



# CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

*Making Disciples - Transforming Lives & Communities*

**SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2017**

**ADVENT SUNDAY**

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.

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at The Drive

9.15 a.m. Activ8 Café Style Worship led by Revd Stephen Heath

10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP led by Revd Terry Hudson

*Organist: Michael Hodgson*

*Door Stewards: Team 3*

*Coffee Rota: Marion Brett, Linda Butcher & Elaine Watts*

7.00 p.m. FRESH Expressions at Fairhaven Methodist Church

led by Revd Stephen Heath

*Refreshments from 6.30 p.m.*

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**NEXT SUNDAY – 10 DECEMBER 2017**

**ADVENT 2**

10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP led by Revd Joan Edwell

including the celebration of Holy Communion

*Organist: Julie Reeman*

*Door Stewards: Team 4*

*Coffee Rota: Sheila Whitley & Catherine Peak*

7.00 p.m. FRESH Expressions at Fairhaven Methodist Church

led by Mrs Pat Hirst

*Refreshments from 6.30 p.m.*

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## **PRAYER**

*Lord our God, keep us your servants alert and watchful  
as we await the return of Christ your Son,  
so that when he comes and knocks at the door  
he may find us vigilant in prayer,  
with songs of praise on our lips. 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 both in the prayer chapel and at the rear of the Church.

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## **TODAY**

### **CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS**

All our Christmas services are included on cards that we would like distributing in the neighbourhood and amongst our own families, friends and neighbours in the week commencing 11 December. If you are able to help with distribution, please take some from the back of church today or next Sunday and note down the roads that you will be able to take them to. Thank you.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **MONDAY 4 DECEMBER**

#### **CIRCUIT ADVENT GROUP**

The Advent Group Meetings led by our Superintendent Minister Revd Dr Adrian Burdon will begin today at 1.30 p.m. in the Community Room at The Drive Methodist Church. All are welcome.

### **WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER**

**LADIES' FELLOWSHIP** at 2.15 p.m. in the Parlour. Today our talk is about the Blue Skies Hospital Fund. All ladies welcome.

### **WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER**

**ADVENT HOUSE GROUP** Tonight the group continues to meet at the home of Paul and Natalie Kelly at 8 Berwick Road, at 7.30 p.m. for the fifth in a series of six weekly Advent studies to help prepare for Christmas. You are most welcome to come along. Please call 725614 for details.

### **THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER**

**ACTION FOR CHILDREN CONCERT at 7.00 p.m.** (not 7.30 p.m. as previously advertised). This is Church Road's major annual fund raiser for Action for

Children and our opportunity to welcome local school choirs and their families to our church. Please come along and support the children if you can. Pay on the door, £5 for adults and children free.

### **SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER**

**THE SOUND OF MUSIC** The Emily Laws School of Acting (ELSA) proudly presents its Christmas production in the Church Road Centre Hall for the last time. Admission is £6 for adults and £3 for children. Pay on the door. Come along and enjoy our family Christmas show!

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

#### **TRAIDCRAFT STALL**

The Traidcraft stall will be at the back of the church next Sunday morning after the morning service. Top up those Christmas cards and presents.

#### **ST ANNE'S PARISH CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

This runs from Saturday 9 December to Saturday 16 December between 1.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. every day. Lots of Christmas trees on show, sponsored by many local organisations and charities, including Church Road Methodist Church. Entry is free. Refreshments are available.

#### **TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER**

**MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS** by Lytham St Anne's Guardian Concert Band at 7.30 p.m. including the celebration of Holy Communion at Fairhaven Methodist Church. Admission £5 for adults and £1 for children.

#### **THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER**

**LANCASHIRE SINGS CHRISTMAS** Linking live to the broadcast on BBC Radio Lancashire at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 14 December, you are invited to join in with well-known carols and plenty of fun at The Victoria Pub, Church Road, St Anne's.

### **CENTRE HEATING**

As the cold winter weather is taking a hold, meaning heating in the Centre premises is now in full use, there have been instances of some organisations turning **OFF** the radiators in whichever room they are using because they felt it was too hot. This has resulted in reports by other organisations using that same room that the heating has failed, a telephone call being made, and needless turning out to investigate. Will organisations who turn off radiators please ensure they are re-activated before leaving the premises. Thank you.

# DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

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

## MONDAY 4 December

1.30 p.m. Circuit Advent Group at The Drive  
7.30 p.m. Movement to Music

## TUESDAY 5 December

9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Bumblebees  
12 noon to 2.00 p.m. Wesley's Café  
6.00 p.m. Brownies for girls aged 7-10  
6.15 p.m. Rainbows for girls aged 5-7

## WEDNESDAY 6 December

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

## THURSDAY 7 December

12 noon to 2.00 p.m. Wesley's Café  
**7.00 p.m.** Action for Children Concert  
7.30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## FRIDAY 8 December

6.00 p.m. Friday Fun Club for boys and girls aged 6-11  
7.30 p.m. The Hub for young people aged 11-15

## SATURDAY 9 December

10.00 a.m. Acting School  
10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Nativity Festival at Fairhaven Methodist Church  
7.30 p.m. Acting School production 'The Sound of Music'

## SUNDAY 10 December

12 noon to 3.00 p.m. Nativity Festival at Fairhaven Methodist Church

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Our offering last week amounted to £1 114.01  
Thank you for your continuing support for our ministry and mission.

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