

# Good News

## Lancashire West Methodist Circuit

### Prayer submitted by Pat Robinson (from a church in Lincoln)

Good Morning

I am God. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help.

If the devil happens to deliver to you a situation that you cannot handle, DO NOT attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFJTD (something for Jesus to do) box. It will be addressed in MY time, not yours.

Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it or try to remove it. Holding on, or removal will delay the resolution of your problem.

If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution.

Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep.

Rest my child. If you need to contact me I am only a prayer away.



Unfailing love surrounds all who trust the LORD.

Psalm 32:10.

This is such a warm, comforting thought. Please help us to remember it all day long today. Surround us with Your peace that passes all human understanding. And we will praise You.

### Miles 4 Mind

Last Sunday, Rev Sue Guénault, her husband Mark, her niece Lizzie and myself (Jayne –Circuit administrator) took on the challenge of walking 20 miles, raising funds for MIND. We'd been training since June, building up the miles and nerves were very apparent as the day approached. How would the weather be? Will the trainers hold up? Can the blisters be conquered?

After a glorious summer, were every training day seemed to be blessed with sunny, settled weather. We were faced with sunshine (a little), showers (a lot!) and wind.

We met at Mawdesley



Methodist where stewards, friends & family sent us on our way with hot cross buns, muffins, fruit, flapjacks, and plenty of hot coffee and tea. We donned our tutu's and so began a marvellous day full of laughter, friendship, music, lots of cake, oh and lots and lots of walking! As we set off, we saw a beautiful rainbow – we were blessed by God too.

Thanks to the sound system that Mark carried in his backpack, we



walked all day to the sounds of ELO and disco music. The music set the pace as we strode along. Our next stop was Croston Methodist and we were greeted by a fabulous banner wishing us luck plus tea and cake. We were already in need to dry our waterproofs off.

Onwards to Tarleton, who were just finishing up their Harvest Service. A quick hello, cake and thoughtfully, we took hot drinks away with us in take-away cups. I was particularly grateful for this hot drink as the heavens opened and gave us a cold shower as we walked.

Upon approach to Holmes, it was a competition as to which group made the most noise. Us and ELO arriving **or** Holmes Sunday School, who were stood on the church steps playing the percussion instruments, clapping and cheering as we approached. The welcome was warm, the cake/flapjacks were divine and hot coffee was the order of the day.

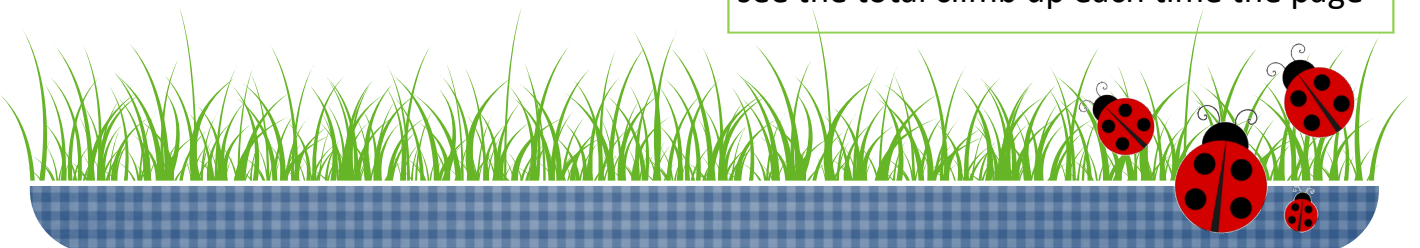
Reluctantly, we left – gave a nod to Mere Brow as we passed their door and received a donation and then onto Holmeswood. An extended break at Rev Michael's to dry off and enjoy homemade soup

and yet more tea. We were at the halfway point. 10 miles down, 10 to go. Legs were starting to feel it but plenty of energy left. We departed to the tunes of Wham!

This leg was the furthest without any stops. Could we cope without cake? After a squally morning weather-wise, we enjoyed a settled period where the sun shone and our waterproofs could come off. At this point we were joined by some supporters to walk alongside us. Extra energy to keep us going at the three quarters stage.

As we arrived at Burscough from walking along the canal bank, I was unsure if I could manage anymore cake.....until I saw the homemade carrot cake waiting for us! Delicious! We were on the final straight. Nearly there.

Our motivation was fuelled not just by cake but by the donations that had been made to our Just Giving fund. I am not just talking about the ones that came in on the day, although it was heartening to see the total climb up each time the page



was refreshed. I am talking about the donations that have come in since day 1. For me, there were times when I did not want to get out there and train and then I'd see a donation and supportive message arrive and it always spurred me on.

It was 4.30pm, we'd been walking since 9am and we had just over 3 miles to complete. We straightened our tutu's, tightened our laces and set off with music and friends and headed along the A59. The sun was shining, spirits were high and then, just as we entered Burscough Road, heading to Ormskirk, the rain clouds burst and ensured we had a very soggy finish.

