

'Seeking to be the People of Christ at the Heart of the Community'.



**St. Mark's Parish Centre
53 Thornhill Road
Longwood HD3 4UL**



The Herald

January 2019

*Happy
New Year*

Hi! We start the year with a new 'cleaner' look to your Herald. I would appreciate your comments: positive or negative.

Traditions

It's the time of year when all the traditions are brought out of their boxes. The Christmas season is a time of sharing, enjoying the company of family and friends. This can often create issues. As a child Christmas Day was always the same. We got up, went to church with the one present we were allowed to open to show - then Christmas dinner at home. Once we were full the main event could start - the rest of the presents under the tree could now be opened! During the days before I often spent the odd occasion when no one was about to pick up the presents labelled with my name to try and work out what was inside. I didn't often get it right, because normally it wasn't what I was hoping for.

Then it would be time to watch the queens speech. We always knew that once it was over we would head out to the farm to see our grandparents and aunt and uncle. We would eat our tea together, usually cold meats and pickles, then my aunts home made cheese cake, buns Christmas cake and biscuits. It's no wonder I love food! Then it was present opening time again. I often had the chance to open a few extra as grandad was never interested in receiving presents, well someone needed to open them for him!

Christmas has changed over the years, new traditions have come and gone. The two things that have stayed the same is going to church, I guess I have to now! And having Christmas lunch with some members of family, somewhere.

I'm mindful this year that as we move next summer our tradition will change again. Next year family will need to travel to us, rather than the other way around. Over the last few years, during the Christmas period we have always either added something in or let a tradition go. It's so easy to say 'we have to do it this way because that's how we have always done'. Sounds familiar! It's good to change and adapt, to try new things and engage with people in different ways. We know from the gospel that Jesus was quite a radical, he did things no one expected. He challenged social justice issues throughout his ministry, and led people to understand that you could have a personal relationship with God through Him.

This is the person we celebrate. Year on year, we hope for the coming of Christ, that tiny baby who grew up to be the most influential person in history. My hope for you all this Christmas is that you find or deepen your own personal relationship with Jesus. May he be your greatest present this year and every year. Have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Rev Jo Brown

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5th Pat Battye
5th Robin Whittam
8th Margaret Noble
10th Rita Crossley
12th Jane Flaherty
21st Albert Battye

The Herald is open to all, for articles, photo's or, almost any other contribution. There used to be recipes and notices from all the groups in days gone by. Don't leave it to the few or you will end up with a very insular, stale magazine/news letter. Ed!



The Posada visited many peoples homes over the Christmas Period. Were you one of the lucky ones?

**COFFEE
&
BUTTIES**

*The Drop By Centre
Sycamore Avenue*

Saturday 19th January
9.30 am – 11.45 am
**Latte * Cappuccino * Espresso *
Flat White * Americano**
*Quality Italian Coffees
With
Bacon or Sausage Butties*

Donations Welcome

PARKWOOD METHODIST CHURCH AT THE DROP BY CENTRE



This cheerful chappie usually visits our home on Boxing Day with his cheery face and usually offers some small gift to all present

Diary for January 2019 All Parkwood Services and functions are now at St. Marks Parish Centre

Saturday 5th L V G Coffee Morning @ Longwood Mechanics 10.00 am to Noon
Sunday 6th 10.45 Family Service with Messy Church
Sunday 13th 10.45 am Service led by Mr David Brook
Saturday 19th Parkwood Breakfast at the DROPPY Centre, Sycamore Avenue. All Welcome
Sunday 20th 10.45 am Covenant Service led by Rev Jo Brown
Sunday 27th 10.45 am Service led by Rev Richard Thompson

FEBRUARY

Saturday 2nd L V G Coffee Morning @ Longwood Mechanics 10.00 am to Noon
Sunday 3rd 10.45 Family Service with Messy Church
Sunday 10th 10.45 am Communion Service led by Rev Jo Brown
Saturday 16th Parkwood Breakfast at the DROPPY Centre, Sycamore Avenue. All Welcome
Sunday 17th 10.45 am Service led by Mr Ieuan Jones
Sunday 24th 10.45 am Service led by Mrs Beth Richardson

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2nd December 2018.

