

This is one of the first changes we as churches are facing since Brian's retirement; where in the past our Minister usually writes a 'Message from the Manse', from now on each month a different person will write our opening, it may be one of your Elders or a Church Member. It may be a letter of encouragement, support, information, something different for each Edition, and I offered to write this first letter to you!

At a recent South Area Pastoral Committee Meeting I was asked to lead our Opening Devotions, and I chose a passage from a book entitled "Breakfast with God" - "The Sunrise Travelers" which is based on Numbers 21: 10-11 KJV

*The children of Israel set forward.... journeyed from the wilderness.... toward the sun rising."*

As we, like the Children of Israel are about to embark on a journey together I thought it might be appropriate to share this devotion with you as our Opening Letter for June: -

"Travelers whose hopes were fixed on what was before and beyond; people of faith who followed the gleam loyally, right through to the very end; road-makers, presenting an unparalleled example of courage and bravery; people of vision, always looking ahead, never behind. What an inspiring, challenging thought as we begin our journey together, traveling towards sunrise. Let us begin by filling the air with songs of rejoicing, with songs not sighs, for we are wayfarers traveling to the land where dawns are begotten and glory has its dwelling place, where life begins, not ends, and where there is an eternal springtime!"

***"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me light that I may tread safely into the unknown!" "And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God; that shall be to you better than light, safer than a known way.***

***So I went forth, and, finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me toward the hills and the breaking of the day in the east."***

As I wrote at the beginning, as a Church we, like the Children of Israel, are also about to embark on a journey together. We don't know what lies ahead for us; we may be facing tremendous opportunities or overwhelming difficulties. We do not know what the future holds for us, what Missional Partnership will ultimately mean for us. What we do know is, that change is inevitable. How we embrace that change is up to each and every one of us. We should support each other, encourage each other, help each other, because we do not have a Moses to lead us, but this I do know: if we put our hands into God's hand and walk with Him, He will give us the strength and the comfort we need as we journey on together and face our future together!

Every Blessing

**Hilary**

**Secretary – Sale Church**

## **Missional Partnership - “Save the Date”**

At the May Meeting of the Steering Group it was agreed that the 'Commissioning Service' for our Area would be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at Bramhall URC, the Service will start at 2.30pm.

Both Sale and Ashton upon Mersey Church will receive a Poster in due course giving full details, and a list for names of those wishing to attend the Service will be put on to Church Notice Boards.

Thank You.

**Hilary Grierson and Valerie Davies – Steering Group Representatives**

## **Communion Fund Sale**

In April **£100** donated to Wells for Wilmslow and in May **£174.55** was donated to Sekenani Girls School – a terrific response!

The June collection will be for FRANCIS HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE.

**Nancy Stringer**

## Valedictory Weekend

The weekend of May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> was a busy one! Both churches had their teams of workers ferrying and setting up tables and chairs (mostly men's jobs), laying the tables, doing the floral arrangements, and collecting the food which had been decided on by "committee" during Tuesday Coffee mornings



with Pam. The food was beautifully presented by the team with Wendy doing the trickiest job of all – cutting the extremely sticky cake!

The church was packed for Brian's final service, with many friends

from far and wide. His message was as clear and cogent as usual, for the last time "as a salaried minister". Family members shared in the service paying tributes and reading bible passages.



The many invited guests from Brian's past churches expressed pleasure at the

whole afternoon. It was good to speak with some of them and in fact we've had correspondence this week from some of the ladies from Newcastle who sent forget-me-nots, which



they had made, for “Dorothy’s”. Brian and Sue were surrounded by family and friends as they opened many cards and gifts at the table before cutting Brian’s cake. They both spoke of their time in ministry. Presentations were made by Michael Riley, representing Sale Churches Together; Pam Boyes, on behalf of Ashton-on-Mersey church, who gave Sue a bouquet and Brian a cheque; and Hilary Grierson who gave Brian a bottle of malt whisky and a cheque on behalf of the Sale church. Alasdair finally turned the tables by presenting Brian with a farewell quiz!

Then began the clear-up! We were all home by 6pm – such a great team! The left-over food was not wasted. It was good to be able to take the sandwiches to Miles Platting to “Food-for-all-at The Apostles” who welcomed it with open arms. The cakes and pastries were a little extra to help celebrate our memory café’s second birthday.



**Margaret Argyle**

### **A note of Appreciation**

What a party! Of course, the service with which Brian and Sue’s life with us was brought to a close was as thoughtful as usual. With the church so full, it was a memorable occasion, and a joy to see their friends and relations from far and near.

