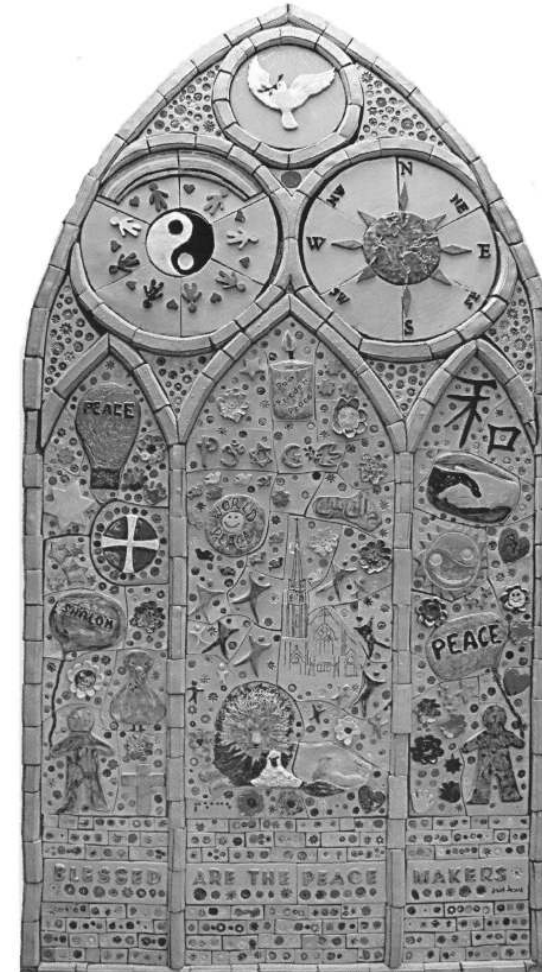


Fulwood Methodist Church Crossroads Centre



OPENING AND REDEDICATION SERVICE

SATURDAY 19TH JUNE 2010

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***Refreshments will be served in the
Willow Grove and Oak Hall,
please help by moving the chairs to
allow access.***

***You are invited to view the whole
building, feel free to wander around
and ask if there is anything you would
like to know about it.***

- 5 Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and king for evermore

James Seddon (1915 -1983)

Blessing

The Organist will play us out.

Ministers:

**Rev Peter Sheasby
& Sister Myrtle Poxon**

**Preacher: Rev Stephen Poxon
(Chair of the North Lancashire District)**

Organist: Mr Geoff Bond

Choir Director: Mrs Mavis Fletcher

**ThreeOneSix Church Worship Band
Led by Mr Mike Cushing**

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OPENING AND REDEDICATION of
FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH CROSSROADS CENTRE

SATURDAY 19TH JUNE 2010, 3PM

Band 316 will play as people gather

Organ will play as we prepare for worship, please keep a silence

Choir Introit “*God be in my head*” setting by Philip Wilby

Call to worship

Cry out to the Lord, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with songs of joy.

**Be assured that the Lord is God; he has made us for himself.
We are his own, his people, the sheep who feed on his pasture.**

Come into his gates with thanksgiving, enter his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

**Truly the Lord is good: his love endures for ever,
and from age to age he is faithful.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

We have come here today to dedicate this building for the worship
and service of God in this community.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, to whose glory we dedicate this church:
grant that all who enter here may find it to be none other
than the house of God and the gate of heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1st Hymn MP 50 Be still for the presence of the Lord

1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

The Lord's Prayer

We say together the prayer that Jesus gave us:
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are
yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

Praise God, who has created us
and given us hearts to worship him.
Praise God, who has sent us his Son, Jesus Christ,
and given us a Gospel to proclaim.
Praise God, who has poured out the Holy Spirit upon
us, and given us voices to sing his praise.
Praise God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

5th Hymn HP770 Go forth and tell

- 1 Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take;
proclaim Christ Jesus, saviour, Lord, and king,
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.
- 2 Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?
- 3 Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours which cares for all humankind.
- 4 Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts-let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

A Cross is placed over the Plan –

All say: **May God, by whose strength this building has been completed, bless all that will happen here in the years to come, under the cross and in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

316 Band “Blessed”

Prayers

Let us pray to God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We pray that God’s presence may always be found in this place by all who are made welcome and receive hospitality. When here people share everyday life, Lord, have mercy. **Lord, hear us.**

When your people gather here for worship and fellowship to seek your face and offer praise and prayer Lord, have mercy. **Lord, hear us.**

