



# CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

*Making Disciples - Transforming Lives & Communities*

## SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 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.

### 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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## NEXT SUNDAY – 16 DECEMBER 2018

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10.30 a.m. ALL AGE NATIVITY  
led by Kate Hunt, with JKids and Timeout

*Music by the Church Band*

*Door Stewards: Team 3*

*Coffee Rota: Valerie Ball & Colin Hird*

No FRESH at Fairhaven this evening

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## **PRAYER**

*Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance  
and prepare the way for our salvation:*

*Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,  
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

*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.

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## **TODAY**

### **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.

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

## **THIS WEEK**

### **WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER**

**LADIES' FELLOWSHIP** at 2.15 p.m. Today is our Christmas service led by Judith Smith, followed by the usual Christmas Tea. All ladies welcome.

### **THURSDAY 13 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.

### **UNTIL SATURDAY 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.

## **NEXT SUNDAY : 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**

#### **ST ANNES PARISH CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

##### **SATURDAY 8 – SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER 1.30pm to 4.30pm each day**

Lots of Christmas Trees on display, sponsored by local organisations and charities, including Church Road Methodist Church. Free entry, refreshments available.

**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.

#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

##### **MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL CO-ORDINATOR**

Thank you for being part of Operation Christmas Child. This year our shoeboxes on the Fylde Coast and PR4 and PR1 went to the Ukraine. We sent 300 cartons which means 3045 shoeboxes are on their way to children who otherwise would receive nothing for Christmas. Our lorry had already been to Keswick and Lancaster and Liverpool after us so a full lorry of some 1060 cartons. Our lorry load day was dry and cloudy but lots of people came to help and we loaded in record time. Each carton has to be carried down to the road from St Mark’s Church to be stacked on the lorry so no mean feat. We finished our loading with special cake tea and lots of chat. So a big thank you from the team and myself. I hope you all have a great Christmas, and a very special new year.

*Michele*

## **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 the church for donations of tinned and packaged goods for this very worthy cause. Thank you.

## **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

More seasonal greetings have been received this week from one of our former members, John Christmas in Sidmouth, who wishes everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

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# **DIARY FOR THIS WEEK**

All activities take place in the Church unless stated otherwise.

### **TUESDAY 11 December**

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

### **WEDNESDAY 12 December**

2.15 p.m.                      Ladies' Fellowship Christmas Service & Afternoon Tea

### **THURSDAY 13 December**

11.00 a.m.                      Advent Course

### **FRIDAY 14 December**

6.00 p.m.                      Friday Fun Club

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Our offerings last week amounted to £1,055.38

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

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