



The Methodist Church
Church Road Methodist
Making Disciples: Transforming lives and communities

OPEN AFTERNOON

Sunday 14 January 2018

2.30 – 4.30 p.m.

**Celebrating the history of the
Church Centre**



Welcome to the Church Road Methodist Church Open Afternoon to celebrate the history of the Church Centre and look forward to our plans for the future. We hope you'll take some time to look around the displays and memorabilia commemorating the people and activities that have been an integral part of the Church Centre over the years. We would love to hear your own memories and experiences as you look around.

Today is not just about celebrating the life and work of the Centre and looking back though. We also have some great plans for the future, ensuring the Church remains at the heart of the local Community for generations to come. If you feel inspired to support the Church in this through a financial donation, then collection boxes are distributed around the displays.

This booklet provides you with some information to help you with your visit. A plan of the Centre is shown on the back page, and indicates the displays, a recommended route, and the location of the toilets. More information about each of the displays is given below.

LOUNGE

After entering the Centre, turn immediately left. Here you will find:

History of the Centre

Discover the story of the Centre itself: the Construction and opening in the 1950s.

The Day Care Centre

Enjoy a short video celebrating the work of the Day Care Centre over its many years.

HALL

Pass through the double doors into the Hall.

The Boys' Brigade, 3rd Lytham St. Annes Company

Learn about the Membership – the Boys, Staff, and Chaplains. Also find out about its activities, achievements, and Trophies.

Bumblebees

Formerly known as 'Mother and Toddlers', Bumblebees has been running for over 35 years. Now on its 3rd generation of children, it currently meets on Tuesday mornings and continues to go from strength to strength. It will carry on meeting in the main Church whilst the building work is undertaken. Come and see examples of the toys, games and materials that are used.

Entertainment

The Hall has been the setting for many 'famous' events: musicals, plays, dances and fairs. Find out more about the events and the people involved.

Friday Fun Club

Friday Fun Club is the latest in a long tradition of outstanding youth work at Church Road. Along with its sister group The Hub, the Church continues to provide opportunities for young people to get together from ages 7 to 16.

Learn more about our thoughts for the future of the Fun Club, as well as remembering those days gone by.

Guides, Brownies and Rainbows

Many generations of girls have attended the Guides, Brownies and Rainbow meetings over the life of the Centre. Come and discover from the Leaders what they got up to.

Don't forget to pause for some refreshments and Fellowship before you leave the Hall!

SCHOOL ROOMS

Exit the Hall via the door in the back corner and walk along the corridor to the entrance to the School Rooms.

JKids and Sunday School

Church Road Methodist Church has always had a thriving membership of young people, thanks in part to its Sunday School groups and Youth Fellowships. Drop in to find out more about their work, including Nativity Plays and Pantomimes, and to peruse the current materials.

RESTAURANT

Exit the School Rooms by the same door as you entered, turn left back into the Entrance Lobby, and cross into the Restaurant.

Future Plans

Today is not just about marking the end of the Centre, but also about looking forward to an exciting future as we extend and modernise the remaining buildings. Come and learn about our plans for the Church to become a vibrant hub in the local Community, and some of the recent initiatives we've already started.

FAREWELL BUT NOT GOOD BYE

We hope you have enjoyed celebrating the life and work of the people that have used the Centre over the years, but we hope you will continue to stay in touch. News of events and services are always posted on our website (<http://churchroadmethodist.org/>) and you can find us on Facebook @Church Road Methodist Church.

We look forward to seeing you again in the future.

