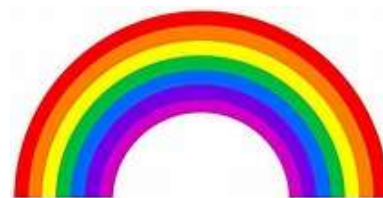


# Newsletter

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### **Musical Memories -|Woodley Methodist Church**

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 people of all ages together for the simple pleasure of singing, talking, remembering and enjoying each others company – not to mention the 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 and memory leading to a positive impact on overall health and well-being.

We meet on the last Friday of the month in the Church Hall and we “Welcome those with or without Dementia”

Our latest meeting was on the 28<sup>th</sup> March when we saw and heard the worship Band “Rainbow” perform for us for the first time this year. What a performance!

As Rainbow celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary they were able to put on another great afternoon’s entertainment of both secular and worship songs. Not only that we had a record attendance.

Yes, it was outstanding, the variety of pieces of music was wonderful and allowed everyone to have a good sing. The Jokes and comical pieces made more light-hearted and enjoyable for all.

To celebrate the groups 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary they have put together a Compact Disc, A compilation of Christian and secular items from the across the years. The CD is available for a donation £5.00 and all proceeds are going to their chosen charity for 2025.



Signpost Stockport for Carers is an **independent local charity** who have been supporting carers for more than 30 years. If you’re a Stockport carer or caring for somebody living in Stockport, we’re here for you.

**A carer is anyone providing help** to a friend, neighbour or relative who could not manage without them because of frailty, illness, addiction or disability. Carers often don’t recognise themselves as ‘carers’; they just think of themselves as helping out somebody they care about.

We want carers to be recognised for the extraordinary work they do to support others. It is our mission to support them in return. Whatever they may be facing, we want carers to know that they are not alone.

Rainbow will be making a return to Woodley Methodist Church on the last Friday of the month 31<sup>st</sup> October and as always everyone is welcome So if you want a good afternoon’s entertainment and like a good sing then please come to Woodley. We meet 2.00pm -4.00pm.

For further details please contact Phil Taylor on 0161 430 8518.

Dear All

I am writing to see whether you have anyone in your churches who might be interested in following the Methodist Church's Worship: Leading and Preaching course with me and others?

This course was introduced a few years ago and is proving popular, because it is accessible and practical. The first part of the course is followed by people who want to be Worship Leaders or Local Preachers, the second half is for LPs - and people who started thinking they were going to be WLs can easily carry on and follow the LP material.

However, the course can also be a good way for people who are already WL / LPs to carry out continuing development, refreshing their thinking about worship and it could well be of interest to anyone who wants to explore more about worship

Here is the link to the WLP material <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/lpwl/wlp/introducing-wlp/> You will see that there is a guest login, so you can look at the material.

There is a total of eight modules - each with three sections. WLs tackle the first four modules and LPs go on to study modules 5-8 as well. Each Section comprises:

- Short personal worship
- A "Learn" section - which is the major input
- An "Explore" section, where we reflect together on the topic, and
- A project - normally a practical example, such as identifying where you might find resources when planning worship, examining ways to use a selected Bible passage or writing about an aid to prayer you might prepare for your local church.

We typically take around two months to tackle each section (thus completing four modules in around two years) but we can adjust this to suit the group.

I'm keen to start working on this with a new group. Please could you let me know if this is of interest to you or someone you know

Thank you

Andy Stoker

[andy.stoker@btinternet.com](mailto:andy.stoker@btinternet.com)

## **Marple Methodist Church**

Judith Laycock's testimony service will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm at Marple Methodist Church. She will also be joined by Rev'd Sincere Makunde as they both prepare for their ordination. The service will be taken by Rev'd Barbara Glasson and refreshments will be available after the service.

Judith's ordination service will take place in Telford on 29<sup>th</sup> June, information regarding tickets and the live stream will be advertised in future newsletters.

## **Woodley Methodist Church**

**ARE YOU A KNITTER?** Why not come and join our Knit & Natter group. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month (March to October) at Woodley Methodist Church at 10.00 till 11.30. You would be very welcome.

