

Dear Friends,

In October (this year 21st – 28th) there is always the celebration of '**One World Week**'. One World Week was founded in 1978 by the World Development Movement out of a desire that, for one week in every year, the churches should draw the attention of their communities to the fact that the world consists of one human family which shares one planet in which all may enjoy fullness of life. This year the theme is 'The World is Changing – How About Us?' Also in October many churches celebrate the Harvest Festival which is a reminder of our dependence on what the 'earth' provides for us; our need to thank God for that provision and, in thanking God, the recognition that God's harvest is a sharing for all, whoever and wherever.



In the creation parables, at the beginning of the Bible, we have a stark reminder of the responsibility that humankind is given to care for God's creation. And the deep truth of the stories lies in God creating people who are given responsibility while remaining subject to God, their creator. The 'God with human' teamwork is established right at the start of history. It is just as fresh and definite now, and we must not shirk that responsibility, under God, to care for the universe we inhabit. We are not called to dominate it and squeeze it dry for our own short-sighted indulgence, but to be careful stewards in every generation.

In the last few years we have become aware of how the world is changing. Changes in our economic systems, with the surge of industrial capitalism, has led to a growing inequality, leaving billions without their basic needs, and a changing Earth 'system' which is unsustainable as we experience extremes and irregularities in the weather patterns.

The challenge of 'One World Week' is a challenge that we should be facing every day of our lives. How can we change economic systems so that their aim would be to achieve prosperity for all, leaving no-one behind, and at the same time acknowledges that human activity depends on sustainable interactions with Earth systems too?

The seeds of change are all around us to make the transition to a sustainable and inclusive future. How can we change our attitudes and lifestyles so we can become part of a force for good in our world? How can we challenge the economic and political systems which are so much a part of the root of the problems we are facing? As Christians this challenge comes, not just from the world around us, but from God himself who called us, from the very beginning, to care for all creation.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

From your friend and minister,

Brian

'Thank-You' from Sue

I want to say a big 'thank-you' for your kind thoughts, prayers, flowers and cards following my recent spinal surgery. I also want to thank you for your support of Brian during the early stressful days. I hope to be back in church soon.

Sue

Found: sunglasses

A pair of prescription sunglasses were found in the Church Hall following our Holiday at Home event. If you know whose they are, could you please contact **Hilary Grierson**?

SASH Diary – Forthcoming Special Events and Services

October

6 th	3.00pm	Messy Church 'Creation' (AoM)
7 th	10.45am	Harvest Festival & Parade Service (Sale)
	12.00 noon	Harvest Lunch & Raffle (Sale)
7 th	6.30pm	Healing Service (Sale)
11 th	3.30pm	'Dorothy's' Volunteers Meeting (Sale)
13 th	10.00am	Synod Meeting in Salford
13 th	12.00 noon	Autumn Brunch (AoM)
14 th		No Morning Service – Half-marathon (Sale)
	6.30pm	Evening Communion Service (Sale)
24 th	2.00pm	Church & Society (Sale)
27 th	12.00 noon	Autumn Brunch (AoM)
28 th	6.30pm	CTiS Ecumenical Service (St Paul's)
31 st	8.00pm	CTiS Meeting (Sale)

November

3 rd	3.00pm	Messy Church 'Remember Me' (AoM)
10 th	12.00 noon	Winter Warmer & Lunch (Sale)
	7.30pm	Sale Remembers (St Paul's)
17 th	12.00 noon	Winter Warmer & Lunch (Sale)
28 th	2.00pm	Church & Society (Sale)

Communion Fund, Sale

In September £65 was donated to V S O.

October's collection will be for our Church Charity this year, the Sekenani Girls School.

Nancy Stringer

Winter Warmers, Sale Saturday 10 & 17th November

Donations for the following stalls would be most gratefully received.

Food Hamper Raffle: nonperishable items i.e. Tin meats, fruits, puddings, packets of biscuits, sweets or chocolates, bottles.

Tombola: varies items i.e. ornaments, jewelry, bottles, children's toys.

Surprise Parcels: something you would love to receive, i.e. Toiletries, picture frame, scarf, wine, chocolates, stationary.

