

inter **MISSION**

Prudhoe Methodist Church

NOVEMBER 2019



'HOMELESSNESS & HOSPITALITY'

OPEN THE BOOK

We are an ecumenical group consisting of Methodists, Anglican, Baptists all led by our team leader Margaret from The Gate Church. We go into Prudhoe West School, Adderlane School and Prudhoe Castle School once a month and perform a Bible story from the Bible Society hand book. We dress up (the best part) and we have a number of props, made by Bill Worthy, including a fold up boat, a fold up tree and fold up signs for places in the bible (they have to be fold up to fit in a car). We practice for about an hour and a half the week before the performance and the stories are



scripted as well as the before and after messages. The teachers and the children look forward to our visits with such comments as "It's just like the movies" and "We want more stories of Jesus". The main reason we decided to go down this route was that as the numbers coming to Sunday School had fallen, if they didn't come to us we would have to go to them with the Gospel message and this may be the only "religious teaching" they might get in the month. We are always looking for helpers who can read (not learn) from a prepared script and are prepared to be told (by Margaret) where to stand and how to act. *Sylvia W*

Body language is important. We are more likely to engage with people if we wear the smile of redemption instead of the frown of slavery. Go forth and tell! More people would believe our gospel of redemption if more of us looked as though we were redeemed". How shall we look as though we are redeemed? Paul has the answer: "See to it, then, that no-one enslaves you by means of the worthless deceit of human wisdom ..." (Col 2.6). Body language is important. We are more likely to engage with people if we wear the smile of redemption instead of the frown of slavery.



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Welcome to InterMISSION No2

Our cover picture is more stark than the pretty autumn scene of October. Life can be hard and bleak and Christians are called to bring light, hope, love, and compassion into dark situations.

This month we share a sample of the work our members are involved in locally and internationally.

The Methodist church nationally is highlighting in October and November Homelessness, Prison work, One World Week, and Women against Violence.

A test of a healthy Church is the impact they make in changing lives locally and beyond.

I invite you to pause and pray

- for all the people and projects you support and care about.
- to ask if there is anything that you can now stop.
- to ask if there is anything that you could do differently.
- to ask if there is anything that you should start or join in with.

I want to encourage you to be more faithful and fruitful.

- and we would love to hear of stories of how God is directing you...

Rob Hawkins

On 6th October 1536, Thomas Tyndale was executed after being found guilty of heresy. His 'crime'? He published (most of) the Holy Bible in English. Later, the "King James" version of the Holy Bible comprised most of Tyndale's work. It is thought his family originated from our district (Tynedale).

Well... Ann Tullock...

Q. How did you come to be at PMC?

A. My parents were born & bred in Prudhoe & were members at St. Johns Methodist Church. I was christened at the Methodist Church in Newbiggin-by-the-Sea where I was brought up when we came to live in Prudhoe I brought our two sons to PMC.

Q. What's your favourite food?

A. Bob my husband makes a lovely stir-fry & it means I don't have to cook.

Q. What are your interests outside PMC?

A. I am a member of Prudhoe W.I., I enjoy going to Waterworld where I do Pilates, Yoga, & Aqua Fit. I also enjoy knitting blankets for premature babies & scarves for the shoeboxes.

Q. What was your Best Holiday?

A. We went to Toronto, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, & Montreal. The Canadians can make a proper cup of tea & they wanted to know which part of the U.K. we came from as they had relatives living here.

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

A. Try to live a Christian life, look for the good in people, & think before you speak.

TYNEDALE HOSPICE AT HOME 'BIG BAKE'

Towards the end of summer we took part in Tynedale Hospice at Home 'Big Bake' in our newly decorated craft room at PMC and invited everyone to come and enjoy the scrumptious scones, calorific cakes, terrific tray bakes and super savouries. From a 4 year-old to those 44 plus VAT and a little more, everyone enjoyed the fare and friendship whilst helping to raise £123.40 for this very worthy cause. Donations such as this enable Tynedale Hospice at Home to provide free nursing care, family support and transportation to make a positive and life changing difference to so many patients and their families.

A Big Thank You for supporting our Big Bake!

Anne C.

Prayer Walk

The Spetchells is a very special place. Not only because it's an area of natural beauty and interest but because it provides us with an opportunity to walk and think about our town, its people and the wider world.

Beginning at The Riverside Café and taking a circular route around The Spetchells we see the river Tyne, wildlife, flowers and trees, industry, housing, transport, farming and so much more and this can prompt us to consider and think and to pray for ourselves, our town, our families and our world.

In the inner foyer of the Methodist Church there is a Prayer Walk for you to borrow to guide you on this journey or I would be happy to accompany you on this walk any time to suit. If you feel The Spetchells is too challenging, there is always an alternative route around the base or just along the riverside path. Contact: Ruth 07752664905.

Prudhoe Gleemen Male Voice Choir.

