

RECTOR'S LETTER FOR AUGUST 2018.

Dear Friends, in my twenty-two years in Cheshire this is the longest hot summer I've ever experienced. This is the kind of weather people spend hundreds of pounds to enjoy overseas. But while we are enjoying it there are animals, plants, and especially our farming community must be struggling to stockpile food for their animals for this winter months. Again nature has a cycle of seasons and we hope it will compensate in due course to put everything in balance.

There has been a lot of goodwill and cordial friendship, among our two Church members over good food, good company, good atmosphere, joy, laughter and fellowship in the spirit of the Lord Jesus in Praise songs, Listening to Holy scripture, and Intercessions for our Community, Nation and the world's needs. We have been enacting and rehearsing the life of the Christian Church at the time of the Acts of the Apostles.

This year has taken us to a new level and height in our ecumenism in Gawsorth marking 125 years of Methodism in our village. We are making history and laying the foundation for our future generations in years to come. And the best recipe for such foundation is spiritual friendship among Christians as was the Church of the Apostles we read about in the Acts and the pastoral Letters in the New Testament.

I want to encourage both our Church members to re-live the New Testament Church where at the heart of the Good News was the Joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and the power of the Holy Spirit that drove away fear that transformed both men and women to allow themselves to be agents of the Gospel and Good News of Jesus Christ.

So let us ask ourselves and examine our aims and objectives of a Christian Community, let us ask God daily in our prayers seeking directions and inspirations to move forward demonstrating the best life that God offers to all who belong to Him. The life of the Saints where ordinary men and women like us whose lives have been transformed and become shining stars to illumine the dark corners of the earth should encourage us to do the same.

But the recipe is God's way and God has given us through the life and teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ, He has given us a new Commandment of Love, the Church of the Apostles in Acts proved that it can work. The early Church proved it did work, all these successes were possible by obeying the will of God. We must submit ourselves wholly and completely just as Our Lord Jesus did, the Apostles and us likewise should do the same.

Let us shine our lights so that the world may see Christ through us in worship, praise and fellowship.

Your Fellow Co - Worker in the Gospel.

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