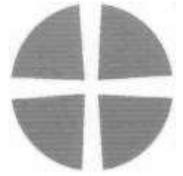


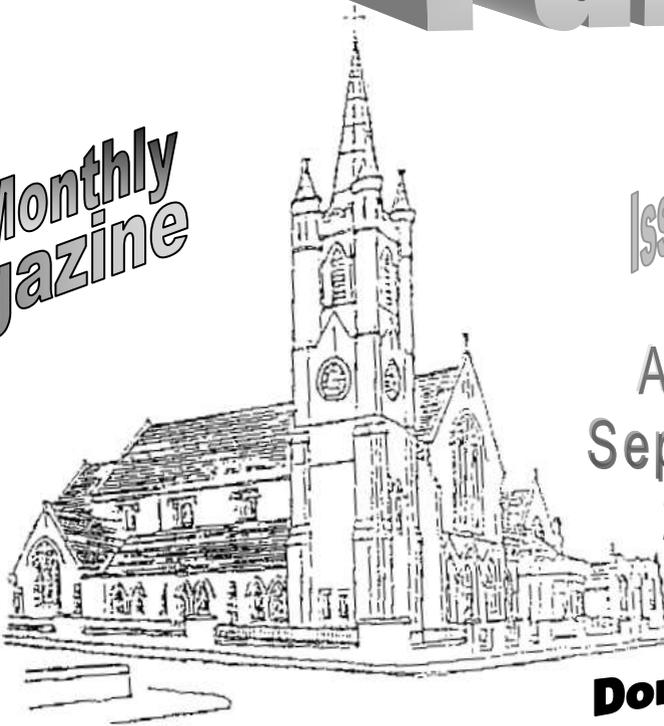
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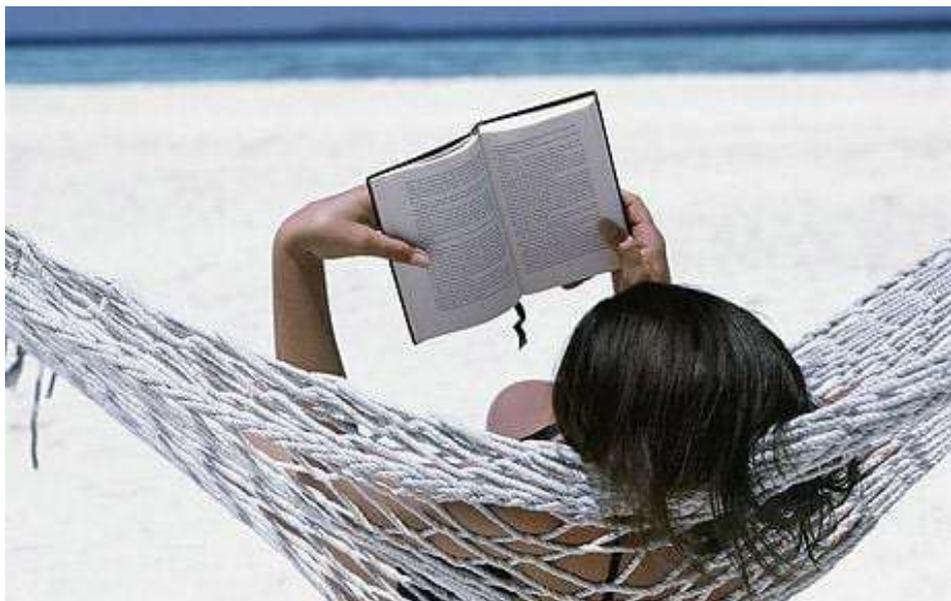
Poetry Corner

Holiness Unwritten

*There is space on every mountain
If you care to take a look,
and the empty desert landscape
is a holy sacred book,
and the midnight sky that stretched
to the very edge of space
is ablaze with unseen glory
from our God of love and grace.
When a Schubert quintet pauses
and the notes hang on a prayer,
in the silence of that moment
you will know that God is there.
In the hollowed bowls of tulips
lies a heaven worth more than gold,
and the empty nests of skylarks
tell of joy they cannot hold.
You may glory in church windows
red or yellow, blue or green,
but God's love is also painted
on the blank walls in-between.
Should you find these sacred places
guard them well, for you will find
there is holiness unwritten
in the spaces of your mind.*

David Lythgoe, Skelmersdale
(winner of Methodist Recorder poetry competition 2012)

August September



Relax, rest and holidays,

But summer's end is in view.

