

May & June 2019 Church Magazine

Letter from the Editor

Dear Christian friends,

One of the blessings of living in Aylestone is the community spirit. Families who have lived in the area for generations, and new comers, find friendship and company through the churches and friendly pubs, the parks and bowls clubs. This community was put into action when early dog walkers on the very hot Easter weekend, found a fallen tree on fire (deliberate?). Quickly one 'phoned the fire brigade whilst another 'phoned a nearby dog walking friend to bring a bucket, and the ladies set to work bucketing water from the river to dowse the flames. All was under control by the time the fire brigade arrived, and, in these very dry conditions, a possible bad situation averted.

What a difference can be made when good people work together.

We had many blessings over Easter, but one that really touched my heart was the Good Friday March of Witness. About 60 folks from our local churches met together at St. Andrews for a hymn and a reading, then processed to

St. Edwards RC for a hymn and a reflection, and finishing up at ABC for a short service, followed by hot cross buns and coffee.

The fellowship shared was beautiful, and we can only imagine what great things can be done for God when we work and pray together.

We will be celebrating Pentecost on June 9th. I wonder if those first disciples, who came together by the power of the Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost, ever imagined the world-wide Christian church they had begun.

We have the promise in Romans Ch.8 v28: "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him." And if, together, we share that goodness with those around us, what a difference we can make in our community.

God bless you, Dorothy

SUNDAY SERVICES for May/June 2019

Services are usually held at 10am and include Junior Church & creche area.

MAY

Sunday 5th Worship led by Annette Johnson with Graham Hill preaching. Theme: Luke 24:36-49.

Sunday 12th Worship led by Elaine Robinson with David Billett Preaching. Theme: Luke 24: 50-52.

Sunday 19th Worship led by Maxine Elliott with Pravin Chanderana Preaching. Theme: John 21. Service includes Communion.

Sunday 26th Worship led by Ben Kaba with Dr. Victor Ojo preaching. Theme: John 6:29-40 "I am the Bread of Life."

JUNE

Sunday 2nd Church Day. Worship led by Teresa Sleight with Freddie Damalie Preaching. Theme: John 9:1 "I am the Light of the World."

Sunday 9th PENTECOST. Worship led by Wendy Hall with Graham Hill Preaching. Theme: John 10.1 "I am the Sheep Gate"

Sunday 16th Pam Bryan will be leading and preaching.
Theme: John 10.11 "I am the Good Shepherd."
Service includes Communion.

Sunday 23rd Worship led by Annette Johnson with Maxine Elliott preaching. Theme: John 11:25 "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Sunday 30th Worship led by Lucy Satchell with Heather Dipple of "Tear Fund" preaching.

Other Dates for May/June 2019

<u>MAY</u>

Thurs. 2nd Community Lunch Club.

Our lounge is being used as a Polling Station.

Thurs. 9th The Open House.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - May 12th - 18th.

Thurs. 16th Community Lunch Club

Sat. 18th Choirs and Cakes for Christian Aid. 6-8pm Tickets available.

Thurs. 23rd The Open House.

Our lounge is being used as a Polling Station.

Sun. 26th Messy Church at Gilmorton Est. 4.30pm.

Thurs. 30th Community Lunch Club.

Thursday 30th May [Ascension Day] – Sunday 9th June [Pentecost] 'THY KINGDOM COME PRAYER INITIATIVE – look out for the Programme

JUNE

Thurs. 6th The Open House.

Fri. 7th Bruce Nadine at Family Night. Come & hear about their work

in South Africa.

Sat. 8th Holiday Club Sign-up 12 – 2pm.

Thurs. 13th Community Lunch Club

Thurs. 20th The Open House.

Sat. 22^{nd} Craft Fair -2 - 6pm.

Thurs. 27th Community Lunch Club

Sun. 30th Messy Church at Gilmorton Estate. 4.30pm.

Advance Dates:

Sun. 7th July Leicester. Baptists in Mission Service at Oadby Baptist,

6.30pm with Rev. Nick Ashton [our regional minister]

preaching. Come and join with other Baptists in Leicester.

Mon. July 29th to Fri. Aug. 2nd. CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB.

August 13th / 14th / 15th Holiday@Home for 3rd Age.





