

HARVEST 2015



***COME, YE THANKFUL
PEOPLE***

Letter from our Minister

Dear Friends

Harvest time is with us again... we will sing songs of harvest even though not many of us will have been ploughing the fields or scattering, never mind picking potatoes during the tattie holiday!

Harvest can remind us to be grateful to God for his numberless blessings on our lives. Firstly, there are our common blessings such as our families and friends, food and clothes, the beauty of creation... It is so easy for us to overlook these.

Secondly, there are our special blessings such as God's 'providential way' for our lives. We can take these as tokens of God's favour towards us, as though God was saying to us, 'I do this for you now, then you will always know that you are the object of my love, the apple of my eye'.

But we can tend to forget these. That is why when new situations arise we can end up in a fearful or anxious state. If only we had remembered God's special blessings we would have taken ourselves in hand and said, 'The God who delivered me in time past from all my fears will not desert me now'. John Newton wrote, "His love in time past forbids me to think He'll leave me at last in trouble to sink. Each sweet Ebenezer we have in review Confirms his good pleasure to help us right through."

No wonder Oswald Chambers often remarked, 'I refuse to worry,' for he remembered God's favour in his life and was thankful for it. Thirdly, there is the greatest of all blessings which many tragically ignore. The apostle Paul speaks of it when he says, 'Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift' (2 Cor. 9:15). What was so wonderful that even Paul, a man of many words, ran out of words to express? 'The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord' (Rom.6:23). Through Jesus we have forgiveness of all our sins, we

are healed of all our soul's diseases, we are lifted up from the pit of despair, our heads are crowned with steadfast love and mercy as he sings over us with joy and delight...

At this time of harvest let us join with the Psalmist as he sings, 'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not ALL his benefits' (Ps. 103: 1-2) ... And if we do so, then 'it will surprise you what the Lord has done'.
Divine Blessings, John

Church Family News

† *We honour the memory of Helen Cowie.*

Paul writes: As long as I knew Helen Cowie, she lived in Aberdeen, as a resident in Craigielea Gardens. But she was a Glaswegian by birth, and during the long years since her marriage she grew deep roots in Portgordon; the closing of our Church there caused her deep regret. She remained to the end of her long life, a committed Christian, a Methodist and a woman of prayer. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

New Members



Congratulations to Jenny, Eniola and Ebenezer whom we welcomed into Church membership from May 21st.

Baptisms

We were pleased to celebrate the baptisms of -



Jessica, daughter of Frances and Neil on July 5th,
Benjamin, son of Elton and Malgorzata on August 30th, and
Ariel Maria, daughter of Sean and Jayne on Sept 20th.

May God bless them all.

Why be a Methodist?

CTM once had a youth fellowship that met after the evening service. On one occasion its members were asked why they came to the Methodist church. They answered, first, 'because we were brought up as Methodists', and, second, 'because this is a friendly church'.

I believe that this is still a friendly church. From the time of John Wesley's 'classes', and even smaller groups called 'bands', part of Methodism's strength has always been in face-to-face meetings. We have them still in CTM, for example in the Women's Fellowship, the Singing Group, and the various groups for Bible study.

But Methodism has also had another source of strength. Wesley's preachers, wherever they travelled, were identified as being 'in connexion with Mr Wesley'. We still speak of the Methodist 'connexion' (using the 18th-century spelling). Methodists from all over the world who come to Aberdeen soon find themselves at home in CTM. The Methodism they come from may be different from the traditional Scottish variety, probably better in some ways. But there is a clear family likeness, maintained for example through the treasury of Charles Wesley's hymns and those of his successors.

I speak here from personal experience. My active ministry was spent partly in French-speaking Benin and non-Methodist Cameroon, and partly working for the United Bible Societies, where one scarcely stopped to ask to what denomination one's colleagues belonged to. But I remained a convinced Methodist; and now, after forty years in Aberdeen, most of my closest friends are in CTM.

P.E.

Thoughts from 'The Burn' weekend

I was greatly encouraged by the church weekend away. The accommodation was very comfortable, the food was delicious and there were plenty of people to talk to!

