

CANTLEY CONNECT

Cantley Methodist Church



To gather in the name of Christ to glorify God in worship.

Together in the Spirit to fulfil 'Our Calling' as the Body of Christ

To go in Jesu's name, that others may know that He lives.

April 2018

Team Leaders

Our Team Leaders who support the work and mission of the Church are:

Safeguarding - Mary Scott

Pastoral - Sue Hawley

Finance - Alan Mendum

Property - Graham Robinson

Worship - Susanna Brookes

Communications - Jean Reynolds

Outreach and Mission - Cathryn Street

If you have any questions or want to chat to us about any aspect of the work we do please get in touch.

Items regularly needed by the Foodbank:

Milk (UHT or powdered)

Instant coffee/chocolate

Sugar

Instant mashed potato

Tinned meat/fish

Soup

Tinned vegetables

Pasta sauces

Cereals

Tinned sponge pudding

Tinned tomatoes

Rice

Tinned rice pudding

Fruit juice (Long life carton)

Jam

Biscuits or snack bars

Susanna's message

Just a thought

I think I must be getting older. Yes, I know it is inevitable, and yes, I know it is a fact, and, no, it is not just because of the grey hairs I try to ignore/hide. It is because I am beginning to sound like the people I used to listen to when I was a child, talking about how fast time is going, and I think what a silly thing they were saying—time passes by at the same rate every year.

But really, it doesn't seem like five minutes since January, and here we are hurtling towards Easter, and my 'To Do' list is less the length of a sheet of paper, or even my arm, and more needing a whole roll of paper to contain it.

Of course, with that, and the whittling amount of days, the stress builds and, if I am not careful, the sense of panic rises will I get it all done will I do it all justice will I get to 8 pm on Easter Saturday and realise I forgot to buy the children's Easter eggs and do a mad dash to anywhere left open in a bid to find any easter egg left on any shelf anywhere (yes, I speak from experience there!).

But as I set time aside to plan and prepare for Easter services and events, one thing has particularly hit me this year. Jesus knew what was ahead of him. He knew that He was walking towards his cruel, painful death and he did it anyway.

Susanna's message—continued

What a weight of apprehension He must have carried. How slowly those days must have seemed to go by, each weighed with the knowledge of what to come. So why do it?

Because He knew that this was the only way that the price could be paid for sin. All the wrong that we have done and will do. All of it paid for. And the price? His life. What a price. What a weight. What love to drive Jesus to do that. It must have been a love like no other.

But it didn't stop there. No. Jesus didn't just die. He conquered death and He rose from the dead and is alive, triumphant, bringing the offer of eternal life to each of us. All of a sudden, my 'To Do list' seems to pale in comparison, and I want to stop for a moment to thank God for the life I have through Christ, and if it lasts for eternity, there will be no need to complain that there's not enough time.

'When we've been there ten thousand years, bright, shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun.' John Newton.

'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.' John; 3 16.



Diamond Anniversary update



As our Diamond Anniversary events continue, the following are in the pipeline for after Easter.

Friday 20th April— Concert—Susan St Nicholas, ‘Cabaret Vocalist’ will be singing songs from the last 60 years. Tickets for this event are available from John Weston, Tel: 07708 165100, or the church stewards. The ticket price of £10 includes a late afternoon tea in the Wesley room. All proceeds will go to the roof appeal.

Saturday 28th April—our annual Christian Aid coffee and cakes morning prior to the start of Christian Aid week on 13 May. There will be cakes for sale, as well as cakes to enjoy with coffee. There will also be a card stall, preserves stall, Traidcraft and a raffle. Just turn up on the day. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a contribution to Christian Aid, please leave your donation with one of the Stewards. There are some Christian Aid gift envelopes in the vestry if you wish to Gift Aid.

Diamond Anniversary Memory book—we are a bit slow getting this off the ground, so if you haven't already done so, please collect a blank memory sheet from the Vestry, so that you can record a few words about one of our departed church friends. Our memory book will be lifted up to God on our 60th anniversary service, in grateful thanks for all our church family who are no longer with us.



