

THE RECORD

AUTUMN 2019



CHURCH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

The **Methodist** Church South Fylde Circuit
Making Disciples: Transforming Lives and Communities

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WORSHIP in SEPTEMBER

1st

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at The Drive Methodist Church
- 9.15 a.m. Activ8 Café Church led by Judith Smith
- 10.30 a.m. Revd Stephen Heath
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven



8th

- 10.30 a.m. Revd Malcolm Maymand - Holy Communion
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

15th HARVEST FESTIVAL

- 10.30 a.m. All Age Worship led by Revd Stephen Heath
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

22nd

- 10.30 a.m. Revd Alan Clark
- 6.00 p.m. aLive with Judith Smith
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

29th

- 10.30 a.m. Revd Terry Hudson
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

APOLOGY

We apologise for the problems with the publication of the Summer edition of The Record, which was a result of ongoing issues with our photocopying facilities. This resulted in limited availability and in some cases, poor quality of print.

If you did not receive a copy and would still like to read one, please email the Church Office or speak to Stuart Wrigley.

The Record is also available for viewing or downloading from the church website www.churchroadmethodist.org

WORSHIP in OCTOBER

6th

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at The Drive Methodist Church
- 9.15 a.m. Activ8 Café Church led by Revd Stephen Heath
- 10.30 a.m. Pat Hirst
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

13th

- 10.30 a.m. Revd Stephen Heath - Holy Communion
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

20th

- 10.30 a.m- All Age Worship led by Judith Smith
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

27th

- 10.30 a.m. Revd Stephen Heath
- 6.00 p.m. aLive with Judith Smith
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven



New for Sunday evenings at Church Road

aLive! - Friendship, worship and word in the Community Hub.

Monthly service on the fourth Sunday of each month at 6.00 p.m.



Sunday evenings at Fairhaven

FRESH - Explore faith through media, conversation and prayer.

Drinks are available from 6.30 p.m. and worship begins at 7.00 p.m.

WORSHIP in NOVEMBER

3rd

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at The Drive Methodist Church
- 9.15 a.m. Activ8 Café Church led by Revd Terry Hudson
- 10.30 a.m. Revd Alan Clark
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

10th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

- 10.30 a.m. Judith Smith & Revd Joan Edwell - Holy Communion
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

17th

- 10.30 a.m. All Age Worship led by Laura Green
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven

24th

- 10.30 a.m. Revd Stephen Heath
- 6.00 p.m. aLive with Judith Smith
- 6.30 p.m. FRESH Café Style Worship at Fairhaven



ACTIV8

Our monthly informal service of early morning worship is on the **first Sunday of each month** at 9.00 a.m. in the south transept. A time of warm fellowship with associated activities for children.

Please visit the South Fylde Circuit website, which has more details of the services and other events across the circuit.

www.methodistsouthfylde.org.uk

A word from Stephen....



Dear Friends

One of the things I greatly value about living in England is the seasons. Each has its colour and characteristics, is associated with festivals and celebrations and is the backdrop to life. While some people may moan about winter being cold and summer too hot, I love the variety and lack of constancy; each day is different. I love the way in which summer draws us outside, flowers and crops burst forth with colour and food, a feast for eye and stomach alike. As autumn approaches days shorten and temperatures cool, there is no need to look at the calendar - you know when it's here! We mourn the loss of heat and light but then with the final flourish of colour as the leaves turn there is no doubting its arrival. The summer clothes are put away and out come the long sleeves and warm jumpers as we adapt our wardrobe to shorter days. The diary fills with appointments and the pattern of evening meetings begins as social, study and interest groups reform.

It isn't just the academic year that is about to begin. The Methodist Year gets underway with Ministers settling into new appointments and Circuits and Ministers alike coming to decisions about staying or moving on. The 1st January may be the official New Year but in The Methodist Church and life in general I often feel September is a time when we set life's agenda and goals for the next year. No resolutions or parties seeing out the old and in with the new, more just the rhythm of life flowing through us. Sometimes what feels routine is not. We change and adapt without realising we do so.

Just as one season moves into the next so we mature, develop, grow and change. I find it fascinating looking at pictures of someone's life taken over their lifetime, they tell a story without words. Memory Lane pictures in The Gazette show how the Fylde Coast has changed with the years. Each and every day we write history that others will look at with the perspective of time. In the season of Harvest we reap what we have sown and give thanks for God's provision.

Isaac Watts wrote the following children's hymn, published in 1715, and Estelle White, writing nearly 300 years later, reminds us of the importance of celebrating life as it is experienced and saying thank you!

- 1 I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
- 2 I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command,
and all the stars obey.
- 3 I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word,
and then pronounced them good.
- 4 Lord, how your wonders are displayed
where'er I turn mine eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!
- 5 God's hand is my perpetual guard,
he guides me with his eye;
why should I then forget the Lord,
whose love is ever nigh?

