



# CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

*Making Disciples - Transforming Lives & Communities*

## SUNDAY 2 APRIL 2017

### 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 Deacon Denise Creed

10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP led by Revd Alan Clark

*Door Stewards: Team 4*

*Coffee Rota: Sheila Whitley & Denise Wilson*

7.00 p.m. FRESH Expressions at Fairhaven Methodist Church

Led by Revd Sylvester Deigh

*Refreshments from 6.30 p.m.*

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## NEXT SUNDAY – 9 APRIL 2017

### PALM SUNDAY

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

*Door Stewards: Team 5*

*Coffee Rota: Sheila Johnson & Shirley Grundon*

7.00 p.m. FRESH Expressions at Fairhaven Methodist Church

Led by Revd Sylvester Deigh

*Refreshments from 6.30 p.m.*

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## **PRAYER**

Loving and Gracious God, through the hands of the Crucified One  
our hands are opened to reach out to those who are in  
physical, emotional and spiritual need.

May the passion of Christ teach us to be servants who are willing  
to hold and carry our brothers and sisters.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus, Our Crucified and Risen Lord, Amen.

*You are invited to come to the Prayer Chapel after morning service. If you would like a member of the prayer team to pray with you, please see one of the Stewards. A basket for your prayer requests can be found both in the prayer chapel and at the rear of the Church.*

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During Stephen's absence, all pastoral matters should be directed to our Superintendent Minister Revd Adrian Burdon (Tel. 734372). Please refer any other matters to the church stewards who will know whom to contact.

Please note that Room Bookings are being organised by Keith Hall at the moment (Tel.720266).

## **THIS WEEK**

### **MONDAY 3 APRIL**

**LENTEN STUDY** at The Drive Methodist Church from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. led by Revd Dr Adrian Burdon. Final session in the series.

### **TUESDAY 4 APRIL**

**GENERAL CHURCH MEETING & CHURCH COUNCIL** at 7.00 p.m.

This joint meeting is open to everyone and is an opportunity for people to review what's been happening in the life of the church and our plans for the future. The formal business of the General Church Meeting is when we appoint the senior steward and the team of church stewards for the coming year. It is also when representatives are appointed to the Church Council; any nominations should be sent to the church office by today, please.

### **WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL**

**ECUMENICAL LENT COURSES** – an Ecumenical course for Lent at St. Thomas' Church at 2.30 p.m. and also at the Catholic Centre at 7.30 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL**

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP** at 2 15 pm. The speaker today is Karen Henshaw on the subject of "Food of Many Lands". There will also be a chance to taste! Today's meeting is in the Centre Restaurant.

## **SATURDAY 8 APRIL**

**STARR HILLS AMENITY FUND COMMITTEE COFFEE MORNING** at Lytham Methodist Church from 10.00 a.m. until 12 noon. Admission is £1 including tea/coffee and biscuits and there are the usual stalls. If anyone has any gifts for the stalls, please pass on to Jenny Breare, Barbara Knowles or Rosemary Wells, who also have tickets for sale. Thank you for your continuing support.

## **SATURDAY 8 APRIL**

**ACTION FOR CHILDREN COFFEE MORNING** at Fairhaven Methodist Church from 10.15 - 11.30 a.m. Bring & Buy - Easter treats, Raffle. Admission £1.50, including coffee and hot cross bun.

## **SATURDAY 8 APRIL**

**LAUNCH OF CHAPEL IN THE FIELDS PROJECT** at Sinderland Methodist Church, Dunham Massey, WA14 5SS, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Invitation to join our former Minister, Revd Kevin Johnson. Details on the poster in the foyer.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY : 13 APRIL**

The evening will start at **6.00 p.m.** with a fine three course dinner in our restaurant, Wesley's, prepared by chef Paul Caddy. Places will be limited to 50 people and tickets can be obtained from the Stewards at a cost of £10 for adults and £5 for children. The meal will be followed by a reflective service of Holy Communion in church, which will start at **8.00 p.m.**

## **OTHER NOTICES**

**EASTER FLOWERS** If anyone would like to make a contribution towards the cost of the flower display in Church on Easter Sunday please give any donation to Elaine Watts.

### **EASTER AT FRECKLETON**

On **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April**, the church at Freckleton will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. for an Easter Flower Festival. Food served all day. Easter stall. On **Easter Sunday evening** at 6.30 p.m., there will be a special Songs of Praise for Easter with Revd Sylvester Deigh.

**SAD NEWS** – We are sorry to report that Vi Clarke, a former member of Church Road, died on Friday 24th March at the age of 93. Vi moved to Southport some years ago to be near her daughter Hilary and son-in-law David. Vi's funeral will take place on **Wednesday 5th April** at 2.00 pm at the United Church, Lord Street West, Southport.

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Our offering last week amounted to £1,088.61  
Thank you for your continuing support for our ministry and mission.

# DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

BUMBLEBEES: Tuesday 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

FOOD BANK: Tuesday & Thursday 11.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

WESLEY'S CAFÉ: Tuesday & Thursday 12 noon – 2.00 p.m.

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All activities take place in the Church Centre unless stated otherwise.

## MONDAY 3 April

1.30 p.m. Lenten Study at The Drive Methodist Church

## TUESDAY 4 April

6.15 p.m. Rainbows for girls aged 5-7

7.00 p.m. General Church Meeting and Church Council

## WEDNESDAY 5 April

2.15 p.m. Ladies' Fellowship – Karen Henshaw

2.30 p.m. Ecumenical Lent Course at St Thomas's Church

6.00 p.m. Brownies for girls aged 7-10

7.30 p.m. Ecumenical Lent Course at The Catholic Centre, St Alban's Road

## THURSDAY 6 April

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayers

7.30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

7.30 p.m. Operatic Society

## FRIDAY 7 APRIL

11.30 a.m. Funeral for Cyril Lambert, Lesley Turner's father

## SATURDAY 8 April

10.00 a.m. Acting School Examinations all day

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