Batteries recharged, ready to go

God's work of love we must do.



Letter to Mary

5th July 2017

Hi everyone,

We had some good news in the family on Monday. My oldest brother Richard and his wife Florence, are getting a second grandchild about December 15th and it's going to be a girl. So Harrison, who will be nearly 2 by then, will have a little sister. That will make me a great aunt again. We are so pleased for them. Our own family is growing fast and our latest project is helping Amelia to become toilet trained before she starts nursery in September. On Monday, when we look after her, she does quite well for a while but she does have a few accidents. We saw her dressed in her new school uniform last week and she looks good. I hope she is properly dry by the time she has to wear it. Last week we went to Washington Arts Centre after collecting Annabel from school. There was an exhibition of art work which her class had been doing. She was so proud to show us what she had been doing with pictures, photos and models made from old cardboard boxes. They had even made a model of the Angel of the North from cardboard.

I was at the Women Together meeting yesterday, which is held after Lunch Club every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1.30 to 3.00 pm at Burn Park Church. We had Phil Curtiss talking to us about what it was like growing up and living in Sunderland in the 1950's. He had a very extensive collection of slides to show and kept us laughing and entertained for an hour and really got our memories flooding back. I was dying to get back to tell Rob all about it.

By the time I got home, Rob had checked on Oscar the dog and was on with the second dining room cabinet, which he promised to finish by the 20th July. It makes the room look bigger already with the white undercoat on. We are opening the back gates on the evening of the 20th, with our neighbour Vicky in number 10 for extra room to sit and have refreshments (weather permitting). We hope to sell some plants and things for the church funds, so it's something to work towards.

Its 12 days since we got back from our holiday in Lanzarote. It feels like we are still on holiday because we still have our happy moods and memories to look back on. Although it was still busy through the day, we had quieter nights. We missed out the trip to Rancho Texas on the Tuesday night because I wanted to save my legs for the next day. This was a tour to see the places which Cesar Manrique had changed on the island. It entailed a lot of walking up and down steps made out of the lava to visit the caves which were transformed in spectacular fashion. The Caves of Agua have a pool in a natural lava tube, which have the tiny blind white crabs which have been there for hundreds of years and are not seen in any other parts of the islands. We also saw the monument created to acknowledge the work of the farmers. Then onto the Cactus Garden with over 10,000 different species of cactus, many of which were flowering. They looked wonderful. The last stop was the house which Cesar Manrique lived in for many years. It was built around 5 holes in a lava field, which he bought from the farmer for next to nothing. Over the years, he transformed the holes into 5 different coloured rooms linked by passage ways through the lava. He also built above ground a house (which is now a museum) and transformed the outside into colourful gardens. The house is now worth a fortune and is looked after by the Cesar Manrique Foundation, profits from visitors going to help local people with their educational needs.

Last night we were at rehearsals for our show in September. It went well and sounded good with the four-part harmonies. Next week the soloists will have extra time to go over their parts.

Looking towards the school holidays, I'm in another group which has had meetings to organise a week of activities for the children. We are holding these during the first week of the holidays, Monday to Friday 9.45a.m. till 12 noon in the church hall. Before the end of the sessions, we are having a drama "The Guardians of Ancora, Treasure Seekers, spread over the five days. This tells the story of how the Guardians of Ancora find the treasure and bring it back to the Keeper of the Keys. It is lots of fun for the kids and ends the sessions before going home. I play the part of Bartlehoop, the new assistant to

the Keeper of the Keys. From the scripts, it sounds a bit energetic for me so I'll have to catch up on some exercising!!! Oh well there's one consolation, it says I have to eat custard creams for my energy. Can't be all bad!!

