

Roundabout



**The Cotteridge Church
Witnessing at the Heart of the Community**

May 2017

Mike's message

Hope

We've celebrated Easter and, as always we did so with the benefit of hindsight. We believe that Jesus Christ died and rose from the dead. But what was in the mind of those first disciples? What were their hopes and fears on that first day of the week, the day that would become known as the first Easter Day?



Sometimes we race through the days prior to Easter but, if we do, we miss so much of the meaning of Holy Week. The farewell and betrayal of Maundy Thursday. The tortures and trials of the night leading into Good Friday and the suffering and journey of Jesus to death on the Cross. The emptiness of Holy Saturday. The confusion of the disciples when confronted by the empty tomb.

After Jesus' death, Jesus' friends would have grieved as we all do when someone we know has died. John's Gospel mentions that when confronted with the empty tomb, the disciples "did not yet know that he would rise from the dead". In fear for their own lives, and in the sorrow of bereavement, they would have been confused and heartbroken. What were they hoping for next?

On the Sunday morning the women who went to the tomb hoped to pay their respects at the place of burial. That would have meant anointing the corpse with spices including myrrh. They would also have hoped that someone would be around to roll back the stone from the tomb. But on their arrival the stone had already been rolled away and to their astonishment the body was nowhere to be seen.

The Gospels depict the following days as full of confusion and uncertainty. There are more questions than answers as they search for the meaning of the empty tomb. There's a message for the Church today. Sometimes the fullness of the Resurrection is hard to see in a world full of suffering and injustice. But there is hope. There are signs of the Resurrection all around us. In the elderly person who's able to escape their loneliness by coming to the Day Centre. In the person arriving downcast and hopeless at the Food Bank but leaving with hope and sustenance. In the child whose confidence grows in Young Church or Boys' Brigade. These are all signs of Resurrection as people are filled with hope. That is our role as a Church and as individual Christians. To proclaim the hope of new life in the Risen Jesus.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

From the Editor:

There are so many symbols of the New Life around us in Spring - lots of flower buds, nesting birds, baby lambs, and bright sunshine. There is a breath of fresh new life in our church too - lots of interesting new initiatives to take us forward to serve God in our community better. It is so important that everyone joins in this work, and plays their part. You can see details of much of it in this edition of Roundabout, and there are many ways in which you can contribute to the planning and implementation of the new changes. This is OUR church. Let us use it to the best of our abilities in our service to our Lord. He did not die for us in vain!

Friends & Family

We were saddened to hear of the death of Winnie Labond, who was a much loved Coffee Bar volunteer.

GROWING WITH GOD: FAITHFULL GENERATION

On Saturday March 4th a group of Young Church leaders and volunteers attended a conference run by the diocese. Here are some of our comments:

‘All the speakers and seminar leaders encouraged us to see the church as an intergenerational community, where we can all contribute to each other’s growing in faith. I found this approach stimulating and look forward to working on some ideas here’.

Rachel Hayhow

‘I was impressed by the message

‘Aim lower, think smaller, give up, go and have a cup of coffee’.

It’s not what it seems!

Aim lower: we need to recognise the importance of working with children for the future of the church.

Think smaller: we need to enable children and young people to be ‘workers for the harvest’.

Give up: we need to give up some things to allow this to happen.

Go and have a cup of coffee: we need to share resources and work together with other churches...over coffee’!

Alison Sprackling

‘It was good to be among so many other people doing the same thing in their churches – feeling part of something bigger and feeling supported. We were encouraged to help our young people engage with the bible by being more imaginative, interactive and exciting in the way we present the information. We must remember that we are making disciples. We must lead by example, including sharing our own faith and experiences. My favourite quote of the day was from the Messy Church regional coordinator: “Discipleship is like walking your best friend home”’.

Sue Clayton



Welcome and Licensing of Revd Mike Claridge

On the evening Thursday 23rd March the congregation and members of The Cotteridge Church hosted A Service of Welcome to mark the commencement of the



ministry of The Revd Mike Claridge as Minister of The Cotteridge Church. Also of his Licensing by The Rt Revd David Urquhart, Bishop of Birmingham, as Priest-in-Charge of The Cotteridge Church. The Bishop was assisted by the Revd Helen Jobling Superintendent of the Birmingham Methodist Circuit and the Revd Steve Faber Moderator of

the West Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church. This service was both a legal act and an act of worship and



marked the beginning of a new phase of Mike's ministry and a new stage in the life of The Cotteridge Church. As the mission and ministry of the Church is the responsibility of all baptised people, so they came together with Mike and the Bishop to celebrate their ministry and offered themselves afresh to God.