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

- 1 Autumn days when the grass is
jewelled,
and the silk inside a chestnut shell,
jet planes meeting in the air to get
refuelled,
all these things I love so well,
*So I mustn't forget,
no, I mustn't forget
to say a great big thank-you,
I mustn't forget.*
- 2 Clouds that look like familiar faces,
and a winter's moon with frosted rings,
smell of bacon as I fasten up my laces,
and the song the milkman sings.
- 3 Whipped-up spray that is rainbow-
scattered,
and a swallow curving in the sky,
shoes so comfy though they're worn-out
and they're battered,
and the taste of apple-pie.
- 4 Scent of gardens when the rain's been
falling, and a minnow darting down a
stream,
picked-up engine that's been stuttering
and stalling,
and a win for my home team.

Estelle White (b. 1925)

Life changes but God and the message do not, God is ever faithful!

May Peace be with you, Stephen



MARGARET SMETHURST

*“The Lord’s my Shepherd, I shall not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green, He leadeth me,
The quiet waters by”*



Saviour and friend, how wonderful art thou
My companion upon the changeful way,
The comforter of its weariness,
My guide to the eternal town.
The welcome at its gate!

*Tides & Seasons – Modern prayers in the Celtic tradition
David Adam*

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Names of departed loved ones may be entered in the Book of Remembrance, on the day when loved ones are especially remembered. Please complete the details on one of the slips in the Church Foyer and hand to one of the Stewards if you would like a name to be included.

SUMMER FLOWER DEDICATIONS



JUNE

- 2nd Cherished birthday memories of Ross Wells
- 9th Loving birthday memories of John, from Barbara, Caroline & Samantha
Loving anniversary memories of Michael Ball
- 16th Loving memories of my parents, Kay and Cedric Eyre, from Catherine
- 30th Loving anniversary memories of Muriel and John Watts

JULY

- 7th Loving memories of a dear Auntie & Uncle,
from Philip and Betty Harrison
- 14th In memory of Jean and Herbert Mayes
- 21st In loving memory of Nancy and Harry Wrigley
- 28th Loving memories of Jean Biddulph from John
Birthday memories of Edwina Frodsham from the family



AUGUST

- 4th Loving birthday memories of Nan, from Len Macklin
- 18th Loving anniversary memories of Fred and Marion Holland
Fond memories of Arthur and Hannah Nicholson
- 25th Loving birthday memories of Jessie from Barbara
and all the family.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Flowers are paid for by people who make dedications in memory of loved ones. If anyone else would like to contribute in this way please contact Elaine Watts. (telephone 01253 722302.) Please make cheques payable to Church Road Methodist Church Flower Fund and include the wording for any dedication that can be inserted in the Church Record.

After Sunday morning service the flowers are given to the sick, bereaved or someone who might appreciate them. If you know of anyone who might appreciate some flowers one week, please have a word with Elaine Watts.

Grave Talk

Saturday 5 October at Church Road Methodist Church.

Coffee and cakes will be served from 10.00 a.m.

The session will run from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.

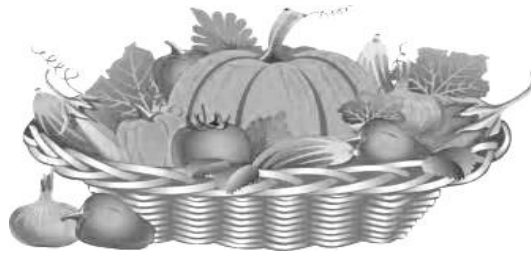
Grave Talk is a Cafe space to talk about death, dying, funerals and grieving.

The session encourages us to consider death as an aspect of life but it is perhaps one that we don't like to think about too often.

Grave Talk offers an opportunity to talk about those issues we perhaps find difficult, or have not thought through until we need to. It offers ideas, peer support and the opportunity to share experiences.

Please come along, bring a friend, all are welcome.

Judith Smith – Pastoral Lay work



Everyone is welcome to join us in our

HARVEST FESTIVAL

All Age Worship

led by Revd Stephen Heath

Sunday 15 September at 10 30 am

followed by a Jacob Join lunch



Methodist
relief and
development

HARVEST APPEAL 2019

DEEPEN YOUR ROOTS

POTATO POWER

Transforming futures for young women in Ethiopia.

In parts of Ethiopia climate change has destroyed harvests. Now many people struggle to feed their families. All We Can is working in partnership with local people. This year, as we celebrate the goodness of God, our Harvest appeal will support the All We Can who are working with the people of Ethiopia to transform lives there through the power of potatoes.

A local farmer, Urge, is creating a brighter future for his daughters with the help of the humble potato. Urge has lived in Cherkos, a rural area in Ethiopia, for most of his life. He remembers the joy of the two abundant harvests that took place annually when he was a young boy. The harvests were plentiful, and the community often had a surplus of crops. Urge still lives in Cherkos, with his wife, his mother and three of his six daughters. Climate change has had a huge impact on the agricultural community in the space of 30 years.

