

HARVEST NOTICES

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Services and preachers for today

0950 Quiet Room open for prayer

1030 Morning Worship

1830 Evening Worship

Notices

Please send notices to Luke Bosman no later than 1700 on Monday for inclusion in the next edition. Items which are received later will be included as time permits.

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Should anyone wish to help with the notices, even if only once in a blue moon, offers of help will be gratefully received!

Harvest Festival Gifts

Sunday, 24th September 2017

Recently there have been a number of devastating events around the world. In these circumstances it can sometimes help to focus our response.

Early in the morning on 14th August, after three days of torrential rainfall, devastating floods and mudslides occurred in and around Sierra Leone's capital city, Freetown. As of 20th August, the number of confirmed deaths is 499; hundreds of others are missing and feared dead.

Methodist members from Lancashire Methodist District visited Sierra Leone, after the Civil war, and again after the Ebola Epidemic, giving us a special understanding and empathy with their needs. Our Superintendent Minister Rev Mark Slaney, and Lynton Yates and Judith Laycock from this Church have been and helped with the medical facilities and services.

We are therefore keen to help once again in this current crisis through our Harvest appeal. The contributions given in the **All We Can** envelopes will be given to long term development partners of the Methodist Church in Sierra Leone, who remain committed once the wave of international attention has passed.

Food gifts

We have an on going collection of coffee, tea, and sugar, for the Fox Street Centre for homeless and vulnerable people in Preston; non-perishable food for the food bank in Bamber Bridge; and also toiletries and sanitary products for the women's refuge. At Harvest you may bring these gifts to be presented during the service.

Church Anniversary

22nd October 2017

Following Jesus, Loving Communities— New Ways of Being Circuit & Church

On our Church Anniversary the 1030 service will be led by Andrew Bennett, who chaired the Circuit Strategy group. This group worked with the circuit to produce a strategy document to take the circuit forward. This document has the title '*Following Jesus, Loving Communities, New Ways of Being Circuit & Church*' and is an exciting and visionary document for the future development of God's mission and ministry. This document has received a resounding approval from the Circuit Meeting.

Anniversaries are usually a time for looking back, but this year it will be an opportunity to look forward. This anniversary will be a time to consider the document and how the actions therein can be taken forward.

You are encouraged to read the Strategy document prior to 22nd October— additional copies are available if you haven't seen it.

Following the service, Trinity Gregson Lane, will join us for lunch. This will be a **faith lunch**. Bamber Bridge will be providing the first course and Trinity will provide the desserts. A list to sign up for lunch will be available in the meeting room at the rear of the Church. During lunch, you will be encouraged to share your views and hopes for the future, with those at your table.

Following lunch, there will be an afternoon to reflect on the challenges contained in '*Following Jesus, Loving Communities, New Ways of Being Circuit & Church*'. There will be times of conversation, listening and sharing ideas. Together we will seek to discern God's vision and plans for his people in our local area and within the Preston Ribble circuit.

You may have a question you want to ask— if so please add it to the list, also available in the meeting room. It is hoped that the afternoon will start no later than 1330 (but earlier if we have all eaten) and finish no later than 1630.

There will be an evening service at 1830, led as a local arrangement including **Songs of Praise**. Please see Marlene Yates' article in the Sphere magazine.

This is an opportunity to create a positive future, where disciples can grow in their lifelong adventure with God. Please invite anyone you know with connections to our Churches, who may want to contribute, or just listen as we make plans for the future.

Need to know anything else? Please ask one of the Stewards. Meanwhile, the Circuit Strategy will be exhibited on Saturday, 8th October from 1000-1200 at New Longton MC and 1400-1600 at Fulwood MC.

All members are welcome to come and engage with the strategy the Circuit Meeting has accepted. You will be able to leave your comments and ask questions of the Circuit Leadership Team present. Refreshments will be available.

First Aid For Adults (Beginners)

Wednesday, 18th October 0930-1200

If you wish to attend this **free** course, please sign the sheet in the Meeting Room or email: dkroscoe@blueyonder.co.uk t: 01772 498774



Scripture Union's North West Tour Is Coming To Bamber Bridge

Wednesday, 18th October at 1915

An estimated 95% of children and young people in England and Wales aren't in church.

Packed with stories from the SU team around the North West, the 95 Tour brings you lots of suggestions of how your church can reach out with the Good News of Jesus. The North West 95 Tour is for church leaders, youth and children's leaders, and anyone passionate about taking the Good News of Jesus to those children and young people who have no regular contact with church.

You will need to register on line w: <http://bit.ly/NW95tour> for a free place if you are interested in going. See the notice board for further details.

Tea And Cake!

Rev. Sue and Gary Creighton would like to thank everyone for their all the support and best wishes they received for their wedding and would like to offer an invitation to join them at Central on 29th September at 1900 for tea, coffee and cakes to celebrate their marriage and to share their photos.

Caution

Recently one of our church members had her handbag stolen from within the church. Can you please make sure that you do not leave anything of value unattended?

Coffee Morning

Brownedge St Mary's High School invite you to join us for our Community Coffee Morning on Friday, 29th September. The aim of the day is to raise as much money as possible for charities that support cancer sufferers or for those that help carers who support those in need. Our new Year 7 pupils will be serving coffee and cakes baked by our Year 11 pupils from 0915 until 1030. We would love you to join us for a cake and a chat. Hope to see you then!

Forthcoming Events

* Denotes a weekly event.

Sunday, 24th September

1430 Music in the Afternoon at
Christ Church, Longridge

Monday, 25th September

1815-1915 Rainbows*
1830-2000 Brownies*

Tuesday, 26th September

1330-1500 Toddler Group*
1930 Julian Meeting at Browndedge,
St. Mary's

Wednesday, 27th September

0800 Ecumenical prayer gathering
for our community at BBMC

Thursday, 28th September

1000-1130 Coffee morning*
1115-1140 Midweek service

1200-1300 Lunch (£4)*
1300-1530 Craft club
1800-1930 Lighthouse group

Friday, 29th September

1000-1200 Macmillan Coffee morning at
Carr Street Community Centre
1900-1930 Music group*
1930 Youth club*

Saturday, 30th September

1000-1200 Coffee morning*

Saturday, 7th October

0745 Prayer breakfast
1300-1500 Messy Church

Tuesday, 10th October

1930 Julian Meeting at Browndedge,
St. Mary's

Please note that audio recordings of morning services are once again available. They can be downloaded from the church website or from iTunes. Alternatively, just ask Luke Bosman or one of the stewards if you require a copy in an alternative format.

The church has a loop system for hearing aid users. If you experience difficulty hearing the service, please let the sound desk operator know as soon as possible— it's sometimes easier to remedy problems during a service than to discuss them afterwards.

A Plea!

Many, many people have interesting events, ideas and gatherings to promote in the Autumn. I have very limited space in the weekly notices so the more concise your notice can be, the greater the likelihood that I shall be able to include your notice. I can happily put further details of your event on the church's website should you wish. Please also note that posters are generally not in a suitable format for the notices: if you send me plain text with a picture it is much easier for me. Thank you!

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