



# CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

*Making Disciples - Transforming Lives & Communities*

**SUNDAY 5 MAY 2019**  
**EASTER 3**

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.

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at The Drive

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

10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP led by Revd Stephen Heath

*Organist: Andrew Cramer*

*Door Stewards: Team 5*

*Coffee Rota: Valerie Ball, Colin Hird & Kath Kay*

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

*Refreshments from 6.30 p.m.*

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**NEXT SUNDAY – 12 MAY 2019**  
**EASTER 4**

10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP led by Revd Alan Clark  
including the celebration of Holy Communion

*Organist: Brian Grimes*

*Door Stewards: Team 6*

*Coffee Rota: Sheila Whitley, Catherine Peak & Priya Jayaharan*

6.30 p.m. EASTER OFFERING SERVICE at Fairhaven Methodist Church  
led by Revd Paul Davis, Chair of the Lancashire District

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## PRAYER

*Lord Jesus Christ, the light of your love shines on,  
illuminating the places where you are present.*

*As the bewildered disciples pondered the stories of your appearance,  
you penetrated the darkness of their fear and doubt with your word of peace.*

*Overcome our fears and doubts, we pray, and open our minds and hearts  
to receive you into our daily lives.*

*Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

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.

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## THIS WEEK

### THURSDAY 9 MAY

#### HOBBYCRAFT GROUP from 12noon to 2.30 p.m.

A new group on Thursdays - bring your own craft or join in the crafts or games provided. Chat with friends and make new ones. All are welcome. Wesley's is also open for lunch on Thursdays.

### SATURDAY 11 MAY at 10.00 a.m.

#### MHA COFFEE MORNING at Lytham Methodist Church.

Starr Hills Amenity Fund committee invite you all to a coffee morning at Lytham Methodist Church from 10.00am until 12noon. Admission is £1.50 to include coffee/tea and biscuits and there will be all the usual stalls including a yellow stall. All proceeds go to Starr Hills Amenity fund. Starr Hills have been awarded 'outstanding' for the second consecutive year from the Care Quality Commission, which is wonderful, so thank you to all who faithfully support them.

Jenny Breare

### SATURDAY 11 MAY at 7.30 p.m.

ST.ANNES COMMUNITY CHOIR will present an evening of popular songs in the first of our musical concerts – Music in May. Tickets are available from members of the Fundraising Committee, £6.00 for this concert or £10.00 to include the second concert by Alistair Mackenzie on **FRIDAY 24 MAY**.

Alternatively, pay on the door. Under 16's free.

To support these events, we are appealing for donations of prizes for raffles. Raffle proceeds contribute significantly to our fundraising targets and any suitable items will be very gratefully received.

Please pass any items to Barbara Knowles, Lesley Turner or Stuart Wrigley.

## **NEXT SUNDAY - 12 MAY**

### **BIG BREKKIE CHRISTIAN AID EVENT**

Come and join us at Fairhaven Methodist for our Big Brekkie Christian Aid event from 9.15 -10 a.m. alongside 'Sunday Live' Worship. This will allow time to return to your own church for worship at 10.30 a.m. For more details please contact Anne Spooner on 07483233513 or [annellanelli@btinternet.com](mailto:annellanelli@btinternet.com). Everyone welcome.

**CIRCUIT EASTER OFFERING SERVICE** at Fairhaven Methodist Church at 6.30 p.m. This service is prepared by Methodist Women in Britain on behalf of the World Mission Fund. All welcome men and women.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **DISTRICT CHAIR'S COASTAL WALK**

Our District Chair, Rev Paul Davis, will be walking the coastal strip of the Lancashire District on 14/15 May. On his second day **WEDNESDAY 15 MAY**, he will be walking from Church Road to The Drive and then on Blackpool. Paul is expected to be at Church Road from 9.15 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. and it would be good if a few people could be here to welcome him over a cup of tea and to share with him something about our church and its vision. Whilst there is no expectation on people to walk with him, he will be very glad to have some company on the next stage of his walk to The Drive.