However, there is hope for Urge and his community. He has seen farmers in the local area have success with the production of potatoes. With the support of All We Can, Urge and other farmers will receive training and tools to produce potatoes.

With potato production, Urge wants to be able to keep his daughters in education and support them through university.



Envelopes will be available in church during the Harvest period for your donation. All your gifts will help the work of All We Can in Ethiopia.

Then will your blessing
reach every people ;
each one confessing
your gracious hand.
When you are reigning
no one will hunger :
your love sustaining
fruitful the land.

Albert Frederick Bayly (1901–1984)



COFFEE MORNING FOR SIERRA LEONE SATURDAY 31 AUGUST

from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Church Road.

Admission is £ 1.50 , which includes refreshments.

There will be various stalls: Cakes and Preserves; Books ; White Elephant; Jewellery ; Chocolate Tombola and a Christian stall. Any contributions to these stalls will be very welcome.

This is in aid of the circuit project to help a Methodist girls' school in Sierra Leone, by providing each girl with a school bag containing exercise books, writing utensils, and a toilet bag and toiletries, including sanitary protection that can be washed and re-used. These are being made by ladies in the Circuit.

Sierra Leone Project

We can support this project either by helping to make or by purchasing items for these bags. For further information about how you can help, or for more information on the project, please speak to Valerie Ball, Sadie Bridge, or Catherine Peak.



**Join us by filling a SHOE BOX to send hope to the
children of
Bo, Sierra Leone**

**Final deadline for Shoeboxes
September 29th 2019**

WESLEY'S CAFÉ AND LARDER

Wesley's is largely a story about people but I start with some facts and figures as of the 12 August 2019 regarding the collections from Tesco local stores:-

Total no. of collections	1594	Meals equivalent	64,335
Weight of collected food	27,020kg	Co2 savings	86,465kg

You will quickly realise that quietly, unseen, a great deal of work goes on each week diverting food from landfill to individuals and community groups, including our own Café and Tesco table each Sunday morning. These figures do not include the food obtained through the FareShare warehouse in Preston which recycles fresh food which has missed its delivery time at Supermarkets and is donated to voluntary/charitable groups. Since May we have been redistributing around £400 to £500 worth of food, based on shop values, through the Café and the network of community groups with Bumblebees having by far the largest share.

This aspect of the work is now being renamed Wesley's Larder. The Ministers Vestry has been redecorated and washable flooring fitted to comply with Food Safety Standards. Very shortly this will be opened to make the food more widely available. Please watch the notices and website for more information.

Wesley's Café has continued to develop with volunteers working in teams to prepare and serve the dinner menus until the school holidays when the Summer Café was initiated with a menu focussed on children who would normally enjoy free school meals. Breakfast served from 8.30 - 11.00 a.m. and lunch until 1.00 p.m. children eating free.

Unfortunately we had to close for the week of the 12 August due to lack of volunteers but by that date over 400 free meals have been provided to children and others in need. Also, through Wesley's, Paul Caddy has been working with up to 40 young people each week in Kirkham.

We have vacancies in the kitchen working with food, serving, washing up or front of house or helping with shopping or collections from stores. No experience is required as training and support is part of every service. One of the most exciting things is seeing people learn new skills and achieve things they thought beyond them.

We ask your prayers for this work as we decide its future direction. If you would like to know more please contact our Minister, Stephen

FUNDRAISING BOXES



We are grateful to the many people who have taken collecting boxes to help with our fundraising. The total given in the Connexional year 2018-19 is £681.33. Thank you for all your support.

These boxes are a great opportunity to put in occasional extra donations towards our development fund and also to seek contributions from friends and family. If you don't already have a box and would like to help the work of the community hub in this way, please speak to one of the stewards.

**The next collection of the boxes will be on
Sundays 22 & 29 October**

Please write your name clearly on the BACK of the box. After counting, the boxes will be acknowledged and returned to you.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Laura Irving and Isaac Moore who have announced their engagement and are to be married on the 8 August 2020.

We share their joy and pray for their future.

Safeguarding Advanced Module Training **2019 -2020**

Are you a Pastoral Team Leader, CYP team leader, Worship Leader, Local Preacher, Lay Worker, Presbyter, District / Circuit / Church Safeguarding Officer or Safeguarding Training Provider?

If so, sometime during the next year and a half you need to attend **The Advanced Module Safeguarding Training Course.** (It replaces the old Leadership Module.)

The dates for the Connexional Year 2019 – 2020 are as follows:

Thursday 26th September 2019 at Fairhaven Methodist Church, Lytham St. Annes, FY8 1BZ

Saturday 16th November at Hesketh Bank Methodist Church, PR4 6RY

Monday 24th February 2020 at Fleetwood Methodist Church, FY7 8HN

Saturday 21st March 2020 at Wesley Hall, Blackburn, BB2 1LQ

Tuesday 21st April 2020 at Torrisholme Methodist Church, Morecambe, LA4 6LT

Monday 11th May 2020 at Penwortham Methodist Church, Preston, PR1 9XR

Saturday 20th June 2020 at Barnoldswick Methodist Church, BB18 5BP

Saturday 4th July 2020 at Chorley Methodist Church, PR7 2EZ

The link for further details and booking

is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creating-safer-space-advanced-module-tickets-59574767734>

You may attend in any circuit.

