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Heaton Moor United Church

**BRAVURA**  
Award winning choir  
Presents music from

**STAGE AND SCREEN**

**SATURDAY, 22nd JUNE 7.30pm**

Heaton Moor United Church,  
Stanley Road,  
Heaton Moor,  
Stockport SK4 4HL

**Tickets**  
£5 Adults, £1 Children (includes refreshments)  
Fundraising Raffle

All proceeds to -  
Christian Aid  
Action for Children  
Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust  
Lebone Leprosy Mission

**THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**  
THE BRILLIANT ORIGINAL  
AT HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE

**THE 38TH REVOLUTIONARY YEAR**  
SONDHEIM THEATRE



The Ridge Methodist Church



## FESTIVAL

### The Ridge Methodist Church.

Saturday 17th August 2024

Hair braiders , Face Painters, Nail Art and any festival ideas are welcome.

If anyone would like to hold a stall, please contact  
Jude Laycock [judith.laycock@methodist.org.uk](mailto:judith.laycock@methodist.org.uk)

## Davenport Methodist Church

### **Craft Club.**

1st Wednesday of every month

14.00 - 16.00 pm.

£2.00 per session includes refreshment.

An opportunity to learn a new skill, or share a skill you already have.

## Dialstone Lane Methodist Church



**ECO CHURCH**  
AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT

United Stockport Circuit  
of The Methodist Church

# Eco Church workshop

**Friday 14th June 10am-12**  
By the United Stockport Methodist  
Circuit Eco Task group.. Open to all.

**At Dialstone  
Lane Methodist  
Church. SK2 7LQ**

For churches beginning or  
continuing their Eco Church journey

What is Eco Church?  
How to register and get going?  
Explore exciting next steps for your church.  
Please register with Liz Delafield  
[preacher@stockportcircuit.org.uk](mailto:preacher@stockportcircuit.org.uk)

  
[preacher@stockportcircuit.org.uk](mailto:preacher@stockportcircuit.org.uk)

  
07434378089

  
<https://nwsynod.org.uk>

## Heaton Mersey Methodist Church



United Stockport Methodist Circuit Local  
Preachers' and worship leaders' meeting  
invites you to:

### HOW TO DO "CAFE CHURCH"

*An open meeting*

**Tuesday 23rd July**  
**7pm-9pm**



Heaton Mersey Methodist Church, Cavendish Rd,  
SK4 3DP  
With Simon Sutcliffe from the North West and Mann  
learning network.

For all who lead or organise worship including  
preachers, worship leaders, ministers, deacons,  
stewards and other lay leaders.  
Contact Liz Delafield, Local Preachers' secretary on  
[Preacher@stockportcircuit.org.uk](mailto:Preacher@stockportcircuit.org.uk)

Windlehurst Methodist Church

**Sunday 28th July at 10.30 am**

Windlehurst Church are pleased to welcome David Peach as their preacher. He and his family had a very close link with Windlehurst over many years.

David trained as a Local Preacher whilst also relocating to The Lake District with his wife and children, so it will be lovely to see him back at Windlehurst!

The Ridge Church will be joining us for this Service, and everyone is welcome.

David's theme will celebrate the 50th Anniversary, this July, of women being ordained as presbyters in the Methodist Church.

Woodley Methodist Church

*Bring a packed lunch ... tea and coffee provided*

## **BREATHING SPACE**

For the last 6 months Sue Skidmore – Woodley Church and Rev Martin Makin St Barnabas Church Bredbury, have been working together offering an afternoon of meditation and stillness for busy and overstretched church members from different denominations – a space to relax, refresh and re-connect with God

Breathing Space takes place the first Friday afternoon of the month. We begin at 12.30 sharing our packed lunch. Tea and coffee are provided.

This is followed by an introduction to the theme of the session. During the following hour there are a number of activities you can choose to take part in whilst trying to maintain a sense of quiet and peace for one another.

At the end we come together to share the experience of the peaceful hour, although there is no compulsion to do so.

We aim to finish by 3.30pm

There is no charge for the session

Does this sound like something you could be interested in or even need in your life? If so, you would be very welcome.