It was both a moving and joyous celebration of a long awaited answer to the call for a minister at The Cotteridge Church.

Almost two hundred people attended and many new faces were welcomed, visitors from Mike's previous churches, Mike's family and friends. Many familiar faces too were welcomed, from local church leaders, old friends and members of the wider community. Everyone who attended came together to sing, pray and respond to the life and witness of God's community.



As is the custom at The Cotteridge Church, Mike was presented with his own cake which along with the Anglican, Methodist and URC symbols represented his own interests of cycling, amateur dramatics, football and beer! We all join in with the welcome to Mike and his family and look forward to a long and happy ministry here in Cotteridge.



Lin Brown



EASTER HAPPENING

Early on Easter morning, Young Church and Saplings families gathered together at church for breakfast. We enjoyed a wonderful selection of bacon, sausage, pancakes, hot cross buns, waffles.....



We learned a new song with signs, then 'Mary' ran in, asking us all to go to the garden with her. She had gone to the tomb, but Jesus wasn't there! In the garden, we saw the empty tomb and listened to Mary telling us what had happened and how she felt, before she realised that Jesus was risen and is still with us.

After a time of prayer and an Easter egg hunt, we went back inside to do a variety of crafts and build a tomb out of cardboard boxes in the Malvern room. We ended with an Easter Trail around the church and the 'Jelly Bean Prayer'.

It was great to have fun, food and worship together, before joining the morning service.



a jelly bean prayer

red is for the blood He gave.

green is for the grass He made.

yellow is for the sun so bright.

orange is for the edge of night.

black is for the sins we've made,
white is for the grace He gave.

purple is for His hour of sorrow.

pink is for the new tomorrow.

Handfuls of jelly beans, colorful and bright, a
prayer, a promise of a brand new life.



Notes from the meeting of Joint Church Council on Thursday 16th March 2017

A special welcome was given to Revd Mike Claridge who attended this meeting.

Matters Arising

As agreed by the JCC, a team of volunteers has offered to lock up in the evenings to save the church the cost of employing someone. A letter of thanks has been sent to John Adams thanking him for his years of service.

Correspondence

John Tesh had written with concerns about the health and safety issues involved in the frequent moving of the piano. He asked us to consider purchasing a new smaller and lighter electric piano. He had investigated and felt that we should be able to buy a suitable piano for around £1000, and had received a generous offer from a church member to pay for this. JCC were happy to approve the purchase. Storage for the new piano will be organised.

Membership

No change. After Revd Mike Claridge's licensing he and his wife and daughters will become members.

Reports from Groups

Social and fundraising: The setting up of a "fundraising team" has been suggested. Brian Pearson is prepared to lead the team for 12 months to help create new ideas. The aim would be to raise funds for both church and the wider community. The current social and fundraising group will be incorporated into the new group along with representatives of other church organisations. The first meeting is due to take place on 11th April.

Pastoral consultation: at the recent meeting several members were reallocated, following deaths and resignations among the pastoral link team. Jane Jones issued copies of the Cotteridge Church Safeguarding Policies for Adults, and for Children and Young People, and gave a summary of the new Safeguarding regulations which need to be put in place for Pastoral Visitors. It was clarified that Pastoral Links are not Pastoral Visitors and that "The Cotteridge Church is not asking, instructing or requiring anyone to visit on its behalf."

Roger reported that he would be issuing descriptions of the role of Pastoral Links, and that the role of Pastoral Visitors will be explored with Mike when he has had time to settle in.

Catering Services: Treasurer's report and accounts were circulated. Clare reported that links have been made with *Fare Share* by the Food Bank and Catering services.

Plans are being made to trial a “Breakfast Club” during the school holidays, for children receiving school meals, who could otherwise miss out on meals at these times.

A visit from the Environmental Health Officer resulted in a 4 star rating.

The till, recently damaged during a theft is presently being repaired and it is hopeful a compatible drawer can be found to save opening it separately for each sale.

B30 Food Bank: Copies of the March update were circulated. Roger reported that the South Birmingham Young Homeless Centre has provided a support worker who is giving valuable advice and support on benefits to clients.

