



FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever".
Hebrews 13 verse 8.*

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.

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER

10.30am. Messy Nativity. Led by Rebecca Ainsworth. 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.

5.30pm. Carol Service followed by Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies.

PRAYER

Thank you, Father, that your goodness and grace toward me is unchanging and unchangeable. In Jesus name, Amen.

THIS WEEK

Monday 23rd 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!

Tuesday 24th December.

3.00pm. Christingle Service.

11.30pm. Midnight Communion Service.

Wednesday 25th December.

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

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9 v 6.

A Saviour is born



Christmas Door Stewards

Sun. 22 Dec - 5.30pm Carol Service 1. Liz Ellison 2. Elaine Ridout

Tue. 24 Dec - 3.00pm Christingle 1. Liz Ellison 2. Dot Bunting

Tue. 24 Dec - 11.30pm Midnight HC 1. Peter Aikman 2. Roy Smith

Wed. 25 Dec - 10.00am Christmas Day 1. Peter Aikman 2. Alan Smith

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 29th December. 11.00am. Joint Mission Group Service at Penwortham.
NO SERVICE AT FULWOOD AND NO NOTICES THIS WEEK.

Sunday 5th January 2025.

10.30am. Morning Worship and Covenant Service led by Revd. Jane Wild.

7th January – Tuesday Coffee Morning recommences.

8th January - Welcome Wednesday, Wednesday Communion and Community Choir recommence.

10th January - Toddlers and Escape recommence.

14th January - AM Club and 'Friends at Fulwood' recommence.

OTHER NOTICES

Zoom. The Messy Nativity service, Carol service, Christingle and Christmas Day service will be available on Zoom (ID and Passcode as usual). The Midnight Communion and Sunday Worship at Penwortham will NOT be available on Zoom.

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 to 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.

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

Offertory Envelopes. One set of 25 Offertory envelopes have been ordered but we have 27 members who use envelopes. Please could I ask a couple of people to volunteer to move their giving to standing order? If you need any help with this - call Amanda on 07768416801.

Many thanks to those who very kindly donated mince pies for the Scouts Christmas Party, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We very much appreciated your donations. Lesley, on behalf of 4th Fulwood Scout Group.

There will be no Coffee morning on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. Tuesday coffee mornings will resume on Tuesday 7th January.

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.

Church Transport. To use the minibus, please contact Eric Waterhouse 863743.

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

Notices. Please send 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 you want to know which rooms are available on a certain date, please contact Angela Dunnet by email, 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.

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!*

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 service via zoom please turn OFF your camera and microphone. If you are phoning in, put a # at the end of the meeting ID and passcode

10.30am. Sunday Service.

us02web.zoom.us/j/8626480567

Meeting ID: 862 648 0567

Passcode 0987

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