



West Bergholt Methodist Church

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THE LINK

JUNE 2019

SUNDAY SERVICES

Please note that we are no longer holding Sunday morning services in our Chapel. Transport will be arranged to a service at Mile End Methodist church, leaving the village at 10.00am for the 10.30am service. Please contact Judith, 01206 241969, or Andrew, 01206 242511, if you would like a lift.

WORSHIP at Mile End at 10-30 am will be led by
June 2nd Rev Ken Chalmers – Church Anniversary
June 9th Mrs Rachel Allen - MHA Sunday
June 16th Rev Mike Cassidy with Communion
June 23rd Local Arrangement
June 30th Rev David Moody

Please Note that MHA Sunday is on June 9th and envelopes are available to support the wide range of care and support offered by MHA. This year MHA Sunday coincides with Pentecost on **9 June 2019**, a day that is described as the birthday of the church.

Our theme of worship is **One Sunday**. We're inviting church groups to dedicate one Sunday to MHA to address the question 'how is the Good News heard by those living with dementia? We are asking people to reflect on how their services can be adapted to be more inclusive and accessible for those living with dementia and those who support them.

Action For Children - a sponsored walk will take place in Layer-de-la-Haye on **Saturday June 8th** at 10.00am. All are welcome to join in the walk and sponsorship for the walkers would be welcomed. Please speak to Sylvia Wilks for details.

SAYING I'M A CHRISTIAN

A few years ago, the broadcaster Jeremy Vine stood in front of a public audience to introduce the then Director General of the BBC, Mark Thompson. Thompson was speaking at the Christian think tank Theos, and the Radio 2 presenter opened the event with a line about himself. "I'm a broadcaster, husband, and father" he said. "And I'm also a Christian. **So why do I find it hardest to say that I'm a Christian?**"

MAKING AND GROWING DISCIPLES

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.
Matthew 28:19-20.

The Church exists to make new disciples of Jesus. Nothing could be clearer than that. Indeed, a key part of our own self-understanding as a denomination is that we are a discipleship movement shaped for mission. This is fundamental to an appreciation of 'Our Calling' and is an essential lever for change where the need for change is most pressing, in churches and circuits all across the Connexion.

Making new disciples of Jesus and growing in discipleship are not optional add ons to the outworking of our faith; they are its absolutely essential core characteristics and commitments. 'The Great Commission' radically shapes us and remakes us as a missional people. It clarifies our priorities and cuts through all the distractions of doing church, to help us see what being church is all about.

And at the heart of it is the continuing relationship with Jesus which brings flourishing, purpose and hope. The phrase "remember, I am with you always" is the essential promise which makes the whole enterprise of church possible in the first place. It is spoken with post-Resurrection authority and certainty into the doubts and dilemmas of this Good Friday world. It shimmers with Easter glory and indomitable joy. As such it is a timely wake-up call for the challenging times in which we find ourselves.

The New Testament makes clear that being in relationship with the risen Jesus changes, transforms and revitalises everything. What once seemed out of reach becomes normative. Expectations are upended. Enthusiasm becomes infectious.

*David Perry, Editor of the connexion,
the free magazine of the Methodist Church,
www.methodist.org.uk*

The Thanksgiving Service for the life of David Worskitt is at Mile End on **Friday 14th June at 3.30pm.**

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement in which Christians pray that people would come to know Jesus. Taking place between Ascension and Pentecost, Thy Kingdom Come this year falls between **30 May - 9 June 2019**.

During Thy Kingdom Come:-

- People commit to pray with God's world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family.
- Churches will hold prayer events, such as 24-7 prayer, prayer stations and prayer walks, across the UK and in other parts of the world.
- People will be transformed through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

The invitation is simply for people to pray in whatever way they want, with whoever they want and wherever they can, that others might know Jesus Christ.

To take part, 'pledge to pray' on the Thy Kingdom Come website - www.thykingdomcome.global.

In our churches, we value our fellowship, and sometimes churches are even known as Fellowships. The Methodist Church is known as the Methodist Connexion, people connected together with a cross at the centre. It is in the meeting together, the sharing together and the talking together that we discover what it is to be the people of God.

May your kingdom come.

God calls us together to work collaboratively in the building of God's kingdom, and so we pray: Offering ourselves, and bringing the depth of our care for others and the life of the world.

In a world where carelessness and selfishness often dictate the use of creation, we pray: For a respect for all your creatures; For wisdom in the use of resources. So that all may continue to enjoy the earth you have given us.

In a world where success is measured by possessions, power and celebrity, we pray: For wealth and resources to be fairly shared; For opportunities to be available to all; For trust, justice and integrity to underwrite human community. For a world where so many destructive barriers separate human beings, we pray: For faith communities to be open to each other; For peacemakers; For councils of reconciliation rather than councils of war; For the willingness to talk and to listen.

In a world where many feel lonely and isolated, we pray: For a greater sense of community; For the tools of modern media to be used to deepen and improve rather than damage our relationships; That compassion and understanding be the guide of our words and our actions.

In a world where Christians are divided by history, belief, practice and personal preference, we pray: For a willingness to see God as bigger than our own understanding; For a determination to work together in the building of God's kingdom; For a desire to share with others in the proclamation of Christ and the living out of his presence in local communities. For those in

local communities who face illness, bereavement, and those who struggle with their everyday lives, we pray: For the touch of healing and wholeness; For the touch of care and support; For the touch of hope and joy. Lord, may our lives reflect our relationship with you that together we may seek the coming of your kingdom.

OTHER MEETINGS

Please feel free to join us at any of these – you will be made most welcome...

Please join us for our monthly **mid week informal worship** activity in our hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 11.00am. The next such event will be on **Wednesday June 5th** led by Rev Ken Chalmers
All are welcome.

The next **COFFEE MORNING** will be on

Weds. 12th JUNE 10 - 11.30am

BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU

Coffee or Tea and Biscuits - 50p

Gifts for Cake and General Stalls will be appreciated.



Books and Greetings Cards will be on sale

Thank you for your support. May result - £22-40

<p>Bible STUDY Join us!</p>	<p>Our Bible Study Book Club meets every third Wednesday, next meeting Wednesday 19th June at 10.45am in our hall. We are looking at Corinthians. All are welcome.</p>
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FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our next meeting will be at 2.30pm



on Wednesday 19th June –the speaker will be **Rev Ruth Ridge. All are welcome.**

If you would like to come to any of our services, or any other church activities, but would need a lift, please phone 01206 242511 or 241969.

School Holiday Activities

Coffee & Craft mornings will be planned for the school summer holidays but the dates are yet to be decided. Watch this space for further details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat. June 8th – Action for Children Walk

Sun. June 9th – Methodist Homes Sunday.

Sun. July 7th – Final service at Boxted

Sun. July 14th – Action for Children Sunday

School holidays – Coffee & Craft in the hall

Copy for the July/August edition should be with Andrew Wilks by the third Sunday in June – June 16th please.