I was very touched by what Ingrid Walls shared in her session. It was a privilege to hear her testimony.

The ceilidh was excellent!

Maybe something to think about for the next time would be to have some prayer ministry available.

Dawn

Where do I start?

The theme of the weekend was The Holy Spirit. Tom's talks were excellent, but it was Ingrid's talk that I found fascinating. What an absolutely amazing lady!

I thoroughly enjoyed the company, the food and the general ambience. The craft session on Saturday afternoon was so much fun, allowing my "creativity" to run free.

The house and surroundings were beautiful and the grounds gave the opportunity for many walks amidst the peace and tranquillity.

A Heavenly haven for a lovely weekend.

Kathleen

The church weekend away for me was a wonderful experience. It was nice being able to get a deeper understand of the God we serve in a serene a relaxing environment. It was enlightening.

Patrick.

Introducing ...

Nigel Herbert

Q. *Nigel, you and Lorna have been at CTM for quite a long time - what brought you to Aberdeen?*

Nigel I came in 1974 to study geology. I'm from a Methodist family, so my parents took me to meet Haydn Wainwright, the minister at the time. Lorna came to Crown Terrace around the same time when she began at Aberdeen College of Education, but being from Findochty, she was already in the circuit. So we met here at Crown Terrace.

Q. *Nigel, we often see you sitting in the gallery operating the slides and sound system. Is there a lot of preparation involved?*

Nigel Not really, normally about an hour pulling together the slide pack. Then afterwards about an hour and a half to create the recording and upload it.

Q. *You've recently retired, how are you filling the days?*

Nigel Filling the days is not really a problem. There's a variety of things. I play violin with the Grampian Concert Orchestra, and just a couple of months ago we did a tour to Regensburg, Aberdeen's twin town.

Q. *And I believe you were playing the instrument you built yourself?*

Nigel Yes another hobby of mine. Just now I'm building a half size violin which will perhaps be played by one of my grandchildren some time. I learned how to do this at a series of courses in Cambridge, and I've had help from Lorna's father in Findochty – a joiner by trade.

Q. *Between yourself and Lorna you seem very involved in things musical.*

Nigel Lorna more than me I would say. She's still helping out in primary schools occasionally. She also sings with the Bach choir and the Morvern singers and of course is one of our regular organists. And she's properly qualified unlike me!

Q. *We've seen you do some small sketches in church from time to time. I wonder where that interest comes from.*

Nigel From my father. He was an English teacher and ran "The Methodist Players" in my home town - Burnley. He was keen on the spoken word and I was "encouraged" to compete in verse speaking competitions in local festivals.

Q. *I was intrigued by the ladies' table tennis sessions you run on Mondays.*

Nigel Yes we've had many ladies over the years coming to our regular Friday sessions, but sometimes they can feel a bit intimidated in the competitive atmosphere. They find this environment more comfortable whilst they are building skills.

Q. *Have you taken up anything new since retiring?*

Nigel I thought I would try and learn a language, so I'm giving Italian a go. Italy is somewhere we really enjoy. I'm going to the gym from time to time too, when I can't get into the hills.

Q. *How long will you keep the hill walking going?*

Nigel That's difficult to say. As long as knees allow, I guess. The bigger hills may soon be out of the question .

(The above does not reflect the tremendous contribution Nigel has made to CTM over many years as property steward –

Thank you Nigel ! Eds.)

Introducing...

Treasure and Stanley Mmerife

Treasure is the fourth of six children. Her father is the minister of an Evangelical/Pentecostal Church. The church was a dominant feature in her life with events taking place throughout the week. She was involved in the choir, Sunday school and leading worship.

Treasure had a happy but strict upbringing where the Bible was read daily and the family were expected to obey its teaching. Her early image of God was someone who needed to be feared but later she realised that God is a loving God. It is the personal relationship which is important and that rules are there for guidance.

Treasure performed well in primary school and went to a secondary school outside of the village. She was very young when she first said that she wanted to be a nurse. There was a short period when she thought being a lawyer would be a good way to help people but after being accepted to study both law and nursing she returned to her first passion. Her mother is also a nurse.