Bye for now,

Love,

June

xxxxx



Celebrations

Those people celebrating during the months of August and September include:

Birthdays

August

22nd Melvyn Morgan (70)

25th Nick Thompson

29th Sarah Hardy

September:

None Known

Wedding Anniversaries

August:

28th Suzy & Phil Wake

September:

None Known



Can we celebrate your special day too? All you have to do is fill in the form and place them in the gold box at the back of the Church; spare forms to fill in are on the side of the box.



Time for Reflection

Fairtrade.



We are a “Fairtrade” Church in a “Fairtrade” city, but what does that really mean? With Fairtrade, *we* have the power to change the world every day. With simple shopping choices that we make, farmers can get a better deal. And that means they can make their own decisions, control their futures and lead the dignified life everyone deserves.

So, what does the Fairtrade Foundation actually do? It changes the way trade works through better prices, decent working conditions and a fair deal for farmers and workers in developing countries. Fairtrade is unique; working with businesses, consumers and campaigners. Farmers and workers have an equal say in everything: empowerment is at the core. Its vision is a world in which all producers can enjoy secure and sustainable livelihoods, fulfil their potential and decide on their future.

The foundation’s mission is to connect disadvantaged producers and consumers, promote fairer trading conditions and empower producers to combat poverty, strengthen their position and take more control over their lives.

- ✓ *Fairtrade sets standards: social, economic and environmental standards that include protection of workers’ rights & the environment, payment of the Fairtrade Minimum Price and an additional Fairtrade Premium to invest in business or community projects.*
- ✓ *Fairtrade certifies products and ingredients: independently checking that standards have been met by the farmers, workers and companies in supply chains. When all the ingredients that can be Fairtrade in a product are, the product carries the Fairtrade Mark.*
- ✓ *Fairtrade works with companies’ own schemes: only working with schemes that share Fairtrade’s principles; ensuring that*

producers are paid a fair price, working to support strong, flourishing producer organisations and enabling democratic decision-making by farmers and workers.

- ✓ *Fairtrade lobbies government: with support from the British public, demanding fairer treatment in trade deals towards farmers in developing countries who supply us with so much of our food.*
- ✓ *Fairtrade works directly with producers: such as, with Bolivian coffee farmers tackling the plant diseases linked to climate change, and with cocoa-growing communities creating a women's leadership school in Côte d'Ivoire.*
- ✓ *Fairtrade drives awareness with the public: through Fairtrade Towns, Schools and Faith groups and campaigns, challenging people: 'Don't Feed Exploitation – choose Fairtrade'.*

What sort of items are Fairtrade?

- Bananas
- chocolate
- gold
- beauty products
- coffee
- cotton
- flowers
- sugar
- tea
- wine
- many other products

The latest campaigning email I received focusses on Fairtrade Tea:

Not all tea is created equal. Behind your brew, real people face low wages, discrimination and the hard choices living in poverty can bring. Whether farmers working their own land, or workers on big estates, the people who grow and pick our tea often don't earn enough to even feed their families.

But when you buy Fairtrade tea, farmers and workers can bring greater security, equality and opportunity to the lives of their families and communities – and that's just for starters. Through Fairtrade, they can improve their working conditions and learn how to improve the way they farm and manage their environment. They can make sure their children are fed and can go to school. Communities can invest in clean water and clinics, improving everyone's health. So, however you make your cuppa, make sure it's Fairtrade.



Are you all about OPPORTUNITEA and making the most of what life throws at you? But what if you just don't get those chances? When tea wages are low there's pressure for children to be in the fields working, not in school. They're missing out, and it's not on. Fairtrade works to prevent the worst forms of child labour. Plus, the income from Fairtrade sales is often invested in school buildings, books, teachers or learning equipment for farming communities.

Or, is EQUALITEA your cup of tea? It's only fair that everyone gets a chance; you don't like to see people treated badly. Women make up 43 percent of the global agricultural workforce, but have access to far less land and resources than men. Fairtrade means women are represented in the farming groups they are part of. They have a say in how the money earned from Fairtrade is used in their communities.