Diamond Anniversary Events

(continued)

Sunday 29 April

Some of us will remember Nigel and Gillian Roberts from many years ago when they lived locally, before moving south. Nigel is returning to Cantley to take our 10..30 am service. It will be a lovely opportunity to catch up with Gillian and Nigel again.

Sunday 20 May

Pentecost Services led by Susanna.

Saturday 9 June

Coffee morning hosted by Women's Network.

Saturday 14 July

Diamond Anniversary Family Fun day (Outreach and Missions team) Further details of this in due course, but do note the date in your diary.

Friday 17 August

Holiday at Home—organised by Outreach and Mission team. Watch out for future details.

Thursday 27 September to Saturday 29 September

Flower and Produce Festival.

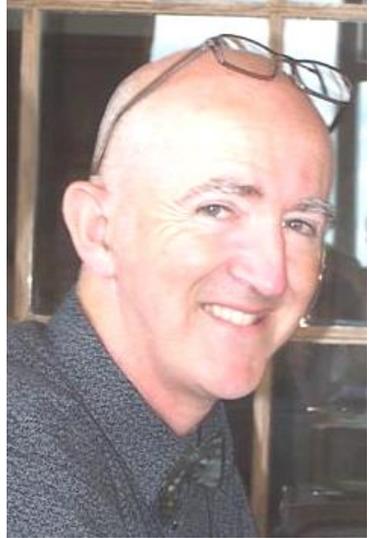
VISITING PREACHER— NIGEL ROBERTS

Sunday 29 April 2018

Some of you may remember Nigel and his wife Gillian, in younger days. We are looking forward to seeing them again back at Cantley.

Here's a message from Nigel

Gillian and I arrived at Cantley Methodist church on the first Sunday in May 1981. We had been married the Saturday before and moved to live in Auckley. We had a tremendous welcome and in the following weeks committed our married lives to serving God at a lay witness weekend held at the church.



I did my local preacher training whilst at Cantley and preached on the circuit for 4 years. In those 4 years we helped start a tradition of pantos, the memory of which still causes me to smile.

After 4 years I was moved in my job to Leicestershire and then in 1990 I began full-time ministry with Youth for Christ as a youth worker and outreach evangelist. I am still with Youth for Christ but seconded to an organisation to train youth workers, called CYM.

I preach regularly in the Hinckley Methodist circuit and often revisit the area preaching in my mum's church in Haxey. We are still in touch with friends we made from Cantley and look back on our days there with great gratitude for all the amazing people who helped a young married couple to find a home and a purpose. We are both looking forward to returning to share in April"

We will also be pleased to see another old friend of Cantley in the pulpit—David Hepworth (local preacher and former member of Cantley) - on Sunday 8 April at 10.30 am

Goodbye to Andrew and Ruth

There were a few organised goodbyes to Andrew and Ruth during February. If you were unable to get to them, here is a memory;

Circuit farewell—Wednesday 21 February

The Circuit said their goodbyes to Andrew and Ruth at a service led by Tom at Cantley on 21st February. The guest speaker was Rev. Will Fletcher, friend of Andrew's from his Ministry training.



Following the service, there was an opportunity for everyone to enjoy tea and cakes in the Wesley Room, and to give their personal goodbye to Andrew



This lovely nodding head of Charles Wesley was a gift from Rev will Fletcher to Andrew and Ruth, to put in their car as they travel around Cornwall.

Presentation to Andrew and Ruth from Cantley

On Saturday 24 February, there was another opportunity to say our farewells, following the fund raising Continental breakfast held at the church,



Andrew and Ruth were presented with a memory book of photographs compiled by the church. The photographs had been taken at many events over the past three and a half years whilst Andrew had been Minister at Cantley, and we hope these will serve as a happy reminder to them both of their

time with us.

