

Newsletter

JUNE 2025

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Marple Methodist Church

The Circuit/ District Testimony service for Deacon Jude Laycock and Revd. Sincere Makunde was held on Sunday 4th May. The church was full to overflowing with around 200 people at the service and followed by a buffet meal. This was an inspiring event with very personal journeys of faith portrayed in a wonderful way.

The Zimbabwean band- Shalom Trumpet - led us in some Zimbabwean songs with huge enthusiasm, wonderful instruments and dance.

You can see a recording of the event using the link -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Q50JsnReFQ>

Judith Laycock's ordination will take place on 29th June as part of this year's Methodist Conference. The service will take place at 4pm at St Andrew's Church, Shifnal.

Please see the link below for details of the church and how to book tickets for the service.

Tickets must be booked to attend the ordination service.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/structure-and-governance/the-methodist-conference/conference-2025/ordination-services/>

The service will also be livestreamed, details of this will be released shortly.

Romiley Methodist Church

On Saturday, 17th June, we put on a **Strawberry Afternoon Tea, in aid of Christian Aid Week**. There were scones, pots of three sorts of jam, and clotted cream, together with sweet English strawberries. Most people seemed to put the jam and cream on their scones in the proper way (!) and a total of £461 was donated for Christian Aid - many thanks to all who supported this event.



Davenport Methodist Church

Mission through Music (MtM), is a relaxed informal way to worship. Using songs and hymns, prayers and thoughts, mostly on the text chosen for that day, and held on alternate months. Music and singing are lead from the front by the band, which is made up of 1 keyboard, two guitars and a flute, with four singers, who with more lively songs will add the sound of the tambourines.

The band starts with usually around four songs or hymns at 10.30am, leading into worship at 10.45am. There is usually eight songs and hymns during the service.

Traditionally, the final segment of the service often involves prayers for individuals and global situations.

The theme for May 18, 2025, was 'Moments that change lives,' which examined simple events that prompt people to reconsider the direction and purpose of their lives. Biblical examples include Paul on the Damascus Road and Zaccheus meeting Jesus. Previous themes included Abigail as an example of faithful living while dealing with a difficult husband (1 Samuel 25:2-44), and Peter's character and faithfulness.

In all it is a joyful meaningful, true worship of our God.

Andrew Palmer & Sue Shillito 16/5/25



On Thursday 15th May, Davenport and Dialstone Lane members met together to discuss future get togethers. We had a very good meeting with some interesting ideas, including a couple of joint services, social events, and more planning meetings. The general consensus was that we would like to get to know one another better.

Windlehurst and The Ridge Methodist Churches

Windlehurst Church and The Ridge held a joint service. At the heart of our worship, was the plight of refugees and migrants, both nationally and locally. The situation is still very challenging, therefore it was salutary to bring it back into our thoughts and prayers! 🙏 It was heartening to hear about the Circuit's ongoing support, and how help from everyone is much needed and appreciated.



Windlehurst Methodist Church's latest appeal for **Wood Street Mission**. Items can be handed in at Windlehurst any Sunday. We are looking for:

- > New and great quality second hand clothes and shoes for children aged 2-16.
- > New children's underwear and socks for ages 2-16.
- > New Stationery, School bags/rucksacks, Lunch bags/boxes.
- > New and great quality second hand children's books.
- > Clean and fully working Safety Gates, High Chairs, Prams, Cots, and Moses Baskets.
- > New or great quality Second hand School uniform.
- > New Nappies (unopened), New Toiletries (unopened).

Baby equipment must be from a pet free and smoke free home.

For more information see Wood Street Mission's website:

<https://www.woodstreetmission.org.uk/>

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



Tiviot Dale Methodist Church

Community Café at Tiviot Dale would like to appeal for donations of the following items:

- shower gel, particularly male,
- roll on deodorants, particularly male,
- baby wipes,
- tinned carrots,
- blackcurrant squash

These items can be dropped off at Tiviot Dale during the café on Thursday afternoons or email admin@stockportcircuit.org.uk to enquire about alternative drop-off times.

Trinity Methodist Church

Cornerstone Methodist Church held an open day on 3rd March 2025 to celebrate the re-opening of their building.

For over 10 years, there had been a redevelopment planned for the church, situated in Davyhulme, Manchester, to provide a welcoming, accessible space for the community.

A stained glass window from Trinity Methodist church has been installed in the church as part of the redevelopment.



UPCOMING EVENTS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Circuit

Pentecost Picnic

Join us to celebrate Pentecost at this family event!

We are holding a Pentecost Picnic on Sunday 8th June at Abney Scout and Guide centre in Cheadle (Postcode: SK8 2PD).