For all the sessions, hot drinks will be available from 9.30am and provided at mid morning and lunch time, **but participants are asked to bring a packed lunch.** Sessions will commence at 10.00am and finish by 3.30pm at the latest.

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE SPEAK TO OUR CHURCH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER, DILYS CURRIE.

Please inform Dilys when you have booked and attended.

Tel: 01253 720411

Email: dilyscurrie1951@gmail.com

Have you had a conversation with God lately?

Prayer is worship, praise, confession, intercession..... it is what you want it to be between yourself and God. However there are times when we value help to pray or we need the prayers of others. From the early church we read of the elders gathering together to pray for those in need of prayer, today with modern media we hear of global prayer events but what is happening here at Church Road?

Did you know.....

That we have 3 Prayer Stewards, Val Ball, Sadie Bridge, and Catherine Peak as well as the Church Stewards who are around each Sunday.

Did you know.....

That from this September a Prayer Group will meet on the alternate Thursdays to the Thursday Worship at 11am so you can make Thursday a regular date and time in your diary to come along and join in.

Did you know.....

That a prayer box sits at the back of the church waiting for your prayer requests?

You said 'Follow me', but you didn't say where to.

You can't mean that way-

I hit a dead-end last time.

Oh, I see - you mean 'Follow me'.

Sorry - lost you in the fog

Oh a glimpse of a shadowy figure

Please wait for me.

I can't keep up with all the changes in direction,

Yes, yes I can feel the pull-

There you are, found you in prayer.

'Yes, but do keep up it's a long way to go.'

If we don't speak to God how do we know what God wants of each one of us? How do we know how blessed we are to have such a loving and caring God?

Judith Smith - Pastoral Lay Worker



National Prayer Weekend September 27 - 29

Hopefully, you already know that Church Road is taking part in the National Prayer Weekend, a nationwide initiative which provides an opportunity for churches, groups and individuals around the country to join together to pray for their local communities.

Our planned activities include:

- Letters to our local MP and Mayor as well as schools and other organisations which serve the community offering to pray for them along the lines they suggest;
- Including church group leaders, members and attendees in the invitation to give us their prayer requests;
- Engaging with our neighbours to offer to pray with / for them about their concerns;
- A 'Prayer Wall' in the church to support notifying prayer requests, during September;
- A Prayer Walk, alongside other participating Churches Together friends on Friday 27 September;
- A Church Open Day on Saturday 28th to invite friends and neighbours in for tea/coffee and a chat, with an opportunity to explore and engage in prayer in different ways;
- A special focus during the service on 29th on key themes emerging from the previous events.

We have a set up a dedicated mobile phone for text or voicemail messages – 07749589053 – and also fliers, which can be used for individual prayer requests. Any prayer requests received which contain personal data will be stored securely and destroyed before the end of October 2019.

Shortly, I will be speaking to the children's and young people's leaders about how they can play an active part in all this.

But what about you? Please, please **pray** about this, in particular:

- That God's plans for Church Road's participation in this event come to fruition
- For responses to the letters, fliers, conversations etc for prayer requests
- For enough volunteers to come forward to take an active part
- That all those who pray and ask for prayer will be blessed and that God will change lives – both within our church community and throughout St Annes

If you would like to know more about the weekend, you can visit www.national-prayer-weekend.com where you can also see a live map of other Christian groups joining in and taking part!



WINTER PLANTING DEMONSTRATION

by Greg Anderton of Leafy Lytham

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

at 2.30 p.m.

Tickets £5 each to include refreshments

Greg Anderton is the founder and owner of Leafy Lytham, a garden design and retail business operating within Lancashire. Starting his business at school, Greg now designs gardens for homeowners across the Fylde, creates many of the floral displays for the businesses in Lytham as well as having his own plant centre at Lytham Hall which raises money for the restoration and upkeep of the estate.



LADIES FASHION SHOW at FYLDE RUFC

WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER

7 for 7.30 p.m.

Ladies !

You have probably seen the advance notice of our Fashion Show at Fylde Rugby Club on Wednesday 16 October at 7.30 p.m. We are hoping you will invite friends and family to support this event and help to make it successful. The show will focus on fashion for the over 40's and older.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE AND WATCH OUT FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE WEEKLY NOTICES

We intend to organise a Raffle and if anyone has an unwanted hamper or large basket which they could let us have we would be most grateful. Tickets at £7.50 each will be available soon and any donations for raffle prizes will be most welcome in advance of the evening and passed to Pauline Berwick, Lesley Turner or Barbara Knowles.