Together with a bouquet of flowers for Ruth, the church also made a presentation of a cheque, which will no doubt be put to good use in their new home in Falmouth.



Women's Network also provided a lovely farewell afternoon

Andrew's last service with us on Sunday 4th March.



UPDATE ON CHURCH ROOF



To keep you up to date on this project. With the re-roofing of corridor roof completed, the focus is now on the main church roof. A date has been fixed for this work – it will begin on **4th June** with expected completion in two weeks.

This will mean that the church cannot be used for the services on 10th June.

The total cost of re-roofing both roofs is in the order of £64,000: £24,431 for the corridor roof and around £40,000 for the main church roof.

How are we doing in finding this amount of money?

You, the congregation, have played a major part. To date (26th March):

* **£2,172** from fund-raising events – the Coffee Mornings in November and March; the sponsored Carol Singing; the Poetry evening. On the near horizon is the Concert on 20th April

* **£2,440** from ‘Recover the Roof’ – this means that well over 2/3rds of the ‘tiles’ have been bought. Not many left!

* **£3,339** from Gift Day – some of this has been Gift Aided so further monies will come

* **£4,715** from one off donations and individual fund-raising activities

This is a total of **over £12,500**. Many thanks for all your efforts here.

Underpinning all this is **£15,000** which has been made available from the General Church Fund.

We have also been looking for funding from outside the Church community. It is pleasing to report that these bodies have confirmed their support for us:

* **£6,400** from the Sheffield Methodist District

* **£3,200** from the Hunter Rowe Trust, an East Anglian Methodist trust

* **£1,650** from All Churches Trust, the UK’s largest grant making trust

* **£1,400** from the Co-op Community Fund

A further five applications for grants have been made. You will be kept informed of any successful bid.

This is a tremendous effort – we’re over half way there!

Alan Mendum



Enjoy food in a relaxed atmosphere and explore issues of faith and life.

This was launched at our Church on Sunday 4th February, and will continue on the first Sunday teatime of every month from 4 pm. (Regrettably we had to cancel our March date due to the snow).

We are primarily appealing to the 20-40's age group (and their children) to come and gather with us, although any and everyone will be made welcome.

Key words for us will be:

Quality...we want everything about this gathering to say that we think it is worthwhile, and worth coming to, so we are making the food, the input, the ambiance and the publicity all really good quality.

Relaxed...we want people to feel easy about coming in. No stiff suited dress code, or danger of sitting in the wrong place, come as you are, and be who you are.

Faith...we want people to be able to come and explore issues of faith and life, and to feel confident and safe to do so. There will be opportunity to reflect and discuss, and, we hope, faith will be deepened and lives transformed.

Explore...explore what is on offer in the room, explore new friendships, explore faith, explore life, and of course, explore the food table!

Please support us in this new venture through prayer. Or come along on the first Sunday of the month at 4pm. Or if you want to come on board and help, please contact Susanna.

Church Work Day—23rd February

A very big thank you to the baker's dozen of folk who worked hard to clean and paint much of the church premises whilst enjoying good fellowship. The chairs and tables in the Wesley, Epworth and Hope rooms were repaired and cleaned.

Corners and skirting boards were deep dusted and vacuumed, windows cleaned and polished. Spot lights in Church were re positioned to illuminate the flowers. The ladies toilets were freshened with a coat of paint and taps descaled.

We had a guest visitor from Nottingham (Ian Burns). Well, it wouldn't have been a work day without him! His expertise was required this time to build extra storage in the Junior Church cupboard.

Gravel was redistributed around the car park puddle areas; shrubs were pruned and litter collected, and for those of you who weren't there You missed a great lunch and much jocularly.

Thanks again to all the willing workers. Lionel.

Update from Outreach and Mission Continental Breakfast

A mouth watering buffet greeted all those who came to the Continental Breakfast.



Ham, a variety of cheese, tomatoes, rolls, brioche, jams, croissants, pain au chocolat and an endless supply of tea and coffee. think we can say no one went home hungry!

