



## **KIRKHAM METHODIST CHURCH**



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**South Fylde Circuit—Lancashire District**  
**Kirkham Churches Together**



Picture Taken at  
Church Amble & Munch  
Saturday 12th May 2018  
Outside RSPB Ribble Discovery Centre  
Fairhaven Lake



**June—July 2018**

## **THE LOVE THAT NEVER FAILS**

An unknown author described God's love as a stream that never freezes, a fountain that never runs dry, and a sun that never sets. Failure to recognize the unchanging love of God has driven many people to despair.

Dwight L Moody an evangelist and publisher once commented, "I know of no truth in the whole Bible that ought to come home to us with such power and tenderness as that of the love of God. Satan constantly tries to persuade men and women that the Lord does not love them. He succeeded in making our first parents believe that lie, and too often he succeeds with us."

Moody continued, "Because your child is fretful or has committed some act of disobedience, you do not cast him out as though he did not belong to you. So too, when we go astray, it does not follow that God despises us. It's the sin that He hates." Moody was trying to say that God hates anything that we do that is wrong, but God does not Hate us instead he loves us with an everlasting Love.

This is the love that the prophet Jeremiah wrote to Israel about an everlasting love of God that is just as true for His people today as it was for the Israelites. Our God is a God of compassion who never disappoints us.

Let us remember that no matter how unsettling our circumstances may be life is worth living when we take God's reassuring words to heart: "I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself." Jeremiah 31:3

How wonderful to know that He Who watches from above, Will always keep us sheltered in His ever-present love.

So in the uncertain times that lie ahead let us remember that the Love offered by people may have limits but the love freely given by God's is limitless.

The Christian festival of Easter and Pentecost are a reminder of Gods undying and untiring love for us. A love that never fails and is one on which we can count on. Remember the words of the psalmist in psalm 121 who says:-

- <sup>1</sup> I look up to the mountains—  
does my help come from there?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth!

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<sup>3</sup> He will not let you stumble;  
the one who watches over you will not slumber.  
<sup>4</sup> Indeed, he who watches over Israel  
never slumbers or sleeps.

Shalom  
Sylvester

### Flower Mission

Flowers Donated by	Flowers Arranged by
3rd June Karen Wolstenholme	Gillian Womersley
10th June Eric Wolstenholme	Va Vatanimoto
17th June McCondichie Family	Tima Tamaiqelo
24th June ———	Helen Ball
1st July ———	Jennifer Jones
8th July ———	Irene Pugmire
15th July Irene Pugmire	Dominique Durham
22nd July ———	Va Vatanimoto
29th July Lesley and Geoff Nicholl	Tima Tamaiqelo

Donations received from:- Miss Violet Connor,  
Barbara Milne & Barry Hardisty, The Durham Family, Helen & Peter Ball,  
The Vatanimoto Family, The Tamaiqelo Family.

Many thanks to everyone for their kind donations and also to the  
Ladies who arrange the flowers in church week by week.  
If you would like to donate or feel as though you could help by arranging the  
flowers in church then please see Lesley Nicholl.



## Church Work Days



There are a number of tasks  
that require our attention at  
Church.

The main one being that the  
outside doors to all the  
church entrances require  
sanding down a re painting.

In trying to be prudent with  
our Church funds it was  
suggested that we have a  
Work Day (or two) and com-  
plete this work ourselves.

To this end we hope to hold church Work Days on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th June.

## **Friday 15th & Saturday 16th June**

It would be great if we could get two separate teams together to cover each  
day. Any help of time or equipment (Electrical Sanders etc) would be very  
much appreciated.

Lunch and refreshments will be supplied.

Please liaise with Ian Womersley Tel-01772 684640 if you can help or  
supply equipment.

### Used Postage Stamps

Please continue saving postage stamps for Huntington's Disease (HD) and  
pass onto Gillian Womersley.

This is a simple but effective fundraising activity.

(Huntington's disease (HD) is a neurodegenerative genetic disorder that  
affects muscle coordination and leads to cognitive decline and dementia. It  
typically becomes noticeable in middle age.)



hunting for a cure - with care  
**Huntington's Disease Association**  
email: [info@hda.org.uk](mailto:info@hda.org.uk) tel: 0151 331 5444





## **Save The Date**

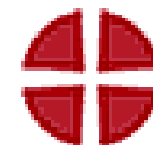
**KMC— Family Beach Party  
(All Welcome)**

**Sunday 29th July 2018  
St Annes Beach**

What a great way to celebrate the week after Holiday Club by sharing time together as a church family. The plan is to meet in the afternoon where we will enjoy beach activities and share a picnic together.  
(Bring your own food and refreshments).

Further details will be in church notices nearer the date.

## **The Methodist Church Kirkham**



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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

This is Kirkham Methodist Church.

We meet together to worship God.

