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MISSION

Prudhoe Methodist Church

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*BE FRUITFUL
THIS
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It's more than an hour on a Sunday!!

We all know that the Christian Faith is more than going to church... however often.

It is about a living relationship with Jesus influencing every part of our lives.

This booklet wants to help you in that process. So that you might have life... in all its fullness! Wherever you are on that journey.

How?

On Sundays...

We are trying some themed services that address and challenge us.

You may not be able or want to come to church.

So notes and study information are available and we want to include and support those rarely (or never) able to get to PMC.

We are running (and looking to develop) small groups midweek that look at the topics covered on a Sunday, and build our faith together.

In September our theme was "Being Fruitful" and in October we are theming a course on Colossians. For those who want a quiet time to talk to Rev Jenny (Tel. No. on the cover page) the 'Soul Spa' is available

Full information will be available both in Church and on line.

This year the Methodist Church nationally is asking, "What's the story?" People and churches sharing stories of God at work.

Each month we include a brief contribution from people at PMC as they share part of their story.

It is a reminder of the breadth of experience, and gifting in both in Church and at work in our communities.

There will of course be other Church Family information too.

I hope it inspires you all in different ways; we seek to bring the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

We would love to include a personal contribution from you in the future

Rob Hawkins

**If you can't sleep, don't count sheep.
Speak to the Shepherd.**



**Please pray for those who like you are reading this
magazine for the first time but do not come to church and
also for all the groups, events, stories and people**

WELL...Pete Barratt

Q: How did you come to be at PMC?

A: My employer, BT, relocated me from Leeds to set up and manage a network planning unit in Newcastle. We bought a farm cottage in High Mickley and arrived there, a day before our furniture, on 1st April 1985. Our very first visitor was Rev Ivor Heywood. Next Sunday, we received a warm greeting at PMC, most notably from Edwin and Nancy Kendall. It seems that Ivor "got the nod" from our Minister in Farsley, a village near Pudsey in Yorkshire. It seems there's a reason why it's difficult to escape the Methodists! (See # 685 below).

Q: What's your favourite food?

A: I like fish dishes, especially tropical fish: grouper, red-snapper, shiney-nose and maui-maui. I developed a taste for these whilst working in Africa and the Caribbean. Fish and fruit - it's a really good diet ... better than pasties and pies!

Q: What interests outside PMC?

A: My wife Pat and I have been blessed with two children and six grandchildren, all of whom live locally so we get to see them often. My industrial expertise is in software and electronics, so now I spend some of my time designing and building community websites and software applications. I'm presently working with colleagues in Hexham and Slaley to build and maintain the digital recording studio for Tynedale Talking Newspaper. I also enjoy singing and fell-walking (sometimes together) so I'm a member of Prudhoe Gleemen Male Voice Choir, and Secretary of Prudhoe Pathforce (Rights of Way Group).

Q: Best holiday?

A: On my second lecture tour to Trinidad, Pat was able to join me for a weekend on Tobago. We also have fond memories of Fiji and Kawaii (in Hawaii) but our trips abroad are no longer possible.

Q: What advice would you give to your young self?

A: God does not throw problems at you, but he WILL provide you with challenges and opportunities. If you don't see these, open your eyes and look around. Churches are full of evangelists, but God needs them to spend more time outside the building! Isn't this what Hymns & Psalms No. 770 (Go Forth And Tell) is all about?

685 (Hymns and Psalms) "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

LIKE CRAFTING?

Craft Church next meets on Wednesday 10th October in Prudhoe MC between 7 & 9.0 p.m.

There are about 10 of us who gather with our knitting & sewing, some may be working on our own personal projects, but we also make things for deserving causes. There is always a good chat & many a good laugh during the evening & also a welcome cuppa halfway through! We close the evening with a Christian thought & a prayer.

At present, we are involved in two projects, knitting scarves & hats for homeless people on our city streets, also holly & ivy leaves to decorate a Christmas Tree for the festival of trees held at Corbridge each year (last year we made sheep & angels). We have knitted tiny clothes for premature babies in the RVI hospital, brown school tops for boys in Africa and blankets for nuns working in far off places.

Anyone is welcome to join us, great skill is not required, only to be able to chat, laugh & help each other along the way.

Ann W

GIRLS ON TOUR

Having walked St Cuthbert's Way last year because we could, Judith challenged Helen and me to do the Great North Bike Ride, 60 miles from Seahouses to Tynemouth, we would need to put some practice in. We often cycled to Newburn off-road along from Low Prudhoe but we gradually progressed to Millenium Bridge, Segdunum at Wallsend and then Tynemouth and back home. We also tried Corbridge and Hexham on the back roads. The Thursday before our GNBR I got a lift to Parkhead (part of the coast-coast route near Stanhope) 3½ miles of moors then Waskerly Way track home mostly downhill (35miles). We had done a couple of reccies!! Even then in the car, we were frightened to see how far we had to cycle and the gradients. Unfortunately, Judith had been unwell over the summer (pneumonia) which sapped her energy but she improved and was able to complete the last half of the ride. Helen, a mere youngster, took it in her stride. I've suffered achy knees & wrists since but put it down to age, 70 next month!!!

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IT'S NOT JUST THE FOOD.

