



AN ODE TO CLEVELEYS PARK PLAYER'S (by Robert Louch)

For over forty years, we've lit the stage
 Oh, what joyous sets we made
 But more than just the roles we'd take
 We formed a bond no one could break.
 From pantomimes in earlier days
 And all the wonderful, wonderful plays
 The Murder Mysteries too many to mention
 We won't forget them that's our intention
 In social gatherings, we found delight
 Somewhere nice we could all Unite
 The trips out, walks, the BBQ's
 The afternoon teas and Bob's THEMED DO's
 The Christmas Parties an annual event
 Oh, what happy times we've spent
 Some of the gang are no longer here
 But not forgotten; don't shed a tear
 We've loved them all - and that's for certain
 As we pulled down THEIR final curtain
 We've worked hard but had fun along the way
 As we sailed forward from play to play
 It's been a way of life a strong foundation

So, Let's be proud without hesitation
 Now we bid adieu, under the fading STAGE light.
 We were a family so very tight
 So exit stage left as we've done before
 And don't look back as you go out the door
 As the curtain falls, our spirit lives on
 In hearts of people, like a favourite song
 One final thing while I remember
 A Big Thanks to Yvonne OUR FOUNDER MEMBER
 Not forgetting Richard Adams who kept us afloat
 Determined no one could Rock This Boat
 Committee Members, present and past
 Hell bent on making a good thing last
 Before we close it's not asking much
 Let's Keep together!
 Let's Keep in touch!
 So, let's all stand at this blessed location
 And Give ourselves a standing ovation
 For an amazing journey there's been Layers & Layers

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL -
 CLEVELEYS PARK PLAYERS**

CLEVELEYS PARK METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2024



Cleveleys Park Methodist Church (A Fair Trade Church)

Mission Statement

Our Ministry at Cleveleys Park is offered to all regardless of race, creed, age or sex. Our calling and motivation, as a Church community, is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ Jesus by: -

Worship, prayer and fellowship,
 Opening ourselves to God's transforming love,
 Offering a welcome to everyone,
 Sharing the Good News of Jesus,
 Reaching out to individuals and our neighbourhood community,
 Using our resources to meet the needs of others, and
 Calling people to faith in Jesus Christ and to Christian discipleship



<http://www.cleveleypark.com/>

Letter from Will



Dear Friends

A very Happy Easter to you all. Christ is Risen, Alleluia! It is a wonderful thing to move from the solemn season of Lent to the joy of Easter Day. But like the first disciples we are now in the season when we have to work out what the resurrection of Jesus from the dead means for our lives as individuals and our life together as the Church.

The disciples were absolutely astounded when they met the Risen Jesus and could hardly believe what they were experiencing. They were full of joy, fear, and understandable confusion. The first Christians interpreted what they were experiencing through the lens of what we call the Old Testament and its prophecies concerning the coming Messiah and also through the words of Jesus concerning his death and rising again. So far, so good. But they were still unsure whether the Gospel of Jesus was for the whole world or just for Jews. They were also unsure whether new Gentile (*non-Jewish*) Christians should adopt the practices of their Jewish counterparts.

In our own day we look back with the benefit of hindsight and are deeply grateful that the Gospel was proclaimed to Gentiles as well as Jews and we can work out in our own culture how to express our faith rather than have to adopt the religious practices of first century Judaism, meaningful as they no doubt were to those brought up in that culture.

I believe we are about to see a revolution in how we 'do' Church in the Western world. I believe that God is doing away with a hierarchical, minister-centred model of Church and replacing it with a model that may have us watching a video of a sermon and then discussing it in groups rather than sit in a pew and leave the organisation of worship in the hands of a minister or local preacher.

One of my favourite accounts of meeting the Risen Jesus is found in John Chapter 21. The story begins with a group of disciples who are literally 'hanging around' unsure what to do with themselves now Jesus is no longer with them in bodily form day by day. Peter says, 'Let's go fishing' and in the absence of a better suggestion they all follow him – and catch nothing. It is a symbol of trying to fill a spiritual vacuum with activity and it gets nowhere. But once Jesus turns up everything changes and the disciples start to get used to the idea that while he may not always be physically present as before his Presence will be with them as they continue to obey the command 'Follow me!'

With love to you all, Will x

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Collections	1,532.20	Cleaners wages	768.00
Collections by standing orders	928.00	Electricity	577.32
Room hire	1,190.67	Telephone	39.90
Coffee mornings	47.20	Circuit contribution	8,500.00
Interest	195.05	Boiler repair and service	802.20
TMCP	159.24	Hoover repair	76.50
Donation	25.00	Waste collection	43.73
Book sales	17.12	Lighting repair	40.00
Benevolent Fund	62.38	Window cleaner	25.00
Charity Accounts	-	Charity Accounts	-
Group Accounts	508.93	Group Accounts	30.05
		Coffee	8.50
TOTALS	4,665.79	TOTALS	10,911.20

Margaret M. (Church Treasurer)



A message from Maggie Proud

Thank you so much for your very generous support for Dementia UK. I walked each day throughout February, totalling 100 miles, and raising £1,620.

Apparently this was one of the highest totals and only made possible by my amazing friends and family!