For more information, please contact Sue Skidmore 07531892346



# NORTH WEST ENGLAND DISTRICT LAUNCH EVENT



## 31.08.24

**2.30PM START  
DOORS OPEN 2PM**

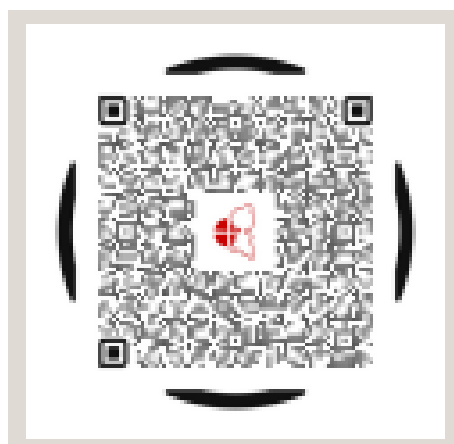
**VICTORIA HALL, BOLTON, BL1 2AS**



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, with the Vice-President and Secretary of Conference in attendance.

**THIS EVENT WILL BE LIVESTREAMED: DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY**

## BOOK YOUR PLACE



If you're attending onsite, please book in advance so that we can plan accordingly. Bookings help us to ensure accessibility for all, including those needing aisle seats or wheelchair access. If you're arriving by coach, please indicate when you book. To book your place, scan the QR code with a smartphone camera, click the below link or contact your District Administrator.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/bolton/the-victoria-hall-bolton/north-west-england-district-launch-event/2024-08-31/1430/t-ojpnjag>



## 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  
Chess sets  
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 Service*

*Note—there is no 2nd June Service*

*at Tiviot Dale*

**Dialstone Lane**

**9th June 2024**

**'Ordinands Testimony Service'**

**Deacon Janet Amey and  
Reverend Catharine Hughes**

**7 pm Refreshments**

**7.30 pm Service**

### *Circuit Service*

**Tiviot Dale**

**7th July 2024**

**'Farewell Service'**

**For Reverend Lindsay Kemp**

**5.30 pm Refreshments**

**6.30 pm Service**

### *Circuit Service*

**Tiviot Dale**

**1st September 2024**

**'Happy New Methodist Year'**

**Welcome to**

**Rev'd Phil Dew**

**Rev'd Mike Aspinall**

**5.30 pm Refreshments**

**6.30 pm Service**

### NEWS FROM ROMILEY METHODIST CHURCH

**OUR NEXT SATURDAY FILM PRESENTATION** is on **SATURDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2024**, starting at 2.00 p.m. when we are showing the 2022 film **"ROALD DAHL'S MATILDA, THE MUSICAL,"** starring the delightful Ali-sha Weir as Matilda Wormwood, and a heavily disguised Emma Thompson as the monstrous ex-Olympic hammer thrower Miss Crunchball, the headmistress of Crunchem Hall. Matilda and her friends at school, helped by sympathetic teacher Miss Honey (Lashana Lynch), eventually start to rebel against Miss Crunchball's tyranny and punishments, and learn that by standing together you can face up to bullies, and even get away with being a little bit naughty!

You are very welcome to come along to see this entertaining film – we serve tea and cakes in the interval, and just ask for a donation to help with costs. Suggestion is £4 including cakes!

Our July film will be the classic 2005 version of "Oliver Twist" (6<sup>th</sup> July)

Our next monthly **Music for Pleasure** afternoon will be on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, at 2 p.m. in the Church Annexe, when the title of John Owens' programme is "A Box Of Chocolates"





## Who We Are...

We are a group who have always loved playing music and singing together and started Musical Memories in order to create social singing sessions to help bring older folk together for the simple pleasure of singing, talking, remembering and Where we are enjoying each other's company – not to mention the FREE cuppa and biscuits!

Studies into singing sessions for older people have shown that singing together can boost levels of immunity, reduce stress, and improve mood leading to a positive impact on overall health and well-being.