It was a wonderful morning of friendship and fellowship.

Thanks to the generosity of all those who came and supported the event, and those who made donations, we raised £300 for *All We Can*.



Christmas Angel Knitting.

We know Christmas seems a long way off, but now is your time to start knitting.

The Circuit Mission team are hoping local churches will start knitting hundreds upon hundreds of Christmas angels.

On a specific date in December, there will be an angel 'bomb' in Doncaster when the angels are left around the communities with a special gift tag of love.

The knitting pattern is very simple (angels can be crocheted also). Copies of the pattern can be downloaded from www.Christmasangel.net.

If you do not have a computer to download the pattern, but would like to take part, please see the stewards, who will be able to get you a copy.



Poetry and Music Evening



We had a really lovely, interesting and very diverse evening of poetry and music on Friday 16th March in the relaxed atmosphere of the Wesley Room.

Favourite poems from school and college, serious and comic verse and readings, piano interludes and even a bit of communal singing, made for a very pleasant occasion as part of our 60th



anniversary celebrations. Should I mention the cakes at the interval?! - delish! All this AND £142 raised for the church roof fund. Many many thanks to all concerned.

The Arrival of Spring

Here is one of the many beautiful poems written by Jack Handley, who attends our 10.30 am service.

The Celandine (2006)

The tiny yellow sparklets, full of joy and fun, nodding in the breezes, reflecting rays of sun.

Wrapped in greenest foliage, they make a pretty sight, charming eyes that see them, making hearts feel light;

A dainty woodland carpet, exquisite and so fine, that harbinger of Spring, the lovely Celandine.



When all around seems dormant, and bitter winds still blow, a welcome bit of sunshine will make them shine and glow;

Like dainty little soldiers, defying winter cold, proudly holding head up high, and spreading cloths of gold;

They twinkle there so merrily whenever there's sunshine, and bring a touch of cheerfulness, the welcome Celandine.

This brave and dainty soldier, adorning woodland dell, after winter's onslaught has better news to tell.

It tells of hope awakened with each returning Spring, it brings a firm assurance that the birds will also sing;

Warming hearts within us, it brings joy we may refine; all from a pretty yellow flower, the delightful Celandine.

What's On During The Week

Monday	9am– 12.30pm	Coffee Shop
	2pm—3pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting (1st Monday of month)
	4.15 – 7pm	Weight Watchers
	6pm – 9pm	Pilates
Tuesday	9am-11am	Slimming World
	1pm – 3pm	Daylight Singers
	7pm – 9pm	League of Dance
Wednesday	8.30am – 12.30pm	Slimming World
	9am – 3pm	Age UK
	1pm—3pm	Network
	4pm – 8pm	Slimming World
Thursday	9am – 3pm	Age UK
	9.30am – 11.30am	Pilates
	6.00pm – 9pm	Yoga
Friday	12.30pm – 3pm	C4 Lunch Club (1 st & 3 rd of month)
	9am – 12pm	Yoga
	6pm – 8pm	Karate
Saturday	8am—9.30am	Prayer at Breakfast (3rd Sat of month)
	9am – 12pm	Polish Art Group



Our Prayer Chain is ready and waiting for your requests.

Please contact one of the four starting places:

- Gwenyth & Lionel Derry
- Cathy Gillis
- Sue Hawley
- Alan & Brenda Mendum.

From there the request flows across and then down to the next person, who accepts the request, prays, then passes the information on as soon as possible.

If the next person in the chain is not available then a message is left if possible, and the following person in the chain is contacted. That way the chain doesn't get broken.

For more information about us

Please visit our website at

<http://www.cantleymethodistchurch.org.uk>

Or find us on Facebook  @CantleyMethodist

Items for Cantley Connect

The next issue of Cantley Connect will be available on **Sunday 3 June 2018**. Items for this issue should be emailed no later than **25 May 2018** to ***cmc.connect@outlook.com***



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