Older Adults Care Services [Day Centre]: Treasurer’s Report circulated. It was noted that the projected deficit for the year had in fact resulted in a small surplus. Jane Jones reported that the Day Centre was looking for a new name, and plans to put up outside signage once that is agreed. It was felt that the term Day Centre now projected an out of date image.

APEC Regeneration Project: APEC have now submitted three proposals with costings. Further discussions will take place over next three weeks and the Building Steering Group will report back to APEC. APEC will prepare a preferred option which they will present to the congregation at the Church Annual General Meeting. June 10th seemed a suitable date, and this will be checked with APEC. Members of the Building Steering Group are: Laurie Brown, Clare Naughton, Sandra Walton, Tim Clayton, Helen Gale Mike Claridge and Jane Jones.

Administrator’s report: circulated. *Saturday afternoon cleaner.* Ms Julie Walker has been offered the post and has now started work.

Risk assessments: After discussion it was agreed that all new lettings must submit public liability insurance certificates, and have risk assessments and safeguarding arrangements in place before lettings are approved.

Treasurer’s Report: copies circulated.

Points highlighted: Congregational giving is down on budget by 4%. Room hire is up by 7% on budget. Recurring income for the year is £156,000 with an outgoing expenditure of £160,000, giving a recurring deficit of £4000 against the budgeted deficit of £12,000.

The question of stewardship was raised and discussed. It is several years since members were asked to consider their giving – not only financially but also of talents. Pam Waddell has offered support with a stewardship team looking at the volunteering side. Laurie asked members to give serious thought to appointing a

replacement for Doug as treasurer. Thanks were recorded to Doug for continuing to have oversight of our accounts.

Moving on 2014-2015

Youth report: circulated. Sue outlined plans for an Easter event for Young Church families followed by Breakfast and All Age Worship. A group will also be attending the URC Big Day Out at Warwick Castle. Saplings is flourishing and have 20-22 children attending some week. Storage space is still a problem, and any ideas for additional space would be welcome.

Safeguarding:

Jane reported that our two safeguarding policies – for Adults, and for Children and Young People – are now in place and will soon be available on the Church Website. The safe-guarding co-ordinators are visiting all groups to outline the procedures and requirements. New posters are displayed around the building telling people who to report to. Appropriate training and registration for all volunteers will be obtained.

Annual Church Meeting: The date for this needs to be agreed as it affects the nomination and election of new members to Joint Church Council. The earliest date possible would be Saturday, 10th June at 10.00 am*. This date needs to be checked with APEC, to ensure that they are able to give us their presentation on that date.

[Note *: This has now been confirmed for Saturday 10th June]

An update from the Building Steering Group (BSG)

The BSG was formed by the JCC. Its purpose is to help JCC's chosen architects (APEC) to think through our building's ability to serve our church's mission going forward. The group is made up of representatives across many church activities, invited to participate by JCC. It is committed to fair consideration of both current and future needs. We are: Revd Mike Claridge; Sandra Walton; Clare Naughton; Tim Clayton; Laurie Brown; Helen Gale; Jane Jones.

Since the consultation process started, last October, much has been achieved and we want to share these developments with you.

To start, APEC interviewed groups using the building and researched impressions formed from both inside and outside. They then constructed a detailed brief from these needs and wishes. BSG reviewed the brief, with the architects. APEC have now generated some design ideas for BSG's further consideration, and that group has considered elements it would like to see worked into a Concept Drawing.

APEC will present that second draft design to the Church AGM on 10 June. An open consultation will follow, when BSG hope that all members of the congregation will offer honest feedback for it to review, on JCC's behalf.

When this initial phase is complete the JCC will work with professional fundraisers to help raise finance for the project.

Photos and Books.



Last year was very successful for Book Sales partly with the opening of the lounge and from the continued supply of varied books of a very good quality .A big thank you to all who supported the venture. As a result the total raised was £1,342 exceeding the £1200 annual target. So far this year over £300 has been raised. The money raised has helped buy items for the Day Centre, and Christmas presents. Furniture and other items have been purchased for the new Saplings group of youngsters.

Congratulations to Jenny Corless, who was first among many in the Winter Joy Photo which raised £60 for the Day Centre. The next theme is Stained Glass Windows and already a lot of interest has been shown. Your support these for ventures is much appreciated.. Thank you.

