



CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

Making Disciples - Transforming Lives & Communities

SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2019

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 1

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.

NEXT SUNDAY – 3 MARCH 2019

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at The Drive

9.15 a.m. Activ8 Café Style Worship led by Mrs. Kate Hunt

10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP led by Mr. David Turner

Organist: Julie Reeman

Door Stewards: Team 2

Coffee Rota: Sheila Whitley & Catherine Peak

7.00 p.m. FRESH Expressions at Fairhaven Methodist Church

led by Ms. Clare Harris

Refreshments from 6.30 p.m.

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PRAYER

*Creator God,
send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,
that the whole creation, in its groaning and striving,
may know your loving purpose and come to reflect your glory;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

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

TODAY

BAPTISM

We are pleased to welcome the Haynes family and their friends this morning, to celebrate the baptism of daughters Holly Megan and Isla Jessica.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL The stall is at the back of church after this morning's service. Orders can be also taken for **Fairtrade Easter Eggs**, which come with a 24 page Easter story activity book and a prize competition for £3.99 each. Once again the Fylde Fairtrade Steering Group would like to raise money to purchase "Real Easter Eggs" to distribute to Brian House Children's Hospice, Sydney Street Children's Centre, Home Start and Fylde Coast Women's Aid, or you can simply donate an egg. Please speak to Elaine Watts.

THE RECORD

The Spring edition is published today. Will distributors please collect their copies from the back of the church. Copies are also available to give to family and friends.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY

LADIES FELLOWSHIP – at 2 15 pm. This afternoon our speaker is Helen Noble. She is speaking about the work of the charity, Action for Children. The current Methodist Women in Britain District President has chosen this as her charity for her 2 year term of office.

WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY

PASTORAL COMMITTEE will be meeting at 3.45p.m, following the Ladies Fellowship. Would Pastoral Visitors please make every effort to attend. Thank you - Judith Smith (Tel. 07586842846)

THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY

EVENT FOR FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT AT ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH from 10.00 a.m., enjoy a cup of fairly-traded tea or coffee and a slice of cake. At the event there will be a Fairtrade stall, cake stall, quiz, chocolate tasting and a raffle. All proceeds go to Traidcraft Exchange, the charity which supports small-scale tea growers, cotton farmers and crafts people.

FRIDAY 1 MARCH

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER This year's service has been prepared by the women of Slovenia and will be at The White Church, Clifton Drive, Ansdell commencing at 2.00 p.m, to be followed by light refreshments. The theme is "All God's Creation is very good". All welcome men, women and children.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY 5 MARCH

FIREFEST 2019 at Leyland Methodist Church at 7.30 p.m.

A festival of events celebrating Christian Holiness. Please see the notice on the board in the entrance for more details.

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH

ASH WEDNESDAY The Circuit Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Church Road at 7.30 p.m. The preacher will be our Superintendent Minister and Chair of the Lancashire District, Revd Paul Davis. We appreciate that Rev Sylvester Deigh and friends at Lytham will be sharing in the Lytham Ecumenical Partnership service, but hope there will be a good representation from Church Road and around the Circuit as we move into Lent.

COMMENCING THURSDAY 14 MARCH

LENTEN STUDY

Church Road will be holding five weekly groups on Thursdays 11.00 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. starting 14 March. A group will also meet at The Drive on Monday afternoons at 2.00 p.m. - 3.15 p.m. starting Monday 11 March. This year the theme is 'Our Calling' and we are grateful to Judith Smith, who has compiled the work on the course and accompanying booklets will be available.

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

EASTER CHOCOLATE BINGO Please continue to bear in mind our appeal for Easter chocolate for our forthcoming Easter Chocolate Bingo evening on 22 March. All donations can be left in the church kitchen and will be gratefully collected for the event. Tickets for the event will be on sale next week. This will be a fun-filled evening for all ages, helping to raise funds for our community hub project.

OTHER NOTICES

CHURCH STEWARDS At the end of April, three of our Vestry team will come to the end of their terms of office and we will be looking for two or three new members to join the team and support Stephen in his ministry at Church Road. Nominations for new stewards should be submitted in writing to Rev Stephen Heath or one of the current stewards. Please ensure you have asked the person you are nominating and that they are willing to serve. We ask you to think prayerfully about these positions and if you want to know more about what is involved please speak to one of the vestry team who will be happy to discuss this with you.

'TRAVEL LIGHTLY' – A 40-DAY RESOURCE PRODUCED BY ALL WE CAN

The Methodist Relief and Development Fund has produced a booklet of readings, activities and prayers. It is suggested this is used from Ash Wednesday until Easter but it can be used anytime. The booklets are free but All We Can would appreciate a donation towards the cost. A specimen copy is available for inspection. If you would like one, please speak to Elaine Watts.

MUSICIANS WANTED! to join our Worship Music Ministry to lead the congregation in the singing of hymns and to direct the thoughts of people to the Lord through the music. Musically, there are exciting plans ahead; performing a celebratory piece of music for the opening of the new building and church anniversary in June and of course, Easter and Pentecost. Open rehearsals will be held shortly; for more information, please contact Gill Riley on 07917 711247 or by email gillriley27@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2019 Anyone who can help to collect in the 2019 House to House Collection in St Annes in the week commencing 12 May, please contact Elaine Watts (Tel: 722302). This applies to both new collectors and anyone who collected last year. If your road is not normally included in the House to House would you be willing to give an envelope to friends or neighbours in your road asking them to return the envelope to you or if you live in a block of flats would you be willing to deliver envelopes in your block and again ask them to return the envelope to you if they would like to contribute. A note to this effect would be enclosed in each envelope.

APPRECIATION

Many thanks to the Church Road family for visits, phone calls, flowers and many cards and letters that we have received on the sad and sudden loss of John – a special brother and uncle.

Marion Brett and family

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

All activities take place in the Church unless stated otherwise.

MONDAY 25 February

7.30 p.m. Music to Movement

TUESDAY 26 February

9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Bumblebees

6.00 p.m. Brownies

WEDNESDAY 27 February

9.45 a.m. Music to Movement

2.15 p.m. Ladies' Fellowship

3.45 p.m. Pastoral Committee Meeting

THURSDAY 28 February

10.00 a.m. Fairtrade Week event at St.Cuthbert's in Lytham

FRIDAY 1 March

2.00 p.m. World Day of Prayer at The White Church, Ansdell

6.00 p.m. Friday Fun Club

Our offering last Sunday amounted to £1,275.69

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



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