Crafts: i.e. knitted, sewn, woodwork or paper craft items.

Cake Stall: cakes, biscuits or "fruit pies. On the Saturday 10th.

Please bring any donations in over the coming weeks. Many Thanks

Wendy McDonald

Harvest Festival Ploughman's Lunch

A Ploughman's Lunch will follow our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 07 October 2018; we will also have a Raffle and a Bring and Buy Stall. All proceeds will go to our Church Charity the Sekenani Girls School. Tickets will be on sale from mid-September from Wendy and Hilary. The cost is £10, but it is hoped that you will support this worthwhile event. Thank You.

Wendy and Hilary

Church & Society

We will be meeting in Sale Church lounge at 2 p.m. **on Wednesday 24th October.** All from Churches Together in Sale – and their friends! - are very welcome. Our topic and future programme will be announced when we have held our planning meeting on September 26th.

Keith Argyle

Noah's Ark



animals
 Ararat
 ark
 covenant
 dove

flood
 Genesis
 gopher
 Ham
 Japheth

Noah
 rain
 rainbow
 raven
 Shem

Elders Voting Procedures from 2018

As advised at our AGM the format for nominating Church Members as Elders has changed with effect from this year.

Should you wish to nominate anyone, you will need to obtain an Election Form from Hilary or one of the Church Elders. You will then need to ask the person if they would be willing to serve as an Elder, they will need to sign the form, and you will need to have a 'seconder' to your proposal. Your own signature as well as your 'seconder' is required on the form. There is a blank form on the Church Notice Board (please do not remove it), for information.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask Hilary or one of the Elders.

Hilary – Church Secretary

Dorothy's Memory Café

We continue to welcome around thirty guests each week to our café. Most come with a carer but we have three or four guests who are still able to travel alone. Many guests are very regular, having been with us since day one, and have become good friends both with us and with others attending for a similar time.

One such couple was Sheila and Simeon. Sadly, Simeon died at the end of August. We missed his funeral but four of us were able to go and "sit shiva" with Sheila and take her this photograph. It then appeared in the Jewish Telegraph alongside Simeon's obituary. We join in the traditional words of condolence, "May Hashem (God) grant his dear wife Sheila a long life, free from any further trouble and sorrow".



In September we have welcomed four new volunteers onto our rota which is quite a relief as we are now so busy. We have moved into the main church as the lounge was bursting at the seams. We have five large tables and most weeks they are full.

Margaret Argyle

Wednesday Society

We meet in the lounge at Sale URC on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 2pm. Our forthcoming Meetings are:

- Oct 3 Lunch in the Lounge - 1.30pm
- Oct 17 The Manchester Ship Canal - Barry Myers
- Nov 7 Members' Contributions

Arrangements are now in hand with our Christmas Celebrations. If you have not so far been involved please speak to me so that you be included in our numbers. The Christmas Meal at an outside venue is planned for Wednesday, November 21st.

We do hope you will join us at these Meetings and we look forward to seeing you when you will be made most welcome.

Yvonne Jones – Sale

Ashton-upon-Mersey BBQ and Concert

What a grand afternoon and evening. The weather was perfect, everyone was eager to help and there were plenty of people to enjoy the festivities. The concert was well received and enjoyed by all. Such fun, the atmosphere was electric. Thanks to all those who took part and to Karen Garrattley for producing and inspiring as always.

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One of our star singers was Glenn Fildes. Men, women and children all thoroughly enjoyed his performance and he has since sent a communication:

“Dear Karen, Becky and Alfred.

“I want to say how much I enjoyed the excellent concert (and bbq) yesterday and what a delight it was to have a sing of all my favourites as I rarely have an opportunity these days.

“The atmosphere amongst your group is delightful and it is lovely the way you use everyone's talents so effectively.....’Men In Tights’ will be in my memory for ever. It was brilliant. Thanks.”

Ashton-upon-Mersey Communion Fund

In June we sent £70 to the charity Edu Fun in South Africa. Some of you may remember that this was the charity my daughter Helen volunteered with when she was living in Johannesburg.