Church Garden

August 4th or 11th has been provisionally booked for this year's Summer Garden Party - so please make a note of the dates and come and join us. Music, dancing, stalls and the obligatory tea and CAKES will be on offer to make it a happy occasion.

This year the gardeners are hoping to have two "SPECIALS" - 1. Plant up a Wellie [please remember to make holes in the bottom!] and 2. Plate Garden. With the weather improving our Day Centre members will be helping with seed sowing and planting the hanging baskets.

Help is ALWAYS needed - no skills necessary.



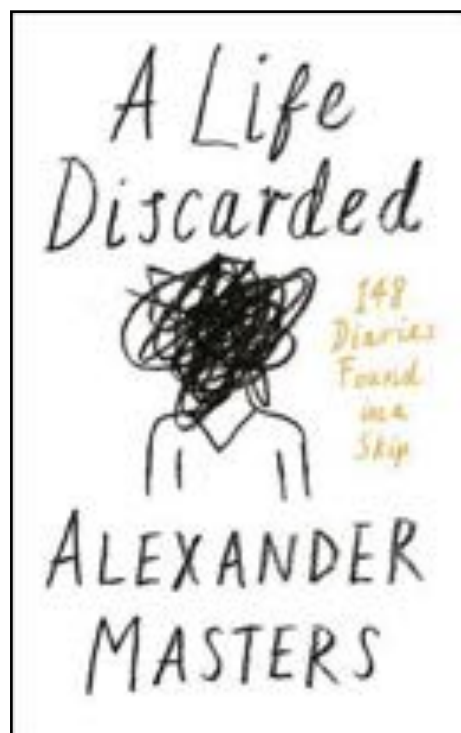
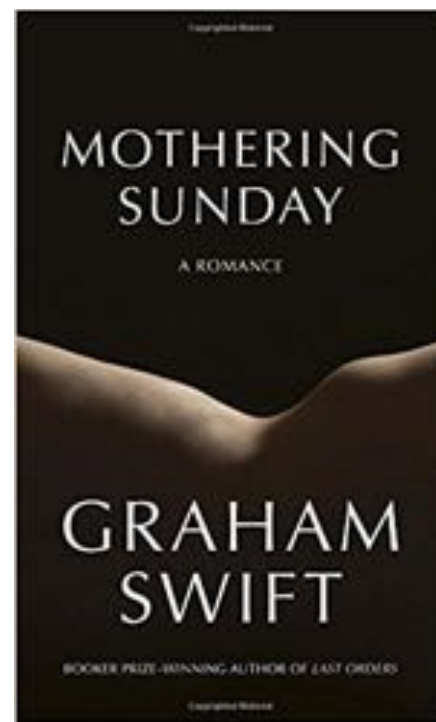
Chris & Babs.

Book Group

After tackling 1984 the group decided that we needed something a bit lighter to read and as it was March, *Mothering Sunday* by Graham Swift seemed like a sensible choice. It was also a much shorter novel and described as being about a housemaid whose life is transformed on Mothering Sunday. Maybe we should have read a little further as the first few pages described in intimate detail her tryst with the soon to be married heir on a neighbouring estate.

The book is well worth reading as it is a powerful and cleverly observed novel about the lives we lead and parallel lives we may never know.

The book led to a very healthy discussion, much longer than usual and a good turnout of members. We had a



new member Peter Rookes

who braved the mainly female group and was made very welcome so if there are any other men around who enjoy reading, don't be afraid to come along.

The next book is an intriguing story of 148 diaries discarded in a skip in Cambridge. It has all the suspense of a murder mystery as Alexander Masters follows the clues to discover the author. Described as profoundly moving, readers have been equally fascinated and frustrated by the way a life unfolds through words and pictures and there are many questions about who threw them away and why.

A Life Discarded by Alexander Masters will be discussed at 40 Middleton Hall Road at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd May.

For further information contact Christine Adams 458-5607

Forthcoming Events

One of the promises I made to Jean before she died, was that I would continue the work we had been doing together, which she kept up even during the latter stages of her cancer. We organised the twice-yearly Faiths, Health and Wellbeing Seminars on a variety of topics for the last 5 years. Previous presentations can be viewed on the Birmingham Council of Faiths website: www.bhamfaiths.org.uk

We attended these 2 mission conferences annually for the last 9 years and I will be attending again this year. Although they are nominally Methodist and Anglican respectively, they are increasingly ecumenical. Please contact Dr Peter Rookes at pjrookes@gmail.com, phone 477 2282 or 077 033 360 88 if you are interested in attending and would like further details.



supported by QE Hospital Chaplaincy

8th Faiths, Health & Wellbeing Seminar (free of charge)
Wed 24th May 9.30-3.30 (registration from 9.00) **Postgraduate Centre, QE Hospital**
(opposite hospital main entrance)

Main Topic – End of Life Care
Full details will be sent after Easter

This is a free event for members of faith communities, voluntary & community services, chaplains, educationists, health & care workers, patients & individuals interested in faith, health & wellbeing.

please bring your own packed lunch.