The event will begin at 12noon and will conclude with a worship at 2pm.

You are invited to bring your own picnic and chairs/rugs to the event. There will be plenty of activities to enjoy including, games, crafts and a fire pit.

Please click the following link for details about parking, etc.

<https://www.stockportcircuit.org.uk/news/pentecost-picnic.html>

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 or

JoAnne Roy community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk

Please note: This event will be the circuit service for June.



Pentecost Picnic



SUN **8th** JUNE

FROM 12NOON

AT ABNEY SCOUT CENTRE

NEWLANDS ROAD, CHEADLE, SK8 2PD

Bring your own picnic
and chairs/rugs.

Event concluding
with a

Activities
include games,
crafts and a fire
pit.

Worship
at 2pm



3Generate

We are hoping to take a group of young people to 3Generate this year. This year 3Generate will be held on 3rd-5th 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.

The Methodist Church Manchester & Stockport Area

MWiB Summer Gathering & Induction of New President



Macclesfield Methodist Church, Westminster Road, SK10 1BX

(Contact lizstuartlp@aol.com for travel directions)

Saturday 14th June, 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.



Doors open 1.00 p.m. (There will be a Retiring Collection)

Speaker: Rev Su McClellan on 'Embrace the Middle East'

followed by a Buffet Tea

All Welcome



Windlehurst Methodist Church

Abigail Ogier, the deputy head of the MHA chaplaincy, is preaching at Windlehurst Church on Sunday June 15th. We look forward to hearing her message, Everyone is welcome to join us!

Dialstone Lane Methodist Church

The next fundraising event at Dialstone Lane Methodist Church is an 'In-House Musicians' Concert, in church, **Saturday 21st June at 2.30pm**. (Proceeds to Church Property Funds.) With Sing-Along & Raffle. Admission: (Including concert and interval refreshments) Adults £5.00; Children £2.50.

Tickets available from Gill Ramsbottom & Val Daykin, but come along anyway.

DAVENPORT METHODIST CHURCH



On Friday, June 13th, 2025 at 7.00 pm

we will be holding

"MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING"

(to raise money for Church Funds)

'an evening of music,
fun, conversation and
food'

We do hope you will come!

Please bring with you ...

- Something to share and eat, sweet or savoury
- A cd or memory stick with your favourite piece of music (anything from Hayden to Hendrix!)
- A friend or neighbour (or 2)
- £5.00 donation each (for Church Funds)

If you would like your favourite piece of music to be played, please bring along your cd or a memory stick. If possible, please bring along some food suitable for a finger buffet to share! Suggested donation; £5 per person.

United Christian Singers

www.unitedchristiansingers.org

present

Saturday 31st May 2025

6:30pm

Retiring collection

Failsworth Salvation Army Community Church

572, Oldham Rd M35 9DQ

Sunday 8th June 2025

6:00pm

Retiring collection

Salvation Army Citadel

121, Stockport Road, Cheadle Heath, Stockport SK3 0JE

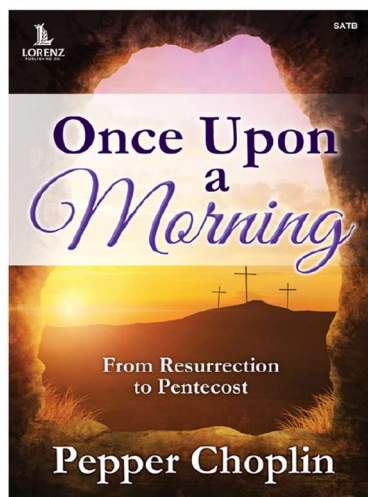
Saturday 14th June 2025

6:00pm

Retiring collection

Church of the Epiphany

Merton Drive, off Edge Lane, Droylsden M43 6BH



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. 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.



Dialstone Lane Methodist Church

Dialietots takes place on Mondays during termtime from 9.30 -11.30am.

Come along with your baby or toddler for time to play, enjoy a brew and some toast and finish with a singsong to kick the week off. No need to book. Just come round to the back of the church building for access.

3Ms (the Monthly Monday Meeting) is held on the second Monday of the month at 2pm.

A social group which starts with a short quiz, has a speaker or other activity and finishes with refreshments. Open to all.

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. **Please note the change in time!**

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

This is more for fun than competition, as anyone can shout out the answers.

We are having a few more people dropping in which is lovely and very encouraging.

Everyone is welcome to join us!