We are knitting various items for the Teams4U shoeboxes which we organise and send each year in November. Wool, needles and patterns provided. Further details from Judy Farrar on 0161 430 4435.

## **Dialstone Lane Methodist Church**

Many thanks for all the suitcases which have flowed through our hands to the local hotel. They are much appreciated, and our appeal for them is ongoing as people we have donated to move on and newcomers arrive. There is also a need for pushchairs and double buggies, not everyday, but on a regular basis and the health visitors working from the hotel greatly value having some in store.

If you can help with either suitcases or pushchairs, please get in touch with Andy or Catriona Stoker, Tel 0161 487 2010 and we can arrange pick-up from you or delivery to us times"



## Easter Services 2025

<b>Heaton Moor United Church</b> Maundy Thursday @ 6pm Communion and meal Good Friday @ 10am Walk of Witness (St Thomas' to St Winifred's) Easter Sunday @ 6am Sunrise Service Easter Sunday @ 10.45am Communion	<b>Dialstone Lane Methodist Church</b> Maundy Thursday @ 6pm service with soup meal Good Friday @ 10am Good Friday meditation Easter Sunday @ 10.45am Communion Easter Sunday @ 4.30pm Communion
<b>Edgeley Community Church</b> Good Friday @ 7.00pm Tenebrae service Easter Sunday @ 10.45am Communion	<b>Hazel Grove Methodist Church</b> Good Friday @ 11am (at Short Street URC) Easter Sunday @ 10.30am Communion
<b>Heaton Mersey Methodist Church</b> Easter Sunday @ 10.45am Communion	<b>Windlehurst Methodist Church</b> Easter Sunday @ 10.30am
<b>Marple Methodist Church</b> Maundy Thursday @ 7pm Good Friday @ 10.30am (at Marple URC) Easter Sunday @ 10.30am (at Marple URC)	<b>Romiley Methodist Church</b> Good Friday @ 10.45am Easter Sunday @ 10.15am Communion (at Woodley Methodist Church)
<b>The Ridge Methodist Church</b> Easter Sunday @ 10.30am	<b>Tiviot Dale Methodist Church</b> Maundy Thursday @ 2-4pm Feet Washing Drop-In
<b>Davenport Methodist Church</b> Maundy Thursday @ 3pm Communion Good Friday @ 10am Easter Sunday @ 10.45am Communion	<b>Woodley Methodist Church</b> Maundy Thursday @ 7pm Easter Sunday @ 10.15am Communion



## UPCOMING EVENTS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### Circuit



**Circuit Service**  
Led by the  
**Telugu Indian Fellowship**  
**Sunday 6th April**  
**@ Twiot Dale Methodist Church**  
**Refreshments from 5.30pm**  
(Provided by the Indian Fellowship)  
**Service at 6.30pm**



**May Circuit Service**  
**Testimony Service**  
Join us for the testimony service of Deacon Judith Laycock and Rev'd Sincere Makunde  
**Sunday 4th May**  
**@ Marple Methodist Church**  
**Service at 4pm**  
Refreshments will be served after the service

### Pentecost Picnic

Join us to celebrate Pentecost at this family event!

Bring your own picnic and enjoy a range of crafts and activities.

This event will conclude with a Worship at 2pm.  
More details to follow soon.

We will require a number of volunteers to help us put on this wonderful event. If you would be able to help on the day please contact:

Jenny Thrall (Circuit Administrator)

[admin@stockportcircuit.org.uk](mailto:admin@stockportcircuit.org.uk) or

JoAnne Roy

[community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk](mailto:community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk)



**United Stockport Circuit**  
of The Methodist Church  
**Save the Date!**  
**Pentecost Picnic**  
**SUN 8th JUNE**  
**FROM 12NOON**  
**AT ABNEY SCOUT CENTRE**  
NEWLANDS ROAD, CHEADLE

Bring your own picnic and enjoy a range of crafts and activities.

More details to follow

Event concluding with a  
**Worship**  
at 2pm



## The Methodist Church Manchester & Stockport Area

### MWiB Spring Gathering

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30 a.m. - 3.15 p.m.

