAL MEDIA

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REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	10.45am	Morning Worship (crèche for ages 0 to 3) Sunday School (ages 3 to 11) Family Service (3 rd Sunday of the month)
	6.00pm	Evening Worship Youth Service (2 nd Sunday of the month) 'Late Risers' (ages 11+)
	7.00pm	Templars Youth Fellowship
Tuesday	10:30am	Creative Corner (1 st Tues. of the month)
	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship (2 nd Tues. of the month)
	7.45pm	Table Tennis Club
Wednesday	10.00am	Nuthall Methodist Church Walking Group (3 rd Wednesday of the month - contact M. Sendall for meeting point details)
	10.00am	Tea, Toast and Talk
	10.00am	Pause for Prayer (2 nd & 4 th Wednesday of the month)
	1.30pm	Toddlers' Group
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade (Explorers – age 5 to 8)
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade (Juniors – age 8 to 11)
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade (Seniors & Brigaders – age 11+)
Thursday	1.30pm	Art Group
	2.00pm	Take Time Together (3 rd Thurs. of the month)
Friday	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys – age 5 to 8)
	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Junior Section – age 8 to 11)
	7.10pm	Boys' Brigade (Company Section – age 11+)
Saturday	10.00am	Coffee Corner - Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, homemade cakes & a chat with friends



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