We meet on the **last Friday of the month** in the Church Hall see below:

### **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN START TIME & VENUE**

28<sup>th</sup> June – 2.00pm – 4.00pm – in Church with **Harry & John Jefferies**

26<sup>th</sup> July – 2.00pm – 4.00pm – in Church

30<sup>th</sup> August – 2.00pm – 4.00pm – in Church with **Organist Roger Pearce**

27<sup>th</sup> September – 2.00pm – 4.00pm in Church

25<sup>th</sup> October – 2.00pm – 4.00pm in Church with **RAINBOW**

29<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm – 4.00pm in Church with **Organist Roger Pearce**

**Woodley Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Woodley, Stockport SK6 1NF**

If you would like to join us or know more about the group, please telephone **Phil on 0161 430 8518.**

The Methodist Church



Manchester & Stockport District

**MWiB Summer Gathering**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

**2.00 – 5.00 p.m.**



**Lawton Moor Methodist Church**

**Button Lane M23 0ND**

(Contact [lizstuartlp@aol.com](mailto:lizstuartlp@aol.com) for travel directions)

**Speaker: Deacon Jenny Jones**

(Deacon at Central Hall, Manchester)



*Bring and Share Tea*

**All Welcome**



**Staying at Home this Summer?**  
**Why not come and join Captain Janet and Entertainments**  
**Officer Maggie on the**  
**Good Ship Tiviot Dale**



**(at Tiviot Dale Methodist Church, SK1 1TA)**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

**10am - 4pm**

For a week of fun and fellowship.  
Food, Quizzes, films, crafts, talks, and lots more,  
visit a different country each day.

**Book with Maggie at [property@stockportcircuit.org.uk](mailto:property@stockportcircuit.org.uk),**  
**or by phoning 07522873311 and leave your name and phone**  
**number.**

**This is an activity aimed at Community Café and the churches**  
**across the Stockport.**

# **Holiday At Home at Tiviot Dale 5th – 9th Aug**

A taste of how each day will run

A full programme will be available on booking in.

**We will visit a different country each day.**

10 am Coffee, tea, toast and natter.

10.30am Crafty Creations

11 am Try your hand at ...

11.30 am Themed Quiz

12 noon Lunch time

1 pm Film / 1 pm -Silent Quiz

2 pm – Crafty Creations

3 pm Entertainment / show time

4 pm - Time to go Home

In addition, there will be nail painting, posh afternoon tea, board games, dominoes, daily newspapers, crossword of the day, Sudoku of the day and much more ....

June 2024

Dear Friends,

Once again the pattern of the year brings us the Annual Methodist Conference, this year between 29<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July in Leeds. On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, the Sunday morning service in many of our churches will involve a live streaming of the Conference Worship. It is always a joyful occasion with lively, vibrant worship and it's fantastic that the wonders of modern technology will allow the service to be shared in our local churches.

The Methodist Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church under God. It has responsibility for the government, discipline, management and administration of the life of the Church. The Conference is also a place for worship, thanksgiving, celebration and Ordination. This year we are delighted that our own Deacon Janet Amey will be Ordained!

When a Minister has completed their training, there are two events which take place on the Sunday of the Conference. The 'Reception into Full Connexion' is a ceremony which takes place during the Conference Worship which says that it recognises the minister has successfully completed their training, including a period of Probation working in Circuit, and that we are proud for that person to enter into the service of God in the Methodist Church. Later on in the day, in a special service held in a church close to the Conference venue, each Minister is Ordained by the laying on of hands by an ex-President of the Conference and, in Janet's case, a Representative of the Diaconal Order.

The congregation are asked to proclaim, 'They are worthy!' and the Ministers are asked to declare their lifelong commitment to ministry. They make promises to accept the doctrines and discipline of the church, and to be faithful in worship, prayer and study. During the Ordination itself – which emphasises the calling of the individual by God rather than by the Church - the President asks God to send the Holy Spirit upon the person being ordained 'for the office and work of a minister in the Church.'

It's a beautiful ceremony and if any of you would like to be in Leeds for Janet's Ordination please let me know – there may be tickets still available.