Did we care? Of course not! ELO's Mr Blue Sky belted out of the back pack and we arrived at Emmanuel at 5.30pm drenched but elated. 20 miles completed! (and a bit more)

Emmanuel members, family and friends had gathered. We were greeted with party poppers, balloons, hugs, music, refreshments and even aromatherapy foot spa's for the tired feet.

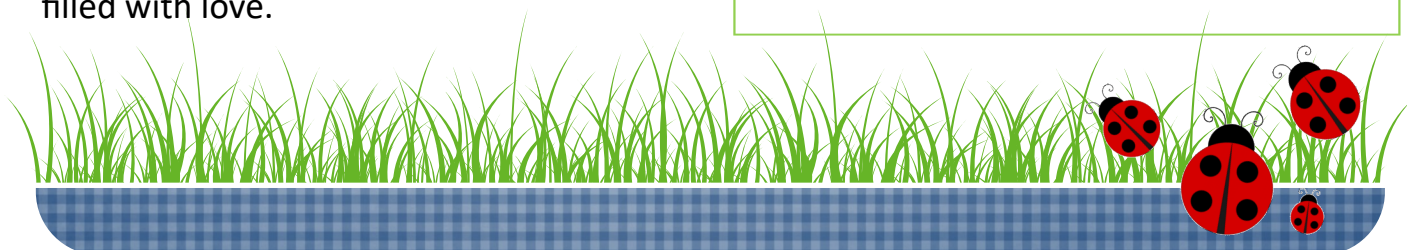
What an ending to an unforgettable day! What started as an idea ended with a life time memory. The day was filled with love.

The list of thanks is long. We can't thank the churches and members enough for their support on the day. Our timetable wasn't exact and we know folk had to be available to open churches and offer welcome and shelter.

We also give thanks to Upholland, Trinity Skelmersdale and Skelmersdale Ecumenical Centre whose buildings couldn't form part of our route but whose members have supported and cheered us.

We should all be proud of the total raised for MIND – At the time of writing, the total is approaching £3600 and we have topped £4000 with gift aid added.

Please – if you are feeling alone, charities like 'Mind' are waiting to hear your voice. Life is tough. Let's not navigate it alone folks. xx





## Harvest in Lancashire West Circuit



### Upholland - led by Revd Michael

Beavers, Cubs & Scouts attended & Michael got some of them to act out a story about 2 farmers, Bill & Ben sharing their produce.

It involved a lot of laughter but clearly showed the message of the need for sharing & caring for others.

The food was donated to Up Holland Food Bank.

### Croston Trinity - Genesis 1:31 "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

Dr John Lightfoot has created a magnificent garden display of dahlias in the church garden at Croston.

Over many years John has tirelessly toiled the soil, removing stones and clay thus ensuring the perfect conditions for his fabulous display. His gardening skills and tireless commitment have been greatly appreciated and valued by the congregation and members of the local community. The superb flowers are regularly distributed and shared with individuals throughout Croston village by his wife Dilys. They provide a spectacular end to the month of September and they are a stark reminder of the beauty of God's creation.



Jane Appleby's flower displays have been successfully recognised and celebrated at Southport Flower Show for many years. We are fortunate that Jane's artistic skills are used to provide wonderful weekly flower displays in church. The displays are simply stunning and reflect the awe and splendour of God's creation. They are a focus for contemplation prior to the service starting. Jane and her husband Phil have been developing, with members of the congregation, a reflective prayer garden at the front of church. It was previously a 'dead' space that has been transformed into an area of spiritual interest and tranquillity.

A place for quiet reflection and prayer.



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### **Mere Brow - led by Revd Sheryl Anderson**

It was very special to be in Chapel to celebrate and give thanks to God for the Harvest. Rev Sheryl Anderson (Chair of Liverpool District) came to share with us at the Family Service on Sunday morning.

She referred to God's promises to provide for his people. She had brought a lovely Honeydew melon and we were asked "how many seeds do you think are there in a which she ?" Our guesses ranged from 150 – 250!

Some volunteers from the Sunday School offered to do a count of the seeds while the melon was cut into bitesize pieces. Everyone had a piece and it was lovely and sweet.

This one melon had approximately 424 seeds!!

*We are all part of God's family and His perfect creation provides sufficient for everyone.*

*See Job 38 1-7 Mark 10 35-45*

Our Minister Rev Michael Tindsley led our Afternoon service and Joyce sang some beautiful songs. Friends from local churches came to share in our Harvest Thanksgiving.

*We must trust in God's promises and be assured that He will provide for all our needs.*

*Micah 4 1-5 Luke 12 16-21*

Our Harvest concluded on Monday evening with our traditional Harvest Supper followed by the sale of produce which is always well supported by members and friends of the Chapel

### **Emmanuel - led by Revd Sue**

For Emmanuel's Harvest Festival, the front of the church looked lovely, thanks to Lillian and Miriam. Rev Sue used a selection of vegetables to illustrate her message, and we enjoyed the Harvest Samba again!