### **TUESDAY 21 MAY at 7.30 p.m.**

#### **GENERAL CHURCH MEETING**

This meeting is open to everyone and is an opportunity for people to review what has happened in the life of the church over the last twelve months and hear about our plans for the future. The formal business of the meeting is the appointment of church stewards for the coming year, as well as representatives to the Church Council and the Circuit Meeting.

Nominations are invited for up to six representatives from the General Church Meeting to the Church Council. Those nominated should be members of the Methodist Church and be asked for their consent before they are formally nominated. Nominations should be submitted no later than Tuesday 14 May to Revd Stephen Heath or the Senior Steward, Linda Butcher.

### **OPENING OF COMMUNITY HUB**

Please remember that the official opening of the Community hub will be on **SATURDAY 1 JUNE**, starting with a service at 3.00 p.m, followed by the opening ceremony and refreshments. Further details will follow, please put the date in your diary. In the meantime, please consider the requests for help later in this news sheet.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **FUNDRAISING BOXES**

#### **COLLECTIONS ON SUNDAYS 5 and 12 MAY**

The collection of our fundraising boxes is taking place today and next Sunday. Please return your boxes to church on one of these occasions and write your name clearly on the BACK of the box. After counting, the boxes will be returned to you. Thank you for your continuing support.

If you do not have a box and would like one to support us in this way with occasional donations, please email the church office or speak to Stuart Wrigley.

**WESLEY'S CAFÉ** has re-opened on Tuesdays from 11.30 a.m. and Thursdays from 12.00 noon. It is good to have Paul Caddy and many of our former volunteers back as part of the team each week. Congratulations to the team for achieving a 5 star Food Hygiene Rating, which is the highest level, from Fylde Borough Council when they visited the Café on 24 April 2019. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Stephen on 07711 911 955 or email [stephen.heath@churchrdmethodist.org.uk](mailto:stephen.heath@churchrdmethodist.org.uk)

**FIVE A DAY QUIZ** If you have a copy of the 'Five a Day' Quiz, compiled by David and Helen Edmonds, completed quizzes should be returned to Elaine by today. The money raised will be donated to Christian Aid. A prize will be awarded to the person with the most correct answers. In the event of a tie, one name will be drawn out of a hat.

### **CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTIONS**

Collectors are needed for a collection in Booths, Lytham next Saturday 11 May and also for street collections in Lytham and St Annes on Saturday 18 May. If you can help, please speak to Elaine Watts.

### **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

On the Church Anniversary, Sunday 2 June we are looking to welcome a number of people into church membership, either as new members or transfers from other churches. If you are not presently a member but it is something you are interested in making a commitment to, then please contact Judith Smith or Revd. Stephen Heath.

### **TRADCRAFT**

The next Traidcraft Stall will be on Sunday 26 May. New catalogues are now available, please see Elaine Watts if you would like a copy, or to order any items. Thank you for your continuing support.

## **THY KINGDOM COME PRAYER DAY**

Please see the notice overleaf about this circuit prayer initiative, which will be hosted at Church Road on Thursday 30 May. If anyone could offer to Steward for an hour in church between 11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Judith on 07586842846 if you are able to help.

## **CHURCH RECORD**

The Summer edition of the Record will be published in early June. As ever, contributions from church members will be very welcome and should be sent to the church office, preferably by email, by Wednesday 15 May.

## **CHRISTIAN AID CAMPAIGN**

Sierra Leone is the most dangerous place in the world to become a mum. The country lacks funds needed to provide the most basic health services - things that we all take for granted. Would you be willing to sign a petition sheet to the UK Government to ensure it uses its powers in the International Monetary Fund to deal with debt crises in developing countries? The petition is on the table at the rear of Church or see Elaine Watts for more information.

## **OPENING OF COMMUNITY HUB**

**BE PART OF HISTORY!** and take part in our intergenerational performance of 'A Million Dreams' for the opening of the new Community Hub on Saturday 1 June at 3.00 p.m.

Younger, Older, Experienced or New to singing, ALL ARE WELCOME!

Rehearsals will take place in the parlour on

Saturday 11 May 10.00 a.m - 11:30 p.m.

Saturday 18 May 10.00 a.m.- 11:30 p.m.

