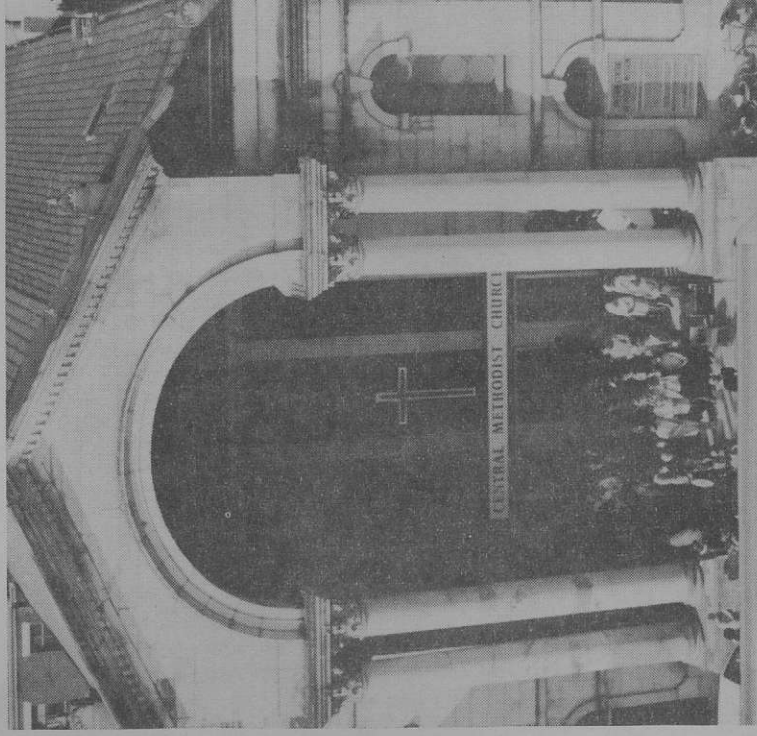




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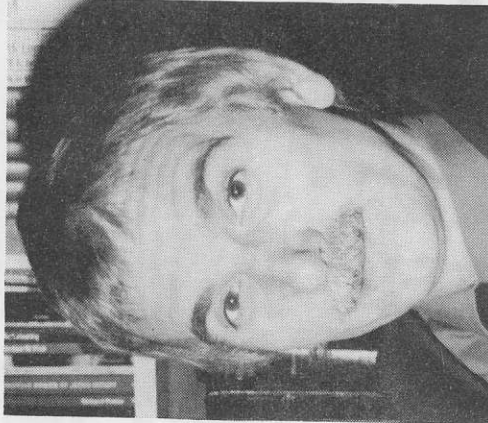
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Dear Friends,

Praise the Lord we are 168 years old ! Lune Street Chapel was opened in 1817 and has been witnessing to the Gospel of God's redeeming grace in Christ ever since. In the last year Central Methodist Church has demonstrated that it is a Church with a heart and is at the heart of the life of Preston. God has continued to bless the work and honour the effort and commitment of so many people who are all part of the family. This year we warmly welcome the Rev. Herbert Raynor, the former Chairman of the North Lancashire District as our Anniversary Preacher.

An Anniversary is a time for Celebration and Praise. Here at Central we have so much to praise God for in the past. But better still . . . we trust Him for all that is to come.

Your friend in His Service.
REV. J. BARRY LUMLEY.

We Love You All

(A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH STEWARDS)

What is a Steward? In New Testament times a Steward was either a slave or a freedman who was trustworthy and who was able to take responsibility in the Church. (1 Corinthians 4 v 2). In the 18th Century as the Methodist Church grew, John Wesley chose the name 'Steward' when he found it necessary to find people to share in the day to day tasks of the Church.

So we who act as Stewards today are aware that we follow in the steps of many generations of faithful servers, called of God and committed to Him and their fellow human beings.

As Stewards of Central Methodist Church we meet together regularly to share in fellowship in our various homes. We share our concern for His Church and the members of it, reminding each other of our responsibilities. Together in prayer we seek to know the will of God for His people. We ask for His love and His power and the touch of His guiding hand as we dedicate ourselves afresh to His service.

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