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Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1: 9 NIV

Sunday 15th November 2020

The Church will be closed for worship until the 6th of December

9.00am Breakfast Church – via Zoom. The theme for the next few weeks is 'This is me', so if possible, try and read Psalm 139.

For this week you will need: 75g butter 3.5 tbsp golden syrup, 60g light brown sugar 175g plain flour, 1/4 tsp bicarbonate of soda, 2 tsp ground ginger

It would be useful if people could mix ingredients together before hand- mix butter, syrup & sugar in pan until sugar dissolved, then add dry ingredients, mix all together. Wrap in cling film for at least 30mins. Also need a person cutter

10.30am. Morning Service – due to lockdown there will no congregation However you will be able to access a Sunday morning service broadcast from the Church on Zoom at 10.30am. Please mute yourself and turn off the video.

Please try and log in by 10.25am so that you are ready for the beginning of the service.

There will be opportunity after the service to have a conversation with others on Zoom if you wish to stay on, remember to turn your video and sound back on. Bring along your cup of coffee.

Love Feast Sunday at 12 noon

You are invited to share in a love feast where we pray together and eat together.

Traditionally Methodists use cake and water at this event but you can use anything you choose. We will be doing it online (Zoom Code Below) but I have sent out hard copies of the order to those we know who are not online to read at the appropriate time, and they will be attached to these notices next week. Please share it if you know anyone who would like one.

7.00pm. District Service via Zoom.

Mondays at 7.30pm STOP AND PRAY

Join the Church family in this prayer at 7.30pm on Monday and maybe pray for other things too. It will be good to know that we are all praying at the same time.

We thank you that you are a God of love who is always ready to listen to us.

We pray

For those overburdened by demands - give them rest, O Lord

For those overburdened with anxieties - give them peace, O Lord

For those ill with COVID or other illnesses - give them comfort and healing, O Lord

For those in situations where they cannot see a way out - give them freedom, O Lord

For those in need of hope - give them peace, O Lord

(Personalise your prayers where possible)

Sunday Services, Reflections and Prayers

The Circuit Service will still be available on [Facebook](#) and [You Tube](#). The reflections and prayers on [Facebook](#) will available on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Fulwood Church Challenge 2. Congratulations to those who have completed the first Fulwood Church Challenge; their badges will be available today.

Ready for the next challenge, 'God and me' based on Psalm 139. There are activities for all age groups and this time we have used a 'pick and mix' approach. When you have completed at least one task from each section, you will be awarded a badge to celebrate your achievement.

Instructions are at the end of these notices and on Facebook or you can call Janet Wales.

Messy Church Tuesday November 17th at 6.00pm on ZOOM

Magazine - Very few items have been received for the Christmas online magazine, so please can we have any articles sent to [Roy Smith](#) and [John Butterworth](#) as soon as possible, but by Sunday 22 November at the latest please. Thank you.

Help please. Darren needs about 23 shoeboxes for a church advent project - if you have any you can spare please could they be left on the serving hatch, where they will be moved ASAP.

Shoeboxes no bigger than 16x12 inches please.

Darren is also looking for 23 people/family units to make an advent shoebox diorama for a church Advent Calendar – what you will need to do is make a scene depicting a Christmas reading using your imagination, these will then be opened daily and also put on our [Facebook page](#) – if you would like to do one or want more details contact Darren on 07811775825 or email [Darren](#)

Christmas Shoeboxes 2020

Please start filling your shoeboxes if you are able to If you want further information, please search on the International Aid website for all the details or you can contact Wendy Bennett (860965)

You can leave your shoeboxes at Jane's house (85 Victoria Road, Fulwood) or with Wendy (please ring 860965). The last date is Sunday 29th November for dropping them off. If you want yours to be collected, Please let Wendy know. Email [Wendy](#)

FMC WhatsApp Text JOIN and name to 07796277072. You will be added to the group. Be aware that your mobile phone number will be available to others if you join the group. We are asking all users not to pass these on and also to monitor what they say in the group because it is a public arena.

Advent Calendars & Traidcraft. I will be donating some of the Real Advent Calendars to the Food Bank again this year. If you would like to contribute, please contact me either by email fairpreston@gmail.com or by phone (07813 870641). I am also happy to order and deliver Traidcraft Christmas cards and any other goods, which can be viewed on the Traidcraft website here: traidcraftshop.co.uk/christmas/charity-christmas-cards. Thank you for making a difference.

Toy Collection As normal we would like to support our local community at Christmas. It's going to be a bit different as we all are not in church on a regular basis. We are aiming to collect donations of new toys, toiletries and non perishable food items. We would appreciate any donations and they can be dropped off at the church back car park on Saturday 28th November and the following Saturday 5th December between 9 - 10am. If we are back in church then you can bring them anytime from 9.30 -11.15am on 6th December. If you would like your gifts collecting please ring Sue Penrith (862273). Thanks

Dementia Care

Over the last couple of years, we have offered some Dementia Friends Sessions in the Circuit. The Alzheimer's Society have currently postponed their face to face sessions but there are some available online. They can be accessed by using the link below.