Saturday 25 May 3.00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For more information or to express an interest, please contact Rebekah Derbyshire on 07552672436 or [derbyshiremrs@gmail.com](mailto:derbyshiremrs@gmail.com)

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## **THANK YOU**

Phil Harrison would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, lovely cards and gifts received for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. He greatly appreciates the kindness and support of the people of Church Road.

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## Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a prayer initiative running from Ascension Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> to Pentecost Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> 2019.

South Fylde Circuit is supporting this in a number of ways and we hope you will come along to the events which are being planned. It is your chance to get involved with a global prayer event, to pray for friends and neighbours that they will come to know the love of Jesus in their lives.

**Wednesday 29 May** Launch Service 7pm at Crossgates Methodist Church, St Mary's Street North, Preston. PR1 5LG

**Thursday 30 May** Church Road Methodist Prayer Day starting with a short service at 11am and closing with an epilogue at 7pm.  
Children's Hour 2- 3pm.

**Monday 3 June** The Drive Methodist 2-3pm

**Tuesday 4 June** Freckleton Methodist 9 – 10 00am  
Kirkham Methodist 7-8pm

**Thursday 6 June** Fairhaven Methodist 2-3pm

**Friday 7 June** Family Beach Party 5-7pm. Bring your own food.  
Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.  
More details to follow.

**Saturday 8 June** Lytham Churches together 10.00 a.m.-2.00 p.m.  
in Lytham Square.

All are welcome, any questions please contact  
Carolyn Hothersall – tel 07401 191814  
Judith Smith – tel 07586 842846

**OFFICIAL OPENING AND DEDICATION SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY HUB**  
**SATURDAY 1 JUNE AT 3.00 P.M.**

The formal opening of our new premises is an exciting milestone for the church and we are looking forward to a special day of celebration on 1 June. In order that the church and grounds are in first class order for the Service and Opening of the Community Hub, we need your help.

Below is a list of jobs and help needed. Some of the jobs can be done when convenient for you and others are for teams. If you can help in anyway, please contact Linda Butcher or Linda Heath.

**EXTERNAL PREPARATIONS**

Help with tidying the church grounds:-

- Weeds to be removed from all paved areas and kept clear
- Pine tree needles to be moved from under large tree and area kept tidy
- All external areas to be swept
- Litter to be picked up and especially on Friday 31 May
- Drains to be kept clear
- Removal of stones near the Minister's Vestry to church bin store and area swept

**INTERNAL PREPARATIONS**

- Removal of four large pieces of furniture from the church to new locations
- Removal of unwanted items to the tip
- Picture hanging and notice boards to be fixed on walls

**ON FRIDAY 31 MAY**

- Help with setting up the chairs in church, setting up rooms and making sure everywhere is clean and tidy.

**ON THE DAY ITSELF, SATURDAY 1 JUNE**

- Stewards – we will require Stewards for all the church areas and the Hub.
- People to help serve refreshments
- Help with clearing up after the event

**OFFERS OF HELP TO LINDA BUTCHER OR LINDA HEATH PLEASE**

*Thank you to everyone in anticipation - Stephen*

# DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

All activities take place in the Church or Community Hub unless stated otherwise.

## MONDAY 6 May

BANK HOLIDAY

## TUESDAY 7 May

9.30 a.m.to 11.30 a.m. Bumblebees  
11.30 a.m. Wesley's Café  
6.00 p.m. Brownies

## WEDNESDAY 8 May

9.40 a.m to 10.30 a.m. Movement to Music (*please note earlier start time*)  
11.00 a.m. Funeral of Harold Bell  
7.00 p.m. Community Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY 9 May

12 noon Wesley's Café  
12 noon Hobbycraft Group in Room 2  
1.00 p.m. Funeral of Margaret Worsfold

## FRIDAY 10 May

6.00 p.m. Friday Fun Club

## SATURDAY 11 May

10.00 a.m. Singing Rehearsal  
2.00 p.m. Concert Preparation  
7.30 p.m. St.Annes Community Choir Concert

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Our recent offerings amounted to:

Sunday 21 April £1,205.46

Sunday 28 April £1,082.70

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

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