The tea which followed in the church hall was so well organised, both in the weeks beforehand and in the weekend itself. Many thanks to all those who helped in any way. The seating at the long tables was such a good way of getting everyone in, and the clearing up afterwards so well accomplished (I didn’t look into the matter of the washing up!).

**Stella Salmon**

## **Sale Church Diary**

5th June	7.30pm	MP Steering Group Meeting at Ashton upon Mersey
6th June	3.30pm	Sale Worship Group Meeting
9th June	3.00pm	CTIS Pentecost Service at St Francis Church
12 June	7.30pm	Sale Elders Meeting
19 June	9.00am	CTIS Outing to Llandudno
26 June	2.00pm	Church & Society - Rev Glayne Worgan
27 June	3.30pm	Sale Worship Group Meeting
29 June	3.00pm	Pre-Wimbledon Pimms & Strawberry Tea - Sale
30 June	2.45pm	Afternoon Communion Service at Sale
30 June	4.00pm	Mayoral Civic Service at St Paul's
10 July	7.30pm	Sale Elders Meeting
11 July	7.30pm	MP Steering Group Meeting (TBA)
21 July	2.30pm	MP Manchester and Cheshire Borders Commissioning Service - Bramhall URC
24 July	2.00pm	Church & Society

## **Two Services of Celebration**

### **Mair Heatley**

Mair Rhianan Davies was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 1920. The family lived in the village of Rhiwlas, near Oswestry. She had an older sister, Dilys. Because of the problems of transport in those days, Mair had to board at Oswestry Girls High School for her education.

After leaving school Mair went to train as a nurse at Birmingham Children's Hospital. This was during the war years and she was able to recall clearly her experience during this terrible time. From Birmingham she moved to the Wirral and did her State Registered Nurse training at the hospital in West Kirby. Following her SRN qualifications, Mair became a district nurse in Liverpool, then subsequently a district nurse back on the Wirral.

Mair met Thomas Heatley in 1955, they were married in 1957 and John was born in 1959, to make the family unit complete. Mair, Thomas and John had a lovely shared life together, living on the Wirral. But sadly,

Thomas passed away in 1979 after only 22 years of marriage. This was a difficult time but gradually Mair rebuilt her life with the help of her faith, her family and her friends.

Mair's interests included gardening and reading. She also liked to travel, with journeys to Hong Kong and Singapore, and also a trip to Canada to visit relatives.

Family were very important to Mair, so when John married Ruth and the two boys – Will and James – came along, she delighted in being part of their lives and upbringing.

Mair was a woman of deep Christian faith. Instilled as a child in Wales, it stayed with her throughout her life and enabled her to cope with whatever came along. She was an active member of Higher Bebington Road URC for many years and there will be a further service of Thanksgiving at that church for Mair in the coming days.

Mair moved to Kitchener Court in Sale in 2007, so the family could keep a closer eye on her. She became a member of Ashton-upon-Mersey URC and, when she could, came along to services and, particularly, the Pleasant Tuesday Afternoon group.

Unfortunately, Mair's dementia became more pronounced and she was not able to continue living independently. For the last while she was cared for at the Mayfield Care Home and the family are very grateful for the care and support the staff at the home were able to offer to Mair during this time.

We thank God for all that Mair meant to those who knew and loved her, and we commend her to God's eternal love and care.

## **Helena Marjorie Yeoman**

Marjorie was born in St Mary's Hospital, on the corner of Oxford Road and Whitworth Street in Manchester, the second daughter after Joyce of Len & Jess Horrocks. She was followed by two more sisters, Georgina & Catherine, and two brothers Peter & Christopher.

Marjorie was educated at Springfield Road Primary School and then at Sale High School for Girls (later to become the Girls' Grammar School) where among other subjects she gained a Distinction in Mathematics in her School Certificate.

As well as her brothers and sisters, Marjorie had many uncles and aunts and cousins, and friends with whom she spent happy days cycling, dancing, and camping.

Much influenced by her beloved grandfather, when she left school, Marjorie applied for a job at Sale Library and worked there until she married Brian and had their three daughters, Lorraine Meryl & Carmel. She returned to work at Sale Library, initially as temporary cover for a colleague on sick leave, on a part-time basis in 1965 and first met Graham in 1967, when he was appointed Lending Librarian, and nominally her boss. In the 1970's Marjorie started to work full-time and was appointed a Senior Library Assistant. In 1984, she left Sale to become the librarian in charge at Flixton Library where she remained until her retirement in 1993.

1984 was also the year that their first granddaughter, Bobbie was born, to be followed by Michelle, Freddie, Imogen, Simone, Martha and Phyllie. Marjorie loved having seven more girls and said they were 'a netball team.' She shared with them her love of music, art, the theatre, ballet and travel. And she encouraged them to know their own minds. She always reminded them to vote, as women had died for them to have that vote.

