



# FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Matthew 11 verse 28.*

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**Welcome to Fulwood Methodist Church.**

**We extend a very warm welcome to all who worship with us and invite you to join us for tea or coffee after the service.**

**If you are new, we would love to get to know you better.**

**Please speak to the Minister or to one of the Stewards.**

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## SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

**10.30am. Morning Worship with Holy Communion and a Baptism led by Revd. Jane Wild.**

### PRAYER

*Dear Father, thank You that I can come close to You, knowing that my sin has been removed. Thank You that You give me rest for my soul and perfect peace in my heart. Look with mercy on those who do not yet know you.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen.*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

**11.00am - 12 noon.** Come and join the Church singers in the Cedar Room in preparation music for Christmas and beyond.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

**10.00am to 12noon.** Open for coffee and 'New to You Stall'.

Friends at Fulwood. Afternoon Tea at St. Catherines. Meet in car park at 1.45pm for transport on the mini bus.

**7.00pm.** The **Book Club** will be meet in the Cedar Room for our usual Christmas extravaganza. Some Christmas goodies, loads of fun and laughter, a light-hearted quiz and a bit of discussion about the poetry of Lemm Sissay and Mary Oliver. Do come along.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

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

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

**7.00pm.** Community Choir.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

**2.30pm to 4.00pm. Knitting Group.** Come and enjoy Festive Food and Fun with Friends. There will be a raffle and a table quiz. Tickets £6 from Veronica or Jude. We can cater for gluten free, but need to know in advance.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

**9.45am for 10.00am. Toddlers Club Christmas Party.** Please note that children must be booked in beforehand. This will be the last Toddler Club of the year; we restart at 9.30am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**6.00pm – 8.00pm** Escape.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.** Morning Worship led by Professor Alan Gillies.

**7.00pm – 8.00pm.** The Final Circuit '**Hush the Noise**' **Advent Bible Study** on Zoom. An interactive discussion around the themes for Advent and all are welcome.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December. 10.00am – 12noon. Hot Chocolate and Gingerbread Social.** Join us for crafts, games, film, Hot Chocolate and Gingerbread. Open to all.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. 10.30am. Messy Nativity Service,** but crafts from 10.00am. All welcome, you can choose to spend some time exploring other aspects of Christmas or participate in the service in Church. You are welcome to dress as someone from the Christmas story either in our own costume or you can borrow one from Church.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. 10.00am.** Christingle Making – help us put together the 200 oranges and bags for the service. You never know there might be a sausage/bacon butty when finished!

## CHRISTMAS AT FULWOOD AT A GLANCE

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December. 10.00am.** Hot Chocolate and Gingerbread Social.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. 10.30am.** Messy Nativity Service.

**5.30pm.** Carol Service.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December. 3.00pm.** Christingle Service.

**11.30pm.** Midnight Communion Service.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December. 10.00am.** Christmas Day Service.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December. 11.00am.** Joint Service at Penwortham.

**Can you help?** Additional help as Welcomers is needed for the following extra services. As ever, we're dependent on YOU! Names to Roy Smith please:

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December for the Carol Service.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December for the Christingle Service & for Midnight Communion.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Morning.

## OTHER NOTICES

**Advent Services.** This advent we will be following the Methodist theme of 'Hush the Noise' in which we are encouraged to put aside some of the Christmas distractions and focus on God. So, we are going have a reverse advent ring in which would have all the candles lit and lights and images around it that will gradually decrease until we are left with the one candle on Christmas day.

**Suggestions for Advent Devotions:**

- Starting Christmas Eve: [Hush the Noise - the Methodist Church](#),
- Then from beginning of Advent, <http://adventword.org/sign-up-adventword>.

Or for those preferring a book:

- "Walking Backwards to Christmas" 11 Reflections by Stephen Cottrell;
- "The Meaning is in the Waiting", by Dr Paula Gooder;
- **"Watch for the Light": Readings for Advent and Christmas paperback.**

**Our Christmas collections** this year will be split between Action for Children, The Foxton Centre and St Catherine's Hospice. If anyone would like to donate by card, please see a Steward.

**Thanks.** Ribbleton Avenue Methodist Junior School thank everyone at Fulwood Methodist for all the gifts. They will be appreciated by many families at Christmas.

**Marie Curie Christmas Quiz** is available for £1 from Veronica - text 07742 9102092 if you want to order any.

**Offertory Envelopes.** We have ordered the new offertory envelopes for those who use them. We have only ordered enough for 25 people even though we have 27 members who use envelopes - as it would be wasteful to order 50. Please could I therefore ask for a couple of people to please volunteer to move their giving to standing order? If you need any help with this - call Amanda on 07768416801.

**Coffee rota.** Due to illness / changing circumstances, can anyone offer to serve coffee once every 7 weeks after the Sunday morning service. Contact Sue Penrith.

**The Salvation Army Food Bank** are always grateful for any donations of dried/tinned foods or toiletries, and these can 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 would like us to pray for you, please contact [Sue Whiteford](#) or 864478.

**Church Transport.** If you wish to use the minibus, please contact Eric Waterhouse 863743.

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

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**Room Bookings.** If you wish to book a room at Church, or you want to know which rooms are available on a certain date, please contact Angela Dunnet by email, [administrator@fulwoodmethodist.org.uk](mailto:administrator@fulwoodmethodist.org.uk). This avoids any double booking of rooms and helps with invoicing and booking information which Angela has to send out to all those who use our building.

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## CIRCUIT PRAYER NEWSFLASH FOR DECEMBER 2024

**West Preston Methodist Church, Ingol:** *We thank God for the growth of the Friday Friends group where new friendships are being made and as a warm space people are finding to meet and enter the church building in this area of Ingol. We ask you, Lord, for faith to follow your guiding, courage to trust in you and strength to carry out your will for us and our community wherever we are, whoever we meet and whatever we find ourselves doing in the days to come. May His will, not ours, be done in all things. Amen.*

**West Preston Methodist Church, Ashton:** *We're thankful for the loving fellowship of our church family and would like to pray for our local community and that we can find ways to serve them wholeheartedly through the Home cafe and activities which take place in the church building. Looking towards Advent we are open for families and children to join us for Christingle on Christmas Eve!*

**'A MONTH OF SUNDAYS' FOR DECEMBER 2024** CLICK [HERE](#)

**CIRCUIT PREACHING PLAN (Q2) DEC 2024 - FEB 2025** [HERE](#)

## UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

The Uniformed Organisations meet at Church as shown below. Parents will be notified when each organisation has a break during a school holiday.

### **Mondays:**

**4.45pm - 5.45pm.** Squirrels.

**5.45pm - 7.00pm.** Beavers.

**7.00pm - 8.15pm.** Cubs.

### **Tuesdays:**

**7.00pm – 9.00pm.** Scouts.

### **Thursdays:**

**6.00pm – 7.00pm.** Rainbows.

**6.15pm - 7.30pm.** Brownies.

**7.30pm - 9.00pm.** Guides.

**8.00pm - 9.30pm.** Rangers

## **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

On [ZOOM](#) Passcode: email [Jane Wild](mailto:jane.wild@methodist.org.uk)

**LANCASHIRE DISTRICT ZOOM SERVICE** Every Sunday 7.00pm

ON [ZOOM](#) PASSCODE: [CLICK HERE](#)

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