



# CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

*Making Disciples - Transforming Lives & Communities*

## NOTICES FOR MARCH 2018

### 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.

## SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2018

### LENT 2

### WORLD CHURCH SUNDAY

10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP led by Revd Dr Adrian Burdon

*Organist: Andrew Cramer*

*Door Stewards: Team 3*

*Coffee Rota: Sheila Johnson & Shirley Grundon*

7.00 p.m. FRESH Expressions at Fairhaven Methodist Church  
led by Revd Dr Adrian Burdon

*Refreshments from 6.30 p.m.*

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## SUNDAY 4 MARCH 2018

### LENT 3

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at The Drive

9.15 a.m. Activ8 Café Style Worship led by David Turner

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

*Organist: Julie Reeman*

*Door Stewards: Team 4*

*Coffee Rota: Valerie Ball & Colin Hird*

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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**SUNDAY 11 MARCH**  
**LENT 4**  
**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

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

*Organist: Brian Grimes*  
*Door Stewards: Team 5*  
*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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**SUNDAY 18 MARCH**  
**PASSION SUNDAY**

10.30 a.m. ALL AGE WORSHIP led by Revd Stephen Heath

*Music: Church Road Music Group*  
*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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**SUNDAY 25 MARCH**  
**PALM SUNDAY**

10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP led by Judith Smith

*Organist: Mike Hodgson*  
*Door Stewards: Team 1*  
*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.*

## **PRAYER**

*Lord, let me be yours. Let me not draw back, neither from heaven,  
nor from your divinity, nor from your cross.*

*Let me be yours to whom I owe my creation and my redemption.*

*Touch my heart and sanctify it, and consecrate me in your service, forever.*

*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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## **WEEKLY NOTICES & CHURCH RECORD**

Owing to the temporary relocation of office equipment and related IT changes for the redevelopment project, the notices today cover activities for four weeks; the next notice sheet will be published on Sunday 25 March. We are also sorry that during this period, there will be no large print hymns available. Similarly, the next edition of The Record will now be published at the end of March.

We apologise for any inconvenience these issues may cause.

### **TODAY**

**THE TRAIDCRAFT STALL** will be at the rear of the church after morning worship today and a new Spring catalogue is available. The next stall will be on Sunday 25 March. Please come along and help support fair trade products.

**BOOK SALE:** A selection of religious books is on display at the rear of the church and any can be taken in return for a small donation to the community hub project.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY**

**LADIES' FELLOWSHIP** at 2.15 p.m. Our guest this week will be Margaret Crosby who will speak about her teenage years in British Honduras. All ladies welcome.

#### **HOUSEGROUP ON WEDNESDAYS**

The house group meeting at the home of Paul & Natalie Kelly will be joining the Lent Course at Fairhaven Methodist Church at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesdays. The group will meet again at the Kelly's on Wednesday 11 April. All are welcome to join this group; please speak to Valerie Ball for more information.

## **ST.ANNES CHURCHES TOGETHER**

### **JOINT ECUMENICAL GROUPS**

The five-week course on the theme of "That all may be free" is continuing during the Lenten season:

**Mondays** 7:30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. at the United Reformed Church

**Wednesdays** 2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. at St. Thomas' Church

**Thursdays** 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. at the United Reformed Church

Our **WORSHIP ON THURSDAY** group is joining this course on Thursday mornings at the St. Annes United Reformed Church.

Please speak to one of the Stewards if you would like a copy of the booklet accompanying the course.

### **FRIDAY 2 MARCH**

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** A service for the Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at 2 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre in St Albans Road. The theme of the service is 'All God's Creation is Very Good' and we will be praying especially for Suriname. There will be light refreshments after the service. Please come and join us – everyone is welcome!

Contact Ann (Tel. 728819) for more information.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **LADIES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME**

#### **WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH**

All meetings start at 2.15 p.m. in the Church.

#### **7 MARCH**

Tim Smith will demonstrate how to create a spring planter. Both ladies and gentlemen will be very welcome.

#### **14 MARCH**

Catherine Peak will give a talk entitled "Treasure from Trash". We welcome The Drive ladies to this meeting.

#### **21 MARCH**

Margaret Fletcher will talk about the National Gardens Scheme. All ladies welcome.

#### **28 MARCH**

We welcome everyone to our Easter Service led by Rev Stephen Heath. This is followed by an Easter Tea. For catering purposes, it would be appreciated if names could please be notified in advance to Elaine Watts.

### **FRIDAY 9 MARCH**

#### **CONGR-EGG-ATIONAL EGGSTRAVAGANZA!**

Try your hand at a game of chocolate bingo, starting at 6.30 p.m. Chance to win an Easter hamper for a further £1 per person on the night. Refreshments will also be on sale during the course of the social. Come and enjoy some springtime fun with other members of the congregation, families and friends. Tickets are £3 per adult and £2 per child and must be bought in advance from any member of the community hub fundraising team or a church steward.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DOOR STEWARDS**

We are still appealing for people to join the door steward's rota. If you feel able to help in this way, please speak with Richmond Neale (Tel: 791321).

**EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES** Gift envelopes will be on the chairs on 25 March to be returned the following week or the week after.

**EASTER FLOWERS** Anyone wishing to contribute money towards the Easter flower display in Church, please pass your donation to Elaine Watts.

**NOTE THE DATE:** The General Church Meeting will take place on Tuesday 10 April. The meeting of the Church Council originally scheduled for 13 March has been postponed and will now take place on the same night. More details nearer the time.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 13 TO 19 MAY** Anyone who can help to collect in the 2018 House to House Collection in St Anne's in the week commencing 13 May, please contact Elaine Watts (Tel: 722302). If your road is not normally included in the House to House, would you be willing to give envelopes to friends or neighbours, inviting them to return them to you? Alternatively, maybe you would be able to assist with a street or stall collection. Please speak to Elaine if you can help in any way.

#### **LEAGUE OF LIGHT BOXES**

Thank you to those who support Action for Children with League of Light collecting boxes. Please note that, in future, these should be returned to the new circuit treasurer, Jim Edwell. (Tel: 723031)

#### **APPRECIATION**

Sylvia and the family of Audrey Frodsham wish to thank Church Road Methodist Church for all the kindness, love, prayers and expressions of sympathy during their sad loss. We would also like to express our gratitude to the Revd. Stephen Heath for his care, prayers, help and unwavering support at the hospital on New Year's Eve and in the past few weeks. Sylvia and family are also most grateful that the love for Audrey was reflected love, which was additional support at this difficult time.

#### **REDEVELOPMENT WORK**

Work on our redevelopment project will be starting on 1 March and the last day for access to the church centre will be Tuesday 27 February. Thereafter, the site is being handed over to the developers and during the period of construction, we will only have access to the church.



Some equipment will be in sealed storage in the Parlour and Kitchen, but it is necessary for other essential day to day items to be stored in the church itself. Every effort is being made to store these items as discreetly as possible and to minimise the impact on our worship, but please be understanding whilst the works are in progress.

All our activities will be meeting in the church space as from tomorrow, Monday 26 February, and general access will be through the main front doors. All organisations must be responsible for ensuring supervision of entry and exit and, for fire safety reasons, doors should not be bolted whilst activities are taking place.

For weekday activities, chairs will be arranged round the side of the church and if organisations wish to make changes to this, please will they ensure that any chairs moved are replaced in this position at the end of their activity. Chairs will be repositioned in the worship space before Sunday services each week.

### **DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS ITEMS**

Items which have been purchased by members must be removed today. This is the last opportunity to purchase any remaining items. Anything left in the lounge area will be disposed of this week.

**COMMUNION KNEELERS & PULPIT FALLS:** The Church Council has decided that the embroidered communion kneelers and pulpit falls should also be disposed of, but recognises that these may be of special significance to individual members. They are therefore also on display, but will be retained for a period of a further three months to allow members to consider whether they wish to purchase any. Please speak to Linda Butcher if you are interested.

## **FOUR WEEK DIARY**

All activities will take place in the **Church** unless stated otherwise.

Please enter through the main doors

TUESDAY 27 February

9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Bumblebees
6.00 p.m.	Brownies for girls aged 7-10
6.15 p.m.	Rainbows for girls aged 5-7

WEDNESDAY 28 February

2.15 p.m.	Ladies' Fellowship
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THURSDAY 1 March

9.00 a.m.	Worship on Thursday at the United Reformed Church
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FRIDAY 2 March

6.00 p.m.	Friday Fun Club for boys and girls aged 6-11
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MONDAY 5 March

7.30 p.m.	Movement to Music
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TUESDAY 6 March

9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Bumblebees
6.00 p.m.	Brownies for girls aged 7-10
6.15 p.m.	Rainbows for girls aged 5-7
7.30 p.m.	Worship Planning Group

WEDNESDAY 7 March

9.45 a.m.	Movement to Music
2.15 p.m.	Ladies' Fellowship

THURSDAY 8 March

9.00 a.m.	Worship on Thursday at the United Reformed Church
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FRIDAY 9 March

6.30 p.m.	Congr-Egg-ational Eggstravaganza!
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MONDAY 12 March

7.30 p.m.	Movement to Music
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TUESDAY 13 March

9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Bumblebees
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6.00 p.m. Brownies for girls aged 7-10  
6.15 p.m. Rainbows for girls aged 5-7

WEDNESDAY 14 March

9.45 a.m. Movement to Music  
2.15 p.m. Ladies' Fellowship

THURSDAY 15 March

9.00 a.m. Worship on Thursday at the United Reformed Church

FRIDAY 16 March

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

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MONDAY 19 March

7.30 p.m. Movement to Music

TUESDAY 20 March

9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Bumblebees  
6.00 p.m. Brownies for girls aged 7-10  
6.15 p.m. Rainbows

WEDNESDAY 21 March

9.45 a.m. Movement to Music  
2.15 p.m. Ladies' Fellowship

THURSDAY 22 March

9.00 a.m. Worship on Thursday at the United Reformed Church  
7.30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY 23 March

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

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Our offertory last week amounted to £1,183.18  
Thank you for your continuing support for our ministry and mission.

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