This years appeal is for Sierra Leone, the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Ten women die from giving birth every day. The country struggles with debt incurred from loans given to help fight the Ebola crisis in 2014

Tenneh's story



Tenneh plays with her precious baby Ansumana. She blows raspberries on his belly. Lifting her baby up high she beams with joy. Tenneh gave birth to Ansumana three months ago. Thankfully, he's a happy, bouncy baby. But Tenneh has lost and loved another baby before.

When Tenneh's labour started during her first pregnancy, there was no health centre in the village. Her mum took her to a traditional birth attendant. For the two days of her labour Tenneh was in agony. She fell unconscious and was bleeding heavily. With very little medical training, the birth attendant was way out of her depth.

In the days and months after her labour, Tenneh felt very weak and her baby wouldn't breastfeed. Tragically, her baby died when he was three months old.

'That day I will never forget,' she recalls. 'I felt sick like I've never been sick before.

'If God would not have saved me, I would not be alive today.'

New hope

Through our partner RADA (Rehabilitation and Development Agency), **Christian Aid** saw how difficult the situation in Sawula village was and began working to ensure that mums and babies have fullness of life. RADA has been working locally to help vulnerable women access healthcare, improve hygiene with simple interventions like handwashing and, with your support, build a bigger, better health care centre.

Thankfully, when Tenneh was pregnant a second time, things had changed for good. This time, she had nurse Judith by her side. With her expert love and care, Judith helped Tenneh deliver her baby safely.

Tenneh said: 'During my second labour, I was scared. But nurse Judith was with me, assuring me of everything. When I delivered, I felt so good.'

'With the coming of Judith, so many lives have changed,' Tenneh continued. 'We know that with Judith, as long as we see the light at the end of the tunnel, we'll be OK.'

Thanks to nurse Judith and the medical training you helped provide, Tenneh could hold her beautiful baby boy in her arms.

A health centre for all

The community in Sawula dream of having a health centre that can meet their needs. The current health centre is the size of a small bedroom. Operations, deliveries and baby checkups all happen in one single room with only two delivery beds.

Nurse Judith works around the clock to meet the needs of mums and young children who come to the clinic. But the need is great, and sometimes she's forced to send people away.

When women come to the clinic at night, there's no light for Judith to use. So she has to ask her patients to bring a torch to see by. In addition to this, there are often not enough drugs at the clinic. Judith sees diseases like malaria and typhoid, especially in children. She has to go on a motorbike or sometimes walk for three hours to collect drugs.

'I need help,' nurse Judith says. 'Women are dying from childbirth, children under five are dying, because of poverty. Please help us.'

For Tenneh, and many mums like her, a new health centre would be like a dream come true:

SIGMA FUN DAY

Thank you Jesus for the gloriously sunny day that was Tuesday 16th April. Over a hundred children, plus babies, parents and grandparents, flooded into the church for the fun day. Letting off steam on the bouncy castle, or letting the creative juices flow in the Easter crafts, it was a fulfilling day for the children, together with light lunches



making it a perfect day in the holidays.



Many expressed gratitude for the very affordable day, and the lovely welcome, and we raised over £500 for SIGMA.



This money has been sent to Calvary Baptist Church in India to help with the costs of their Holiday Clubs, which run over 4 weeks and involve over 1,000 children, who will have lovely fun days, learn about Jesus, and be given a hot meal and a take home present. We are thankful that God continues to bless our partnership with Yesupadam and the team at Calvary Baptist Church.



The following is a true story taken from a book called "What happens when women pray" by Evelyn Christenson.

"Jan (Evelyn's daughter) was in senior school. Her friend, Dave, was a fantastic boy, president of the student's union, as well as senior student in his year. He was captain of the basketball team, and had singlehandedly pitched the local baseball team to the world championship. His poetry had been published nationally – everything was going for him with two exceptions. Dave was not a Christian, and he had leukaemia. But he didn't know about the leukaemia and neither did Jan.

In the spring of that year, our local churches sponsored a gigantic youth rally with Dave Wilkerson as the speaker. At first Jan was timid about inviting Dave, but she finally worked up the courage. On the evening of the rally, Chris and I took the car and drove them over. My husband sat close enough to Dave to hear him pray as he slipped to his knees at the end of the service: "Dear God, forgive all my sins and, Jesus, come into my heart as my Lord and Saviour.

