



CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

Making Disciples - Transforming Lives & Communities

SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2018

FIRST SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

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 6

Coffee Rota: Marion Brett, Linda Butcher & Elaine Watts

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

NEXT SUNDAY – 2 DECEMBER 2018

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP led by Andrew Barratt

Organist: Andrew Cramer

Door Stewards: Team 1

Coffee Rota: Sheila Johnson & Shirley Grundon

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

Minister: Revd Stephen N Heath - Telephone: (01772) 683884

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PRAYER

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP at 2.15 p.m. Today Judith Smith is talking about Prison Chaplaincy. All ladies welcome.

THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER

ADVENT STUDY COURSE at 11.00 a.m. The 4 Alls of Methodism. Everyone is very welcome to come along for this time of reflection for the Advent season.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER

THE BLESSING OF ST ANNE'S TOWN CRIB

This will take place at 4.00 p.m. in the Square in the mini amphitheatre near Superdrug, and will be preceded at 3:30 p.m. by children from St Thomas' school singing on the stage on the opposite side of the square, near Fresh Cafe. At 3.45 p.m. people from all the churches in St Annes will gather in the area in front of the stage to sing a final carol with the children before everyone processes over to the crib. Please support this event if you can; this is an excellent opportunity to witness to our faith and encourage people to experience the true meaning of Christmas. As this is the final event of the town's Victorian Festival, Victorian dress is encouraged but not essential.

SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER

MESSIAH AT FRECKLETON METHODIST CHURCH

The Freckleton Musical Festival Committee presents their annual performance of Handel's Messiah at Freckleton Methodist Church. The performance is in two parts at 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. See poster for details.

SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER

ALL AGE NATIVITY SERVICE

Please join us for our All Age Worship "Pop Up Nativity", where the congregation will play a role, led by the children and young people from JKids and Time Out. Dress up or bring a prop: be Mary, Joseph, an Angel or a wise man for the morning! We will have extra props available on the day.

Following the service, there will be a Christmas themed Jacobs Join lunch. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your contributions to the lunch on the day, being mindful that fridge space is limited and we have no facilities to heat food or keep anything warm!

For further information regarding the nativity service please speak to Becky Derbyshire, for information regarding the Jacobs Join Christmas lunch, please contact Linda Butcher or Caroline Livesey.

OTHER NOTICES

THE RECORD

The Christmas edition of the Church Record will be published next week. Contributions from members of the congregation are always welcome and can be emailed to the church office or left in the yellow folder on the cabinet in the north transept. **LAST CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TODAY!**

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS PAGE Once again we will be having a Christmas Greetings page in the next edition of the Record. If you wish to send greetings to church friends in this way and give a donation to church funds instead of sending Christmas cards, please hand your gift to Andrew Whitley **TODAY**.

CHURCH LIFE QUESTIONNAIRE

This is the last week for anyone who hasn't filled in and returned the Church Life questionnaire to do so. All completed ones should be in the Blue box at the back of Church by next Sunday 2nd December. Many thanks to those who have taken part.

'ALL WE CAN' EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS CATALOGUE Give a life-changing gift for your loved ones this Christmas. Every gift and donation made helps to transform the lives of some of the world's poorest communities. Ask Elaine Watts for more information or pick up a leaflet at the back of the church.

ROOM BOOKINGS

Please note that from now until the week before Christmas all room booking enquiries should be referred to Stuart Wrigley, via the Church Office email or telephone 01253 727950.

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

All activities take place in the Church unless stated otherwise.

TUESDAY 27 November

9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Bumblebees
6.00 p.m. Brownies

WEDNESDAY 28 November

2.15 p.m. Ladies' Fellowship

THURSDAY 29 November

11.00 a.m. Advent Course
4.00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY 30 November

6.00 p.m. Friday Fun Club

APPRECIATION

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Following our service last week, we sent a total of 167 shoeboxes to the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Appeal, 113 of these from the Learning Tree Nursery in Blackpool. Thank you to everyone who supported this appeal, including Francesca Foulkes and the staff and children at the Learning Tree Nursery.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Church Christmas Fayre last Saturday either in planning and preparing, shopping, baking, knitting, sewing, piano playing, gift wrapping, manning stalls, serving food, supporting and spending, clearing up, hoovering or counting the proceeds afterwards!

We are thrilled that a grand total of £900 was raised towards the Community Hub project. Thank you one and all.

Caroline Livesey (Chair Fundraising Committee)



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