Maybe you like the feeling of SAFETE. You're loyal to your tea, and probably always go out with an umbrella – just in case. Tea farmers want to be safe too. But when shareholder profit is king, corners get cut. Fairtrade Standards mean health and safety rules must be followed on tea farms, keeping everyone safe. Whether it's using fertilisers carefully or making sure workers have the right gloves, boots and safety equipment, Fairtrade has it covered.

10 SECOND SERMONS:
Small keys open big doors.
Source unknown

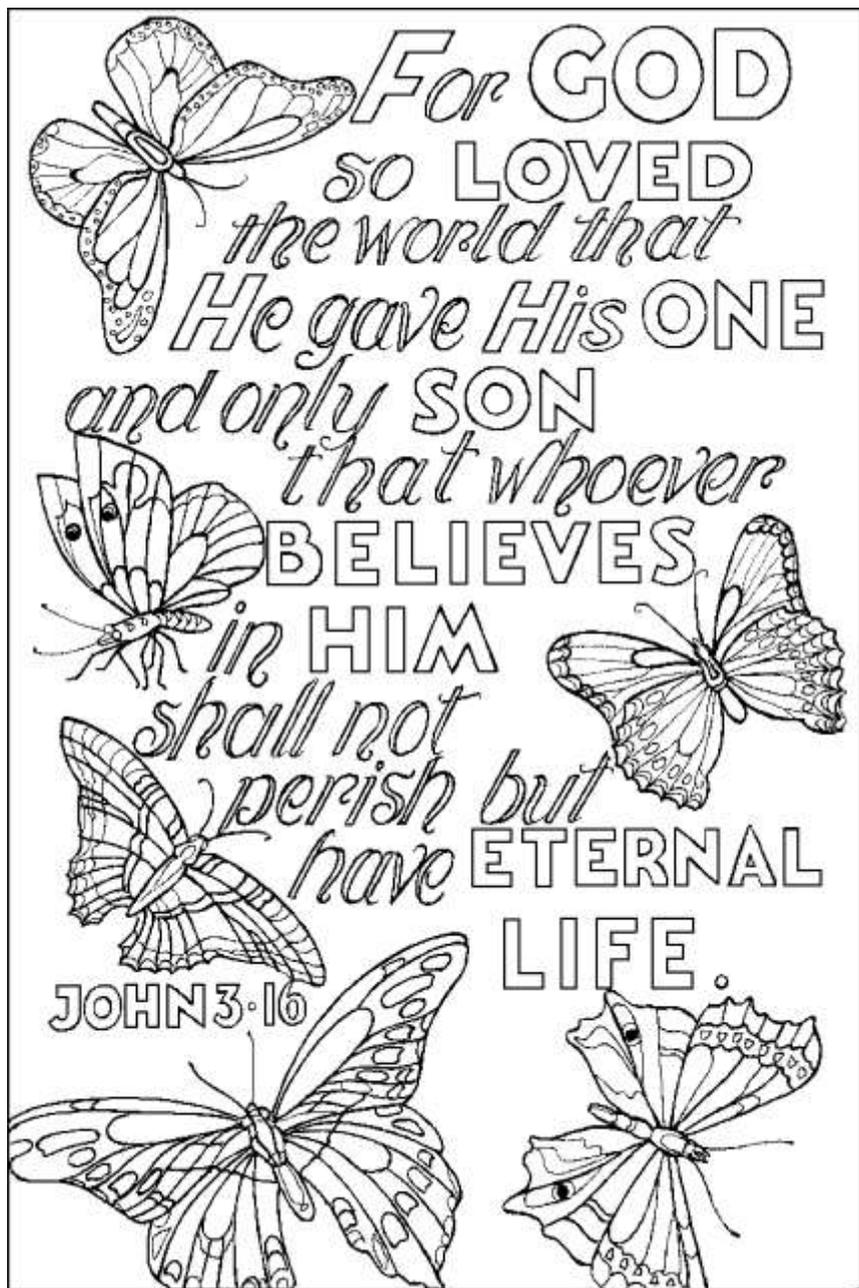
Fun & Games

Pages for all the family

Proverb Word Puzzle

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| S | <p>Here's a super fun Bible word game!</p> <p>We've hidden a verse from Proverbs in this shape.</p> <p>To find it, you'll need to start at the correct letter and then read every second letter, going in a clockwise direction.</p> <p>How long will it take you to uncover the wisdom of this proverb?</p> | | | | | | | | | R |
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Colouring Page.



