

The Methodist Church

Sidwell Street Exeter

Services 10.30am every Sunday
and 6.30pm on the first Sunday of
the month.



Update

Our Monthly News

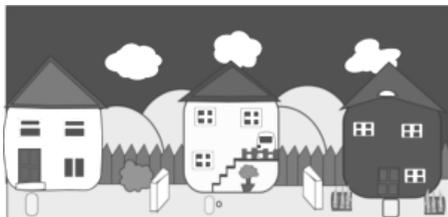
June 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ !!!

Grace to you and peace.

I moved to Sweetbrier Lane during the middle of August last year. So it is slightly over nine month I've been living here in Exeter. My first impression of this house and of this area was not good. It was simply because it is very close to a cemetery which made me feel very uncomfortable. In Korea 70 percent of the land consists of mountains and the majority of people mostly have their own burial sites in the mountainsides. In other words, our residential areas are completely separated from the area of the deceased even though death is a part of our life-cycle.

For the first few weeks it was a nightmare for me. However, the longer I live in this house and area, the more I feel homely. One of the many reasons, of course, was that the Lord enabled me to have peace in Him. The other reason was because of one of my neighbours. Whenever she goes away for holidays she leaves me her contact details, so that I can contact her if I need her help. Moreover, this neighbour does not forget to greet me whenever she sees me. We do not see each other very often, but once a week we have quick chats through the fence when we take out our rubbish or recycling.



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One day after collecting all the disposal rubbish in a black bag I went out to the place where I keep my rubbish bin. I suddenly heard a small rustling sound but loud enough to recognise that there was something behind the fence at my neighbour's house. So I gave a little squeal. It was not because I thought there was a ghost but a cat. Until my neighbour said, "Did you think there was a cat?" I had not realised my next door neighbour was there. When I said I had heard some strange sounds, she replied to me saying, "I have kept looking for my glasses. I have checked my bathroom, bedroom and everywhere in and outside of the house. But I could not find them. So I am now looking through my bin to find my glasses".

Perhaps those who wear glasses may fully empathise and sympathise with her, because with bare eyes it is not easy to find them. Though I have not gotten to searching in my bin yet, I may have the same experience as her.

A few weeks later when I met her again while we were preparing to take out our rubbish bins I asked her whether she had found her glasses or not. She said she had found them in her bedroom. They were her magnifying glasses, so she must have experienced real difficulties in reading until she found them.



I thought perhaps we also should search for the Holy Spirit in our daily life like my neighbour searched for her magnifying glasses, in order that we who are the believers of Christ may know the presence of the Father and the Son in us and discern what words and works the Lord wants us to say and act. Therefore, like the Father's words and actions are completed by Jesus Christ, they may be continually accomplished by you and me. This is perhaps how to make the Holy Spirit, who is the Advocate for us, not have deep grief but instead to give God joy.

With every blessing, Yangsun Yi

Remember the Circuit Barn Service at Home Farm, Poltimore, EX4 0AY
at 6.30pm on **Sunday 18th June**, followed by a BBQ

Church Family News

We are saddened by the passing of **Ken Currell**, a member at Sidwell Street for many years, but whose health had prevented him worshipping with us recently. We extend our sympathies to Peggy, to Kay (Ken's sister) and all the extended family.

Sally & Alan McClelland have a second granddaughter, born on April 24th, Maisie Catherine, born to their son Rob and his wife Rachael. Also gaining a second grandchild, born on May 2nd are **Mary & Ron Mayers** whose first grandson bears the name Bodhi Tomos



Get
Well
Soon

We send our good wishes to all those currently undergoing treatment or awaiting medical or surgical appointments. These include **David Howell, Harold Warren, Anne Edwardson, Trevor Smith, Joyce Bailey & Steven Oliver** (Rosalind's son).

We wish them all a return to better health.

Congratulations to **Ken Fry & Kate Croydon** who have recently become engaged. They plan to marry in May next year in Sully near Penarth, where they live. Ken is Joan Fry's youngest son and attended Sunday School and Boys' Brigade here at Sidwell Street Methodist Church.

Church Picnic with (optional) Stroll

Our first Picnic and Stroll of 2017 will take place after morning service on **Sunday 18th June** when we shall visit Stover Country Park. Bring your picnic to church. Lifts and spare picnic chairs will be arranged for those without transport.

Further details from John Sully on Tel. 460889.

Don't go home to eat on your own, come and share this fellowship!