The oldest choir in Northumberland, founded in 1903 by men from the choir at Wylam Methodist Church, we extend a hearty welcome to anyone who would like to sing with us. Open to men of any age the warm fellowship of the choir can add a new dimension to your life. Being able to read music is not essential.

We rehearse each Monday evening between 7.15pm and 9:00pm at Prudhoe Methodist Church with a break for Bank Holidays and during August each year.

The Choir perform a fairly wide range of music including sacred/oratoria works, Welsh Hymns, Folk Songs from all over the world and musical shows (both ancient and modern!). We have a particular affinity for Northumbrian and Tyneside songs which figure greatly in our repertoire, some of which have been specially arranged for the choir.

Why not be part of this happy and successful Male Voice Choir? Come along on a Monday evening and give us a try or contact:

Neville Fairbairn 01661832162,
nev.fairbairbairn@gmail.com.

Sorry ladies, male voices only but pass this on to any of the male members of your family who may be interested.

Check out our website for more information

www.prudhoegleemen.org.uk

LOOKING BACK - 272 years ago.

I rode to Blanchland, about twenty miles from Newcastle. The rough mountains round about were still white with snow. In the midst of them is a small winding valley, through which the Derwent runs. On the edge of this the little town stands, which is indeed little more than a heap of ruins. There seems to have been a large cathedral church, by the vast walls which still remain. I stood in the churchyard, under one side of the building, upon a large tombstone, round which, while I was at prayers, all the congregation kneeled down on the grass. They were gathered out of the lead mines from all parts; many from Allandale, six miles off. A row of little children sat under the opposite wall, all quiet and still. The whole congregation drank in every word with such earnestness in their looks I could not but hope that God will make this wilderness sing for joy.

- John Wesley's account of his visit to Blanchland on Tuesday 24th March 1747.

On our travels in Italy recently my parents and I visited a church in Murano. The following prayer was printed on a card at the votive candle stand by the altar. "*Lord I need Your help that I might control my thoughts and words today. I want to be a blessings to others, to life them up that they might see Your goodness.*"

The typos/grammatical errors were as written. It struck me as being a heartfelt prayer, and that, as such, God would not care that it was not in the Queen's English. God is universal, speaks all languages, and believe me. He was present with me in that moment in that church as I read those words. Also seen on that holiday; a tee-shirt with the following printed on it "Jesus...the first surfer." It took me a while to get there, but I got it in the end!

Love in Christ, *Helen*

On behalf of the Northumberland food bank I must say thank you for your contributions to us from the Harvest Festival. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and we can assure you the food was very gratefully received. So why are



they struggling? Are they 'lazy', 'working the system or 'workshy'? No, it's the injustice of the system. Some visitors receive their benefits but by the time they have paid their bills & repaid their loans (often to the government) there is literally nothing left to live on. A few are in paid work, but minimum wage & zero hours contracts do not pay the cost of keeping a family together. Older men are often redundant or out of work through ill health and now unable to find a job and failing to survive on Jobseekers allowance. It is your help & prayers that enable us to continue.

Thank you.

Ruth J

Gardening Mission

Taking over maintenance of the Church Garden was a daunting task but an exciting opportunity to reach out & witness. Not being skilled gardeners & having limited gardening time we, successfully, asked for donations of ground covering flowering & perennial plants.




These we supplemented by sewing wild insect loving seeds & numerous spring bulbs. We also created a series of spiritual & Christian messages written on slates. We hoped that passers-by would rest, admire the wildlife, & reflect. Much to our delight

this has been a success...the wildlife is flourishing, people are pausing to read the wayside pulpits & Prudhoe in Bloom have recognised this by awarding us first prize in the Church Garden Category. If you have not already done so, please rest a while & offer a prayer as you walk up the steps at the side of church.

Martyn

WHAT'S ON AT PMC

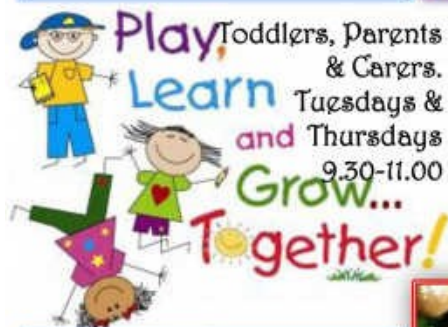
Find us on  PRUDHOE METHODIST CHURCH FRIENDS

SUNDAY WORSHIP

at 10.00am
Services themed on
'Homelessness &
Hospitality'
+ 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



Friday 6.00-7.30 Youth Club For 5-11yrs



Soul Spa
Room
Prayer Evening
Tuesday
Nov 26th
7.00-8.30pm



Drop in for a Drink & Chat
Wednesdays
6 & 20th Nov
10-11.15am



The Methodist Church
WEST ROAD PRUDHOE

Lunch Club

HOMEMADE SOUPS
& PUDDING
TEA OR COFFEE &
MINTS

AT 12.00 PM
ON THE
SECOND FRIDAY
OF THE MONTH

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