FESTIVE FETE

**on Saturday 16 November
from 10.00 a.m.**



Coffee

Food

Christmas Stall

Books

Cakes



Tombola

**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE
MORE DETAILS IN THE WEEKLY NOTICES NEARER THE TIME**

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

OPENING MEETING WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2019 AT 2 15 PM

PRESIDENT'S TEA

Traditionally this is when we celebrate President Val's afternoon. The first meeting is in Church so please use the main Church door. This is the start of an interesting session with a variety of speakers etc. If you have not been to Ladies' Fellowship before why not try it. If you are not able to come every week then just come when you can. All ladies welcome. The entertainment for the first meeting on 9 October is to be arranged followed by tea and cakes. There is a change this year as we are having speakers mostly once every other week. Alternate Wednesdays will be a social afternoon when we can either play games, knit or just chat.

AUTUMN PROGRAMME

Until 2 October we are continuing to meet at Ashton Gardens Café between 3 00 pm and 4 00 pm on Wednesday afternoons.

October

- 9 Oct President's Tea
- 16 Oct Social Afternoon
- 23 Oct Rev Stephen Heath
- 30 Oct Social Afternoon

November

- 6 Nov **Visit to The Drive**
- 13 Nov Working with Refugees – Anne Hollows
- 20 Nov **The Drive's visit to us** – A doll maker's look at the history of Blackpool
- 27 Nov Social Afternoon

For more information, please contact Elaine Watts - Tel: 722302.



FUND FOR HUMAN NEED

A Methodist charity which seeks to give financial help to some of the neediest in society.

The *Fund for Human Need* (FHN) was founded in 1960 by Revd Donald McNeill, a Methodist Minister in Tooting, South London, together with a small group of other Methodists, who believed that they had a responsibility to help the poorest and most needy people. For many years the Fund was administered by the Methodist Church jointly with the *Methodist Relief & Development Fund* (MRDF, now known as *All We Can*). The emphasis has always been on small grants to individuals who have no access to major relief funds, and “where a little helps a lot”.

In 1997, MRDF passed over to FHN responsibility for grants to refugees and asylum seekers and, for several years, provided FHN with funding for this work. Since 2006 the Fund has been administered by its officers on a voluntary basis, and it now relies entirely on individual donors and various churches for its funding.

The charity was established to relieve poverty and hunger. Emergency payments are made, irrespective of faith, ethnic origin or social group, to individuals in the UK, most of whom are refugees, asylum seekers or homeless, and to those in other kinds of personal distress.

The Fund makes about 60-100 one-off emergency relief payments each month to individuals, usually to a maximum of £120. Priority is given to those who are destitute or have no income or benefits, to those who are particularly vulnerable, and to those where a small amount of money will make a major difference.

FIND OUT MORE at
www.fundforhumannedd.org.uk

HOW TO GIVE TO FHN

- by making a one-off donation, direct or through the Just Giving website
- by standing order.
- by including FHN in your will.



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade



Traidcraft Exchange works with partners in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, running programmes to support people working in different supply chains.

Our long experience in this area has meant we have a good understanding of how trade can lead to sustainable development and poverty eradication. Our experience has shown time and again that the most powerful take the lion's share of the value, whilst passing on costs and risks to vulnerable workers, small-scale farmers and artisans who struggle to survive at the bottom of the chain.

That's why we work with others to help the most vulnerable people have a stronger voice, and to make sure that trade is done in a way that respects and preserves the environment.

The Traidcraft stall will be at the rear of the church on the last Sunday of each month – Sundays 29 September, 27 October and 24 November.

The stall normally sells biscuits, chocolate, honey, coffee, tea, sugar and greeting cards. Every product you buy from Traidcraft gives skilled farmers the power to cultivate a better future for themselves, their families and their community.

Every time you buy Traidcraft products you support Traidcraft's work with people living in some of the world's poorest countries.

Thank you to everyone who supports and helps with the stall in any way.



FIRST AID COURSE

I have been asked to arrange a First Aid course for anyone interested across the Circuit. This will be free of charge. If anyone is interested and would like more information or to attend the course, please contact Stephen

stephen.heath@churchrdmethodist.org.uk or by mobile at 07711917955.

Time and date will be arranged to accommodate those wishing to attend, and the availability of the trainer.

HOBBYCRAFT GROUP

The Hobbycraft Group will be starting again in the Autumn, running from 12 30 to 2 30pm on a Thursday in room 4. Bring your own craft or learn something new, chat with friends or make new ones.

Watch out in the weekly notices for more information

We would like to be able to have a rota of people who would be willing to be responsible for getting equipment out and putting it away. If we could find 4 willing people it would only mean cover for one Thursday in the month. Please speak to Judith Smith if you are able to help.



MHA COFFEE MORNING

on SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER

at FRECKLETON METHODIST CHURCH

Please put the date in your diary and come along to support us.

More details in the weekly notices



A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

by St. Annes Community Choir

Musical Director Kevin Morgan

Saturday 7 December at 7.00 p.m

Tickets £6 or pay at the door

All the music you want to hear and take part in over Christmas in one Concert.