(Coffee served from 10.00 a.m.)

### Monton Methodist Church

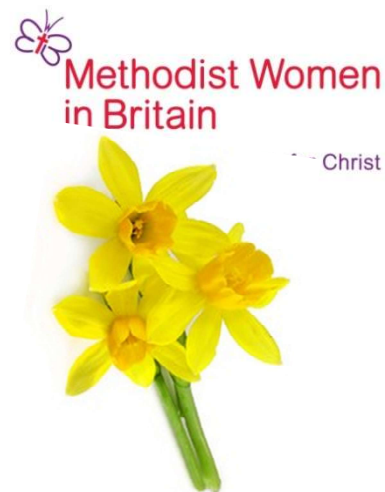
(Corner of Park Road & Grange Drive M30 9JG)

**Speaker: Rev Leonora Wassell**

Part 1: 'The Status of Women' and

Part 2: 'The Butterfly Movement' (with Craft!)

*Please bring your own lunch, drinks provided* **All Welcome**



## 3Generate

We are hoping to take a group of young people to 3Generate this year. This year 3Generate will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> October at the NEC Birmingham.

3Generate is an event for children and **young people aged 4-18** and includes various activities, workshops, and worship sessions designed to help young people explore their faith, develop leadership skills, and make a positive impact in their communities.

If you know of any children and young people within your church that may be interested in attending please contact Rev Katie Smith or Deacon Judith Laycock for details.

More information about the weekend can be found at [this link](#).

## Dialstone Lane Methodist Church

**Big Brew Fairtrade Coffee Morning** - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10.00-12.00 in the coffee lounge at Dialstone Lane MC.

Tea, coffee, food including Zaytoun olive oil and dates, Easter cards and eggs, chocolate, wide range of crafts.

Proceeds from the refreshments (including home made cakes with Fairtrade ingredients) will go to Transform Trade, who campaign on inequitable trade situations in many industries, including various types of farming, clothing and the differing legislative environments which allow rich countries to “export” their dirty industries and their rubbish to poorer countries.



**Christian Aid Plant Stall Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May 10am - 4pm.** There has been a successful plant stall to raise for funds for Christian Aid for the last 4 years at Dialstone Lane. This year it will be at the end of Christian Aid Week, there will also be light refreshments available. If you have seeds you might plant or cuttings to take we would be grateful for any spare plants you produce. Expert advice on plants also available at the Church. Please put the date in your diary."

## **Windlehurst Methodist Church**

**Active at Windlehurst** are holding a Coffee Morning ☕ on Thursday 3rd April from 10.30-12.00. Entrance £1.50, which includes a drink and biscuit! Donations of cakes and raffle prizes are always welcome!

## **Romiley Methodist Church**

Romiley Methodist Church are holding a **Quiz Afternoon** on Thursday 10th April which will take place in the Schoolroom building, starting at 2 p.m. There will be prizes! Entry by donation, including refreshments.

## **Woodley Methodist Church**

### **Funday Mondays**

Woodley Methodist Church invites you to our monthly fun times exploring seasonal topics and bible stories.

These are open for all ages from the very young to the not so very young - all are welcome. There will be a time to meet people, have a snack and a drink, to play, to chat, and to craft, all with the topic in mind.

There is no charge for these events - we would just love you to come and join us.

Where - Woodley Methodist Church

When - 28<sup>th</sup> April from 3.15 to 5pm

For more information contact our minister, Katie Smith, on [revkatiesmith@gmail.com](mailto:revkatiesmith@gmail.com) or 0161 430 2964