Our mission is to share the Good News that Jesus died and rose again, and is alive today:-

By offering a welcome to everyone,  
and by encouragement and support through prayer,  
Worship and Fellowship.

We are therefore challenged to reach out in the name and  
love of Jesus Christ  
To all people of all ages and to respond to their needs.

## Name, please

I've been thinking. About names, and surnames in particular. It began a few Sundays ago when there was a moment of misunderstanding about the Bible readings. They were from "John". Now there are several New Testament books by John: the Gospel, Letters 1, 2 and 3, and the Revelation - the future as revealed to John.

A little research about the identity of this (or these) authors showed that not all Biblical scholars agree on the matter, having examined and analysed the content, style and language of these 5 books. But most agree that the Gospel writer was probably one of the disciples, son of Zebedee and brother of James.

As to the Letters, the first is similar in style and ideas to the Gospel. It begins in a way similar to the Gospel's opening "We write (to you) about the Word of life..." (Letter) "Before the world was created the Word already existed" (Gospel). Letter 2 on the other hand, begins more like a Letter than an essay - "To the dear Lady and her children" (probably a particular church leader and her congregation). Letter 3, likewise, is to a particular person, starting with "To my dear Gaius, whom I truly love."

What about the author of Revelation? On the basis of literary style and emphasis, it is unlikely that this John wrote either Gospel or Letters. What is certain is that the other John of the New Testament, John the Baptist, forerunner of Jesus, left no recorded written work.

My own conclusion in all of this is that much of the uncertainty would have been avoided if there had been some SURNAMES, which is where my thoughts then turned. No surnames in Bible times, nor in ancient Greece or Rome or Egypt, just Plato, Brutus, Tutankhamen, Abraham, Noah. So when and where did they come into use? Who created them? How were they invented?

Think of the kinds of surname - colours for example: White, Black, Grey, Green, Brown, but no Orange, Turquoise or Pink (although I believe there was a footballer named Violet, and Rabbi Lionel Blue used to tell good tales on "Thought for the Day" on Radio 4). Many surnames reflect families: Rogerson, Robinson, Benson, Gilbertson and so on - rather male-orientated it seems. Or place-names. Is that where the family originated? Plenty of local examples - Kirkham, Preston, Garstang, Newton, Clifton, Ramsbottom, etc., but I didn't ever come across a Mrs Blackpool or a Mr Oswaldtwistle. There is, however, a little place called Wolstenholme near Rochdale, Womersley in Yorkshire and, further afield, Durham, and Yaxleys in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk. What about the

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occupations which became surnames, presumably to identify them in growing communities: Butcher, Baker, Glazier, Shepherd, Farmer, Carter, Cartwright, Carpenter, and I recall an Indian cricketer named Engineer.

Some quite ordinary things get into the surname list - Ball, Bell, Hall, Seed, Frost, Snow. Royalty and aristocracy are in there as well, with King and Prince, Knight and Lord. Thinking back over my working life, I had colleagues called Fish, Haddock, Duck, Lion, Bull and Plank. From the countryside we have Hill, Heath, Wood, Field, Fountain, Forest, Lamb, Fox.

If like me, you sometimes find that sleep eludes you, try choosing a letter and a category and see how many surnames you can come up with. Still awake? Choose another letter. Not asleep yet? Just go downstairs and make yourself a cup of hot chocolate and a slice of toast!

Eric Wolstenholme

## CHRISTIAN AID THANKYOU!



A massive thanks to everyone who has helped in any way this Christian Aid week.

The Morrisons bucket collection we did as part of churches together raised £526.80 and the churches together service £120.30.

Our church has raised £684.60 in the house to house collection.

All this money makes an immense difference to people such as those we heard about in Haiti, where money can be spent to help their homes withstand the next hurricane that comes along.

Thankyou. Kristie.

## Ladies Monday Group Annual General Meeting

**AGM**  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 4th June at 7:30pm

Buffet Supper £ 6.00

All Ladies Welcome

## Weekly Activities At Kirkham Methodist Church

### Sunday Services

Morning Worship	10:30am
Sunday School and Creche	10:30am

### Group Family Meetings

Ladies Monday Group (1st Monday in Month) 7:45pm

Prayer Meeting	
Monday Mornings	9:30-10:00am

Steps4Fun Children's Dance & Fitness Classes

	Monday	5:15-6:15pm
Zumba Fitness	Monday	6:15-7:00pm

	Tuesday	7:15pm
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	Wednesday	6:00-10:00pm
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	Thursday	6:00pm
Rainbows	Thursday	6:15pm
Brownies	Thursday	6:15pm
Guides	Thursday	7:30pm

	Monday-Friday	9:15am-3:15pm
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	Saturday	9:00am-2pm
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Bible Study House Groups (Two Groups)

