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## **Popvox Choir**

Every Thursday at 19.30 (1hr and 30 mins)

Next date Thursday 4.4.24

More information -

<https://popvoxchoir.co.uk/stockport>

Anyone who is interested in joining email for more information  
[info@popvoxchoir.co.uk](mailto:info@popvoxchoir.co.uk)

## **Dementia Friends**

Dementia friends is a group focusing on people with dementia.

Registration is required—please contact:-  
[community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk](mailto:community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk)

Next group is Friday 5.4.24 at 13.30 and is 2 hours.

More information on the website below

[dementiafriendlyheatons.mywebcommunity.com](https://dementiafriendlyheatons.mywebcommunity.com)

## Heaton Mersey Methodist Church

### Chatterbox and Craft

Chatterbox and Craft meets every Monday (except Bank Holidays). Drop in any time between 1 and 3pm to knit, sew, paint, draw, play music or whatever you would normally do at home alone. Or just come along for a good chat.



### Holiday@Home

**Our next event will be an afternoon tea on Wednesday 17th April**

**Booking is essential and further information from Sarah at [Sarag@hmmmc.org.uk](mailto:Sarag@hmmmc.org.uk).**

## Marple Methodist Church

Marple has welcomed a new caretaker in March. We are very pleased to have Alan Forshaw join us.



The Ridge Methodist Church

Photographs from the 'Sonrise' Service on Easter day



Edgeley Community Church

**Invites you to an open afternoon**

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April 2024

2pm—4pm

Activities for all ages

All are welcome

Drop in for 5 mins or all afternoon

Dialstone Lane Methodist Church

DIALSTONE LANE METHODIST  
*Saturday 6th April*

**IN-HOUSE MUSICIANS**

*Concert*

Raising Funds for our 2023-2024  
Church Charities

**Charnwood and The Olive Branch**

## Hazel Grove Methodist Church

We are holding a Games afternoon/evening at Hazel Grove on 6th April – please find details below:

Table Games Event – At Hazel Grove Methodist Church

As it's the Olympic Games this year we thought we'd hold our own games – games more suited perhaps to our own athletic prowess – Table/Board Games!

This will take place on Saturday 6th April in the Primary and AIM rooms – all one level from the car park door.

We plan to start at 4.00pm with a Beetle Drive, a buffet style tea at 5.00pm followed by a variety of board games – you can choose what you'd like to play – Ludo, Snakes and Ladders, Scrabble – there will be a wide choice and you'll be encouraged to move around to play different games. No medals – just fun.

We are hoping that this will appeal to all ages.



Tickets will be £7 for adults with special arrangements for families with children. Children must be accompanied.

Marion on : 07731 840466.

Please leave a message or text

E mail:bookings@hazelgrovemethodists.co.uk

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*Starts at 4pm with a Beetle Drive , buffet at 5pm then more games on Saturday 6th April*

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## Windlehurst Methodist Church

C.A.M.E.O.S.

First Wed of month . Doors open 1.45 for 2pm serving the community, tackling loneliness. Singing, activities, tea and cake! All welcome.

Friendship, refreshments and a jolly good sing!  
For more information, please contact Val Rowlands on 0161 427 6807.

Together

Third Wednesday of the month

Wood Street Mission

We have an ongoing collection for Wood Street Mission. Collections are every 2 months

Our latest collection for the Wood Street Mission

### Thankyou everyone

27 bags of children's clothing, single bedding, towels and children's books all as new or in very good condition being collected by Andrew the driver from Wood Street Mission

The Mission supports families living in real poverty in Manchester and Salford and there are a lot of people really needing support

All the items were collected via community activities at Windlehurst. The main one is Active at Windlehurst which supports people with learning disabilities



Woodley Methodist Church

*Enjoy a brass band evening in Woodley Friday 19th April 2024*

**Woodley Methodist Church**  
**Brass Band Concert**

Vernon Building Society (Poynton) Band  
Friday 19th April 2024 at 7.30pm

In aid of Parkinson' UK (Stockport Branch)  
Tickets £9  
available from Phil Taylor on 0161 430 8518

Alternatively, any donations to Parkinsons UK (Stockport Branch)  
can be sent via  
Woodley Methodist Church Concerts, Just Giving page



## Romiley Methodist Church

ROMILEY METHODIST CHURCH -is having a TABLE TOP SALE on SATURDAY 13th APRIL from 10am to 1pm.