Thanks again! Happy Easter – and God Bless – love Maggie

The Wednesday Coffee mornings for April have been kindly run by

3rd	Door Stewards	17 th	Church Fundraising
10th	Catering	24th	Action for Children

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

- The North of England District, an amalgamation of Cumbria, Lancashire, Bolton and Rochdale, Manchester and Stockport and Liverpool Districts comes into being on 1st September 2024. The inauguration service will be at Bolton Central on 31st August 2024 at 2.30
- The sale of the Whiteside Way Manse is going through but slowly owing to legal technicalities. Circuit services are held every month on the 1st Sunday at 4pm.
- All Cleveleys Park officers were re elected
- **Finance:** At 29.2.2024 the balance was £50,806; excepting group and charity money the amount held for church use is £46,078. Collections are down but our room hire is almost completely fully booked. The insurance covered the cost for the replacement windows except payment of excess of £100 for each window. The perspex was covered by donations. We hope the circuit assessment will remain the same. The budget does not look good as energy costs are only fixed to 2025. The cleaner's wage will rise in line with the living wage.
- **Property:** The water supply has been fixed with a new pipe, but we are still trying to get a refund of payments made. Following the demise of the Cleveleys Park Players all the stage equipment and props have been cleared from the storage rooms, and the stage lighting disposed of. A new water boiler in the kitchen, at £536, has now been installed.
- The Safeguarding Policy was renewed and accepted and signed by Rev Will Hunter
- Missions have raised £277.25 to be divided equally between Home and Overseas Missions.
- Rock Kids: A lady from Fleetwood church is helping and Rev Will and Jess give their time once a month.

S.C.

GRATEFUL THANKS TO DRAMA GROUP

I think everyone will agree with me, and wish to express huge thanks to The Cleveleys Players who, for the last 40 years, have produced wonderful entertainment for us all.

Each play has been simply marvellous. In fact, to my mind, equally as good as the ones shown in Blackpool for which we pay a lot to see! If we go to them, that is!

Yvonne and Bob and all the talented team have worked so hard, and it has been a treat to attend their many and varied offerings.

So God Bless and thank you all. I'm sure He was always having a laugh with us at some of the very comical ones – so thanks for the laughs also!

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Just a Thought

In John, chapter 20 verse 11 Mary stood weeping when others had gone home.



She had a conversation with angels - but that didn't satisfy her. However, in verse 14 "She turned herself back and saw Jesus, standing".

A revealing talk with Him lifted her from despair to heights of joy!

He is always there but sometimes we have to turn back to find Him...

Standing!

S.W.



NEWSPAPERS

Thank You to everyone who brought newspapers.

Please continue to bring them.

There are boxes under the table outside the Vestry and in the Foyer. Please take carrier bags to help you.

Many thanks from Lorna Burke

Our Church's usual weekly activities: -

On the first Monday of the month		Parkinson's UK meet in the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.	
Monday	4.30 pm – 6 pm	In the Lounge	“Just-Be Juniors” *in Term time only
Tuesday	1.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	In the Hall	Tuesday Tea Dancers Scottish Dancers
Wednesday morning	10.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Hall Lounge	Yoga Coffee Morning
Wednesday afternoon	12 - 4 p.m.	Lounge	Crafties
	12.30 and 1.30 p.m.	Hall	FITNESS 50 has 2 classes
Thursday	10-12 noon	Hall	Line Dancers
“	2 pm	“	B Older Group
Evening	6 pm – 7.30 pm	“	Brownies*
“	6 – 8.30 pm	Taylor Room	Chess Club for 7-16 yrs.
“	7.30-9 pm.	Hall	Guides
“	7.30 pm	Classroom	Dream Team Singers
Friday afternoon	1 - 3 pm 1 – 3 pm	Lounge Hall	Surecare (<i>meet every week</i>) Windmill Art Society
Friday Evening	6 pm-7.30 pm (<i>term time only</i>)	Hall	Rock Kids for 6-12 years who meet for Bible stories, games and crafts – and to enjoy being part of a Christian family.

CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2024

Sunday	7th	at 10.45 am (<i>Easter 2</i>)	Service to be lead by Rev Will Hunter (<i>Holy Communion</i>)
Sunday, 7 th April at 4 p.m. Circuit Service at Fleetwood Methodist Church. - All are welcome!			
Sunday	14th	at 10.45 am (<i>Easter 3</i>)	Service to be led by Lorna Burke
Sunday	21st	at 10.45 am (<i>Easter 4</i>)	Service to be lead by Rev Will Hunter (<i>General Church Meeting</i>)
Sunday	28th	at 10.45 am (<i>Easter 5</i>)	Service to be led by Berenice Smith

Early April Shopping event: -

On Thursday evening, 4th April from 6-8.30 p.m. - A “Small Business Market” night, comprising Crafts, candles, jewellery and other stalls

Entry is £1 – all money going to Charity.

Please come along and support

OTHER DATES IN APRIL

Monday the 1st is Easter Monday

Sunday the 7th is Low Sunday. This day occurs **seven days after Easter** commemorating the Biblical account of Jesus appearing to His disciples, including the doubting Thomas, after his resurrection.

Tuesday, 23rd is St. George's Day

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT APRIL

The arrival of the cuckoo is the signal that Spring has come. Traditionally it arrives sometime in mid-April but can vary in different parts of the UK



- ❖ Star signs are Aries and Taurus
- ❖ The Diamond is April's birthstone and is symbolic of eternal love
- ❖ The Birth flowers are the daisy and sweet peas

