

FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

*"Look to the Lord, and His strength; seek His face always."
1 Chronicles 16 verse 11.*



SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2023

Welcome to Fulwood Methodist Church. If you are new, we would love to get to know you better. Please speak to the Minister or to one of the Stewards.

10.30am. Morning Worship and Gift Service led by Mr Andrew Bennett.

It will be a difficult Christmas for many families. Please be as generous as you can with gifts of toys, toiletries, and goodies to brighten someone else's Christmas.

4.00pm - 6.00pm. Advent Celebration.

Please join us for a hot meal, crafts, drama about the Christmas story, carols round the tree and goodies to take home.

PRAYER

*My Lord and My God, I offer my praises to you and thank you for your never-ending love towards me. I know that I can come to you at any time, because no matter what the problem, no matter the timing, you, and you alone, are the one who has the power to overcome. Be with me and strengthen me.
I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 4th December.

4.45pm – 5.45pm. Squirrels.

5.45pm – 7.00pm. Beavers.

7.00pm – 8.15pm. Cubs.

Tuesday 5th December.

10.00am to 12 noon. Open for coffee and the 'New to You' stall. All are welcome.

7.00pm – 9.00pm. Scouts.

AM Club. Christmas Meal at Ferrari's Longridge.

Wednesday 6th December.

8.00am. District Prayers led by Rev Phil Gough.

Meeting ID:662 251 8842. Passcode 234567.

10.00am – 12.30pm. 'Welcome Wednesday open for drinks, soup, bacon butties and scones and 'New to You Stall'. All welcome.

10.30am. Holy Communion led by Revd. Jane Wild.

7.00pm – 8.15pm. Community Choir. All welcome.

Thursday 7th December.

2.00pm – 4.00pm. Knitting Group.

6.00pm – 7.00pm. Rainbows.

6.15pm – 7.30pm. Brownies.

7.30pm – 9.00pm. Guides.

8.00pm – 9.30pm. Rangers (fortnightly).

Friday 8th December.

9.30pm – 11.30am. Toddlers Group.

6.30pm – 8.00pm. Escape.

8.00pm – 9.30pm. Youth Club.

Sunday 10th December.

10.30am. Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Revd. Jane Wild.

2.30pm at Freckleton Methodist Church, “The Messiah” performed by KVV Singers.

See poster [HERE](#) for details.

6.30pm. “While Shepherds Watched” at Hope Methodist Church. Refreshments available after performance.

FUTURE DATES

Tuesday 12th December.

2.00pm. Tuesdays at Two. Christmas Communion.

7.00pm. The Book Club will be holding their regular Christmas Quiz evening in the Cedar room and everyone is welcome! Quizmasters will be Chris Porter and Ken Wales - but the main idea is to have a good time. Three 'instructions':

- ☺ if you could wear something red or green that might help the evening along. Not vital!
- ☺ you may wish to remind yourself (you don't need to read it fully) of Dickens' Christmas Carol, because that might help too.
- ☺ bring some goodies if you are able!

Friday 15th December. 9.45am – 12noon. Toddlers Club Christmas Party. Please note children must be booked in prior to the event.

Saturday 16th December. 10.00am to 12noon. Hot Chocolate and Gingerbread Social. Come and join us for Christmas fun, film, craft and games. All welcome.

Sunday 17th December.

10.30am. Messy Nativity led by members of the Church.

5.30pm. Carol Service led by Revd. Jane Wild.

Monday 18th December. 12noon. Lancashire Sings Christmas is back with a fresh focus. Live from Blackburn Studios and focussing on Carers at Christmas across the range of care in the community.

Thursday 21st December is the Longest Night of the year and “As Darkness Falls” Penwortham Bridge Methodist Church will be ready to welcome you. The Church foyer space serving warm drinks from 4.00pm until 6.00pm. This will be a safe and welcoming space for all, especially if this is a challenging time for you. There will be candles available to light in the garden in memory of someone or you may just want to light a candle for yourself. Come and join us, stay as long as you like.

Saturday 23rd December. 10.00am. Christingle making at Church.

Sunday 24th December. (Christmas Eve).

3.00pm. Christingle Service led by Revd. Jane Wild.

11.30pm. Holy Communion led by Revd. Jane Wild.

Monday 25th December. Christmas Day.

10.00am. Christmas Morning Service led by Revd. Jane Wild.

Sunday 31st December.

11.00am. Joint Morning Service led by Revd. Jane Wild followed by a “bring and share” lunch.

Tuesday 9th January. 7.30pm. Worship Planning Meeting at Church. This meeting is open to all interested in developing our worship and in planning some of the services. At any time if you have ideas to share, Worship Stewards, Mavis Fletcher and Judith Lowe would be very happy to have your suggestions which can also be taken to the meeting. Specific items for the agenda should be given to us by the end of December please.

Sunday 21st January 2024. 3.00pm. Churches Together in Fulwood and Broughton are having a Service in the week of prayer for Christian Unity, at Christ Church Fulwood. With all the local Churches contributing something please put it in your diaries and come along if you can

OTHER NOTICES

A Plea for Help. We really could do with 1 or 2 more drivers for the Church Minibus. If you can help with this very worthwhile and rewarding role on a rota basis, please contact Eric (963743) or Andrew Bennett (860965). Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who supported our combined Farmers Market and Christmas Fair. It was a super event - with lots of people attending, creating a real buzz of excitement, we even had a visit from Santa!! Overall, we raised a total of £1485, with the Christmas Fair stalls alone contributing £880. Well done everyone!

Salvation Army. Thank you for your continued support to the Community Food Bank in Preston. Items can still be left in the yellow box in the hall.

Prayer Chain. We believe that God hears and answers prayer, so we take seriously His invitation to lay before Him our concerns. Because we believe prayer makes a difference, several people in this Church have committed themselves to pray for you or your loved ones at times of crisis or worry – this is our Prayer Chain. All prayers, names and situations are held in confidence. If you feel called to join the Prayer Chain, please contact [Sue Whiteford](#) or 864478.

Church Transport. Contact Eric Waterhouse on 863743. The driver today is John Ferris and next week, 10th December, it will be Emma Byers.

Notices. Please email or give anything you need included in the notices to [Beryl Hoyle](#) AND [Sue Whiteford](#) by Wednesday morning

Room Bookings. If you wish to book a room at Church, or your group are planning an event and want to know which rooms are available on your chosen date, please contact our Church Administrator, Sharon Beck, by email administrator@fulwoodmethodist.org.uk, and she will give you all the information you need. This avoids any double booking of rooms and helps with invoicing and booking information which Sharon has to send out to all those who use our building.

'A MONTH OF SUNDAYS' FOR DECEMBER 2023 [HERE](#)

CIRCUIT PREACHING PLAN -
(Q2) December 2023 - February 2024 [HERE](#)

CIRCUIT CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS 2023 [HERE](#)

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

When joining the services via Zoom please turn OFF your camera and microphone.

Click the [BLUE](#) links below for access.

MORNING SERVICE Every Sunday 10.30am Passcode: email [Jane Wild](#)

LANCASHIRE DISTRICT ZOOM SERVICE Every Sunday 7.00pm

PASSCODE: [CLICK HERE](#)

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