## Heaton Moor United Church

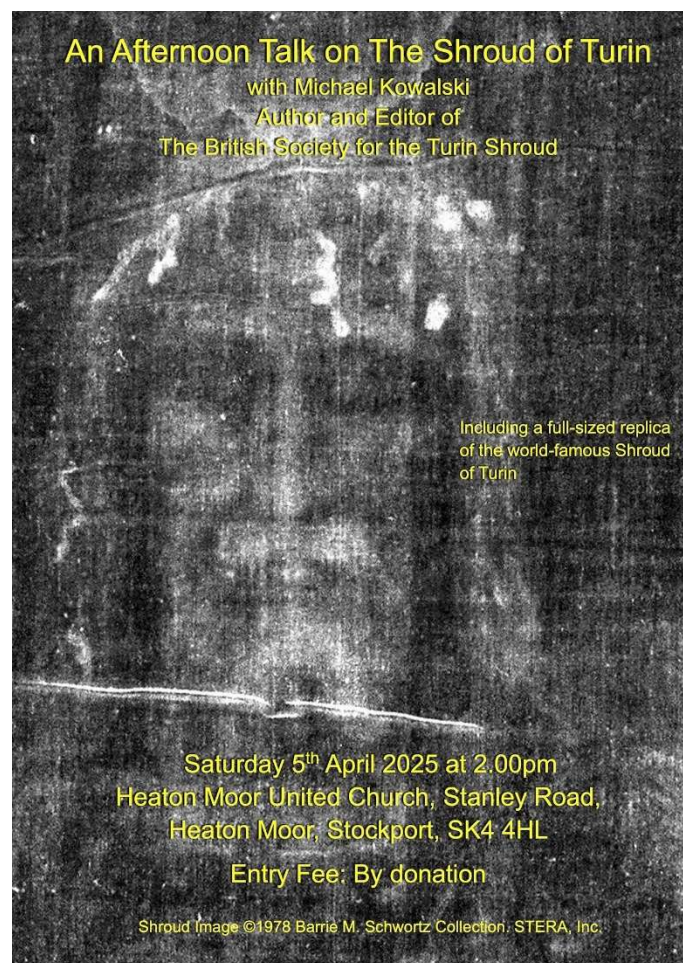
Heaton Moor United Church is pleased to announce that on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm Michael Kowalski, author of 'The Shroud of Christ: Evidence of a 2,000-year Antiquity' and editor of the British Society for the Turin Shroud (BSTS) Newsletter will be giving a talk on the Shroud of Turin. There will be a full-sized replica of the Shroud along with the front and back black and white negatives. This will be a fascinating talk covering the scientific and historical evidence of the image of this enigmatic cloth.

Admission is by donation and there will be refreshments available

Doors open at 1:30pm: The talk will be held in the upper Worship Room which is accessible by lift.

Address: Heaton Moor United Church, Stanley Rd, Heaton Moor, SK4 4HL Stockport.

Everybody welcome!



In collaboration with Mind (Stockport & District) and Camerate Orchestra Heaton Moor United Church are pleased to announce they are beginning a Dementia Music Café from May 2025.

The Dementia Music Café will take place weekly on a Tuesday afternoon.

We are seeking 6-8 music champion volunteers to help with this exciting venture.

If you are interested in finding out more about being a music champion (no musical experience required) please speak with JoAnne on 07340 269 354

[community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk](mailto:community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk) or come along to our volunteer event at Heaton Moor United Church on the 8<sup>th</sup> April from 13:30



## Become a Music Champion!

### No experience needed!

As a music champion you will be able to:

- **Help run a Music Café** for your dementia community
- **Support** other volunteers and family carers to be confident in using music as part of dementia care
- **Bring joy** to the lives of people with dementia and their family carers by making music together



What you'll get from the programme:

- **Support and training** for music therapists and musicians in live music sessions
- **Ongoing support online** and face-to-face with other music champions
- **Tutorial videos**, music tracks and other resources
- **Completion certificate** at the end of your course

*"You are unsung heroes... after Mum's first session I literally cried happy tears. So from my family and I, thank you to each and every one of you"*

*Family Carer at a Music Café*



Can you spare 2-3 hours a week to be a Music Champion?  
Please contact [gemma.cooper@togmind.org](mailto:gemma.cooper@togmind.org)  
0777 026328

Music in Mind, powered by Manchester Camerata orchestra since 2011

EASTER IS A SYMBOL OF HOPE,  
RENEWAL AND NEW LIFE

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR A HAPPY EASTER COMMUNITY LUNCH

If you're without family nearby or celebrating on your own, or you need a carer/have caring responsibilities, join us for a FREE lunch filled with delicious food, warm fellowship, and Easter joy!