It was in Abuja where she first met Stanley but threw away his contact details. Treasure enjoyed her work and won an award for being the best nurse.

Treasure was happy living in Abuja but her dad wanted her to move back home. She spent a wonderful year at home with her parents and teaching. Stanley persisted and managed to obtain Treasure's telephone number. Once they started talking Treasure knew that he was the one for her.

Stanley persuaded her to join him in the UK and the wedding was planned in less than a month to enable them to begin married life in Wales. Treasure worked as a carer in a nursing home while obtaining a job in Aberdeen. She arrived here in 2008.

Stanley is the last of seven children. He came from a devout, disciplined and prayerful Methodist home. Stanley started his education in his home town before moving to a boys secondary school in the city. His first degree was in Agricultural Economics. He was a staunch member of the Christian Union Fellowship at university and held the post of prayer leader for three years before taking a more supporting role. Stanley has been involved in leading prayers wherever he has lived. He first met Treasure while involved in outreach in the city of Abuja. Some time later, when they were sharing experiences, she realised that he was the man she had seen in Abuja.

When they lived in South Wales Stanley was a youth leader but prayer has always been his focus.

So why was Stanley so persistent in trying to get Treasure? He said that he had seen lots of ladies both in school and outside but there was something special about Treasure that others didn't have.

Carol Reeves

IRISH BLESSINGS !

May the roof over your head never fall in
And those gathered beneath it never fall out.

May your house always be too small to hold all your friends

Hospitality is making your guests feel at home when
you really wish they were.

Ghana Link

The CTM - St. Peter, New Achimota, Accra link, which is now some twelve years old, continues, and in the past year we have maintained our support for St Peter's community library through the addition of computers and books. The need for this facility was brought home to us when we visited last November and found it being frequented by children who had been debarred from school because their parents had thus far failed to pay their fees.

St Peter is making progress in completing its sanctuary as far as the severe restraints on financial resources permit. Its services, however, as has been the case from some time, more than flourish in the completed basement. We were happy to be able to donate some £4,000 towards the building fund in the past year. It might be appropriate to make the point here that our financial gifts to St. Peter do not come from general church funds but from individual private donations and the sale of small items given and raised specifically for that purpose. The generosity and effort of those who have contributed is much appreciated.

It is hoped that in the middle of October this year we will host for ten days a small official delegation from St. Peter, comprising the minister, The Very Reverend Nana Appau-Gyekye, Mr Alfred Baiden (Society Steward), and Mr Opoku Duah (a representative of the Youth). We do not yet have the precise dates because they depend on the on the issuing of visas, which in the present climate can be problematic. It is intended to arrange a programme of events and opportunities for them to meet us while they are here, so if anyone has any suggestions as to what might be included they would be gratefully received.

In November there will be a return visit by John, our minister, to Ghana. It is his first visit to the African continent. One doubts he will find the experience other than instructive and enjoyable.

You are reminded that the Ghana Bible Study group continues to meet on Thursday evenings, providing an opportunity to study passages with supporting notes issued by the Methodist Church Ghana for class meetings. Membership is open, the discussions lively, and enables an opportunity to discuss issues being considered by our brothers and sisters in Ghana. New and occasional participants are welcome.

A footnote. The arrangements for own successful weekend away at the Burn, Edzell, were communicated to those who went by emails from Accra, the capital of Ghana, where Nana, one of the organisers, was on holiday.

Mary Slessor Project

The Mary Slessor Project is supporting Cee-Hope Nigeria, a Nigerian Charity with a focus on girl child empowerment and which is also involved in supporting children displaced by the Boko Haram Crises. They have run a campaign against rape and child sexual abuse involving going into schools advising girls how to protect themselves and what to do to avoid getting into danger. They are also running projects in Makoko, in the slums of Lagos, the commercial capital of Nigeria. There they are teaching girls vocational skills and also have women who mentor the girls. Any money we raise will go towards such empowerment projects that are ongoing.