Sometimes I come on my own but sometimes others bring me. Sometimes I sit at a table on my own but sometimes I sit with others, whatever the case I am not on my own for long. It is not really the food, though I enjoy the soup and love the puddings, it is the company, the chatting, and even the gossip, it is the catching up with the news and reminiscing about those who are important to me. I know that we meet in a church and it's church people that run it but most of us that go for lunch are not. I really enjoy being with others because I am stuck in at home most of the time and this is a way to be with others. I'm looking forward to Friday 11th when we next meet; pity that it is only once a month. ANON

Girls on Tour - continued

Through the various groups we're involved with we have been able to raise over £1,300 in sponsorship for the Chis Lucas Trust which does research into children's cancers.

The weather was kind, warm with a light breeze, we know friends were praying for our safety and we were very grateful to reach Tynemouth after 7 hours, 1 hour being refreshment and comfort breaks. 6 hours - 60 miles = 10 miles per hour. We have joined Newburn cyclists making new friends with similar abilities who enjoy getting out into the countryside. It has been really interesting getting to know them, sharing our stories.

It is never too late to attempt something new (knitting, sewing, walking, cycling, swimming etc.) It starts with one step and it's much nicer with a friend - don't be afraid to ask for help, motivation, you may enjoy it, you'll be healthier and it's good to set yourself a challenge.

Lynne G

You won't get apples from a chestnut tree, neither can you expect spiritual fruit from a non-spiritual person. There's no way that you and I can artificially create patience, kindness and so on in our lives by trying. It doesn't happen like that. Those qualities have to emerge naturally and unconsciously from the sort of people we are and, just as our old nature produces selfishness, jealousy, anger and all the rest, without our having to try too hard, so the Holy Spirit in our lives can produce His fruit if we co-operate with Him. I can't love in the way God wants me to love. I can't be gentle and self-controlled and at peace by summoning up reserves of will-power, but if I am in step with God, then He'll be creating that fruit in me by His Spirit. It will be His doing, not mine.

- Sir Cliff Richard from "You, Me and Jesus".

After the recent terrible storm we had another flood downstairs.
Thanks to all who helped with the clearing up.

Margaret G

'Hi, I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in this first edition. It's so good to be able to share faith and encourage each other as well as keeping up to date on news and events. I hope you are really blessed by what you read here.'

Jenny Porterpryde'

Young Brian and his family sat down to Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. When Brian received his plate, he started eating right away.

'Brian! Please wait until we say our prayer,' said his mother. 'I don't need to,' the boy replied. 'Of course, you do,' his mother insisted. 'We always pray before eating at home.'

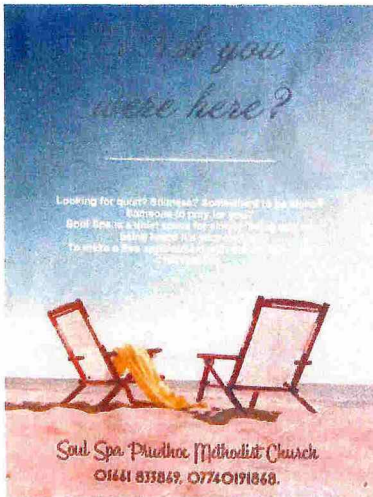
'That's at our house,' Brian protested. "This is grandma's house, and she can cook!'

TRIP OF A LIFETIME



On Sunday 25 August, 25 dancers from The Elaine Pygall School of Dancing, based at The Prudhoe Methodist Church, travelled to Disneyland Paris. As part of the trip the dancers performed their own show in the Videopolis Theatre within Magic Kingdom. The performance was well received by both holidaymakers and the dancers' families. There wasn't a dry eye among us but if that wasn't emotional enough, the dancers also took part in the pre-parade, along with hundreds of other dancers; the full length of mainstreet in front of thousands of holidaymakers and the iconic Disneyland Castle. The trip truly was what dreams are made of and created memories we'll never forget.

Elaine P



You may have heard the Soul Spa phrase around church and seen these leaflets appearing in recent months. What is it all about? I believe one of the greatest needs in our culture at present is space for silence and rest, creativity and quiet conversation. Need space to think and centre yourselves again.? The Soul Spa project allows anyone, (especially those who can't come to church on Sundays) to connect with God in a different way. Anyone can phone the number, make an appointment, and come to use our Soul Spa quiet room to be alone, to be prayed for, or to chat with myself. There is no cost; we just want to be there for people.

WHAT'S ON AT PMC

Find us on  PRUDHOE METHODIST CHURCH FRIENDS

SUNDAY WORSHIP

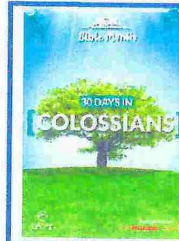
at 10.00am
With services
themed on
'BEING FRUITFUL'
+ Little Fishes

GO DEEPER

On these themes
Monday Evenings at
7.00pm or
Thursday afternoons at 2.00pm
Details from Ann Worthy
or Julie Woodford



Play, Learn and Grow... Together!
Toddlers, Parents & Carers.
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9.30-11.00



30 DAYS IN COLOSSIANS
Themed Services & Study Throughout October

Friday
6.00-7.30
For 5-11yrs



MESSY CHURCH
First Friday Every Month
3.00-5.00

Drop in for a Drink & Chat
Wednesdays
2, 16, 30th Oct
10-11.15am



The Methodist Church
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Lunch Club

HOMEMADE SOUPS & PUDDING, AT 12.00 PM
TEA OR COFFEE & MINTS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
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