	Group 1	Tuesday	3-5pm	Fortnightly
	Group 2	Tuesday	7:30-9pm	Fortnightly

# KIRKHAM METHODIST



## Messy Church on Friday 15th June 2018 5 - 7pm

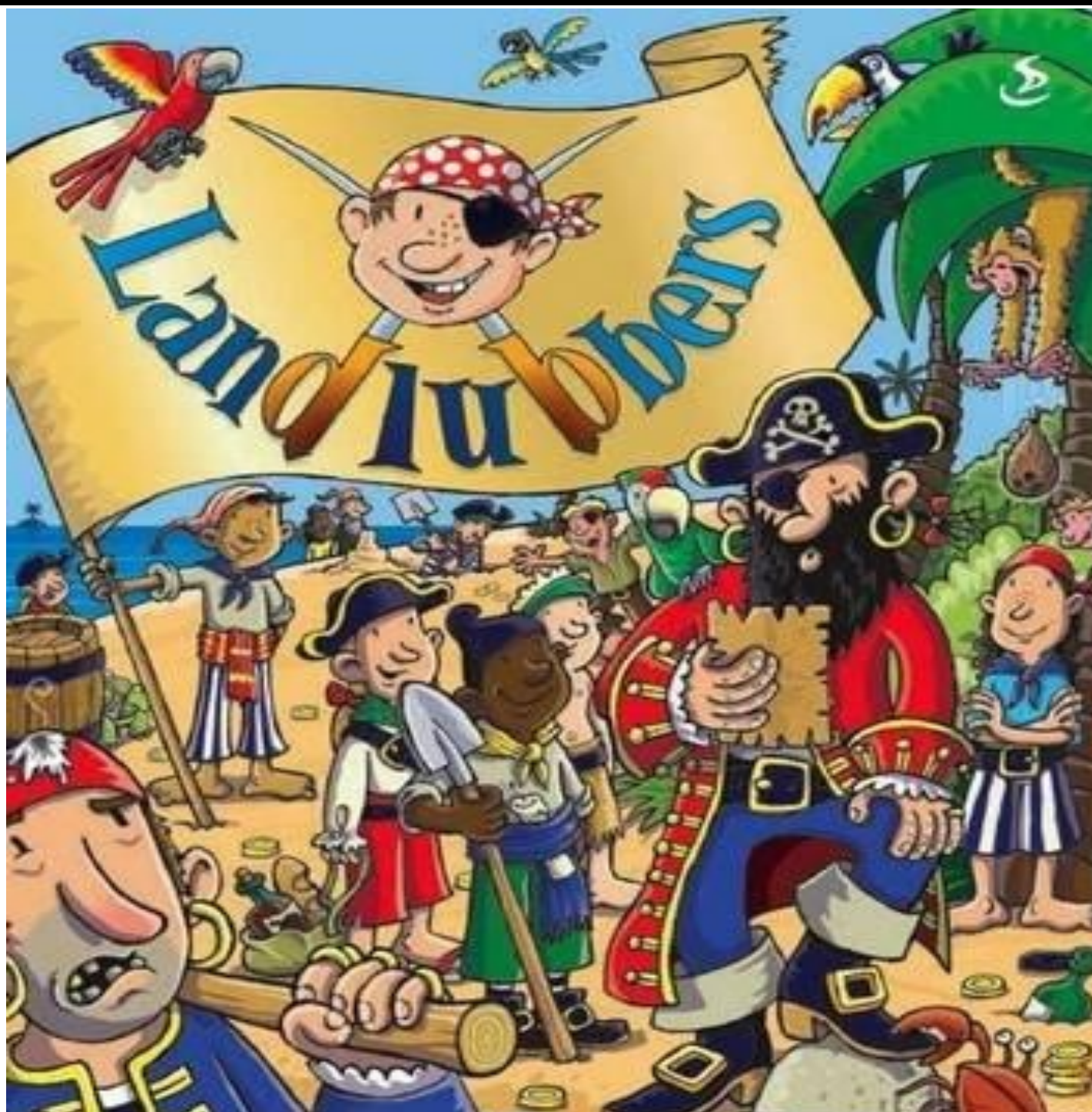
**Theme—‘If we have strong roots, planted in good soil, the love of God will grow and be shared’.**

**Families welcome, all children need to be accompanied by an adult Mums & Dads, Grannys & Grandads.**

**Let's make it a family affair.**

*Please let us know if you are coming for catering purposes by 18th April*  
**Contact Tel: 01772 499543**





## **KMC Holiday Club**

Based on Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Landlubbers will help children:

- learn about Jesus, and what it means to become his follower.
- Learn about the apostle Paul and some of his adventures.
- Live as followers of Jesus
- Explore Philippians for themselves.

Music, Sports, Crafts, Stories.  
Refreshments provided.

**23rd-27 July 2018**

Daily from  
9am to 12 noon

For children 5-11 years of age.

### **Registrations Dates:-**

Tuesday 10th July  
2:30-3:30pm

Wednesday 11th July  
2:30-3:30pm

Contact Gillian on:-  
Tel-01772 684640  
For further information