Today was possibly the last service to be held in Parkwood Methodist Church. A Celebration of almost 150 years of Worship, Friendship and Community Spirit. A well attended event with over 100 people taking part:- There were people reminiscing the days of old, remembering people who are no longer with us, but gave their all to the life of the church and community.



Are we sad? NO!, the old church building may have closed but the people are moving to pastures new to carry on where we left off.

So come and join us at our new home:- St. Mark's Parish Centre, 53 Thornhill Road, Longwood. HD3 4UL.

10.45am Sunday Morning.



Keep track of us with The Herald or visit our website:-

www.parkwoodmethodistchurch.org.uk

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Something different :-

I'll start the ball rolling with: A recipe I received from Australia.

Potato based quiche.

Line, base and sides, of an oven proof dish with very thinly sliced potato, soaked in Olive Oil. Start in the centre of dish bottom and overlap making sure all is covered. Bake for about 40 mins @ 140/160 deg C. When browning starts remove from oven and fill in any bare places with oil covered thinly sliced potato.

Having prepared the filling whilst cooking: One medium Onion and bacon (4-5 rashers) cut and sliced small and gently fried in butter until soft.

I use three/four eggs beaten with just a little milk added. Approx 260g of finely grated Cheddar cheese (No. 3 or 4), mix in the bacon and onion. Season with salt, be careful, sometimes the cheese is very salty; & pepper to taste.

Keep back a small amount of the grated cheese to garnish.

Pour into centre of dish and spread evenly making sure that it is well filled. Bake for about 40 mins at 140 deg C, or until eggs set.

Remove from oven and add the saved cheese to the top. Finely chop a peeled tomato and sprinkle on. Place under grill until cheese melts. Serve piping hot, although it is just as tasty when cold. Vary ingredients and quantities to your taste. (Mushroom, peppers etc)

Enjoy. Joe. (Thanks Robina.)



Found this at church when clearing up. I had one of these at school when in the infants, at first with a slate 'pencil', then upgraded to chalk!!!

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Report from Parkwood at the
Drop By Centre
(Sycamore Avenue)

Turning our heads 90 degrees

I once met a very successful Pioneer Minister, Rev Mark Cockayne, who was conducting a course on the Future of the Church.

At the end of the course I asked him if I could have a bit of what he had - but he didn't seem to be taking any notice of me - he was looking down at the floor, which I thought was a bit rude.

He then looked up, turned his head 90 degrees and looked out of the window.

'That's what you have to do John, as well as your worship and prayer, you have to look outside into the world and beyond the church.'

'It will be the most difficult 90 degrees you'll ever have to do', he added.

And he was right!

When I think about it, that's what Parkwood has done in the past - the two things that Rev Mark asked to do.

So, times have changed. We have a clean sheet of paper, and we have to start working out how we are going to continue with our worship and prayer life, as well as continuing to look outside to the Community in which we live.

We're going to have to learn new skills compared with the past, as we continue with worship and prayer at St Mark's, and look out to the Community from the Drop By Centre.

There's a lot of work taking place on behalf of Parkwood at the Drop By centre by Futurekraft, the Community Pioneers, who have come in to take a look around and helps us to move forward with our Community work.

The problem is, for the time being, we can't see much of the work yet as it currently involves gathering a lot of information to help us see our path forward in the future. There's a lot of door knocking that's been done.

There has been a 'Pop Up' consultation with shoppers at the Co-op at the end of Sycamore Avenue, where people were asked to put stickers as to what they want to

see in their community. You can see some of the results from the photo.

There will be a lot of interviews taking place with local community leaders, local politicians. Health Care workers and others to give us a better picture about the Trees Estate.

This is going to take a few months, so we may not see any results from this until mid-year 2019. It's frustrating in one sense, but it's pointless trying to work out where we can support in Community if we don't know where there is need.

In the meantime we are continuing with our breakfast at the Drop By centre the third Saturday in each month. We've introduced a 'Coffee Experience' into this last time to try to reach out to more people. It was good to see so many people turning up to the 'Coffee and Butties' the other week, despite such appalling weather.

The next 'Coffee and Butties' will be on Saturday 19th January, and you can see on the leaflet Joe has let me put into the Herald as to what is in store.

There's a lot going on for us at the Drop By Centre and I'll keep you in touch as to what is going on.

Best Wishes,
John