There is a pay multistorey car park nearby, Trains to the University station, and buses from several routes.

Book your place with Dr Peter Rookes at pjrookes@gmail.com, phone 477 2282 or 077 033 360 88

Methodists for World Mission
World Mission Conference 2017

2nd to 4th June at
The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

Moving People : Moving Stories
A world mission conference exploring issues of refugees and economic migration.
Speakers to be announced

USPG Conference
Serving Churches, Strengthening Communities
17-19 July 2017

High Leigh Conference Centre, Lord Street, Hoddesdon EN11 8SG

The conference will be exploring the 5 thematic areas of the work of USPG, which are protecting health, growing the church, enabling livelihoods, promoting justice and responding to crises.

Speakers include:-

- Jo Musker-Sherwood, Hope for the Future will speak about promoting justice
- The Revd Canon Grace Kaiso, General Secretary of the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA), will speak about enabling livelihoods
- The Revd Dr Carlton Turner, Church in the Provinces of the West Indies (CPWI), will speak about growing the church.

WHOM TO BLAME FOR DANGER ?

Psalm 27 (1) The Lord is my light and salvation. Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When things go wrong the tendency is to examine cause and effect in an attempt at explanation. There may be a reason for everything but similarly things happen without apparent impulse. Things don't have to go wrong for there to be danger.

From the moment of first breath, puking and wailing with woe and fright, every child is met with enveloping danger: defenceless, dependent, battling to survive, growing biologically, expanding and learning an identity, this world is at first seemingly scary and hostile outside the cradle or mother's arms and their cosiness.

Yet babies are wont to explore and intrepidity aside this natural bent brings attendant risk and the ever presence of danger. So is God, who is ever present, a dangerous God? Not a bit of it, but dangerous to ignore. Moreover the temptation we pray not to be led into is where danger lurks. For temptation can be seductive, sinning a habit that brings covert but immoral and damaging pleasure.

It is only that God, we pray, will "deliver us from evil" that we have any hope of escaping the decadent spiral of sin, degeneracy and wrong doing.

Danger of electrocution, one example of danger of death, is an example of danger usually under control by scientific design of insulation yet here in the first

world seldom in the home is anyone ever more than a few feet away from killer-kilo-volts.

What would Jesus have made of electricity (a present day miracle), electrical power or any of a myriad of 21st century motive forces harnessed for propulsion on *terra firma* or to hoist us against gravity skyward?

Gordon Parsons

Heard any 'good news' recently?

Easter is the Christian time for 'Good News' and the perpetual hope of a better world, but sometimes, in our war-weary world it's difficult to hear the good news above the noise of bombs and killings. In an election-focused, Westminster-centric world it's difficult to distinguish good news from just noise.



In our foodbank world, it's also difficult to hear much good news. At the start of the new financial year, there is no good news for the poor. We can see several ways in which the rich are going to get richer and the poor will get poorer.

There is the start of the "two child policy" for new claimants of tax credits. Whatever you may think of large families (and many of us come from large families), children do not ask to be born and about 300,000 families in the UK will be entitled to around £7000 per year less. These children will suffer.

At the same time, the current £325,000 tax inheritance threshold will be gradually lifted to £500,000. This will allow wealthy couples to pass on a £1m home to their children entirely free of inheritance tax by 2020. These children will not suffer.

Neither child is 'good' or 'bad'; deserving or undeserving. They are born where they are born. However, add to this situation a context of rising inflation, benefits freezes and public sector salary increases of 1% and it feels increasingly as though being born into poverty is a punishable offence, with no time off for any good behaviour.