Prayer Time

The 2017 Methodist Conference, meeting in Birmingham earlier this summer, recognised the challenges and changes facing every community in these islands and the urgent call of God on the Methodist people to share the love of God in Jesus Christ in word and action.



The Conference therefore called on every local church to launch the new Methodist year with a day of prayer and fasting. This could be on 1st September, the official start of our year, or on a date close to it to suit local circumstances.

The Methodist Website (methodist.org.uk/prayer-and-worship/a-day-of-prayer-and-fasting) has links to some resources that could be used for this day, including:

- 📖 'Day by Day' - prayers for a 'spiritual five-a-day' in support of this year's Presidential and Vice-Presidential theme. Available as a booklet from Methodist Publishing or to download.
- 📖 Bible notes for a reading from Acts 2 to which the same theme relates
- 📖 The new Prayer Handbook for 2017/18, from Methodist Publishing
- 📖 Resources for Creation Time, which also falls in September and could be used as a part of your day of prayer
- 📖 Notes on Fasting as a Spiritual Practice in the Methodist tradition. "By fasting and prayer we hoist the sails of our soul, and wait on God to move us with the Holy Spirit"

🐛 Resources, activities and prayer ideas from the Manchester and Stockport Methodist District.

🐛 A Word in Time Bible study, where Jo Cox Darling explores the idea of fasting in relation to Isaiah 58:3 "Why do we fast?"

🐛 A downloadable group study guide, Introducing Spiritual Practices, which has a session exploring fasting

🐛 A Bible Study in which Eunice Attwood looks at Jesus' words about fasting from the Sermon on the Mount.



connect

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NETWORK
WORKING TOGETHER

Could you help?

Connect Network are working in partnership with Gentoo to support local families this summer by recycling school uniforms. You can help by promoting this project so families are aware of it, and encouraging families to drop off school uniforms (in good condition) at any Gentoo office by **11th August**. Could we also help, as a Church, by being a collection point for uniforms? This would involve having a table out with uniforms on which Gentoo would deliver. Any donations for the uniforms could go to the Church. Please speak to the stewards if you think you could help.



**SUCCESS IS GOING FROM FAILURE TO FAILURE
WITHOUT LOSING ENTHUSIASM.**

WINSTON CHURCHILL



Pause for Thought ..

Accept Nothing Less than Jesus!

Be satisfied with nothing less
than the Lord Jesus abiding in your life.

He is the Light of the World.

He is the Life of the World.

He is your Saviour,
your Lord, and
your Friend.

He has promised to come to you
and abide with you.

Then accept nothing less than
Jesus in your life.

Invite Him into your heart.

Embrace Him.

Talk often with your Friend, and

His Light Will Fill Your Life!

Now for some funnies ...

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Dishes.

Dishes who?

Dishes Sean Connery.



And God said to John, "Come forth and you shall be granted Eternal Life!"

But John came fifth and won a toaster!



How many opticians does it take to change a light bulb?

Is it one or two? One ... or two?



Why did the old man fall into that well?

Because he couldn't see that well.



What do you call a Frenchman wearing sandals?

Phillipe Phillope



My friend asked me to help round up his 37 sheep yesterday.

"40," I said.



I've found a job helping a one-armed typist do capital letters.

It's shift work.

A.A.A.D.D.

Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. – Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.

This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing.

As I start toward the garage, I notice some post on the porch table that I brought in earlier. I decide to go through the post before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the recycling box under the table, and notice that it is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the recycling first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the post-box when I take out the recycling anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my cheque book off the table, and see that there is only one cheque left. My extra cheques are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of cola I'd been drinking.