IN AID OF ACTION FOR CHILDREN

LAMPEDUSA CROSS



The island of Lampedusa is the largest island in the Italian archipelago of the Pelagie Islands, which lie to the south of Sicily in the Mediterranean, only 70 miles from the coast of North Africa.

Since the early 2000s, the island has come under pressure as a European entry point for people wanting to enter Europe from north Africa and the Middle East. The island hit the headlines in October 2013, when a boat carrying over 500 migrants, mostly from Eritrea and Somalia, sank off its coast with the loss of at least 300 people. Residents of Lampedusa helped to save the lives of 155 others, many of whom were Eritrean Christians fleeing persecution.

A local carpenter, Francesco Tuccio, was disturbed to see the survivors at Mass one day - poverty stricken, disorientated in their new surroundings and traumatised by the loss of many of their companions. He became concerned that he could do so little to help them, but decided that he would collect driftwood from the wreckage of the boats and use his skills as a carpenter to carve each one of them a small cross as a sign of their rescue from the sea and an expression of hope for a better life ahead.

News of his gesture soon spread and he was commissioned to make more of these simple crosses for churches across Sicily. A similar cross was made for Pope Francis who carried it at a memorial service for those who had perished. After hearing of his work on a BBC radio programme, a curator of the British Museum also commissioned a cross to display in the museum, to recognise a significant moment in European history and a reminder of the refugee crisis the world is facing. A number of cathedrals in England are now also displaying Lampedusa crosses.

A small gesture by a local carpenter in Lampedusa has sent a message of hope to a wider world.

“No act of kindness, however small, is wasted”

Aesop (620-560 BC)

JIGSAW PUZZLE

I am a jigsaw puzzle as I walk along in life
And slowly by slowly
The pieces just broke apart
Misery and illness
Pain I had never known
Suffering and sadness
As I cried out to the Lord
And the last remaining piece
In the centre of this puzzle
Jesus Christ my Saviour
As He stood there in the middle
I knelt and bowed before Him
And asked Him into my life
He picked me up and held me tight
And rearranged my life
And slowly by slowly
He's put the pieces back
I am a jigsaw puzzle
And He's made me whole again.

AMEN

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Written by Kath Kay
by the Grace of God

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS PAGE

A reminder that once again we will be having a Christmas Greetings page in the next edition of the Record. If you wish to send greetings to church friends in this way and give a donation to church funds instead of sending Christmas cards, please hand your gift to Andrew Whitley, by early November please.



CLIMATE EMERGENCY

In 2011, the Methodist Conference adopted *Hope in God's Future*, which set out a Methodist understanding of the challenges facing our global ecology and the theological and ethical implications, as a Statement of the

Judgment of the Conference. The 2019 Conference heard that since then, both the scientific evidence and the global ambition for action have developed further. The Council reported to the Conference that it had endorsed proposals for the development of Eco Circuits and Eco Districts along with the Eco Church awards. The Conference received a memorial from the Bristol District, which highlighted the need for urgent action on climate change. Recognising the climate emergency, the Conference endorsed this need for urgent action. The Conference also adopted a notice of motion concerned with reducing the use of plastic.

LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS – our environmental challenge

As Christians, we believe that God doesn't just promise life, but life in all its fullness (John 10:10). We want all of God's created Kingdom not just to survive, but to thrive. We are becoming increasingly aware of the challenges involved.

It's raining plastic!

A big concern, highlighted especially by David Attenborough, is the excessive use of plastics and its impact on our environment. Pollution caused by the accumulation of plastic objects and particles in the Earth's environment adversely affects wildlife, wildlife habitat, and humans. Unless we take more action, by 2050, we could have more plastic than fish in the sea by weight. Since the 1950's, over 8.3 billion tonnes of plastic have been produced - enough plastic to cover every inch of the UK ankle-deep more than ten times over. Although recycling rates have been improving, a mere 9% of this has been recycled.

Recent reports have revealed that rainwater samples in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado have contained multi coloured microplastic fibres, which has raised even more concern about the amount of plastic

permeating our air, soil and water. Other studies have found microplastics in the deepest parts of the ocean, in British lakes, in US groundwater and in snowfalls both in the Arctic and the Alps.

Reducing plastic

To respect our environment, we all need to reduce our use of plastic. Here are some easy steps that we can consider to help us reduce the single-use plastics in our lives.



1. Give up disposable cups. A reusable cup not only saves waste but saves money too, with many coffee shops now offering discounts.
2. Take your own reusable bags to the supermarket. Plastic bags and produce bags in particular are often used for minutes before being discarded. Most plastic bags are not recycled, ending up in landfills.
3. Try to avoid overpackaged foods. Where you can buy in bulk and re-use plastic containers – for example by taking your own for buying meat, fish or cheese.
4. Look around your bathroom and see what plastics you can replace. Do you have plastic bottles sitting around in your shower? Find a brand you like and try and get it in bulk. Check that your toiletries don't contain microbeads (avoid anything that lists polyethylene as an ingredient). Try using bar soap instead of liquid soap.
5. Buy once and buy well. Choose natural fibres if possible. By investing in quality you are minimising the demand for cheap items that end up in landfill. When buying new clothes look for organic cotton, wool, and other natural fibres. Synthetic fabrics create microfibre pollution when washed.