But ... there is some good foodbank news. We have a new benefits advisor who is working to advise clients about benefits and is visibly offering some clients ways out of their current difficulties. We have a 'fuel bank' which is giving clients with pre-payment meters a contribution to their energy costs. And we need to be constantly aware that the B30 Churches Together network as demonstrated through operation of a foodbank is providing space and time for many of our local community to enter our church and leave it feeling better than when they entered. The first 'good news' was not broadcast from the hill tops or via social media. It was in a garden, quietly. The best good news is often not heard through the blare of national networks, but meaningfully from one individual to another.

Helen Gale

Boys' Brigade

Everybody at Boys' Brigade would like to welcome to Cotteridge our new minister Revd Mike Claridge who has agreed to be our BB chaplain.

Congratulations to Euan Clayton and Declan Williams who were presented with their Presidents badge at the April parade service. The Anchors took part in the Battalion Challenge Competition and finished in 4th position.

Future events include the Battalion athletics at Sutton Coldfield and our Peckwood week-end. Our annual General Knowledge Quiz was held on the 21st April. Many thanks to everybody who supported our fund raiser and £307.64 was raised and will be shared between St Mary's Hospice and The Cotteridge Church. Thanks to one of our ex members who is now in the police force. Chris came to BB one Friday in March and spoke to all the lads in the different sections and showed them all his kit he uses when he is at work.

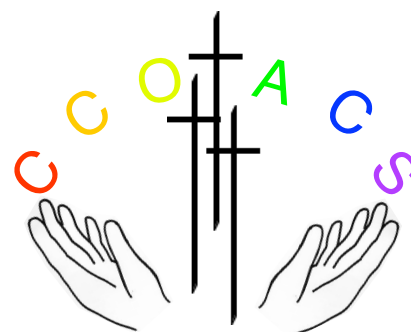
Bob Hotchkiss



Church Day Centre

We continue to flourish, and with the closure of the Afro Caribbean Centre in Kings Heath, we will be welcoming members from there

The Lickey Room has been decorated, and transformed into a Cinema/Sensory/Quiet room. Thanks go to the staff, and Alex Woodhouse for all their hard work.



Life & Soul



Life & Soul on 23rd April focussed on Luke Chapter 24 - the Empty Tomb, the road to Emmaus and the Ascension. We are all invited to share our thoughts and this really focusses the mind on what it must have been like for Jesus' friends and family to experience these events

Part of our worship included Meditation Stations - each with three meditations, one of which is given for each here.

1. Faith & Doubt

“Easter is about giving up the dubious comfort of the earthly, of human appearances where everything works or seems to. It’s about giving up on the superficial, in order to go way down below. It’s about the willingness or necessity of being wiped out of what you think holds you together, to face a benevolent annihilation, without all the stuff that you think defines you, the stuff where we live, which we think is reality. Because you have to give up some false stuff to get to the true...” (*Anne Lamott*)



2. Jesus' Peace

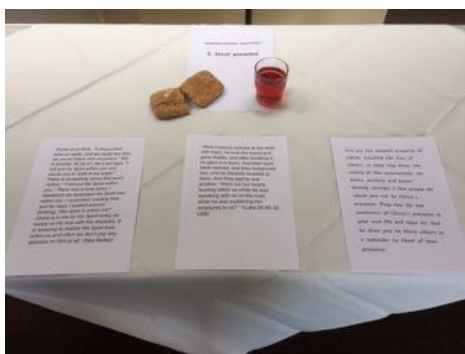
Peace - by Henry Vaughan

My Soul, there is a country
Afar beyond the stars,
Where stands a winged sentry
All skilful in the wars;
There, above noise and danger
Sweet Peace sits,
crown'd with smiles,
And One born in a manger
Commands the beauteous files.
He is thy gracious friend
And (O my Soul awake!)



Did in pure love descend,
To die here for thy sake.
If thou canst get but thither,
There grows the flow'r of peace,
The rose that cannot wither,
Thy fortress, and thy ease.
Leave then thy foolish ranges,
For none can thee secure,
But One, who never changes,
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

3. Jesus' Presence



‘Some of us think, “If Jesus were here on earth, and we could see Him, we would follow Him anywhere.” But in Ezekiel 36:26-27, the Lord says, “I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my ways.” There is something about that word “within”. “I will put My Spirit within you.” There was a time when I needed to be reminded His Spirit was within me. I remember reading that, and for days I walked around thinking, “His Spirit is within me!” Christ is in me by His Spirit today as surely as He was with the disciples. It is amazing to realise His Spirit lives within us and often we don't pay any attention to Him at all’.