Anuli

Traidcraft

Is just saying 'Thank you' enough?

Harvest time is a time of thanksgiving – traditionally thanking God for the harvest which ensures we shall have sustenance for the family in the coming year – grain crops vegetables, fish, meat. Latterly coal and oil for heating etc. – indeed we give thanks 'for all good gifts around us.' But when we say 'thank you' to God do we think of God's 'agents' around the world who produce many of these gifts. As we enjoy our after dinner coffee in a comfortable armchair do we consider the man or the woman who has produced it? What sort of home do they return to at night? Are they paid a fair wage? Can they feed and educate their children or indeed are the children working too? The Fairtrade foundation ensures that their producers receive fair wages and child

labour is not used, so why do we need Traidcraft as well? Fairtrade producers have to provide large quantities to sell to the supermarkets. Traidcraft seeks out small scale producers of high quality goods – often in remote areas and assists them with advice and training to get their products to the market. Working through churches and other charitable organisations, largely with volunteers, all profits are ploughed back into new projects. Once a producer can function independently Traidcraft moves on which explains why a popular item will from time to time disappear from the catalogue.

Personally I never buy ‘Smart Price’ or similar brands – not because I know the goods have been produced by ‘slave labour’ but because I don’t know - I only suspect that many must be as supermarkets tend to be too jealous of their share prices and dividends to pay more than they absolutely have to. Traidcraft’s slogan this year asks you to “Show you care”. If each one of us includes just one item of our groceries each month from Traidcraft we could really do just that! Price for price there is very little difference between the Traidcraft brand and comparable supermarket brands and coffee isn’t just coffee – there’s a range of 8 varieties, ground, instant and beans varying from strength 3 – 5. Similarly there are traditional teas and a new range of herbal teas (not to mention chocolate!).

- Look forward to seeing you in the Traidcraft corner!

JØ

OAK

Our ecumenical activities with St. Mark's continue with the shared evening service on the second Sunday of every month at CTM and the outreach of the Oak Café at St. Mark's. The café operated without a summer break thanks to additional volunteers and regular staff giving more of their time so that our appreciative customers could enjoy their soup, bacon rolls, main meals etc, and, of equal importance, a smile and a friendly chat. It was not possible to do a coffee morning in support of the work of the Macmillan nurses, so OAK substituted with an afternoon tea which raised over £300. The pool of volunteers who staff OAK Café is now precariously small, so if anyone can help, even once or twice a month, please speak to Betty Steel or me. The mission of OAK Café is encapsulated in the quotation on the reverse of our table menu card, "Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you".

M.D.C

Foodbank

We are still receiving your generous gifts for the Aberdeen Food Bank

Recycling

Empty computer cartridges, old mobile phones and spectacles are collected and waste paper from the Church is collected in a bag by the photocopier in the vestry.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife, enjoying his family. He'd miss the pay cheque but he needed to retire. They could get by.

The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favour. The carpenter said yes but in time it was easy to see that his heart wasn't in the work. He didn't give the work his best, cutting corners, using inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work and his employer came to inspect the house, the contractor handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you." Needless to say, the carpenter was both shocked and shamed. If he'd only known he was building his own house, he would have done it so differently. Now he would have to live in the home he'd built none too well.

So it is with us. We build our lives in a distracted way, reacting rather than acting, willing to put up with less than the best. At important points we don't give the job our best effort. Then, with a shock, we look at the situation we've created and find that we are now living in the house that we've built. If we'd realised that at the time we might have done things differently.

Think of yourself as the carpenter. Think about the house you're building. Each day you hammer a nail, lay a brick or place a board. Build wisely. It's the only life you'll ever build. Even if you live it for only one day more, that day deserves to be lived graciously and with dignity. Your life tomorrow will be the result of your attitudes and the choices you make today. Build wisely.

With thanks to Rev Paul McKeown and the editor of Belhelvie Church Newsletter.