I'm going to look for my cheques, but first I need to push the can aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. The cola is getting warm, and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the cola, a vase of flowers on the bench catches my eye – they need water.

I put the cola on the bench and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the bench, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the living room where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

- the car isn't washed
- the bills aren't paid
- there is a warm can of cola sitting on the bench
- the flowers don't have enough water,
- there is still only 1 cheque in my cheque book,
- I can't find the remote,
- I can't find my glasses,
- and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy the whole day, and I'm really tired.



Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the colour of happiness and today is the happiest day of her life," her mother tried to explain, keeping it simple. The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So, why's the groom wearing black?"





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Diary Dates

Preachers at Burn Park for August & September:

| August | | September | |
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| 6 th | Miss Joyce Hindmarch | 3 rd | 10:30 a.m. Rev. R Firth 6:30 p.m. Circuit service |
| 13 th | Rev. Gareth Phillips <i>Sacrament</i> | 10 th | Mr. Reginald Thompson |
| 18 th | Deacon Christopher Daniels | 17 th | Miss Enid Jones |
| 25 th | Mr. Peter Allan-Robson | 24 th | Rev. Rosemary Nash <i>Harvest Festival</i> |

Important Dates to note around and about:

Tue 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Aug: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Sunderland Minster:
Connect Network Family Fun days for under 11s (must be
accompanied by an adult)

Wed 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Aug: 12 noon – 3 p.m.: Bede Tower: Connect
Network Family Fun days for under 11s (must be
accompanied by an adult)

Sat 5, 12, 19 Aug: 9 a.m. – 12 noon: Burn Park: Church Cleaning days
– help requested

Sun 6 Aug: 11 a.m. worship: 12 noon picnic & games: Roker Cliff
Park: Church at the beach organised by Enon Baptist Church

Mon 4 Sep: 7:15 p.m.: Ewesley Rd: Local Preachers' Meeting

Sat 9 Sep: 4 – 6 p.m.: Roker: Messy Church

Thu 14 Sep: 7 p.m.: Ewesley Rd: Circuit Meeting

Sat 16 Sep: 10 a.m. – 12 noon: Burn Park: Coffee Morning

Tue 19 Sep: 6:45 – 9 p.m.: Venue to be arranged: Connect
Conversation Children & Youth Work

Thu 21 Sep: 10:30 a.m.: Burn Park: Coffee, Prayer, Care & Share

Sat 23 Sep: 10:15 a.m.: Burn Park: Circuit Link Meeting

Fri 29 at 7:15 p.m. & Sat 30 Sep at 3:30 p.m.: Burn Park: Park
Productions' 25th Anniversary Show

Sat 30 Sep: 3 p.m.: Cleadon: Messy Church

Sat 30 Sep: 4 – 6 p.m.: East Boldon: Messy Church

*For more details about these and other events,
please see your weekly printed notices or Circuit Plan*



If you have any notices to be published,
or articles for the next magazine,
please contact Suzy or Phil Wake at Church,
Tel: **5226257**, by e-mail on WaSus654@aol.com,
or at 119, Tunstall Rd, by 9 p.m. Thursday.

BURN PARK CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Burn Park Methodist Church exists to worship God,
and make the Love of Jesus known, in our welcome,
outreach, and care for all.

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email: garethphillips3@gmail.com

Regular Events at this Church:

Sunday

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| 10.30 a.m. | Morning Worship & Sunday Club |
| 6.00 p.m. | Churches Together Drop-In for Homeless people |

Tuesday

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| 11.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. | Lunch Club |
| 1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. (1 st & 3 rd weeks in the month only) | Women Together |
| 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. | Park Productions |

Thursday

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| 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Coffee@Burn Park |
| 1.00 p.m. - 3.45 p.m. | Stroke Club |
| 6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. | Beavers, Cubs, & Scouts |

Friday

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| 9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. | Toddlers Group |
| 7 p.m. | Young Asian Voices |

Saturday

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| 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon | Coffee Mornings (3 rd week of month) |
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To book rooms for an event,
please contact Melvyn Morgan on Tel: 5251930.

