



# CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

*Making Disciples - Transforming Lives & Communities*

**SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2018**

**EPIPHANY 5**

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 Laura Green

*Organist: Michael Hodgson*

*Door Stewards: Team 6*

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

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 – 11 FEBRUARY 2018**

10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP led by Revd Stephen Heath  
including the celebration of Holy Communion

*Organist: Brian Grimes*

*Door Stewards: Team 1*

*Coffee Rota: Reta & Keith Hall*

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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## **PRAYER**

*Awaken me Lord, to your light; open my eyes to your presence.*

*Awaken me Lord to your love; open my heart to your in-dwelling.*

*Awaken me Lord to your life; open my mind to your abiding.*

*Awaken me Lord to your purpose; open my will to your guiding. Amen*

*David Adam, former Rector of Lindisfarne*

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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## **THIS WEEK**

### **WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY AT THE DRIVE**

**LADIES' FELLOWSHIP** at 2.30 p.m. Today we join with the ladies from The Drive. The speaker is Gerry Wolstenholme, whose talk will be entitled "Whitehall Reminiscences. All ladies welcome.

### **FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY**

**QUIZ NIGHT AND HOTPOT SUPPER** Lytham Methodist Church is holding a Quiz Night with a Hotpot Supper plus prizes and a raffle at 6.30 p.m. on Friday 9 February. Please contact Margi Porter (Tel. 738891) with enquiries and bookings. Names of those who have booked will be left at the door and payment can be made on the night.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY**

#### **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

Members of the Church Council are asked to note that there will be a special meeting on Tuesday 13 February at 7.30 p.m. The principal business will be to formally approve the final proposals and funding arrangements for the redevelopment. This is an important meeting and members are urged to make every effort to attend.

### **THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY**

**WORSHIP ON THURSDAY** The second meeting of February will be in the Parlour at 11.00 a.m. The following week, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, we will join the local Ecumenical five-week Lent Course entitled 'That all may be free' with material produced for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

### **THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY**

**CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE** will meet at 7.30 p.m. to discuss arrangements for organisations during the forthcoming redevelopment works.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **ASSISTANCE REQUIRED – with a smile!**

An important aspect of our services each Sunday is the welcome we offer at the door to both regulars and visitors. We are looking for a few additional people who will be prepared to join a rota for this, which at the moment is just once every six weeks. If you feel able to help in this way, please speak with Richmond Neale (tel: 791321), one of the church stewards, or just email the church office.

### **WESLEY'S CAFE**

Owing to the forthcoming building works and the need to ensure the safe storage of everything, the last lunch service in Wesley's will be **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**, not Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> as previously notified. We thank you for your support and look forward to re-opening in September.

### **CLEARING OUT SURPLUS ITEMS**

Work is underway to clear the Church Centre premises of surplus and unwanted items in advance of the expected closure at the end of this month. Items that may be of interest, either as memorabilia or simply for practical uses, can be viewed in the lounge after morning service next Sunday. A brochure showing the principal items will also be available. Donations are invited for any of the items.

### **FUNDRAISING BOXES**

Thank you to everyone who returned their church fundraising boxes for emptying. Please remember to collect your empty boxes from the back of the church. If you do not have a box and would like one to support us in this way with occasional donations, please contact the church office.

### **HOMESTART**

We have received a note of thanks from Home Start for the gifts of food that we have donated at Christmas and throughout 2017. We continue to help Homestart in their work as they offer support and friendship for vulnerable families in the local area. A box is available at the back of church for donations of dried and tinned food, which are passed on regularly. Thank you.

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### **SAD NEWS**

We have been saddened to learn this week of the passing of Alice Beswick, a former active member of our fellowship. Her funeral will be held at Lytham Crematorium on Thursday 8 February at 11.00 a.m. We give thanks for Alice's life, remembering her daughters, Maggie and Ruth, and the family in our prayers.

# DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

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

## MONDAY 5 February

7.30 p.m. Movement to Music

## TUESDAY 6 February

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  
7.30 p.m. Resources Committee Meeting

## WEDNESDAY 7 February

9.45 a.m. Movement to Music  
9.30 a.m. Digital Cafe  
**2.30 p.m.** Ladies' Fellowship at The Drive

## THURSDAY 8 February

7.30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## FRIDAY 9 February

6.00 p.m. Friday Fun Club for boys and girls aged 6-11

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Our offertory last week amounted to £1,203.93

Thank you for your continuing support for our ministry and mission.

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