REFUSE REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE
SAY NO TO SINGLE USE PLASTIC

"The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains – the world, and those who dwell in it. For He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers."

Psalm 24:1-2

TOLPUDDLE MARTYRS

The birth of trade unionism

Between 1770 and 1830, field enclosures began to change the English rural landscape forever. Landowners annexed vast acreages, producing even greater wealth from the now familiar pattern of small hedged fields. Villagers no longer had plots to grow vegetables or open commons for grazing their single cow or sheep and pigs.



Life in villages like Tolpuddle in Dorset was hard and became even worse. In 1834 six agricultural labourers met under a sycamore tree in the centre of the village to discuss their poor wages and living conditions. Here, they formed the first trade union in Britain to bargain for better pay and working conditions. Their leader was George Loveless, a Methodist local preacher. At least three of the others were also Methodists.

The local landowners, supported by the government, were desperate to put a stop to the union and to control increasing outbreaks of dissent. The Tolpuddle Six were arrested, sent to Dorchester for trial, and charged under the 1797 Mutiny Act. They were convicted of swearing a secret oath as members of the Friendly Society of Agricultural Labourers and sentenced to seven years transportation to Australia.

However, this sentence was widely seen to be unduly harsh and following a national outcry, the “Tolpuddle Martyrs” were pardoned after two years. They finally returned after three years as sheep farmers in Australia to live out their days in the village, where the sycamore tree still stands on the green and has become the symbolic birthplace of the Trade Unions’ movement.

As committed Christians in the Methodist tradition, the Tolpuddle Martyrs had been very clear that their lives were dedicated to serving God. The legacy of Wesley’s preaching, through which he had advocated reducing the gap between rich and poor, the need for full employment and measures to help the poor, had resonated with these workers of

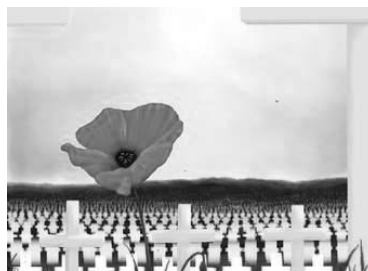
Tolpuddle. Their efforts to secure better pay and conditions in the fields of Dorset marked the start of the trade union movement and it's easy to see why the early trade union movement and the labour movement were inspired by John Wesley's Methodism.

Indeed, as former Labour Prime Minister Harold Wilson once remarked -
"The British Labour movement owes more to Methodism than to Marx"

Courage, brother, do not stumble,
Though thy path be dark as night;
There's a star to guide the humble:
Trust in God and do the right.
Let the road be rough and dreary,
And its end far out of sight,
Foot it bravely; strong or weary,

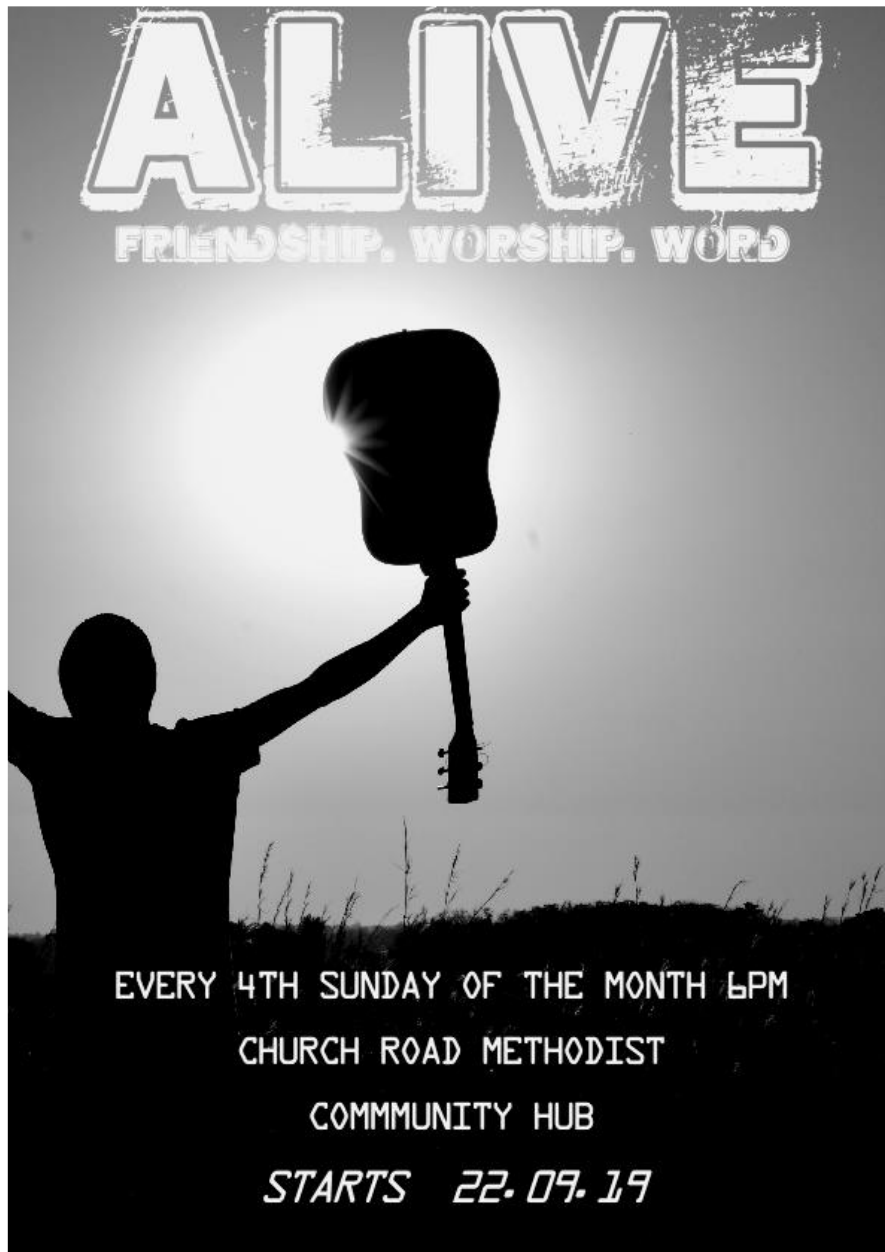
*Trust in God, trust in God,
Trust in God and do the right.*