Edu Fun’s (<https://www.edufunsa.co.za>) aim is to improve English literacy. They teach learners in grades 2 & 3 at Diepsloot Combined School in the informal settlement of Diepsloot, South Africa.

Volunteers teach 3 times a week and lead a holiday art, sport and reading programme. Through partner projects they also provide school uniform mending, health checks for students, food for vulnerable families, support for teen moms attending school and guidance and financial assistance for learners at university

In June Edu Fun had the opportunity of becoming a member of ‘Global Giving’ which means all donations made via Global Giving are tax deductible in both the USA & UK. The task was to have over 40 donations and raise over £3700 between June 11 & June 29th. Our donation helped them reach their goal in just 13 days.

THANK YOU FROM EDU FUN

“We are overwhelmed with gratitude. We have exceeded our initial goal of £3700 thanks to your donation. In just 13 days 69 donors from across the world have supported us so generously. Our most sincere thanks for helping make this happen. The impact you have made on so many lives is astonishing and humbling! **THANK YOU.**”

Sylvia Corbishley - Ashton on Mersey

**Autumn Brunches, Saturday 13th October 11 am -2 pm,
and Saturday 27th October 11 am - 2 pm**

You are invited to our Autumn brunches at Ashton. We will be delighted to see you. Come and enjoy good food, conversation, stall and raffle. All proceeds to church funds.

Pleasant Tuesday Afternoon

Will be advised each week during October.

Messy Church Ashton on Mersey - September “Bible Seaside”

This month we held the last of our summer sessions with 12 children and their families attending. We explored the mention of sea-sides in the bible through a number of activities. Our minister Brian supported children making a large shell cross which now has pride of place in church. See if you can spot it when you're next here?

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There was great hilarity in water play with children making paper boats which to the delight of all floated first time! All the children were



super impressed. Sand drizzling was a real favourite too, with all the children wanting a go at creating their own seaside picture or pattern.

Children had chance to have a go at a fishing game with paper fish and magnets to

win prizes. We also made picture postcards and mosaic collage fish.

Brian also led the celebration part of the afternoon through the story of the foolish man building his house upon the sand using 'Jenga' blocks very effectively to demonstrate the idea. Children thoroughly enjoyed taking part, removing the blocks and seeing the outcome when it finally collapsed. It was definitely fun for all ages as you can imagine.

Next month our theme is '**The Creation**'. We would love to see you here and can assure you that you will be made most welcome. Messy church is for all ages, so come along and join us 3 till 5pm on Saturday 6th October.

See more of what we get up to on Facebook:

[@Messy Church AonM](https://www.facebook.com/MessyChurchAonM)

Helen Priestman, Ashton on Mersey

Bags-to-School (Sale)

A reminder that we have a collection on **23rd October**.

Nancy Stringer



The Leprosy
Mission
England and Wales

The Leprosy Mission Face to Face Meetings

Your invitation to join us for an
inspiring meeting and afternoon tea

Paul Moores invites anyone interested in
learning more about the work of the
Leprosy Mission to join other supporters
at an inspiring meeting and afternoon tea.



This is being held on **22nd November 2018**
at:

Heaton Moor United Church
Stanley Road
Heaton Moor
Stockport SK4 4HL
(parking places available)

The meeting begins at 1pm and includes
afternoon tea at 3pm.

Please let me know if you would like to
attend so I can send your names to Paul

on his RSVP card.

Katherine Paxton, 0161 473 4870

Flower List, A-o-M

7 th October	Judith Bower
14 th October	Caroline & Paul Howarth
21 st October	C Witty
28 th October	Linda Harper

38 Years ago in Sale



Preparing for the opening of the new church building in 1980:
Alan Menzies, David Clark, Margaret Menzies, Nan Scott,
Rev. Peter Scotland, Joan Parry.

Harvest Quotes

What we plant in the soil of contemplation, we shall reap in the harvest of action. *Meister Eckhart*

Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later. *Og Mandino*

It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in the Autumn. *B. C. Forbes*

From the Editors

Thank you all for your contributions this month. Keep them coming! The next deadline, for the November SASH, will be Sunday 14th October – easy to remember because it is the day of the Manchester Half Marathon!

Keith and Margaret Argyle