In any case, I invite you to give thanks for Janet and her ministry in the United Stockport Circuit as she takes this big step. Please pray for her and all those who will be Received into Full Connexion and ordained on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June and for all the members of the Conference, as they gather to do the work of God.

With every blessing,

Rev. Cathy

## 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 interconnection 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)



The **Manchester** and **Stockport**  
**Methodist** District



## REPRESENTING THE METHODIST CHURCH AT MANCHESTER PRIDE

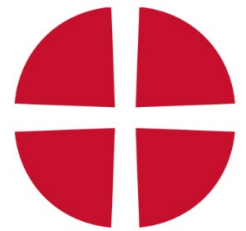
Your opportunity to be part of a group planning and preparing our entry to the Manchester Pride Parade on

# SATURDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 2024

If you're passionate about being part of an inclusive church, and want to positively share this message and celebrate with the LGBTQ+ community in Manchester, you could be just what we need! To find out more, please email Steering Group Coordinator Rachel Foster on [youth@altrinchammethodistcircuit.org.uk](mailto:youth@altrinchammethodistcircuit.org.uk)



**God  
for  
All**



### Representing the Methodist Church at Manchester Pride

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## 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).**

大家好，我是香港團契小組的一員，我叫Sunny。很榮幸能被美玉邀請在此分享我的個人經歷。

事情始於去年年底，因為經濟問題，我不得不四處尋找工作。為此，我不斷祈禱，希望上帝能引導我找到一份合適的工作。直到十一月中旬，在朋友的介紹下，我受聘於一家酒店，主要負責清潔房間。工作了一天後，我發現這份工作並不適合我。我想，我並不願意在這家酒店工作，因為我的才能無法在此發揮。

到了工作的第二天，一位主內的弟兄告訴我有一個工作機會，內容主要是在一個音樂劇團裡妥善照顧和組裝樂器，並需要出國到韓國和香港演出。我感到這是一個機會，是上帝為我指引的另一條路。我知道自己並沒有相關資歷，只是一名樂手，但我依然將簡歷發給了公司。如果這是上帝為我安排的機會，祂一定會成就的！經過與他們的溝通，他們決定聘用我。我既興奮又發現了許多問題。公司沒有提供正式的僱傭合同，薪資發放時間也不明確，工作期間的保險安排也沒有詳細說明。此外，他們表示已經在倫敦開始排練，需要我盡快前往倫敦，這讓我更需時間安排在倫敦的住宿。

此時，我深刻地體會到自己確實願意做這份工作，不喜歡在酒店工作，但這條路充滿未知，風險很大。幸運的是，我有一群弟兄姊妹的支持和幫助，他們花了一晚時間幫我列出一些問題，供我向公司詢問。我感受到人類需要彼此的幫助，有時我們是脆弱的。最終，公司解答了這些問題，並且有一位不太熟悉的朋友願意讓我在他家暫住一個月。於是，我感謝主，決定獨自一人去冒險。

在這份工作中，我絕對是在邊做邊學，沒有任何實習經驗就直接進入實戰。此外，許多韓國人並不會說英語，這增加了工作的難度。但相比這些，我更感受到身處異地的孤獨，深刻理解了聖經中“不可停止聚會”的重要性。不僅僅是基督徒，作為人類，我們需要一群志同道合的朋友，彼此支持、鼓勵和糾正。

希望大家在這裡能共同建立友誼，一起學習神的話語，互相扶持與鼓勵，建立基督的身體。

## Hong Kong Fellowship

## **HONG KONG FELLOWSHIP**

Hello, I am a member of the Hong Kong Fellowship Group. My name is Sunny. I am honoured to be invited by Mei Yuk to share my personal experience here.

The story began at the end of last year when I had to look for work everywhere due to economic problems. I kept praying, hoping that God would lead me to find a suitable job. By mid-November, a friend introduced me to a job at a hotel, which mainly involved cleaning rooms. After one day, I realized this job wasn't suitable for me. I thought my talents couldn't be utilized there, and I didn't want to continue.