When we seek forgiveness and grace here, peace and reassurance, strength and consolation, Lord, have mercy. **Lord, hear us.**

Silence

Father of unending goodness, maker and builder of all, **sustain all that you have made.**

Jesus Christ, the sure foundation and cornerstone, **confirm our hope and trust in you.**

Holy Spirit, source of all skill and love and power, **inspire the work of our hands.**

To the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit **be all glory now and for ever. Amen**

Go before us, Lord, in all that we do, with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- 3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace. No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him; Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

David J Evans (1957 -)

Prayer of Adoration & Confession

God of past and present and future, God of eternity, we gather here to worship you, to offer you our praise and thanksgiving, as did our ancestors in the faith down through the years.

And we wonder, Lord, that you can be the same, yesterday, today and forever; our parents' and our children's God as well as ours; and yet your love is born anew in every Christian's heart and life; your words are spoken afresh to every generation.

God of forgiveness and mercy, we confess that we have forgotten:

- to be loving;
- to be joyful;
- to be trusting;
- to be thankful;

and we come together in your church to ask for a new beginning on our journey of faith.

God, we praise you, for you are truth; the truth for our lives today and forever. We make our prayers in the name of the founder of our faith, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Thanks to all who helped in the redevelopment

Hand over of Building

Ivan Wilson (Architect) says:

We present to you this church building to be dedicated.

The Church's Senior Steward, Alan Smith replies

We receive this church building to be dedicated to the glory of God and for the use of this community

The Chair of the District, Rev Stephen Poxon says
By what name is this church to be called?

The Presbyter Rev Peter Sheasby replies
Fulwood Methodist Church Crossroads Centre

The Deacon Sister Myrtle Poxon prays:
May the doors of this church be open!
May the love of Christ dwell within this house
and may all who enter here find peace. **Amen.**

Unveiling of the Dedication Plaque by the Peace Mural
introduced by Ken Wales and unveiled by Joan Hardman

Dedication Prayers for Church led Rev Stephen Poxon
Generous God, of your great goodness you have given your people the vision and skill to build this house of prayer. Bless this church. Here may the Gospel of Jesus Christ be proclaimed and made known in service and in fellowship. Here may the sacraments be celebrated with joy and reverence, and your people nurtured and strengthened in faith and hope and love. Here may the seeker find faith, the weak find courage, and the grieving find comfort. Lord, hear us when we pray to you in this house. May it be a place of peace to all who enter; a fortress against all hatred, envy, and pride; and a beacon to all who seek your presence.

In the Name of God the Father,
who formed us in love and calls us by grace,
we dedicate this church.

In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who draws us together in unity,
we dedicate this church.

In the Name of the Holy Spirit,
who speaks in our hearts the words of eternal life,
we dedicate this church.

Generous God, of your great goodness you renew your people in their daily living. Bless this congregation.
Empower us all, on this day of dedication, for fresh ventures in faith, greater commitment to worship, and new acts of service.
In the Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit we dedicate ourselves in service and praise. Amen.

Willow Grove (Janet Grice) –
We pray for this to be a place of welcome for all, a centre of peace in this community. May the open door be both a way for people to come into the church to find friendship and for the church to go out to offer God's love to all.

Oak Hall (Smickey Chiula) –
We pray for this to be a place of activity, for children from babies to youths; for Uniformed groups, Scouts, Cubs & Beavers; Guides, Brownies & Rainbows and for crèche and Junior Church; and for all ages as a centre of social events, meeting and having fun.

Cedar Room (Helen Chiula) –
We pray for this to be a place of fellowship and sharing; for opportunities to learn and share together the Bible and our Christian heritage. A place for music, drama and all the arts; a meeting place for people from different cultures; a sanctuary from the busy world and a starting place to go out into it.

Sycamore Room (Stephen Grice) –
We pray for this to be a place for the community, for charitable groups, opportunities for meeting and sharing, for healing and growing.
We also pray for the work of the Preston Methodist Action charity whose office is now in this building, for their work with the homeless and disadvantaged; offering support and care to all who are in need of our concern and love.

Kitchen (Sister Myrtle) –
We pray that this place will be the centre of hospitality; that as we serve food and drink people may find nourishment and sustenance in the name of Jesus who so often shared meals with his friends and offered them wholeness and holiness through an encounter round a table.

