

JULY/AUGUST 2021

Contact

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

Family Worship
10.30am

Wednesday

Congregational Café
11am – 1pm

Scoffs
12 noon
(2nd Wednesday only)

Thursday

Rainbows Baby & Toddler
Group
9.30am – 11.30am

Friday

Badminton
7.30pm

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Dear Friends,

This month, with kind permission from Margaret and Donald Slater, I am reproducing an article about the wind ensemble. It was originally written around 1984 and was included in a book of memories compiled by Mrs Moores, who was a valued member of our church for many years.

It was brought to my attention earlier this year that although Pat and Don and Liz have all spoken on many occasions about the history of the church, many of our younger members may not be aware of the many activities and events that have taken place over the years.

Many of you will recognise some of the names of the people who were involved in the wind ensemble, and whilst they no longer attend church (apart from Margaret and Donald and yours truly!), in many cases their families are still connected to the church.

Music has always been a large part of our worship here at Springhead and we have been very lucky to have people in our fellowship, such as Margaret and Donald, who were willing to teach, encourage and inspire our young people.

NOTES ON THE WIND ENSEMBLE BY DONALD AND MARGARET SLATER

We had no ideas of starting a Wind Ensemble when we started planning the "Musical Weekend" which was held on Saturday and Sunday 28th and 29th July 1979.

On the Saturday, in the afternoon, we held workshops which dealt with many aspects of music: - Country Dancing, Singing, Music and Movement, Recorders, Musical Marching, Brass Instruments and Percussion.

After a tea, which was organised and prepared by Margaret and Barry Platt, we had a concert with items from the workshops. The evening was rounded off by a Whist Drive and Social.

On the Sunday, we had services with music of all kinds.

The outcome of the Musical Weekend was that some people asked us to carry on with our Brass and Recorder classes (This was even noted in the 'Oldham Chronicle').

The next natural step was to group the two classes together to form the Wind Ensemble. The original people were: -

<i>Paul Slater</i>	-	<i>Baritone</i>
<i>Jane Slater</i>	-	<i>Clarinet</i>
<i>Donald Slater</i>	-	<i>Euphonium</i>
<i>Margaret Slater</i>	-	<i>Descant Recorder</i>
<i>Peter Duckworth</i>	-	<i>Descant Recorder</i>
<i>Caroline Ogden</i>	-	<i>Cornet</i>
<i>Samantha Ogden</i>	-	<i>Tenor Horn</i>
<i>David Openshaw</i>	-	<i>Cornet</i>
<i>Russell Fellows</i>	-	<i>Trombone</i>

We played for services at Church - the first one that we remember was on Sunday 16th December 1979. Since then, we have played at services, afternoon teas, and at the opening of the extended Church.

In 1983 we were invited to play at King Street Baptist Church when Fred Wilding conducted the Christmas Carol Service for the Oldham and District Congregational Federation. In 1984 we were invited to open the Christmas Fair at our Church.

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Baptisms, weddings and funerals by arrangement with the Minister

OFFERTORIES

30th May - £74.40

6th June - £62.25

13th June - £108.50

20th June - £75.29

27th June - £75.50

Other envelopes - £68.00

Standing orders - £657.00

Other donations - £490.00

Total £1,610.94

Thanks once again to everyone for your sustained financial support and donations - we are very grateful as this has enabled us to help meet our essential outgoings and overheads and continue to plan for the future.

Thanks also to our Treasurer, Justine, for all her hard work and continued commitment during this difficult time.

ADVANCE NOTICE

THE
CONGREGATIONAL
CAFÉ IS

REOPENING ON
WEDNESDAY 1ST
SEPTEMBER.

FURTHER DETAILS
TO FOLLOW.



There have been many people who have come to play with the Wind Ensemble and then drifted away before they became established. We had four people from Zion Band to help us out at one time. Neil came with his "Bb Bass". The conductor, Malcolm, came to help us out many times, but Keith and Elizabeth Briggs came and stayed.

Donald carried on with his lessons. Elizabeth Slater and Lyndsay Platt came to play clarinet, and improved no end as they persevered and practiced.

At the moment these are the people in the Wind Ensemble: -

<i>Elizabeth Briggs</i>	-	<i>Lead Cornet</i>
<i>Nigel Moran</i>	-	<i>1st Cornet</i>
<i>Howard Duckworth</i>	-	<i>2nd Cornet</i>
<i>Elizabeth Slater</i>	-	<i>Clarinet</i>
<i>Lyndsay Platt</i>	-	<i>Clarinet</i>
<i>Ian Taylor</i>	-	<i>Clarinet</i>
<i>Keith Briggs</i>	-	<i>Horn</i>
<i>Peter Duckworth</i>	-	<i>1st Baritone</i>
<i>Margaret Slater</i>	-	<i>2nd Baritone</i>
<i>Paul Slater</i>	-	<i>Euphonium</i>
<i>Donald Slater</i>	-	<i>Conductor</i>

Over the years, the ensemble has come to play more difficult pieces of music and found it necessary to rehearse twice a week instead of once, and although not a lot of public engagements are undertaken, the players have the opportunity to attempt many different styles of music.

Some of the players also play in the Church Band, some in School Bands and others in senior Brass Bands in the area.

In general, the Wind Ensemble exists to enable those people in the Church who like to meet and attempt to play serious music. And, hopefully, will continue to do so while the demand is there.

Contact will be taking a break over the summer but we will be back in September, raring to go, and hoping and praying that we can get back to some normality within our church fellowship, as lockdown restrictions are further reviewed later this month.

Don't forget about the barbecue after the service on Sunday 25th July. Everyone is welcome to stay so we look forward to seeing you there. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you are intending to join us for catering purposes.

Enjoy your summer, however you plan to spend it, and I hope that the weather continues to be kind.

With all good wishes, Liz

Join us for a
BARBECUE

AFTER THE SERVICE ON SUNDAY 25TH JULY



ALL WELCOME - PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU
CAN ATTEND FOR CATERING PURPOSES

Donations for church funds will be gratefully received

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