Why not come along and grab a bargain.

The Cafe will also be open selling Bacon Butties and other food. Well worth a visit and only 50p admission charge..

THERE IS ONLY ONE TABLE LEFT - PHONE 0771 421 0462 TO BOOK IT!



*Bacon butties from 10 a.m.*

## Tiviot Dale Methodist Church

### CACTUS Project

Tiviot Dale Methodist Church  
Can you help?

We need volunteers for Community Café at Tiviot Dale.  
Community Café is every Thursday from 2 – 6pm.

Could you offer once a month? More volunteers are needed to sit with people who need a listening ear, to be in the dining room, to chat and engage in activities such as jigsaws, puzzles and colouring, and share in a meal together.

Appeal for resources:

Socks, all sizes but especially men's socks  
Baby wipes  
Plastic takeaway containers.  
Tents (2-3 person)  
Sleeping bags  
Pull along shopping trolleys (plain preferred)

Please contact Deacon Janet Amey or Maggie Thompson at Tiviot Dale. [property@stockportcircuit.org.uk](mailto:property@stockportcircuit.org.uk)

Alternatively, please drop off any donations at Tiviot Dale

### *Circuit Services*

All services at Tiviot Dale Church SK1 1TA

**7th April**

Service led by Revd Raj Patta and the Indian Fellowship

Food - Indian Curry at 5.30

Service 6.30 pm



## The Ridge Methodist Church

### Men in Sheds

Many thanks to the marvellous Marple Men in Sheds, who this morning installed our new little free library / book swap which they have made so beautifully.

Books going in on Sunday.

### Marple Men in Sheds

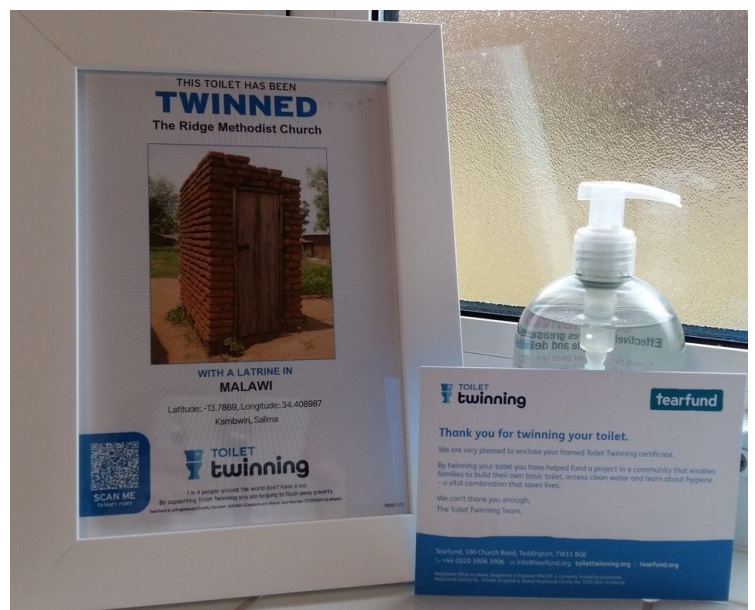
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Weekly session where people can meet, socialise, make and fix stuff plus work on community projects.



## Our Toilet, twinned with Malawi

This is our newly received certificate showing our toilet is twinned with a latrine in Malawi. Thank you to <https://toilettwinning.org/product/twin-a-toilet-today> for enabling us to support improved sanitation and hygiene. We can scan the code in the corner of the certificate to look up the location of our twin. Check it out when you use our toilet!



## Hong Kong Fellowship

**GROUNDSWELL PROJECT**

You are invited to the Groundswell Project Manchester Community Champions Event!

Join us  
**SATURDAY 9 MARCH, 1-4PM**

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES CONNECTED, A COMING TOGETHER COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS EVENT FOR CVS ORGANISATIONAL LEADERS.

**Time:** 1-4pm  
**Date:** Saturday 9 March  
**Venue:** 422 Community Hub, Stockport Road, Longsight, Manchester, M12 4EX.

To RSVP, email [angela@groundswell.world](mailto:angela@groundswell.world)

This event is to recognise unsung heroes - celebrating community people for the great work they do.

As it is also International Women's Day 2024, with the theme of 'Inspire Inclusion', the event will celebrate women from our diverse communities, to include the unrepresented and show reflective communities in Manchester.