Dave had no idea at that time that he was soon to enter into battle with a deadly killer – leukaemia. By the end of term Dave knew he was very sick, but hardly realized how near the end was. He wrote to Jan: 'Dear Jan, Thank you for introducing me to Christ. You'll never know what He means to me now, and what He will in the future.'

Two weeks later Dave's 'future with Christ' was a reality. Early on the day he died, I was sitting alone in my purple chair in the living room. Sensing that something was wrong, Jan got out of bed, came downstairs and asked, "Where's dad?"

I said "He's at Dave's house, love" She said, "He's gone, hasn't he?" I replied, "Yes"

For a little while we sat and cried together in that little purple chair. I said, "Jan, God is making you finer gold." She has heard that many times in our home. We talked about Romans 8:28, and Job's assurance that "When He has tested me I shall come forth as gold." (Job 23:10). Then Jan sobbed, "Oh mum, what if I hadn't invited him to hear Dave Wilkerson preach?"

Dave's funeral was the largest that had ever been held in our city. Hundreds of teenagers, teachers and school officials were present. As my husband stood up to speak, he said, "I can almost hear the basketball bouncing in heaven today."

Then he told all those people what Dave had said just before he died. He had raised himself from his bed and asked, "Where am I?" His mother had replied, "Dave, you're in Billings hospital in Chicago and you're very, very sick. But all the doctors and nurses are here."

Then Dave had said, "Oh, no. Where I am it's all green and beautiful." And then he had died.

My husband could tell all those teenagers and the others that Dave was with his Christ in a future that was only two weeks away when he had written about it to Jan."

Don't leave it too late to tell some-one you love about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Friendships are Formed....

Friendship comes in many forms
And grows as time goes by.
It's never from "coincidence,"
But from a place on high.
It's God who causes paths to cross
And He who builds the bridge.
It reaches clear across the earth;
No mountain is too big.
Those special friendships we all know
Were seasoned with a plan,
Formed and gathered by His grace,
And safe within God's hand.



Easter in Aylestone "Walk of Witness"



Unlike other years, our walk of witness in Aylestone was in brilliant sunshine.

Meeting up at 10am and following a short service led by Rev Rowena Bass,
fifty plus of us set off from St Andrews parish Church following a cross and
handing out hot cross buns to passers-by on our way.



We headed to St Edwards
Catholic Church on the
Aylestone Road where we
were warmly welcomed.
We all crowded in and
like St Andrews Church,
we had a short service
and a time of reflection,
prayers and sang an
Easter hymn.





On to Aylestone
Baptist Church
where Stan
Mackley led a
short service
and our choir
sang two
beautiful Easter
songs.

Our walk of witness finished, we shared the rest of the morning in fellowship with one another from the different churches together with refreshments and, of course, hot cross buns.

Our thanks go to the Spirit of Aylestone who organises the walk of witness year after year. To the ABC Choir and for their wonderful singing and for the many people who turned up and joined us on our witness through Aylestone.

Church Family News

It was with sadness that we bade farewell to Shirley Gray, who passed away after many years of illness. The church was filled with flowers, reflecting Shirley's love of flowers, and the beautiful arrangements she made for our church, particularly at Christmas, will be sadly missed. Our sympathies to Steve, Sophie, Stephanie and her wider family and many friends. We miss her among us, but we know she is at peace with our Lord.

Our sympathies to Martin Bruce and the family on the death of Martin's dear uncle.

We were saddened also to hear of the death of Deacon John Parker from St. Edwards Catholic Church. John was a good partner in Spirit of Aylestone, Churches Together, and made a great contribution to Churches Together events. We know he will be missed by the fellowship at St. Edwards. Our sympathies to his wife and family and friends.

Diane Bland is due to have surgery during May. We pray that God will go before and prepare the surgeon and nurses who will care for her, and the operation will be a complete success.

We thank God that Rachel Conner's knee operation has been successful and that she is making a good recovery.

Congratulations to:

Denise Vernon on the birth of a grandchild, Sidney, longed for baby for Rachel and Kevin.

Donna Nicholls on her new job as Consultant Paediatrician at Barnett Hospital, London. We are thrilled that Donna is keeping her flat in Leicester for the time being, so we still have her in our fellowship. God bless her and protect her in her new position.