(*Ney Bailey*)

A Clear Vision for Catering Services

“If you can get the Vision right, everything else will follow”

These wise words have stuck with me ever since a talk I attended. The speaker was Revd Ashley Cooper, the visionary minister of Swan Bank Methodist Church, near Stoke. The session was about change management, and in particular growing a clear Mission.

So it has been my mission since becoming Chair in January to explore Catering Services in detail – not only the day-to-day running but, more importantly, to get a sense of how we reach out to people and touch lives. How is Catering Services ministering to its customers and the community at large?

The Committee and also the rest of the Cotteridge Catering team had this as key focus of our recent Volunteers’ Tea Party, a lovely afternoon spent chatting and eating delicious cakes (Thanks to Linda Mann and all who provided cake and tea!). The party gave an excellent opportunity to get together as a team, to celebrate our triumphs and to open communication about the future: There can be no denying that we are entering a phase of change, which is both exciting and somewhat intimidating: there is a lot to think about and plenty to do.

There is so much that we are doing brilliantly: the service and sense of welcome is a Core Function of Cotteridge Church, and our Pennine Way regulars form a rich community. We provide a safe haven – from inclement weather, from loneliness and also as a place of refuge: everyone is met with a warm welcome and a lovely cup of tea. We are increasingly involved with worship functions also – improvements are being made to the Sunday coffee, we have catered for all 6 Life & Soul sessions, plus Mike’s induction service and Mike’s welcome lunch. We provide meals to the day centre, too, as well as the popular Bain Marie service. It’s not all one-sided, either. Our volunteers spoke of how they feel part of a community, that they have a sense of belonging. Several volunteers have told me how working in the Café has given them a sense of purpose and a new range of friendships. Four months isn’t enough time to have got to know everyone well, but I am awed by the passion and commitment shown by all of our Team.

However, as a Charitable Enterprise, we still have some developments to make. According to the survey of our community carried out under the Know Your Church, Know Your Neighbourhood project (and confirmed by APEC’s research), our wider community largely comprises young families – a group that we rarely see in the Café at present. More alarmingly, from research that APEC conducted amongst those who currently do not use the Church, 80% did not know that we have a café, and the clear consensus is that there needs to be a family-friendly, safe and affordable café in Cotteridge. I find this staggering – obviously we are in a perfect position to meet that need, but how can so few people know where we are and what we do?

Within the pages of feedback I have from Committee and Volunteers, there are so many excellent ideas: A refresh of our menu, drawing in more business from local businesses at lunchtime, offering a Men’s Breakfast, and a Breakfast Club during

school holidays. Clearly we need to increase our footfall, and bring in more customers in the quieter times either side of lunch.

Alongside all of that, we now have a clear Vision: Cotteridge Church Food Ministry. A project, a fund, a resource to reach out to our community to show God's Love in action – providing food and a listening ear. Our first act is running a Breakfast Club during the Whitsun Half-term break, to give a free breakfast to children who would normally receive Free School Meals and might otherwise go hungry. This is in collaboration with B30 Foodbank, and with support from the Saplings leadership.

I have started to make some links, but could always use some help. If you have any ideas, or can contribute any time or expertise – particularly regarding promotion and marketing, please let me know.

Clare Naughton, Chair of Cotteridge Church Catering Services

Services for May & June

2017	7th May	14th May	21st May	28th May
9.00 a.m. H.C.	Revd R. Collins	Revd M. Claridge	Revd M. Claridge	Revd R. Collins
10.30 a.m.	Revd M. Claridge	Revd M. Claridge	Revd Lorraine Dixon	Revd R. Collins
4.00 p.m.				Life & Soul
6.30 p.m.	Revd R. Collins	Café Church	Revd M. Claridge	Mr John Cooper
7.30 p.m.	Political Night Prayer			
	4th June	11th June	18th June	25th June
9.00 a.m. H.C.	Revd R. Collins	Revd M. Claridge	Revd R. Collins	Revd R. Collins
10.30 a.m.	Revd R. Collins	Revd M. Claridge	Miss Hazel Nash	Revd R. Collins
4.00 p.m.				Life & Soul
6.30 p.m.	Revd M. Claridge	Café Church	Revd R. Morris	Miss Hazel Nash

Brain Teasers

Solution from the March edition :

Just as you can find new in Pennine **W**ay, and fee in Coff**e** Bar, can you find things we use or see each week during the services, which contain the following three letter words?

Answers next time!



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