Church sanctuary (Rev Peter) –
We pray that this place will be a focus for worship; for singing and dancing, for listening and speaking, for prayer and quiet contemplation. May God's presence be always known to us, through the water of baptism, the joy of marriage, peace and comfort in bereavement and the elements of Holy Communion

Sermon *Chair of the North Lancashire District, Rev Stephen Poxon*

4th Hymn MP859 I want to serve the purpose of God Band

1 I want to serve the purpose of God in my generation.
I want to serve the purpose of God while I am alive.
I want to give my life for something that'll last for ever.
O, I delight, I delight to do Your will.

2 I want to build with silver and gold in my generation.
I want to build with silver and gold while I am alive.
I want to give my life for something that'll last for ever.
O, I delight, I delight to do Your will.

*What is on Your heart? Show me what to do.
Let me know your will and I will follow You.
What is on Your heart? Show me what to do.
Let me know your will and I will follow You.*

3 I want to see the kingdom of God in my generation.
I want to see the kingdom of God while I am alive.
I want to give my life for something that'll last for ever.
O, I delight, I delight to do Your will.

4 I want to see the Lord come again in my generation.
I want to see the Lord come again while I am alive.
I want to give my life for something that'll last for ever.
O, I delight, I delight to do Your will.
O, I delight, I delight to do Your will.

Chorus (as above)

Mark Altrogge

Opportunity for Greetings from other churches & visitors

Offering for the Redevelopment Funds, please Gift Aid if you are able

Symbolic Naming of the Rooms

Plan of the Building (Joan Hardman with Alan Smith) –

We pray for this whole building, giving thanks for the vision of those who a century ago saw the need and opportunity for a Methodist Church in Fulwood. We give thanks that as we stand on a major crossroads in the city so we now stand at a crossroads in the life of this church and community. May we, by God's grace, take the right path forward.

2nd Hymn HP653 God is here! As we your people

1 God is here! As we your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font and pulpit;
Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold,
Here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old,
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel,
Help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive:
We, who cannot live without you,
We adore you! we believe!

Fred Pratt Green (1903 – 2000)

1st Reading 1 Kings 5 v 5 – 12 Albert Richardson, Mayor of Preston

The Lord promised my father David, 'Your son, whom I will make king after you, will build a temple for me.' And I have now decided to build that temple for the worship of the Lord my God.

So send your men to Lebanon to cut down cedars for me. My men will work with them, and I will pay your men whatever you decide. As you well know, my men don't know how to cut down trees as well as yours do."

Hiram was extremely pleased when he received Solomon's message, and he said, "Praise the Lord today for giving David such a wise son to succeed him as king of that great nation!" Then Hiram sent Solomon the following message: "I have received your message and I am ready to do what you ask. I will provide the cedars and the pine trees. My men will bring the logs down from Lebanon to the sea, and will tie them together in rafts to float them down the coast to the place you choose. There my men will untie them, and your men will take charge of them. On your part, I would like you to supply the food for my men."

So Hiram supplied Solomon with all the cedar and pine logs that he wanted, and Solomon provided Hiram with 2,000 tonnes of wheat and 400,000 litres of pure olive oil every year to feed his men. The Lord kept his promise and gave Solomon wisdom. There was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and they made a treaty with each other.

Choir Anthem Jubilate by Mozart.

Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo

Let us praise you, let us praise you
We rejoice in you, O Father;
Let us give you praise.

2nd Reading 1 Peter 2 v 4 – 10

Pete Johnstone, Senior Circuit Steward

Come to the Lord, the living stone rejected by people as worthless but chosen by God as valuable. Come as living stones, and let yourselves be used in building the spiritual temple, where you will serve as holy priests to offer spiritual and acceptable sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ.

For the scripture says: "I chose a valuable stone, which I am placing as the cornerstone in Zion; and whoever believes in him will never be disappointed."

This stone is of great value for you that believe; but for those who do not believe: "The stone which the builders rejected as worthless turned out to be the most important of all."

And another scripture says: "This is the stone that will make people stumble, the rock that will make them fall."

They stumbled because they did not believe in the word; such was God's will for them. But you are the chosen race, the King's priests, the holy nation, God's own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his own marvellous light. At one time you were not God's people, but now you are his people; at one time you did not know God's mercy, but now you have received his mercy.

3rd Hymn 515 The church's one foundation

- 1 The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy Bride;
with his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union with God the three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we,
like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel John Stone (1839 -1900)