THE PETROL STATION - A MEETING PLACE

On a long car journey with young staff of a research institute in Serbia, we stopped to refuel the car and ourselves at a service station. It was Friday, early evening, already dark, we were all tired and sat around a table in a cafe beside the petrol station. The place was busy and we were still some way off our Belgrade destination. A petrol station, a stopping place from which we cannot stray too far wherever we are, as we all depend on the internal combustion engine which needs fuel. Our bodies too after travelling for 5 hours on the road. It's like we have an invisible umbilical cord which we cannot break.

Sitting around a table, with translator, Alix, driver Pedgra and host Mirjana we talked a little while sharing drinks and food and contacting others not with us on our mobiles. Alix spoke to his new girlfriend saying he would see her that night in Belgrade. Pedgra, to his wife and child and Mirjana, to her parents reassuring them she too would be home, but late, after she had another guest to show around Belgrade's nightlife once she had got rid of me! I spoke with Katherine in far off Aberdeen. I was unsure of where we were - in an anonymous petrol station with lots of other travellers.

Mirjana told me of her research and the difficulties of getting funding for it, Pedgra of his pride in his young son and Alex of his new girl friend and hopes of another job soon. The mobile phone helps us to live in one place and yet be in another. Perhaps we did not give full attention to those sitting with us. But we were a close knit group after attending a 3 day conference and travelling together for so long in a small car. The stories of my young companions were mostly about their futures. I hope my recalling of past experience encouraged them and our interaction was the richer for this difference in perspective. Our shared stories were just as important as rest and food in the mutual caring process. They did tell me of their past experiences of the NATO bombing of Belgrade (damaged buildings are still visible) and the

current politics of the Serbian application for EU accession.

Would we bomb such lovely people if we could see their faces, know their stories? Would we willingly exclude them from entering our country through border controls lest they put pressure on our social services and infrastructure or indeed bar them from full EU membership? Let us remember we are brothers and sisters in Christ. We all need petrol and food and more importantly, mutual respect and care for each other. There is joy too in meeting others wherever and whenever we meet.

Sent anonymously by a former member

... and more from The Burn

Tom Greggs expounded on the

Holy Spirit with

Enthusiasm (good Methodist word), and the congregation

Blossomed at an

Upmarket

Retreat

Near Edzell

M.D.C.

We loved and enjoyed every minute of it. It reminds us of Psalm 133:1
 “How pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity.”

Jenny and William Yong

"MY NEIGHBOUR'S ROSES"

The roses red upon my neighbour's vine
Are owned by him, but they are also mine
His was the cost, and his the labour, too,
But mine as well as his the joy,
Their loveliness to view.

They bloom for me and are for me as fair
As for the man who gives them all his care.
Thus I am rich because a good man grew
A rose-clad vine for all his neighbour's view.

I know from this that others plant for me,
And what they own my joy may also be;
So why be selfish when so much that's fine
Is grown for you upon your neighbour's vine?

A.L. Gruber

And here is: "MY NEIGHBOUR'S REPLY"

Your neighbour, sir, whose roses you admire,
Is glad indeed to know that they inspire
Within your breast a feeling quite as fine
As felt by him who owns and tends the vine.

That those fair flowers should give my neighbours joy
But swells my own, and draws there from alloy
Which would lessen its full worth, did I not know
That other's pleasure in the flowers grow.

Friend, from my neighbours and this vine I've learned
That sharing pleasure means a profit turned;
And he who shares the joy in what he's grown
Spreads joy abroad and doubles all his own.

Author Unknown

Boat People

Can you remember back to the early 1980s? Seeing pictures of refugees on boats recently reminded me of meeting some of the 15 families from Vietnam who came to Aberdeen to find a home. They were called the "Boat People". Being involved with Adult Literacy, I was asked to give English lessons once a week to one family, Ly, Bangtam and his elderly mother, and two small boys called Minh and Tuong. We talked a great deal about how they had left Vietnam for Hong Kong and spent all their money on travel tickets to come to the West. Ly gave me lessons in Vietnamese cooking, we went to them and they came to us for Christmas meals. We had happy times. They decided to move south to Manchester (after the Granny died), together with other Vietnamese families. (I went to Granny's funeral, but that is another story). Eventually they settled in London. I would like to think they have happy memories of Aberdeen, even though it was too cold for them.