<https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/WEBSession#.X5q5HZJxfIX>

Dementia Friends Sessions give an overview of Dementia in its many forms and are they are really useful for carers and supporters of those suffering from Dementia. If you would like any more information, please contact [Denise Johnson](#) 07719200451

Denise Johnson Lay Pastoral Worker

Marie Curie Quiz

The annual quiz cannot be sold in the usual way this year, but if you would like to tax the grey cells during lockdown and the Christmas period then click on this [Just Giving](#) page where you can download (link at the bottom of the page) and print it out and then donate. If you do require a printed copy then phone Christine on 01772 718433.

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

CIRCUIT ADVENT EVENTS

Hope: An Advent Retreat

In light of the lockdown and unknown restrictions that may follow, the retreat will be available in a bag for the 4 weeks of Advent for you to follow at home. The bag will have been packed in a safe way and will be delivered to those who have registered so you can begin the retreat from Wednesday 25th November. It will contain everything you need for each week and will be self-explanatory.

If you have any queries or wish to register please email: [Karen Le Mouton](#) Tel 01772323818 or [Barbara Pettitt](#) Tel 07784791287

Circuit Bible Studies in Advent

The bible studies will be based on Walter Brueggemann's Names for the Messiah and will take place on Zoom at 4.30pm on the following dates: 29th November, 6th December, 13th December and 20th December

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8626480567> Meeting ID: 862 648 0567 Passcode: Advent

Lancashire sings Christmas on Thursday 7th December 7- 8 pm

Listen in on Radio Lancashire or join people round the circuit on Zoom and listen in together there.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8626480567> Meeting ID: 862 648 0567 Passcode: Carol

Drive-In Circuit Carol Service on Saturday 12th December

There will be a drive-in Circuit Coffee & Carols service at Bamber Bridge MC. This will involve the Circuit Choir standing outdoors with a PA system and people will stay in their cars with their own coffee/refreshments. Each car will receive disposable hymn sheets. There will be two services: 10.30 – 11.15am and 11.45 – 12.30pm. If you wish to attend you will need to book a slot in the car park. Email the [Circuit Office](#) (there are 15 slots per service).

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

If you are joining the services via ZOOM remember to turn off your camera and microphone

9.00am Breakfast Church

us02web.zoom.us/j/8626480567

Meeting ID: 862 648 0567

Passcode: email [Darren Arnold](#)

10.30am Morning Service and coffee

us02web.zoom.us/j/8626480567

Meeting ID: 862 648 0567

Passcode: Worship

7.00pm District Zoom service

us02web.zoom.us/j/8626480567

Meeting ID: 862 648 0567

Passcode email:

lancashiredistrictzoom@aol.com

Messy Church

us02web.zoom.us/j/8626480567

Meeting ID: 862 648 0567

Passcode: email [Delma Whitman](#)

Love Feast November 15th 12noon

us02web.zoom.us/j/8626480567

Meeting ID: 862 648 0567

Passcode: email: [Jane Wild](#)

Dial by your location. You can dial one of the numbers beside the codes below.

You will be asked for the meeting id and password and can join in from your telephone.

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Fulwood Church Challenge!

This second challenge is based on Psalm 139 and it is presented to interest anyone from 2 to 92+. The tasks are fun to do and you simply need to read them and decide which ones you want to complete. Try to do at least one activity from each section. (The younger ones might want to look at the green version of the tasks.) At the end you will be awarded a badge. This is what you need to do:

1. Decide whether you want to do the tasks online using our private Facebook group, or offline with paper copies of the booklets.
2. If you want the paper booklets, collect your challenge bag from Janet Wales in the porch at church on Sunday 1st November or Sunday 8th November between 2 -3 pm. (These will have been put together by the previous Thursday so that we meet good practice guidelines for covid prevention). Let her know if you can't pick up your bag that day and she will make other arrangements for you.
3. If you want to work online, we will add you to the private Facebook group where you can download the booklets in PDF form and choose to upload your comments, photos and videos to each task in Unit 1. Send a message to Fulwood Methodist Church on Facebook and we'll add you or your parent/guardian into the group. If you don't have a Facebook account but want the PDF booklets, we can email them to you - contact [Janet Wales](#)
4. Decide which activities you want to complete.
5. Complete the tasks – Make! Learn! Change! Pray! Extra!
6. Put your work in your challenge bag and leave at church in the box labelled Fulwood Church Challenge, put it on the Facebook group or email it to us by Sunday 29th November. Christmas cards for the care homes should also be left in the box at church.
7. Your badge will be awarded in December !

Love feast

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Welcome

A love feast, which is a way of expressing the sharing, belonging and fellowship we have together as followers of Jesus. A key part of it is to share testimony - how your story is part of God's story. 'My life is different because I believe God has changed my . . . challenged my . . . loved me . . .' It is where you are. It is who you are. No need to pretend. It is your testimony.

A second key part is to share food and drink – often cake or bread and tea or water. You will need to get your own! It's helpful to get them ready before you start.

Say this prayer: Holy God, we thank you that wherever we are you are with us. We praise you that in Christ we have new life. Unite us in this worship by your Holy Spirit that we may each know your blessing. Amen.

Then read Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, '“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Eat your food and drink your drink.

Pray for the needs of people who are on your mind and heart. Thank God for being with everyone who shares in this love feast.

Consider making a practical response to God's love

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,
feeding us with your word,
and encouraging us in our meeting together.

Take us and use us

to love and serve you, and all people,
in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.