Marjorie knew great sadness in her life as well as joy. In 1995 Meryl died of cancer, too early at only 35, and in 1998 she lost Brian. These were dark days, but she never stopped loving her girls and looking out for them. And in particular she was like a mum to Michelle, Simone and Martha.

Following the death of his wife in 1999, Marjorie and Graham started going out together on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000, and married on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2001. She was diagnosed as having Type 2 Diabetes in June 2004, an unforgettable date as only a couple of hours after receiving the diagnosis, her first great grandson Aidan was born. Over the ensuing years the number of "greats" has grown to fourteen.

Marjorie was diagnosed as having Vascular Dementia in March 2018, but remained reasonably well until the end of February this year when the condition worsened and she became more frail.

Besides reading, Marjorie had many other passions, music, theatre and visiting art galleries and museums. Even after her dementia diagnosis, she would still do the crosswords and sudoku in the daily paper.

Marjorie was also a great traveller and loved exploring towns and cities and visiting the galleries and museums there. Among her favourite memories were a visit to Iona with other members of the church and a visit to Petra which also included St Catherine's Monastery.

Marjorie started going to the Sunday School at the Presbyterian Church on Northenden Road when she was four and later became a member and has attended church regularly over the years since.

Marjorie was a 'well-loved' lady who lived life well, and departed from us respected and honoured. And for whom 'the trumpets sounded, and the dead were raised, incorruptible.'

## **Both tributes contributed by Brian**

### **Dorothy's Memory Café**



we've all made. We had a birthday cake which was ceremonially cut by Maureen and Sheena, two of our guests who have been with us since our opening day.

In May Dorothy's celebrated its second birthday. Looking back, we can see how far we've come, how much we've grown, how much we're needed, but also how many friends





In May we also had a visit from Val's wife, Jan. She brought their three miniature dogs in a pram! She and Val wheeled them round to be petted and cuddled by many of our guests. A very popular group also visited - UkuHalee – the ukulele group from



Hale. They always give us a great afternoon singing all the old songs as well as some new ones.

We are in the process of making the area outside the lounge door into a garden area. We're very grateful to Heather for planting up some pots

and for donating garden chairs and a table. We hope to add to these so that our guests can enjoy the outdoors with us.

## Flower List for June - AoM

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara & John Leeming
- 9<sup>th</sup> June Horsefield
- 16<sup>th</sup> - blank -
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Myra Ranson
- 30<sup>th</sup> Pat & Alf Joyce

## Books of the New Testament – word puzzle

acts	colossians	corinthians
ephesians	galatians	hebrews
james	john	jude
luke	mark	Matthew
peter	philemon	philippians
revelation	romans	thessalonians
timothy	titus	<i>(see opposite)</i>

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OSOFBODDWT PQYMKBPS UKINAS  
RNEOBMSBEIGRWMQJRI QGXHPV  
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## Messy Church May Update - 'Pets and Peace'

This month our families explored the idea of a world where 'All animals could live together in peace' Isaiah 11:1-3; 6-9.

It gave us opportunity to think about what a wonderful world we live in and how much more wonderful God wants it to be – a place where everyone and everything can feel safe. We thought about how we can care for our world and all the animals and plants in it.



Through the creative activities children had a chance to make colourful pom-pom pets including birds, make an aquarium in a bag (lovely and messy), and make origami pets.

Families also went on a treasure hunt to find hidden photos of



endangered animals to colour in and place on a large poster of God's Mountain. The younger children played with lots of different small world animals including giant dinosaurs, wild animals, farm animals



and pets. They had fun as they roleplayed different scenarios including dinosaurs making friends with lambs and lions giving pet dogs rides on their back - young children are so open to improbable ideas. We talked about the possibility of all animals living together in the future and helping each other.



We started the Celebration with Karen and Caroline leading the children in singing, including 'God made the animals' which really caught the children's imaginations as they enthusiastically and noisily made all the animal sounds. Brian gave his last children's address for Messy Church. We will all certainly miss his spiritual guidance and contributions, but wish him a long and happy retirement with his wife Sue.



Next month our theme is 'Healthy body, Healthy Soul'. Messy church is for all ages, so come along and join us 3 till 5pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June. We would love to see you. See more of what we get up to on Facebook: [@Messy Church AonM](https://www.facebook.com/MessyChurchAonM)

**Helen Priestman**

## **From the Editor**

Lack of space means two items will have to wait until next time – thanks, Alfred! The deadline for your contributions to the combined July / August edition of SASH will be **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** ( **fourth** Sunday because of holiday commitments). So, look out for it to be published, hopefully, a week later than usual: on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July.