Anne H.

News from afar

The Devaney family have now been back in Reading for 3 years and that time has flown by. Steven is kept very busy at the University and has recently been promoted to Associate Professor. Rebecca is managing to do some work as a Freelance Lithics Analyst (Archaeologist) but work is slow. Aaron and Benjamin are now 8 and 4 years old. Aaron is doing well at school and Benjamin started this September. We attend a local C of E community church. Rebecca plays in the worship band and is part of the leadership team but we have also renewed our links with the local Methodist Church. We have fond memories of our time in Aberdeen and send best wishes to all at CTM. Best wishes, Rebecca

Hi everyone at CTM.

Since 2005, when I moved to Aberdeen the first time, I have considered CTM to be my church home abroad. The congregation is so open to people from other places and other cultures. When I was again transferred to Aberdeen, CTM was my first stop on my first Sunday in town. In August 2012, I was transferred to Sutton and am now back in the USA. I still look forward to getting the emails from CTM and recordings of the services. Thank you so much to those who give of their time to do this for those who can't come to church on Sunday, whatever the reason.

For those that remember, I asked for prayers for my dog, Willie, back in 2011 when he had to go to Glasgow to have two lung lobes removed. I'm happy to report that he is still doing well. I believe in the power of prayer and I'm convinced that the prayers offered for him was a major contributor to his survival. Thank you.

Pat Wild

SITUATIONS VACANT!

SUNDAY CLUB AND CRECHE – Anne Kelley would like to hear from any members who would be interested in joining the rota for the Sunday morning crèche and also from anyone who would like to be involved with the work of the Sunday Club

FOOD BANK – We are looking for someone who is willing and available during the day to take the contents of our collection box to the Aberdeen food bank, approximately once a month. If you can help please speak to David Marshall .

RECYCLING – Would anyone be willing to collect and despatch spent computer cartridges, mobiles etc.? We are also looking for someone to be responsible for the removal of paper for recycling. Joan would like to hear from you!

BRING AND SHARE LUNCHESES – after many years of organising these lunches Anne wishes to step down - if you would be willing to take on this valuable work she will be happy to give advice.

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION – As May is no longer able to take church flowers to the ill or housebound, is this a task you could take on? If so please speak to Carol.

(Our special thanks to May and Anne for all the time and effort they have given in serving the church in these ways.)

Autumn Fires

In the other gardens
And all up the vale
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!

Robert Louis Stevenson

A Harvest Prayer

O Lord, we thank you for your fulfilled promise of the harvest, that while the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest shall not fail. We thank you not only for seeds brought to harvest but for all seed thoughts which have come to harvest in lovely deeds and in gracious lives.
Lord of the harvest, receive our gratitude and help us to show it forth in the spirit that seeks to share fairly all your gifts.

Word Search

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HARVEST
THANKSGIVING
FISH
OIL
WHEAT
BARLEY
COFFEE
COCOA
RICE
POTATO

Compiled by Jenny Taylor (May's grand daughter).

The editorial Team would appreciate your feedback –what you would like more of or less of – new ideas – or maybe you would like to be involved with us in producing the next edition. We look forward to hearing from you. Anne, Joan, Paul & Samuel



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
12 November	12 noon	Special OAK lunch	St Mark's
26 November	7 pm	Lighting Christmas tree	Castlegate
29 November	5pm	Christmas parade: Aberdeen Churches float	Union Street
30 November	11 am	Blessing of the crib	St Nicholas
6 December	11 am	Toy service	CTM
6 December	1pm	Lunch to mark Mary Slessor project close	CTM
6 December	3 pm	The Acclamations	Holburn West
13 December	11 am	Carol service	CTM
20 December	11 am	Nativity service	CTM
20 December	6.30 pm	Lessons and carols	CTM
24 December	4 pm	Christingle service	CTM
24 December	11 for 11.30 pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion	CTM
25 December	11 am	All age service	CTM