



CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

Making Disciples - Transforming Lives & Communities

SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER 2018

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.

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY – 9 DECEMBER 2018

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION
led by Revd Stephen Heath

Organist: Julie Reeman

Door Stewards: Team 2

Coffee Rota: Reta & Keith Hall

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

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PRAYER

*God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.*
*God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.*
*God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.*
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.

TODAY

THE BLESSING OF ST ANNES 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.

THE RECORD: the Christmas & New Year edition is published today. Would distributors please collect their copies from the back of the church. Spare copies are available for family and neighbours. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER at 7.30 pm. Fairhaven Methodist Church is hosting the Guardian Concert Band in a concert of 'Music for Christmas'. Tickets £5 including refreshments available on the door. All Welcome.

WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP at 2.15 p.m. Today the speaker is Garth Lathom. His talk is entitled "Travelling Fairgrounds". All ladies welcome.

THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER

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.

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER – 15 DECEMBER

FAIRHAVEN METHODIST CHURCH NATIVITY EXHIBITION from 10 a.m-3 p.m.

CLOSED Monday & Tuesday afternoons and ALL DAY Friday.

Over 120 Nativity's on display plus activities, refreshments available. All welcome.

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. Afternoon tea available in the Village Hall.

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

CHURCH LIFE QUESTIONNAIRE

This is the final call 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 TODAY. Many thanks to those who have taken part.

TRAIDCRAFT: You may have seen in the press that Traidcraft is to cease trading; however, it is continuing but on a smaller scale. The next stall here will be at the end of January, but if anyone wants to purchase any Traidcraft items before Christmas, please see Elaine Watts.

'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.

FOODBANK DONATIONS

As we prepare for Christmas, please remember our standing appeal for donations for the Fylde Food Bank. Without contributions from a network of collection points in churches, schools, shops and businesses throughout Fylde, the Foodbank would not be able to provide emergency help for local people in crisis. There is a basket at the rear of our church for donations of tinned and packaged goods for this very worthy cause. Thank you.

ROOM BOOKINGS

Please note that at the moment, any 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 4 December

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

WEDNESDAY 5 December

2.15 p.m. Ladies' Fellowship

THURSDAY 6 December

11.00 a.m. Advent Course

FRIDAY 7 December

6.00 p.m. Friday Fun Club

Our recent offerings:

18 November	£1,101.60
25 November	£1,056.80

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



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