Stan and Dorothy Mackley who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 28th.

Thanks to all who contributed to the appeal for the people affected by Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. We were able to send £300 to Christian Aid for their work in this disaster area.

Please continue to pray for Paul Onions and Ruth Hopkins, both now in Care Homes.

BMS Birthday Scheme.

Happy Birthday and thank you to:

May 30 th		Jo Williams.
June 9 th		Leo Craston
u	12 th	Denise Vernon
u	13 th	Joyce Rowley
"	15 th	Jason Pickett
u	17 th	Gladys Head
u	23 rd	Ruth Hopkins



Smile-a-while.....

Q. Why didn't Noah go fishing?

A. He only had two worms.

Q. Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

A. No, just an apple.

Q: What do they call pastors in Germany?

A: German Shepherds

Ooops – from children's exam papers...

Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert.

Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments.

Who said that?

The world is passing through troubled times.
The young people of today think of nothing but themselves.
They have no reverence for parents, or old age;
They are impatient of all restraint.

Peter the Hermit 1274

Pentecost Word Search

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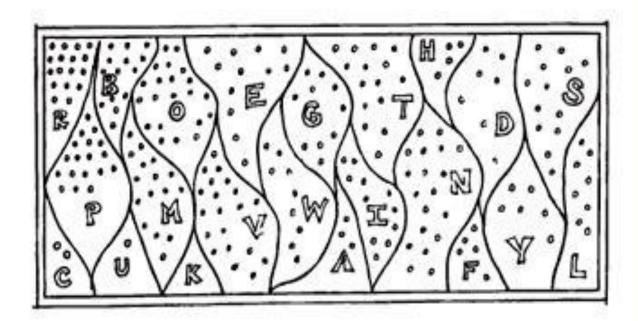
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What Happened at Pentecost?

Count the number of dots in each space. Then use the letters to decode the message below about what happened at Pentecost. Check your work with Acts 2:4.



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What's on for the 3rd Age

Community Lunch Club

Dates for May/June 2019

Thurs. May $2^{nd} / 16^{th} / 30^{th}$

Thurs. June 13th / 27th

Lunch Club provides a 3-course meal, comprising Soup / roast dinner/dessert for £5. All home cooked. The Church lounge is open from 11am for coffee, meal served at 12.45. No booking required – all welcome.



The Open House

Dates for May/June 2019

Thurs. May 9th / 23rd
Thurs. June 6th / 20th
Thurs. July 4th

From 11 to 2pm, open for coffee and chat, knitting, jigsaws, scrabble, have your nails painted, light lunch, all for £3. Enjoy a friendly, relaxed few hours in good company. All welcome.

Tuesday Fellowship

Dates for May/June 2019

Tues. May 7th / 21st

Tues. June 4th / 18th

Tues. July 2nd



Meet from 11-11.30 for coffee and chat, followed by Bible Study and discussion relevant to 3^{rd} Age, and two course lunch served at 12.30. If you are interested in knowing more about the Christian life, come and join this relaxed and friendly group.

Advance Date: Holiday@Home August 13th/14th/15th. Booking forms out soon



Aylestone Baptist Church

Lutterworth Road Aylestone Leicester LE2 8PE
Church Moderator Rev Ellie Cockbill / Youth Minister: Graham Hill

Weekly & Fortnightly Activities Sunday

10.00am Morning Service / Junior Church / Crèche Facilities
Communion on the third Sunday of each month

Monday

7.30pm Prayer Meeting

Tuesday

9.30am Babes & Toddlers Club (LITTLE BATS)

11.00am Seniors Fellowship & Bible Study (Fortnightly)

Wednesday

7.00pm Gateway Club (Adults with Learning Difficulties)

Thursday

11.00am The Open House. For the 50's & over. 3rd Age. (Fortnightly) 11.00am Community Lunch Club (Fortnightly / Alternate week to The Open House)

6.30pm Young People Meeting

7.30pm House Groups

Friday

6.30pm Family Night



Loop System Installed



Wheel Chair Access



WC Facilities

Church Membership, Baptism, Infants Dedication, Weddings, Funerals, House Groups, Community Lunch Club, Babes & Tots Club, Youth Club, The Open House, & Family Night.

To find out more about church membership, Baptism, etc. Or any of the activities

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