On the second day, a brother in Christ told me about a job opportunity involving the care and assembly of musical instruments in a music troupe, which also required traveling to South Korea and Hong Kong for performances. I felt this was an opportunity and another path given by God. Although I didn't have the relevant qualifications and was just a musician, I sent my resume to the company, believing that if it was God's will, it would happen. After communicating with them, they hired me. I was extremely excited but also realized there were many issues. The company didn't provide a concrete employment contract, clear salary payment schedules, or detailed insurance arrangements. Moreover, rehearsals had already started in London, and I needed to arrange accommodation there quickly.

At that moment, I deeply understood my willingness to do this job and my dislike for hotel work, but this path had too many unknowns and involved considerable risks. Fortunately, I had the support and help of my brothers and sisters, who helped me list questions to send to the company. I felt that as humans, we need others' help and are sometimes weak. In the end, the company answered those questions, and an acquaintance offered me a place to stay for a month. I thanked the Lord and decided to venture out on my own.

For this job, it was learning by doing, without any prior internship, and directly getting into actual work. Additionally, many Koreans did not speak English, which increased the job's difficulty. But beyond these matters, I felt the loneliness and fear of being in a foreign place, deeply understanding the importance of the Bible's teaching to "not give up meeting together." Not only as Christians but as humans, we need like-minded friends to support, encourage, and correct each other.

I hope everyone here can build friendships, learn God's word together, support and encourage each other, and build the body of Christ.



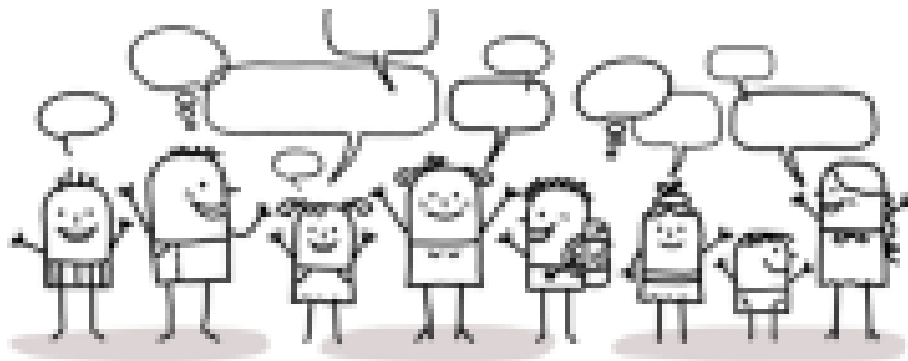
# A Good Society?

## General election hustings 2024

Open Meeting; Dialstone Lane Methodist Church, SK2  
7LQ Saturday 22nd June 2024 10am - 12:30

- What is our vision for a Good Society?
- What do we want from our local MPs?
- A chance to share ideas and ask questions.
- Please send in questions in advance.

Our "marketplace" will be open from 9am to meet  
candidates and local community organisations.



Candidates from the  
Cheadle, Hazel Grove,  
and Stockport  
constituencies.

Welcoming all who want  
to build a good society.  
There will be cake!

Please contact [good.society@btinternet.com](mailto:good.society@btinternet.com) for further  
information, to send in your question or if you are a  
community organisation who would like a "stall" in our  
"marketplace" (No commercial stalls please)

**THIS IS NOT JUST  
ANY FAREWELL  
PARTY...**



**THIS IS AN M&S  
FAREWELL PARTY**

**MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT  
DISTRICT FAREWELL PARTY**

**Saturday 13th July at Styal Methodist  
Church, Farm Fold, Altrincham Road, Styal,  
Cheshire, SK9 4JF from 4pm.**

Come and celebrate the end of the M&S District, as we join the North West England District in September, and the retirement of Revd Dr. Andrew Lunn.

The theme of the event is a summer garden party and we invite you to come all dressed up and bring your picnics and tables/chairs.

There will be shelter, hot/cold refreshments, nearby toilets and parking. Entertainment, competitions and outdoor games too.

For further details (including parking) please see the District website  
<https://www.mandsmethodists.org.uk/calendar/>,  
or email [pa@mandsmethodists.org.uk](mailto:pa@mandsmethodists.org.uk)