21 APRIL | 12:30

HEATON MOOR UNITED CHURCH  
STANLEY ROAD, HEATON MOOR, SK4 4HL

**\*\*BOOKING ESSENTIAL\*\***

Contact JoAnne 07340 269 354  
[community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk](mailto:community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk)

We may be able to help with transport, or deliver a meal to your home, please contact us.

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### Hazel Grove Methodist Church

#### Ladies' Fellowship

The Ladies' Fellowship meets on alternate Thursday afternoons in the church building from 2pm - 4pm. Old and new members welcome as we begin a new year. Come along and enjoy fellowship and fun and, of course, a cuppa!



#### Knit and Natter

Knit and Natter meets on alternate Wednesdays at 10.00am in the coffee lounge. Everyone is very welcome - to knit, to natter and enjoy a cuppa. The Group Knits all kinds of things, knee blankets for local care homes, hats for premature babies, vests for newborns abroad, Easter chicks for Francis House - anything for wherever there's a need.

#### Chatty Café

A joint venture with the United Reformed Church at the URC's Short Street Site - providing a warm space each Wednesday from 10.00am - noon with tea/coffee and light snacks - toast, teacakes etc for the local community and anyone who would like to call in for a brew and a chat.

### Davenport Methodist Church

#### Craft Club



1st Wednesday of every month 14.00 - 16.00.

£3.00 per session includes refreshments.

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

Come along to a session to find out more.

#### Thursday Drop In

Every Thursday 2pm - 4pm everyone welcome. **Please note the change in time!**

Come along and share in refreshments and a chat, plus sometimes this includes a quiz.

#### Prayer Meeting

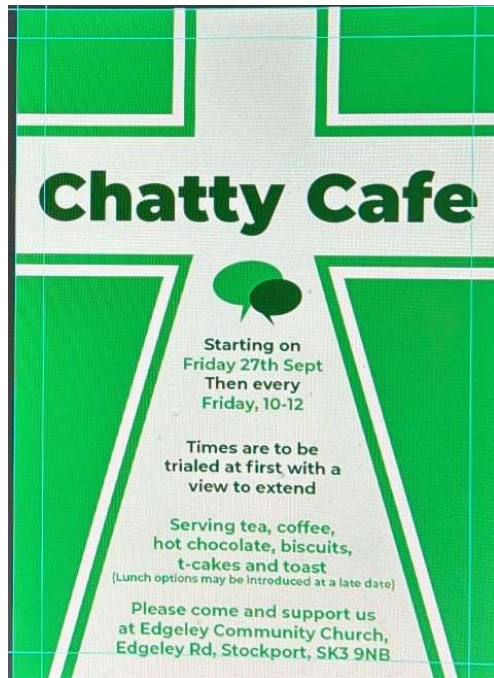
Every first Sunday of the month at 10:00am for 15 minutes. All are welcome to join us.



## Edgeley Community Church

**Craft group** (bring your own)

Monday 1-3pm - £3 drink & biscuits



## Heaton Mersey Methodist Church

### Tuesday afternoon Fellowship

We have a small group who meet every Tuesday afternoon between 2pm and 3pm for Bible study and discussion, followed by a time of prayer from 3.10pm. The group is open to everyone who would like to take part.

### 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.

### Monthly Communion

This month's communion will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 14:00. This thirty-minute communion service is a lovely opportunity to meet for a short thoughtful service and is followed by refreshments and time to chat.

## Heaton Moor United Church

### Dementia Friendly

Heatons



**Dementia Friendly Heatons** takes

place every Friday (except August and Christmas!) from 13:30 until 15:30

The group is for those with a dementia diagnosis and their carers. We aim to promote a dementia-friendly community by providing a safe, comfortable, and supportive environment that enables friendly social interaction in a relaxed atmosphere. We are a musical group who enjoy singing and dancing and have a weekly chair exercise class.

