



CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

Making Disciples - Transforming Lives & Communities

SUNDAY 12 MAY 2019

EASTER 4

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 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

NEXT SUNDAY – 19 MAY 2019

EASTER 5

10.30 a.m. ALL AGE WORSHIP led by Kate Hunt

Music by the Church Band

Door Stewards: Team 1

Coffee Rota: Marion Brett, Linda Butcher & Elaine Watts

7.00 p.m. FRESH Expressions at Fairhaven Methodist Church
led by Clare Harris

Refreshments from 6.30 p.m.

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

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PRAYER

*Father, we come before you today in thanksgiving and praise,
Enlarge our vision with your Word;
instil in us your hope in place of our despair;
your peace where our hatred threatens;
your joy amidst our depression;
your love overwhelming our apathy.
May your Holy Spirit surround us and dwell in us now and for evermore.
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

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.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY

DISTRICT CHAIR'S COASTAL WALK

Our District Chair, Rev Paul Davis, will be walking the coastal strip of the Lancashire District this week on 14/15 May. On Wednesday, 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.

THURSDAY 16 MAY

HOBBYCRAFT GROUP from 12.30 p.m. 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. Please note the slightly later time of starting. All are welcome.

Wesley's is also open for lunch on Thursdays.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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 enclosed with this news sheet.

OTHER NOTICES

COLLECTION OF FUNDRAISING BOXES TODAY

The collection of our fundraising boxes is taking place again today. If you have not already done so, please return your box to the back of church 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.

CHRISTIAN AID Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for anyone whose road has not been included in the House to House Collection. Envelopes are available if anyone wants to Gift Aid.

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

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.

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.

NATIONAL PRAYER WEEKEND - PRAYER, PLANNING AND PREPARATION

The '3 Ps' team needs more members to help develop our church's participation in this event, which will take place from 28 - 30 September to pray for and with our community. We need you, whichever 'P' you can contribute to. Please contact Janette Farley (tel. 07958100041) for more information.

APPRECIATION

I just wish to express my heartfelt thanks for all the love and kindness shown to both Harold and I this last year when he was so ill. Also thanks to Stephen and Judith for the beautiful funeral service and thanks to the ladies for the lovely funeral tea.

Love Christine Bell.



Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a prayer initiative running from Ascension Thursday May 30th to Pentecost Sunday June 9th 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 13 May

7.30 p.m. Movement to Music

TUESDAY 14 May

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

WEDNESDAY 15 May

9.15 a.m. Revd Paul Davis visits Church Road
9.45 a.m. Movement to Music

THURSDAY 16 May

12 noon Wesley's Café
12.30 p.m. Hobbycraft Group in Room 4

FRIDAY 17 May

6.00 p.m. Friday Fun Club

SATURDAY 18 May

10.00 a.m. Singing Rehearsal

Our offerings last Sunday amounted to £1,182.20

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



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