Prayer Meeting

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

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

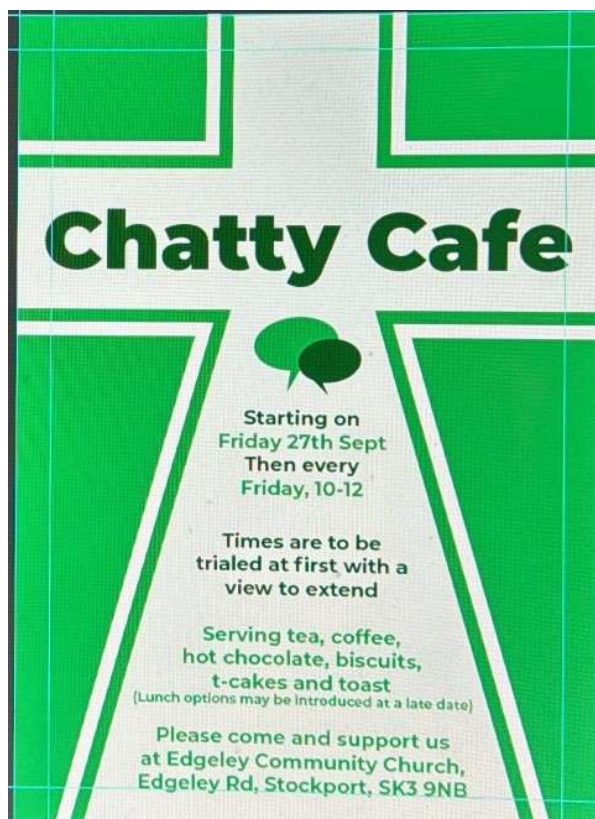
Monday Fellowship - fortnightly gatherings of fun and fellowship Monday evenings from 19:45.

See www.heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk calendar for next date.

Edgeley Community Church

Craft group (bring your own)

Monday 1-3pm - £3 drink & biscuits



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.

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

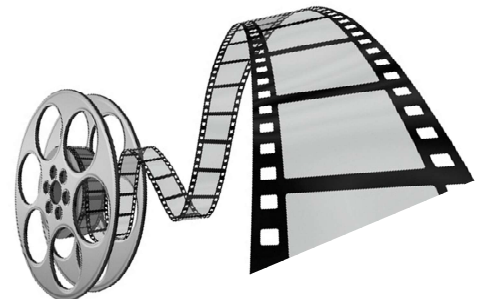
Chatterbox and Craft meets every Monday (except Bank Holidays). Drop in any time between 1 and 3pm to knit, sew, paint, draw, play music or whatever you would normally do at home alone. Or just come along for a good chat.

Monthly Communion

This month's communion will take place on Friday 27th June at 2pm. 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.

Romiley Methodist Church

Our **Saturday Afternoon Filmshow** on 7th June at 2 p.m. is **"OUT OF AFRICA,"** mentioned in the May Circuit Newsletter - Meryl Streep and Robert Redford in a good old-fashioned epic.



Our July film on 5th July at 2 p.m. is the 2019 true-life biographical drama **"JUST MERCY,"** which tells the story of the crusading and idealistic young black lawyer Bryan Stevenson (played by Michael B Jordan), fresh out of Harvard in 1989, who heads to the Deep South of the USA and opens a legal centre in Alabama, to represent prisoners on Death Row, helped by his legal partner Eva Ansley (Brie Larson). One of his first (rather reluctant) clients is Walter McMillan, known to his friends as Johnny D (Jamie Foxx), a black man sitting on Death Row for a murder he didn't commit. As Bryan digs deeper into the case, a terrible injustice becomes apparent, as well as a lot of racial discrimination, which Bryan himself also has to face. *This is a powerful, well-acted film, with some superb courtroom scenes, and all the better for being based on real events.* Entry by donation, with tea and cakes during the interval - all welcome

On Monday 16 June our **Men's Evening** has a visit from the **Greater Manchester Blood Bikers** team, who do such wonderful work for hospitals - and all as a charitable organisation. This meeting is open to ladies too! 7.30 in Church - free entry, with a collection for the work of the Blood Bikers

"Music for Pleasure" on Thursday 19th June is at 2 p.m. in the Church, when there will be a showing of the original 1940 Walt Disney classic film "Fantasia" (yes, the one with the Sorcerer's Apprentice) - a rare chance to see it on a big screen. This will be followed with a cuppa and a posh biscuit - all welcome!



Woodley Methodist Church

Thrift Shop and Café open every Wednesday and Saturday 9.30am to 12noon
Bargains for all, come and have a browse!

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.

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 - 16th June from 3.15 to 5pm

For more information contact our minister, Katie Smith.



Musical Memories are a group who have always loved playing music and singing together. We 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”

Dates for 2025 are:

Friday 27th June

Friday 25th July

Friday 29th August

Friday 26th September

Friday 31st October

Friday 28th November

26th 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**

Marple Methodist Church

The Seed Community Cafe is open every Thursday morning and Friday afternoon.

