



CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

Making Disciples - Transforming Lives & Communities

SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER 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.

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

Organ: Brian Grimes

Door Stewards: Team 6

Coffee Rota: Sheila Whitley & Catherine Peak

7.00 p.m. **FRESH Expressions at Fairhaven Methodist Church**
led by the Fresh Team

NEXT SUNDAY – 21 OCTOBER 2018

10.30 a.m. **ALL AGE WORSHIP** led by Judith Smith

Music by the Church Band

Door Stewards: Team 1

Coffee Rota: Marion Brett, Linda Butcher & Elaine Watts

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

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PRAYER

*Create within us, O God, a love for your holy word.
Teach us its true and inner meaning.
Within its sacred pages, may we find new strength and joy:
by its precepts, guidance for the soul
and through familiar words, grace to help in time of need;
for your truth and your name's sake. Amen*

If you would like someone to pray with you, please speak with one of the Stewards. A basket for your prayer requests can be found at the rear of the Church.

WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome Kate Hunt, student URC Minister, who has just begun an eight month placement working alongside Stephen. Her placement will involve approximately eight hours a week and we look forward to her sharing in the life of our church in various aspects during her time with us.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 16 October

CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Church Council is on Tuesday this week at 7.30 p.m. in church. Reports have been circulated to Church Council members. If you are not a member of the Church Council but would like to hear more about the work of the church you are welcome to attend as a visitor.

Anita Bullock, Church Council Secretary

WEDNESDAY 17 October

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP at 2.15 p.m. Today we are having a quiz afternoon, including Songs from the 40s, Food and Drink and What Year? All ladies will be very welcome to join us.

THURSDAY 18 October

WORSHIP ON THURSDAY continues at 11.00 a.m. with one of three Bible studies on the theme of Calling. Each of these will be led by Kate Hunt, Student URC Minister:

Thursday, 18th October – The calling of the disciples – Matthew 4: 18-22

Thursday, 1st November – Small acts - Donkey collectors - Mark 11: 1-11 and Pharaoh's daughter - Exodus 2:1-10

Thursday, 15th November – The call of Samuel - 1 Samuel 3-6

These will be followed by the Advent Course – more details later.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER

ACTION FOR CHILDREN EVENT

NIGEL OGDEN - THE ORGANIST ENTERTAINS IN CONCERT

A fundraising concert in co-operation with Lytham and the Drive at The Drive Methodist Church, starting at 2.00 p.m. Admission £10 including refreshments at the interval. Please come along and enjoy an afternoon of varied music and help to support the work of Action for Children.

FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER

10 YEARS OF FAIRTRADE IN FYLDE

In 2008 Fylde achieved Fairtrade status for the Borough. Come and celebrate this ten year anniversary and the local work in fair trade at Lytham Hall on Friday 9 November. Cost £15 which includes food, Fairtrade speaker and entertainment. 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. start. Please contact Elaine Watts for more information and tickets.

SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our annual Christmas Fayre will be taking place from 10.00 a.m. Cake stall, Books, Raffle, Tombola, Refreshments, Stalls for sale of general items etc. Please note the date and more details will follow. All proceeds will be for our community hub project.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This Christmas we will again be supporting Operation Christmas Child. Since 1990, more than 124 million boys and girls in over 150 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child organised by Samaritans Purse. If you don't have a spare shoe box, Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are now available at the back of the church as well as leaflets explaining what to put in the boxes. If you don't want to fill a shoebox or would like someone to fill one for you, please give your donation to Linda Butcher. The shoeboxes will be dedicated in Morning Worship on **18 NOVEMBER** so if you have not already started filling a shoe box please start now! Donations towards the cost of shipping, which is £5 per box, are also welcome. Please pray for the child who will receive your gift. Thank you.

OTHER NOTICES

CHURCH COLLECTING BOXES

Would the members of the congregation who have the Church Collection Boxes please bring their box to church for the quarterly counting, either next **Sunday, 21 October**, or the following week, **Sunday 28 October**. Please write your name clearly on the BACK of the box. After counting, the boxes will be returned to the back of the church.

We are grateful to the many people who have taken collecting boxes to help with our fundraising. These are a great opportunity to put in occasional extra donations towards our community hub project and also to seek contributions from friends and family. If you don't already have a box and would like to support us in this way, please speak to one of the Stewards.

TRAIDCRAFT The new Traidcraft **catalogue** is available and can be obtained from Elaine Watts. Traidcraft **Advent Calendars** and **Christmas Cards** can now be ordered from Elaine. The Advent Calendars each include a free Christmas story activity book and 25 chocolate shapes and costs £3.99. Our Fairtrade group is also hoping to donate calendars to Brian House Children's Hospice, Sydney Street Children's Centre, Home Start and Women's Aid. If anyone would like to donate an Advent Calendar, please let Elaine know.

APPRECIATION

THANKS to all who helped organise, took part or supported our recent evening of Music and Song by the Heyhouses Community Choir and Fiddle Faddle. A total of £631.50 was raised towards our community hub project. Well done everybody!

THANK YOU I would like to say thank you to all the church family for all the good wishes, lovely cards, flowers, gifts and donations for the Development Fund given to me on my 90th birthday. God bless you all. *Joan Wild*

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

All activities take place in the Church unless stated otherwise.

MONDAY 15 October

7.30 p.m. Movement to Music

TUESDAY 16 October

9.30 – 11.30 a.m. Bumblebees

6.00 p.m. Brownies

6.15 p.m. Rainbows

7.30 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY 17 October

9.45 a.m. Movement to Music

2.15 p.m. Ladies' Fellowship

THURSDAY 18 October

11.00 a.m. Worship on Thursday

FRIDAY 19 October

12.30 p.m. Funeral of Barry Tismond

6.00 p.m. Friday Fun Club

Thank you for your continuing support for our ministry and mission.
Our offering last week amounted to £1,149.65



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