During the worship we learned about All We Can's work in Nkayi, Zimbabwe (<https://www.allwecan.org.uk/nextsteps/>) and made paper boats as part of Christian Aid's prayer initiative on climate justice (<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/prayer-chain>).

People brought food for the food bank and we collected 12 full bags. Thank you to all involved!





# CHURCH SERVICES

|  | OCT  |                          |                              |                              | NOV                          |                                 |                                    |                                |
|--|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|  | 10 <sup>th</sup>   | 17 <sup>th</sup>         | 24 <sup>th</sup>             | 31 <sup>st</sup>             | 7 <sup>th</sup>              | 14 <sup>th</sup><br>Remembrance | 21 <sup>st</sup>                   | 28 <sup>th</sup>               |
| <b>Burscough</b><br>Orrell Lane 10.00<br>HP, CMP, STF, NIV     | o/a  | Malcolm<br>Roxburgh      | Michael<br>Tindsley <b>S</b> | o/a                          | Geoff<br>Farthing            | Janet<br>Walton                 | Michaela<br>Barker                 | Michael<br>Tindsley<br>Baptism |
| <b>Holmeswood</b><br>Holmeswood Rd 10.30<br>HP, CMP, STF       | Mere Brow  | o/a                      | Malcolm<br>Abbott            | o/a                          | Michael<br>Tindsley <b>S</b> | o/s                             | Michael<br>Tindsley<br><b>10am</b> | o/a                            |
| <b>Mere Brow</b><br>10.30                                      | Michael<br>Tindsley <b>S</b>   | Anne<br>Wallbank         | Gordon<br>Wearing            | Geoff<br>Farthing <b>S</b>   | Emma<br>Birkbeck             | o/a                             | Andy McShane                       | Barbara<br>Clark               |
| <b>Holmes</b><br>Park Lane 10.30<br>HP, MP, JP,<br>6.30        | Geoff Farthing<br><b>HF</b><br>Anne<br>Wallbank  | Michael<br>Tindsley      | Clifford Hill                | Stephen<br>Foster <b>S</b>   | David<br>Allen               | -----                           | Merle<br>Farthing                  | Stephen<br>Foster              |
| <b>Tarleton</b><br>Church Rd 10.30<br>HP, MP,                  | Malcolm<br>Abbott  | o/a                      | Jonathan<br>Richardson       | Merle<br>Farthing            | Janet<br>Walton              | Stephen<br>Foster               | Geoff<br>Farthing <b>S</b>         | o/a                            |
| <b>Mawdesley</b><br>Four Lane Ends<br>10.30<br>HP, MP, JP, NIV | Croston  | o/a                      | Stephen<br>Foster            | Croston                      | Malcolm<br>Abbott            | o/s                             | Stephen<br>Foster                  | Jonathan<br>Richardson         |
| <b>Croston</b><br>Westhead Rd 10.30<br>HP, MP, STF,            | Michaela<br>Barker   | Sue<br>Guénault <b>F</b> | o/a                          | Sue<br>Guénault<br><b>HC</b> | Mawdesley                    | Malcolm<br>Roxburgh             | Sue Guénault<br><b>F</b>           | Gordon<br>Waring               |
| <b>Ormskirk</b><br>Derby St 10.30<br>HP, CMP, STF              | Sue Guénault<br><b>P</b>   | o/a                      | Sue<br>Guénault <b>HC</b>    | Michaela<br>Barker           | Sue<br>Guénault <b>P</b>     | Sue Guénault                    | Helen Hindle                       | Malcolm<br>Abbott              |
| <b>Trinity</b><br>High Street 11.00<br>STF, GNB                | Stephen<br>Foster  | David<br>Allen           | Jenny<br>Ashcroft            | o/a                          | Stephen<br>Foster <b>S</b>   | Jenny<br>Ashcroft               | Michael<br>Tindsley                | o/a                            |
| <b>Up Holland</b><br>Alma Hill 11.00<br>STF LP                 | Up Holland &<br>Dalton   | Janet<br>Walton          | Michael<br>Tindsley <b>S</b> | Up Holland<br>& Dalton       | Malcolm<br>Roxburgh          | Michael<br>Tindsley             | Up Holland &<br>Dalton             | Geoff<br>Farthing <b>S</b>     |
| On line /<br>streamed  | <i>The circuit ministry team will continue to deliver weekly on-line worship services.<br/>See <a href="https://lancashirewest.org.uk/">https://lancashirewest.org.uk/</a></i> |                          |                              |                              |                              |                                 |                                    |                                |

MP –Mission Praise Combined

HP – Hymns and Psalms

HON – Hymns Old and New

LP – Let's Praise

NIV – New International Version

CMP – Complete Mission Praise

STF – Singing the Faith

JP – Junior Praise

GNB – Good News

S – Sacrament/Communion HC – Holy Communion

HF – Harvest Festival

o/a – Own Arrangement

F – Family Service

P – Parade Service

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