

## **PARISH REPORT FROM BOYTON METHODIST CHURCH – MARCH 2025**

As the Parish Council, together with members of the public know, the past year has been a difficult one as we have been unable to use the main area of the Chapel due a partial ceiling collapse. As limitations were placed on what we could do, together with safety concerns, it was decided to repair the whole ceiling. Grants were applied for and it was decided to push forward with the work and it is with grateful thanks to the Parish Fund that the sum required was kick-started by a grant of £10,000.

Coffee mornings have continued throughout this time, initially within the Sunday School Room at the Chapel, and latterly here in the Church Hall; this is such important work within the community as much as fund-raising. Sunday services have continued to take place in the in the Sunday Room and, despite the limited space, it has been lovely to see community members join us at special services such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

We have joined with the Church for the Remembrance Service and are thankful to their members for working together on the Community Carol Service. We are also thankful to the Parish Council for the annual grant towards the upkeep of the Cemetery.

The work to the ceiling has now been completed and the electrical works are nearing completion. The first Coffee Morning of March saw the move back to the Sunday School room whilst a bit of cleaning and ‘touching up’ takes place within the main Chapel area.

Last Spring we were due to have a visit by the then President of the Methodist Church and former ‘Boyton Girl’, Gillian Newton (nee Duke) and this took place at Central, Launceston instead. However she was insistent she return this year to be back in her ‘home’ Chapel and she will be back for a special service celebrating the completed work in the Chapel, on Palm Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> April) to which all are invited and very welcome at 3pm followed by refreshments.

Thank you once again for your support.

From Lorraine Sluggett

Boyton Methodist Church