If you would like more information on the group please contact JoAnne on 07340 269 354 or [dementiafriendlyheatons@gmail.com](mailto:dementiafriendlyheatons@gmail.com)

**Monday Fellowship** - fortnightly gatherings of fun and fellowship Monday evenings from 19:45. See [www.heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk](http://www.heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk) calendar for next date.

## Romiley Methodist Church

“Music for Pleasure” on Thursday 17th April is at 2 p.m. in the Church, when Gary Davison, a distinguished composer musician from Washington DC, who has been to Romiley on several occasions, will present his choice of Desert Island Discs. This will be followed with a cuppa and a posh biscuit - all welcome!

Our Saturday Afternoon Filmshow on 3rd May at 2 p.m. will be a charming little film from Bhutan called “LUNANA - A YAK IN THE CLASSROOM,” which tells the story of Ugyen, a young Bhutanese trainee teacher who dreams of emigrating to Australia to be a popular musician, and is dismayed when he’s posted to the little, remote village of Lunana, high in the Himalayan mountains, to instruct the local children. After a long trek to get there, he finds a simple yak herding community, and a classroom without even a blackboard (but with a visiting yak) - but also very enthusiastic children and villagers with unassuming warmth. Beautifully photographed in wonderful mountain locations, this poetic and enchanting drama earned Bhutan its first ever Oscar nomination. This is a rare chance to see it, on a big screen! Entry by donation, with complimentary tea and cake during the interval. All welcome!

## Marple Methodist Church

The Seed Café every Thursday and Friday

Lydia's Place - craft group every other Thursday

## Woodley Methodist Church

Thrift Shop and Café open every Wednesday and Saturday 9.30am to 12noon

Bargains for all, come and have a browse!



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### Dates for 2025 are:

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April - Cancelled - Holy Week**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

26<sup>th</sup> December - **NO MEETING - HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**

If you would like to join us or know more about the group please go to the Woodley Methodist Church Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/WoodleyMethodists> or telephone Phil on **0161 430 8518**



## **Windlehurst Methodist Church**

**Active at Windlehurst**, a dedicated group for people with learning disabilities. Local history, drama, healthy eating and exercise.

Meet during term time every Thursday from 9:00 - 15:00, for more information contact Val Rowlands on 0161 427 6807

### **CAMEOS (Come And Meet Each Other & Sing)**

Friendship, refreshments and a jolly good sing! All are welcome. We meet the first Wednesday of every month from 13:45 for a prompt start at 14:00.

## EXTERNAL NEWS



**NORTH WEST ENGLAND  
METHODIST DISTRICT**

The District has a weekly newsletter which you can sign up to via the District website. The District website is now live and can be accessed at

<https://nwedmethodists.org.uk>. Please contact the District with your feedback - they would love to know your thoughts!

Send feedback to [admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk](mailto:admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk).

## Events from across the District

**District Online Worship: Sunday 13th April at 6.30pm**

Following a successful launch in March, our next District Online Worship will take place on Sunday 13th April at 6:30pm. This month our speaker is the Rev Phil Gough, District Secretary for Ministry and Vocations. The Zoom link is as follows:

<https://zoom.us/j/97923125645?pwd=L656LDUauCGtv46fg2PoKXxwI24E8a.1>

Meeting ID: 979 2312 5645

Passcode: 543701

The poster for District Online Worship Palm Sunday features a portrait of Rev Phil Gough, District Secretary for Ministry and Vocations. It includes the North West England Methodist District logo, the event title 'District Online Worship Palm Sunday', the date and time 'Sunday 13 April at 6.30pm', and contact information for the Zoom link and Facebook page.

Glazebury Methodist Church are hosting an exhibition of The Stations of the Cross by the local artist Gill Hamilton.

Gill began these sketches in Lent 2003 and has now produced the finished paintings which are now on display in our church during Lent.

Gill has a Facebook page where further details can be found. It would be lovely for anyone to come to see them. The church is open Tuesdays to Saturdays 9am to 3pm for open viewing. For anyone viewing in person there is a booklet available called Behold which contains images of all the paintings together with accompanying prayers for £2.50 to take away.

Glazebury Methodist Church is located on Warrington Road, Glazebury, WA3 5LD.