



# CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

*Making Disciples - Transforming Lives & Communities*

## **SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 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.

10.30 a.m.      **MORNING WORSHIP** led by Revd Stephen Heath  
including the celebration of Holy Communion

*Organist: Andrew Cramer*

*Door Stewards: Team 1*

*Coffee Rota: Keith & Reta Hall*

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

*Refreshments from 6.30 p.m.*

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## **NEXT SUNDAY – 15 OCTOBER 2017**

10.30 a.m.      **ALL AGE WORSHIP** led by Revd Terry Hudson

*Door Stewards: Team 2*

*Coffee Rota: Valerie Ball & Colin Hird*

7.00 p.m.      **FRESH Expressions** at Fairhaven Methodist Church  
led by the young people of the church

*Refreshments from 6.30 p.m.*

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## **PRAYER**

*May God's blessing  
rise with us in the morning;  
dwell with us as we journey through the day  
and abide with us as evening falls. 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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## **THIS WEEK**

### **WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER**

**LADIES' FELLOWSHIP** at 2.15 pm in the Parlour. The speaker today is Rev Stephen Heath. All ladies welcome.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

**HARVEST COLLECTION** The Harvest Collection for All We Can amounted to £598.79. Thanks to all who contributed.

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 October at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Centre. Please send any items for the agenda to the Church Office by Tuesday 10 October.

### **THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER at 2.00PM in BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL** **REFORMATION 500!**

The Church Leaders of Churches Together in Lancashire invite you to gather as part of the whole Christian community in Blackburn Cathedral for a "Commemoration of the Reformation". Speaking at this event will be the National Ecumenical Officer for the Catholic Bishops Conference in England & Wales and the Vice President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in England. They will be joined by the Bishop of Blackburn, the Chair of the Lancashire Methodist District and the Moderator for United Reformed Church North West Synod. This will be the largest ecumenical gathering in Lancashire for many years and you are invited to come and stand in visible unity as part of the whole Christian witness to the Gospel in Lancashire.

Places may be booked via the County Ecumenical Officer, Revd Anton Muller on 07919 438 413 or email [antonmuller@ctlancashire.org.uk](mailto:antonmuller@ctlancashire.org.uk). The service will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Crypt at 3.30 pm with a brief report from Churches Together in Lancashire.

## **SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER – FUND RAISING CONCERT**

**LYTHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR** are to present a concert in church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £6 which includes tea, coffee, juice and are available from Caroline Livesey, Lesley Turner or any of the Stewards. Proceeds for the Church Development Fund. Please come along and support this concert and bring your friends and neighbours!

## **SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Thank you for all the ideas and offers of help already coming in!

### **STILL NEEDED:**

- Tombola Prizes – to Monica and Bill Bissett.
- Craft/handmade Christmas gifts – to Val Ball, Sadie Bridge or Catherine Peak.
- Good quality (pre-loved!) Bric-a-brac items (but not clothes or shoes, thank you) to Marion and Mike Allanson

Nearer the time, we will be asking for second-hand books, surplus Christmas ornaments and of course cakes and other goodies..... etc.....

Thank you for your support!

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

This Christmas we will be supporting Operation Christmas Child. Since 1990, more than 124 million boys and girls in over 150 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child organised by Samaritans Purse. The shoeboxes will be dedicated in Morning Worship on 19<sup>th</sup> November so if you have not already started filling a shoe box please start now! If you don't have a spare shoe box, Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are available as well as leaflets explaining what to put in the boxes. If you don't want to fill a shoebox or would like someone to fill one for you, please give your donation to Linda Butcher. Donations towards the cost of shipping, which is £5 per box, are also welcome. Please pray for the child who will receive your gift. Thank you.

## **EASYFUNDRAISING AT CHRISTMAS**

If you are on-line shopping for Christmas, please remember to buy through Easyfundraising and help raise funds for our Church. There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation; these include Amazon, John Lewis, Argos, Debenhams, Ticketmaster, Aviva, Marks and Spencer, thetrainline, Sainsbury's, holiday companies and so on – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

Join for free at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/churchrdmethodist/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/churchrdmethodist/)

See noticeboards and flyers for more details.

# DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

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

## MONDAY 9 October

7.30 p.m. Movement to Music

## TUESDAY 10 October

9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Bumblebees  
11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Food Bank  
12 noon to 2.00 p.m. Wesley's Café  
6.00 p.m. Brownies for girls aged 7-10  
6.15 p.m. Rainbows for girls aged 5-7

## WEDNESDAY 11 October

9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Digital Café  
9.45 a.m. Movement to Music  
11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Wesley's Café  
2.15 p.m. Ladies' Fellowship – Revd Stephen N Heath

## THURSDAY 12 October

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayers  
11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Food Bank  
12 noon to 2.00 p.m. Wesley's Café

## FRIDAY 13 October

6.00 p.m. Friday Fun Club for boys and girls aged 6-11  
7.30 p.m. The Hub for young people aged 11-15

## SATURDAY 14 October

10.00 a.m. Acting School

## SUNDAY 15 October

7.30 p.m. Timeout for young people aged 12+

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Our offering last week amounted to £1,188.70

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

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