Norman Macleod



Service of Remembrance & Holy Communion
Sunday 10 November at 10.30 a.m.
led by Judith Smith & Revd Joan Edwell

Remembrance Sunday is the day on which we traditionally remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom that we enjoy today. On this day at the eleventh hour, people across the nation will pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by our brave service men and women in both past and present fields of armed conflict.



Join us every fourth Sunday of the month at 6pm for *aLive!*

Friendship, worship and word in Church Road Community Hub.

Starting on 22nd September *aLive!* will explore God's word through discussion amongst friends and discover new Christian music styles.

*"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done". – Psalms 105:1*

DIARY NOTES



MOVEMENT TO MUSIC: Every MONDAY 7.30 to 8.30 p.m and Wednesday from 9.45 to 10.45 a.m. commencing on 16 September.

BUMBLEBEES: Every TUESDAY in term-time from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. for 0-4's with parents and carers.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP: Every WEDNESDAY at 2.15 p.m. commencing on 9 October. In the Ashton Gardens Café from 3.00 to 4.00 p.m. during September.

WORSHIP ON THURSDAY: On the first and third THURSDAY at 11.00 a.m. Programme details in weekly notices.

PRAYERS ON THURSDAY: On the second and fourth THURSDAY at 11.00 a.m.

HOBBYCRAFT: Every THURSDAY from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. Bring your own craft or learn something new, chat with friends or make new ones.

FRIDAY FUN CLUB: Every FRIDAY in term time, for children, ages 6-11 years from 6.00 to 7.15 p.m

ACTIV8 CAFÉ STYLE WORSHIP at 9.00 for 9.15 a.m. on the first SUNDAY of each month.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL: After morning worship, generally on the last SUNDAY of each month. Come along and support fair trade products.

TIME OUT at 7.00 p.m. every THIRD SUNDAY of each month. An informal faith based group for young people 12+

aLIVE at 6.30 p.m. every FOURTH SUNDAY of each month. Explore God's word through discussion amongst friends and discover new Christian music styles.

FRESH at FAIRHAVEN at 6.30 for 7.00 p.m every SUNDAY at Fairhaven Methodist Church. An opportunity to explore faith through media, conversation and prayer. Drinks are available from 6.30 p.m. and worship begins at 7.00 p.m.

Please check the weekly notices or the church website for any changes or additional activities

Keep up to date!

All our church activities are included in our weekly news sheet and on our website. Any items that you wish to be included should be sent to the Church Office, preferably by email, by lunchtime on Thursdays.

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If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly notices by email, please email a request to the church office



Church Road is on Facebook. If you are too, “Like” our page and receive updates each week of activities taking place here. Don’t forget to share our news with your friends as well.

Please visit our new website, which has details of all services and activities at Church Road. If you have a church event that you want to include, please pass the information to the church office.

www.churchroadmethodist.org.uk

The next edition of the THE RECORD will be the Christmas and New Year edition, which will be published at the end of November. All contributions welcome. Please let us know if you have any special family news or celebrations that you would like to share with our readers.

You don’t need to wait for the deadline to send something to the Church Office, but in case you are a last minute person, the absolute deadline will be

1p.m. on Friday 15 November 2019

Please send articles by email if possible to
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