



CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

Making Disciples - Transforming Lives & Communities

SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2019

LENT 2

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. ALL AGE WORSHIP led by Ms Judith Smith

Music: Church Road Music Group

Door Stewards: Team 4

Coffee Rota: Sheila Johnson & Shirley Grundon

7.00 p.m. FRESH Expressions at Fairhaven Methodist Church

led by Mr Ray Lea

Fresh Bible Month: James

Refreshments from 6.30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – 24 MARCH 2019

LENT 3

10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP led by Mrs Pat Hirst

Organist: Andrew Cramer

Door Stewards: Team 5

Coffee Rota: Reta & Keith Hall

7.00 p.m. FRESH Expressions at Fairhaven Methodist Church

led by Revd Sylvester Deigh

Fresh Bible Month: James

Refreshments from 6.30 p.m.

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

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PRAYER

*Lord, as your word has been revealed from the days of Abraham until this time
make us faithful in our generation to believe your promises
and to follow the guidance of your Holy Spirit.
During this period of Lent, give us a new awareness
of your unique sacrifice on our behalf
and teach us to be humble in acknowledging that all our gifts come from you,
for the service of people and the spread of your Kingdom.
May you live in us so that in all our small acts of sacrifice
the light of your resurrection may shine through and give them meaning.*

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.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH

LADIES FELLOWSHIP at 2.15 p.m.

Today our speaker is Cindy from the NHS. Her subject is "Steady on Falls". All ladies welcome.

COFFEE MORNING

Starr Hills are holding a coffee morning today at 10.30 a.m. Come and spend a pleasant morning, meeting residents and staff who will be very pleased to see you.

THURSDAY 21 MARCH

LENT COURSE WEEK 2 'Our Calling' at Church Road from 11a.m. to 12 noon - an opportunity for Bible study, prayer and discussion so please come along and join us.

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

EASTER CHOCOLATE BINGO

In the church at 6.30 p.m. this evening. All ages welcome! Come and join the fun! Admission by ticket, £3 per adult and £2 per child. Refreshments will be on sale during the course of the evening. Tickets are available from any member of the community hub fundraising team.

URGENT APPEAL

Krispie cakes and little buns are needed for the Bingo Evening. Please see Barbara Knowles if you can bring some along on the night. Many thanks!

OTHER NOTICES

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

I have been asked by Dorothy Stanger's daughter Elizabeth to invite Dorothy's friends from Church Road to join her for surprise coffee and cake on Saturday 30 March between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. at New Longton Methodist Church. This is to celebrate Dorothy's 90th Birthday. Remember 'shush' - it's a surprise! Barbara Knowles (Tel.739029).

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. 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.

DOOR STEWARDS

A new rota for door steward duties, covering the next six months from April, is now available from Richmond Neale. Will stewards please check their duties as some of the teams have been re-organised and some new volunteers added?

CHURCH GIVING / GIFT AID

The new tax year starts on 6th April 2019 and this is a good time to start giving by banker's standing order. Please speak to me if you are not currently using this system and are interested in finding out more about giving by standing order. The new year for offertory envelopes starts on Sunday 7th April and I shall be distributing the new envelopes to existing users during March. Please let me know if you are not already using envelopes and would like to find out more about the Envelope Scheme. If you pay Income Tax and would like your offering to give the most benefit to your Church, details of Gift Aid can be obtained from Jonathan Livesey (Tel.738039) or myself. Gift Aid enables the Church to recover from the Inland Revenue 25 pence for every pound of your offering, so I would encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Andrew Whitley, Church Treasurer, Tel 640193

FAIRTRADE EASTER EGGS

If anyone would like a Fairtrade Easter Egg, they can be ordered from Elaine Watts. These are made from Fairtrade chocolate, cost £3.99, and include a 24-page Easter story activity book. If anyone would like to donate an Easter egg, which can be given to groups such as the Women's Refuge, let Elaine know.

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

All activities take place in the Church unless stated otherwise.

MONDAY 18 March

2.00 p.m.

Lent Course at The Drive

7.00 p.m.

Lent Course at St Anne's URC, St George's Road

7.30 p.m.

Movement to Music

TUESDAY 19 March

9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

Bumblebees

6.00 p.m.

Brownies

WEDNESDAY 20 March

9.45 a.m.

Movement to Music

10.30 a.m.

Coffee Morning at Starr Hills

2.15 p.m.

Ladies' Fellowship

THURSDAY 21 March

11.00 a.m.

Lent Course Week 2

FRIDAY 22 March

6.30 p.m.

Easter Chocolate Bingo

Our offering last Sunday amounted to £1 218.75

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



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