Opening times are-

Thursday - 10am to 1pm

Friday - 1.30pm to 5pm

Teas, coffees, toast, tea cakes, soup.

Lydia's Place - craft group every other Thursday

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>.

Events from across the District

District Online Worship: Pentecost Sunday, 8th June at 6.30pm

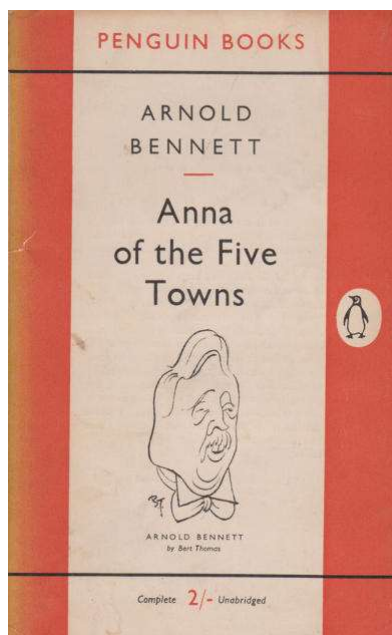
This month our preacher is Rev Sharon Read, Deputy Chair and Mission Area Lead for Lancashire. For the Zoom code (which remains the same), please email prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk or direct message us on Facebook. We look forward to seeing you there!

Working out Worship is being offered by the Learning Network in June. This is for anyone looking to be more creative or intergenerationally inclusive in their worship, is looking to become involved in leading worship or wants to learn more in preparation for Local Arrangements.

Working out Worship is a series to help anyone who is looking to resource worship in their Local Church. For lay people, or ordained. For youth workers, Sunday School leaders, worship leaders, stewards, local preachers, ministers or any who are interested.

Find out more and book a place: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/working-out-worship-3859703>

Please note: Registration for one session is only for one session, please register for multiple sessions if you wish to attend more than one.



ENGLESEA BROOK BOOK CLUB

Thursday 12th June, 3-4.30pm

Join us at Englesea Brook or online via Zoom to chat about why you love (or don't love) a good book (or not, as the case may be). Every book will have a Methodist, possibly Primitive Methodist, connection. *Anna Of The Five Towns* (1902) by local author Arnold Bennett is set in what is now Stoke-On-Trent. 'The Five Towns Stories will enable Primitive Methodists to understand the habits, customs and peculiarities of the people, in whose neighbourhood our Church was born' said the Primitive Methodist Magazine in 1912. Get reading, and join us on 12th June for great cake and conversation. Tell us what you think.

This is a free event.
(Donations welcome)



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Book
Club



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www.engleseabrook.org.uk. Registered Charity No. 1132237

Celebration of Pentecost / 2 Cathedrals Walk, 8 June 2025, 3-5pm - Pilgrims of Hope

On Sunday, 8th of June at 3pm, walk with us in a powerful celebration of Pentecost, as we journey together between Liverpool Cathedral and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Starting at Liverpool Cathedral this symbolic walk unites all communities in faith, reflection and joy. Come and be part of this special tradition! The celebrations will begin with a short act of worship at Liverpool Cathedral and include the story of Pentecost, hymns and stalls on the piazza of the Metropolitan Cathedral. The choirs of both cathedrals and a Salvation Army Band will be involved. All are welcome!



"Youth Essentials"

Youth Ministry training course

An exciting course to equip and strengthen anyone working with/ministering to young people in churches and community projects.



St Johns Methodist Church
Victoria Road, Horwich, Bolton BL6 5P
Saturday 7th June 2025 10am-4pm (Sessions 1-3)

Followed by 5 weekly sessions on Zoom

- Wednesday 11th June 7pm-9pm (Session 4)
- Wednesday 18th June 7pm-9pm (Session 5)
- Wednesday 25th June 7pm-9pm (Session 6)
- Wednesday 2nd July 7pm-9pm (Session 7)
- Wednesday 9th July 7pm-9pm (Session 8)



& Saturday 12th July 10am-4pm (Sessions 9 and 10)
@Tebay Methodist Church 1 Woodend Cottages,
Tebay, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3XB



For further information and to reserve a place
Please contact:
cyp.boltonmethodistchurches@outlook.com



2025 ASIAN THEOLOGICALS-UK Conference

on the theme of

THE BIBLE ON THE MOVE: POSTCOLONIAL THEOLOGIES OF MIGRATION



**Saturday, 14th of June 2025
9.30AM - 4 PM**

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

For details contact:
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inderjitbhogal153@gmail.com