You will also have the opportunity to hear from a range of inspirational speakers from the CVS and be able to watch a short film. There will be lunch and refreshments; please inform of any dietary requirements when you RSVP.



## NEWSFLASH

I'd like to share with you the good news.

I have received an award as a Community Champion from Groundswell Project on Sunday 10th March in Manchester. This is for my work with the community, especially with the Hong Kong Fellowship.

Regards  
Mei Yuk





## STOCKPORT COMMUNITY AWARDS

We are delighted to announce that Cathy Bird, Raj Patta and Mei Yuk Wong have all been nominated to win an award in the Person in Faith Award category at the 3rd Annual International Women's Day 2024. These Community Awards for International Women's Day 2024 recognise both women and men in Stockport for the work they do in our communities to improve the lives of others.

# NEWSFLASH



## Circuit Service

Sunday 7th April 2024

at

Tiviot Dale Methodist Church

Tiviot Dale SK1 1TA



*Led by*

*Telugu Methodist Fellowship*

*'Vishala Hrudayam'*

*(Open Heart)*

Rev Raj Patta

5.30 pm Indian Curry

6.30 pm Service

**WOODLEY METHODIST CHURCH  
HYDE ROAD, WOODLEY**

***PRESENTS***

**a '*Concert*' with**

**Vernon Building Society  
(Poynton) Brass Band**

***Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024 , at 7.30pm***



**VERNON**  
BUILDING SOCIETY  
(Poynton) Brass Band

**Tickets £9.00 (to include light refreshments)**

**Contact Phil on 0161 430 8518**

**Proceeds from the evening to go to  
The Charity Parkinson' UK**

## Would you consider being a Circuit Steward?

The role of circuit steward is an important one in the life of the Methodist Church

The circuit is a key structure in Methodism. It is to circuits, not churches, that ministers are stationed and Methodism acknowledges that it is the circuit that is "the primary unit in which Local Churches express and experience their inter-connexion in the Body of Christ, for purposes of mission, mutual encouragement and help"

Those who have taken on this responsibility point to how rewarding and stimulating it can be as they seek to support and shape the circuit in response to the needs and challenges of its local area.

Circuit stewards work in partnership with presbyters, deacons, church workers and others to enable individuals and communities to find fulfilment and belonging within the Church.

As the role is voluntary, circuit stewards carry out their responsibilities alongside jobs, family commitments and other responsibilities. So, patience and a sense of humour are essential criteria for the job, as is the ability to work positively together as a team.

Circuit stewards have a range of duties and you can read more about the role here:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/equipping-circuits/offices-and-roles/circuit-stewards/what-is-a-circuit-steward/>

In the United Stockport Circuit, the Circuit Stewards and the ministers meet as the Circuit Leadership Team at least once a month, usually in person but once every quarter on Zoom and have roles ranging from looking after manse to supporting ministers pastorally, overseeing ministerial invitations, and liaising with local churches. Learning is "on the job" and it is recognised that we all learn from each other. It is not necessary to be an "expert" but to offer your time for the benefit of the circuit as a whole.

If you think you might be able to offer yourself for the role of Circuit Steward, please speak to either of us, or to your minister – you are not committing to anything by having a conversation!

Cathy Bird (Superintendent Minister) and Jayne Quinn (Co-ordinating Circuit Steward)



# NWED LAUNCH EVENT

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE** | **31  
08  
24**

**VICTORIA HALL, BOLTON, BL1 2AS**

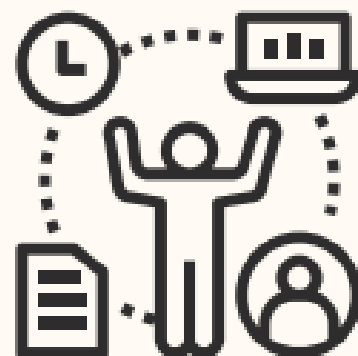


This event is an opportunity to celebrate as five districts become one, to form the North West England District. Starting at 2.30pm, the event will include the welcome service for Rev. Dr. James Tebbutt, our District Chair (subject to Methodist Conference), and will also welcome the wider District Team. The President of Conference will be preaching, along with the Vice-President and Secretary of Conference in attendance.



## NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT

# THE EQUIP SERIES



TUE 12 MARCH

WED 17 APRIL

THU 16 MAY

MON 10 JUNE

TUE 16 JULY

WED 14 AUGUST

2024

**MONTHLY  
ONLINE EVENTS**

**HOSTED ON  
ZOOM**

**7.30 - 8.30PM**

**(ARRIVE FROM  
7.20PM FOR A  
7.30PM START)**

Come along to these information evenings and be equipped as we move towards the launch of the North West England District. These evenings will include:

- Devotions
- An update from each sub group, to increase our knowledge and understanding of how the new district will look and feel
- Q and A session

These events will run on a monthly basis, and you are invited to attend any/all of these sessions. To Join:

[https://zoom.us/j/94658927054?](https://zoom.us/j/94658927054?pwd=ZmNKUGl3SWdleXJscKZyZW5tT3MrZz09)

[pwd=ZmNKUGl3SWdleXJscKZyZW5tT3MrZz09](https://zoom.us/j/94658927054?pwd=ZmNKUGl3SWdleXJscKZyZW5tT3MrZz09)

(Meeting ID: 946 5892 7054 Passcode: 125750)

To access via phone dial 0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240 and follow prompts.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, PLEASE  
EMAIL [NWEDCOMMUNICATION@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:NWEDCOMMUNICATION@OUTLOOK.COM).**

# Please would you consider joining the District Safeguarding Group for the new North West England District?

Do you have knowledge and/or experience of safeguarding either professionally, personally or within the church?

*You may have experience of safeguarding within the church, perhaps as a safeguarding officer or trainer, as a Monitoring and Support Group Member or an experienced minister.*

*We are particularly looking for people who bring specific experience, such as those who work with domestic abuse services or with survivors, those who work with perpetrators or have worked in for example social care services, health, the police, probation or counseling services*

Do you have a desire to drive up the quality of safeguarding within the churches and circuits within the new District?

*Would you like to help us to help us drive forward safeguarding activity within the new District?*

Then please complete an attached Expression of Interest form, giving the area of interest and activity that you might wish to be involved in as

**District Safeguarding Group**

## For everyone interested in training to facilitate Safeguarding Foundation Module Sessions

The next Training the Trainers event will take place over 2 evenings, via Zoom, and you must be able to commit to both sessions.

### Session 1

Tuesday 16th April 2024 19.00—21.30

Will cover delivering training, supporting participants and practical issues to be aware of.

### Session 2

Wednesday 17th April 2024 19.00—21.30

Will focus on the newly developed material itself.

To book a place on this course please contact the District Safeguarding Officer, Helen Bolton. 07498 800 427  
mands@dso.methodist.org.uk

Prior to participating in the training, you will need a reference from your Superintendent Minister. Please forward your reference to Helen Bolton.

## ***NEWS FROM ROMILEY METHODIST CHURCH***

### **OUR NEXT SATURDAY FILM PRESENTATION**

**SATURDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024, 2 pm**

Showing the 1973 Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice groundbreaking musical (more correctly, rock-opera), **"JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR,"** starring Ted Neeley as Jesus, Carl Anderson as Judas Iscariot, Yvonne Elliman as Mary Magdalen, and Barry Dennen as Pilate. T

he film chronicles the final week of the life of Christ, seen largely from the viewpoint of a disappointed and troubled Judas. Based on the very successful stage show, the film opens out into some stunning landscapes of the Holy Land, where it was filmed.

It reflects the times of Christ, but also some of the background of the early 1970s when it was made (the hippy movement, the Vietnam war) – so don't be surprised when Judas is pursued by tanks as jet fighters fly overhead! But it works, and when the director, Norman Jewison, showed it to Pope Paul VI, the Pope loved it.

*You are very welcome to come along to see this inspiring story – we serve tea and cakes in the interval, and just ask for a donation to help with costs.*

**SPRING CONCERT:** we have a very welcome return visit from **THE OFFERTON METHODIST CHOIR** to present this concert in the Church on **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 2 p.m.** Entry is by donation, and refreshments will be provided. All welcome!

**A TABLETOP SALE** will be held in our Schoolroom on **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, from 10 till 1.** There will be 20 tables with a wide variety of goods on sale, plus our Café with goodies including our famous bacon baps –

# Hazel Grove Methodist Church

## Photograph Easter 2024

Seeds of Hope planted among Prayers for the World in the  
Shadow of the Cross

