



# CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

*Making Disciples - Transforming Lives & Communities*

**SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2017**

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY

If you are new to the area or visiting us for the first time, please make yourself known to one of our Stewards so that we can welcome you personally.

10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP led by Revd Stephen Heath

*Organist: Andrew Cramer*

*Door Stewards: Team 4*

*Coffee Rota: Reta & Keith Hall*

7.00 p.m. FRESH Expressions at Fairhaven Methodist Church  
led by Revd Sylvester Deigh

*Refreshments from 6.30 p.m.*

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## NEXT SUNDAY – 5 NOVEMBER 2017

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at The Drive

9.15 a.m. Activ8 Café Style Worship led by Revd Terry Hudson

10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP led by Revd Stephen Heath

*Organist: Andrew Cramer*

*Door Stewards: Team 5*

*Coffee Rota: Sheila Whitley & Catherine Peak*

7.00 p.m. FRESH Expressions at Fairhaven Methodist Church  
led by Revd Sylvester Deigh

*Refreshments from 6.30 p.m.*

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## PRAYER

*Dear Father, quieten our minds; still our hearts  
for your living ways are all we seek;  
strengthen our lives and inspire our spirits.  
In your living waters flows endless grace, Amen.*

You are invited to come to the Prayer Chapel after morning service. If you would like a member of the prayer team to pray with you, please see one of the Stewards. A basket for your prayer requests can be found in the prayer chapel and at the rear of the Church.

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## TODAY

### TRAIIDCRAFT

The Traidcraft stall will be at the back of the church after today's service. The Traidcraft Christmas catalogue is available and can be picked up from the stall.

## THIS WEEK

**BUMBLEBEES** will be closed this week for half term. However, Wesley's Café will be open and is offering free meals for accompanied children on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

### WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

**LADIES' FELLOWSHIP** at 2 15 pm in the Parlour. The speaker today is Eric Lee of the Red Cross. He will talk about Everyday First Aid, so please have questions ready to ask him. All ladies welcome.

### THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER

**WORSHIP ON THURSDAY** at 11.00 a.m. in the Parlour. The theme this week is *Connected – not alone* (1Peter2:8b-12;Galatians2:11-21;Singing the Faith 608)

## OTHER NOTICES

**SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE** The date is fast approaching!!

Preparations are progressing well but we still need:

- \* PRIZES for the TOMBOLA (especially CHOCOLATE as this is always popular!)
- \*Small luxury items for a festive hamper (to Caroline Livesey or Marion Brett)
- \*Knitted/sewn handmade items for gift stall
- \*Plants/plant cuttings (nearer the time!)
- \*Good quality pre-loved items (to Mike and Marion A.)
- \*BOOKS or CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS (to Lesley Turner)
- \*VOLUNTEERS needed to help put tables and chairs away at the end.
- \*There are still a few 'table tops' available. Anyone interested? – please contact David Turner on 01253 727267.

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THIS EVENT AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS**

## **SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER**

**DAY OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE** at Fairhaven Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments available all day. All Welcome.

## **ADVENT HOUSE GROUP**

There will be a series of six advent studies to help prepare for Christmas at the home of Paul and Natalie Kelly at 8 Berwick Road, starting on 8 November at 7.30 p.m. and then every Wednesday until 13 December. You are most welcome to go along, even if only for the occasional week. Please call 725614 for details.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Please remember our shoebox appeal. If you would prefer someone to fill a box for you, please give your donation to Linda Butcher. Donations towards the cost of shipping, which is £5 per box, are also welcome. The boxes will be dedicated in Morning Worship on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

**FAIRTRADE ADVENT CALENDARS** Each contains a 24-page Christmas story-activity book and 25 chocolate shapes. Costing £3.99, these can be ordered from Elaine Watts.

**CALLING ALL KNITTERS!** If you've time to knit for our Christmas outreach project please speak to Stephen and he will give you all the details and a pattern! Also, if you've any spare wool you could donate, please let us know. Thank you.

## **EASYFUNDRAISING AT CHRISTMAS**

Don't forget to help raise funds for Church Road by on-line shopping through Easyfundraising this Christmas. All major stores and travel companies are out there ready to make a donation to us and it doesn't cost you a penny extra! See noticeboards and flyers for more details.

## **USERS OF CHURCH PREMISES**

This is a reminder to users of the Church and Centre premises that the premises must be left in the same condition at the end of the period as at the start. This also includes any furnishings moved, which after use must be returned to their original position.

## **KEYHOLDERS - SAFEGUARDING**

Would all keyholders please see Anne Mayes as soon as possible in order to sign this year's Safeguarding Form C.

## **VOTE FOR CHURCH ROAD!**

See the attached flyer about how to support our bid to the Aviva Community Fund. Voting closes at midday on 21 November. Please remember to vote for us and encourage your friends and family to do so as well.

# DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

All activities take place in the Church Centre unless stated otherwise.

## TUESDAY 31 October

11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.      Food Bank  
12 noon to 2.00 p.m.      Wesley's Café

## WEDNESDAY 1 November

9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.      Digital Café  
11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.      Wesley's Café  
2.15 p.m.      Ladies' Fellowship

## THURSDAY 2 November

11.00 a.m.      Worship on Thursday  
11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.      Food Bank  
12 noon to 2.00 p.m.      Wesley's Café  
7.30 p.m.      Church Choir Rehearsal  
7.30 p.m.      St. Annes Musical Productions

## SATURDAY 3 November

10.00 a.m.      Acting School

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Our offering last week amounted to £1, 217.20  
Thank you for your continuing support for our ministry and mission.



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