Choir Concert

Under the direction of our organist and choirmaster, Wensleigh Palmer, our choir and soloists will be holding a concert in the church, featuring music old and new, sacred and contemporary, serious and humorous.

Come along and bring your friends on **Friday 14th July at 7.00pm.**

The music will be performed with commitment and a sense of enjoyment.

There is no admission charge, but a retiring collection will be taken in aid of Church Funds.



Company & Craft

Company & Craft will meet in the Reed Hall, from 2.30 - 4.30pm on both **Friday 2nd June** and **Friday 7th July** when the activity will spread over the two months with the instructions to construct a Tray Box will be given by Alma Harding. Please bring sewing kits for this activity. The cost for the afternoon is just £2.00 and includes materials, tea or coffee & biscuits. It would even be worth paying , just for the company and laughs we share!

Church Barbecue

Book the date of **Saturday 1st July**

To enjoy a barbecue in the Church Rainbow Garden from 6.00pm

This event is organised by the Men's Group who hope the ladies will give it their support too!

The cost will be £5.00 per head.

You are welcome to bring friends too

Please sign the list in the vestibule to assist with the catering



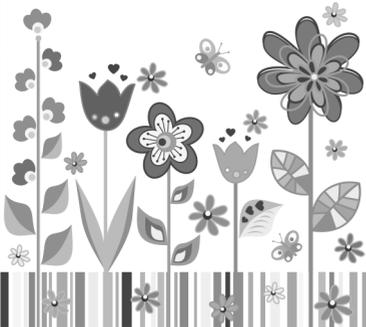
Our resident chefs will be in charge once more!



Update

The next edition of Update will cover events in both July and August, so please make sure you remember to advertise your events

Over the Manse (garden) Wall



On **Tuesday 20th June**, Rev Julian Albrow will be opening his garden. Come along to 21 Dunsford Road and enjoy the garden and a cream tea between 2pm - 5.0pm. Freewill offerings will be received in aid of Action for Children

Tuesday Fellowship

June—a month when you can enjoy fellowship on Tuesday afternoons and cream teas as well!

June 6th Visit to Crediton Flower Festival + Cream Tea.

June 13th Cream Tea at Silverton Methodist Church

June 20th Members' Afternoon - "Our Heroes"

June 27th Annual General Meeting



Contact Ronnie Tanner on Tel. 01392 669355 to find the arrangements for any of these meetings.

Farewell

Mary Mayers would like to thank Junior Church for the lovely picture of the church and to say how she has appreciated the friendship and support from all at Sidwell Street.

She will miss you all when she is living in Wales

World Church Festival

Hugh Scudder will speak on CR2EE in Moldova

(Christian Response to Eastern Europe)

at Exminster Methodist Church

on **Wednesday 12th July** at 2.30pm

Followed by tea in the hall—All Welcome

Exminster Methodist Church

As part of their Anniversary weekend, Exminster are holding a Cream Tea (with stalls) on the lawn in the front of the church (in the hall if wet!) from 2.30—4.30pm on **Saturday 17th June** - everyone is very welcome

Jessica Scam Syndrome - Beware of Fraud

Protecting elderly & vulnerable people from scams which come through the postal system and criminals who contact them by telephone.

The National Trading Standards Scams team estimate postal scams could be netting criminals worldwide up to £10 billion a year

Rev Brian Hadfield, minister at Sidmouth Methodist Church, has recently had to deal with more than one case of fraud directed against the elderly and sends us this warning.

This crime takes a number of forms and is on the increase. Victims are often in denial that a crime is being directed at them. The victims often give numerous administration payments for a large prize that is coming their way. Products are ordered as part of a prize payout. This may seem obvious crime but to many who trust their fellow man it is the golden future they had hoped to see. In some cases even the authorities have proved unable to convince the victim they are being taken for a ride. It is a growing problem and the affects are devastating. Members may know people who are affected, some may even be targets. The gangs use lists of 'willing candidates. They even know details of victims bank accounts and interests .

There is a charity that provides information about this type of crime.
<http://www.thinkjessica.com> is the website.



Many of you will remember Ruth & Clive Nicholls who worshipped with us and were members of the choir before their move to Penzance. Sadly Clive passed away last month having been incapacitated by a stroke some years ago. Margaret Fogarty & Joan Fry visited Ruth whilst on holiday and found her in very good spirits, anxious to hear news of everyone she knew at Sidwell Street .She sends her kind regards to all who remember her.

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**The absolute deadline for the July/August edition of Update will be lunchtime on
Tuesday 20th June but the editor would prefer articles by Saturday**