

# GREASBROUGH UNITED CHURCH

## August 2018

### *To be in your presence*

I've just been away on holiday, yes another one and a few more to come before Summer leaves us, ha ha! Anyway while I away, like most of you I visited a church, and picked up the leaflet telling of its history and the significance of all the different areas of the building.

All very interesting but one thing seemed to be missing and that was the real church, the people who made up the 'Church.' At the end of the day a building is nothing without its occupants.

When Jesus was here on earth in the flesh we read about the crowds that followed Him around and stayed for hours in His company, no formal 'service' for them, but just to be in His presence.

We don't have Hime here in the flesh now but again as we meet in a group, whether in the church building, a home, or wherever we have that comforting feeling of His

company. We sometimes sing a song:

To be in your presence  
To sit at your feet  
When your love surrounds me  
And makes me complete

This is my desire, O Lord  
This is my desire  
This is my desire, O Lord  
This is my desire

To rest in your presence  
Not rushing away  
To cherish each moment  
Here I would stay

This is my desire, O Lord  
This is my desire  
This is my desire, O Lord  
This is my desire

**Pat**

# News

Our Rev Simon is now on his extended holiday in the USA and Canada and we wish him and Judith a fabulous time over the “pond” and may they come back refreshed and their minds full of new experiences and memories.

If during his absence you need a minister, then please contact an elder who will be able to arrange appropriate help for you.

This is a season of holiday time and we wish anyone taking holidays or already have done so that they are a time of recharging the batteries, relaxing and having fun.

Our friends in the Greasbrough Nursing home have been confined to “barracks” as it were as they have been plagued with a virus but we hope that this is now on the wane and that they will soon be able to be back with us at church and other activities.

## The Perfect Church

If you should find the perfect church  
Without one fault or smear,  
For goodness sake don't join that church  
You'd spoil the atmosphere.  
If you should find the perfect church  
Where all anxieties cease,  
Then pass it by, lest joining it  
You spoil the masterpiece.  
If you should find the perfect church  
Then don't you ever dare  
To tread upon such holy ground  
You'd be a misfit there.  
But since no perfect church exists,  
Made of perfect men,  
Let's cease on looking for that church,  
And love the church we're in.  
Of course it's not the perfect church,  
That's simple to discern.  
But you and I and all of us  
Could cause the tide to turn.  
What fools we are to flee the past  
In that unfruitful search  
To find, at last, where problems loom  
God proudly builds his church.

## Jean



# WORDSEARCH



## *Persecution of Early Christians*

Find these words in the grid above. The words may be in any direction – forwards, backwards, upwards, downwards or diagonal. After you have found all the words, use the leftover letters to form a mystery answer.

**Answer:** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Agabus  
Angels  
Apostolic team  
Authority  
Blasphemous  
Build His church  
Christians  
Church began

Church in Antioch  
Claudius  
Faithful  
Herod Agrippa  
Jerusalem  
Jesus  
Mission journey  
Prayer

Revolution  
Saul transformed  
Scribe  
Stephen stoned  
Syria  
The Word of God  
Torture stake  
Water baptism

Condemn no man for not thinking as you think. Let every one enjoy the full and free liberty of thinking for himself. Let every man use his own judgment, since every man must give an account of himself to God. Abhor every approach, in any kind or degree, to the spirit of persecution, if you cannot reason nor persuade a man into the truth, never attempt to force a man into it. If love will not compel him to come, leave him to God, the judge of all.

## John Wesley

He walked leisurely the dusty roads of his home town and surrounding district. Yet his every step had purpose, for he had a date to keep; a meeting place to reach; a rendezvous with destiny!

He was young.

He was from Galilee.

He was a craftsman. He was a carpenter.

His friends crowded around him all the time.

Peter, John, James and the others loved his company, roared with laughter at his jokes, listened spellbound to his stories, marvelled at his wisdom and were warmed by his friendship.

Then it all went wrong!

An arrest was made, a trial followed.

Based on trumped-up charges, false witnesses and biased judgment he was convicted.

Execution followed swiftly.

His friends ran and scattered. Only a few, mainly women, stood by him to the bitter end.

The year - **AD 30**.

### *Prayer this month*

**We ask that you pray for:**

- **Our friends at Greasbrough nursing home recovering from the recent virus;**
- **Those affected by wildfires in various parts of the world.**

### **then it happened...**

Promises were fulfilled and miracles took place.

This was the rendezvous with destiny!

Jesus. Jesus Christ his name.

Messiah, Son of God are just two of his titles.

Healing, feeding of the multitude are just two of his miracles.

His resurrection entitled him risen Lord.

His victory over death entitled him Redeemer!

Over the centuries it has continued to happen.

Both children and adults have echoed the laughter of those early friends of Jesus.

Peter, John, James and the others have long since been replaced by millions who listen, marvel and are warmed by his friendship.

The year - **AD 2018**.





*What is Christian perfection? Loving God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength.*  
*John Wesley*

### *Sunday Services*

Held at 10.30am every Sunday.

#### *Preachers*

5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Rev Brenda Hill
12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Pat Critchlow
19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Paul & Sheron Critchlow
26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Rev Simon Copley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	Gary Dowling

### *Friendship Group*

Held at 2.00pm every Wednesday.

#### *Speakers*

1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Joyce Taylor
8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Open Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Rev Jenny Park
22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Rev Simon Copley
29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Wayne Ashton

### *What's on*

#### **Church Meeting –**

6<sup>th</sup> September @ 7.00pm

### *Bible study and prayer group*

These are held at 34 Green Street on Tuesday mornings at 10.00am and are a valuable time of learning and sharing God's Word. It is a very relaxed gathering and all are welcome.

### *Contact us*

If you would like to know anything about the church please contact:

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## Meet the disciples: Jude

Jude, also known as Judas, Lebbeus and Thaddaeus, was one of the 12 disciples. He became known as Jude after early translators of the New Testament from Greek into English sought to distinguish him from Judas Iscariot and subsequently abbreviated his forename.

In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew he is only referred to once using the name Thaddaeus. In Luke, he is referred to once as Judas son of James. And in John again there is one reference to him, this time as Judas.

Other than having his name listed once in each of the Gospels as being one of the disciples, there is nothing in the Bible to tell us anything about Jude.

According to tradition, Jude was born into a Jewish family in Paneas, a town in Galilee later rebuilt during the Roman period and renamed Caesarea Philippi.

After Jesus' death it is said that Jude preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia and Libya.

According to the Armenian tradition, Saint Jude suffered martyrdom about AD 65 in Beirut, together with the apostle Simon the Zealot, with whom he is usually connected. Their acts and martyrdom were recorded in an Acts of Simon and Jude that was among the collection of passions and legends traditionally associated with the legendary Abdias, bishop of Babylon.

the mouths of babes

by Roy Mitchell

