

# PENTECOST NOTICES

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## Today's services

- 0950 Quiet Room open for prayer
- 1030 Morning worship
- 1830 Evening service with Holy Communion

## 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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07500 709710

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

## Welcome

We welcome the family and friends of Arlo Hodson who is being baptised during this morning's service.

## Safeguarding Training

There will be a Safeguarding Training course at Longton Church on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> June at 1900. This could be adapted according to needs: ie. Foundation or refresher. Please add your name to the list on the notice board by Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June to reserve a place and indicate whether it's a refresher or foundation that you need.

In addition, if you need a DBS certificate you now have to go through Andrew who will be able give you a reference number to enable you to access the online Methodist form. Thanks.

Pat Cooper

## Mission And Evangelism Prayer Breakfast

with our President of Conference, Rev. Loraine Mellor at Leyland Methodist Church  
Turpin Green Lane, Leyland, PR25 3HE

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> June from 0900-1030

Drinks, pastries, and bacon butties will be available upon arrival. To assist with catering, it would help if you book your place at e: [office@leylandmethodist.org.uk](mailto:office@leylandmethodist.org.uk) or t: 01772 454586

## What Is Mark Doing On Sabbatical?

This summer, as part of a 3 month sabbatical, Rev Mark Slaney (Superintendent Minister of the Preston Ribble Methodist Circuit) will be making a walking pilgrimage from

Bilbao to Santiago-de-Compostela, North-West Spain. Mark will be walking over 400 miles of the northern coastal known as the 'Camino Norte.' This is one of the many way-marked pilgrimage routes through France, Spain and Portugal which converge on Santiago-de-Compostela where Christian legend holds that the body of St James the Apostle of Jesus is buried. The Camino Norte follows the coast from the French-Spanish border before turning inland over the hills of Galicia and to the pilgrim's destination.

Mark says, "In the Christian tradition, pilgrimage involves both an inner and outer journey, an internal and external experience and reflection. As well as any personal matters that I hope to pay attention to, I can think of at least 3 reasons why this ancient medieval pilgrimage route is a very contemporary walk to undertake.

"First, it marks a history of interfaith conflict and boundaries between Christians and Muslims in Spain. Arguably the legend of the miracle of St James' body being found and interned at Santiago was, at least in part, about energising the resistance of Christians in northern Spain to the advancing Muslim faith. In today's world we face resistance, conflict and boundary marking between faith communities and, in contrast, I count myself amongst those who seek instead dialogue, understanding and openness to those of other faiths.

"Second, it is a spiritual luxury to be able to walk over 400 miles on well supported, resourced pilgrim routes and then return home at a time when millions of displaced refugees are walking thousands of miles unable to go back home. Perhaps my pilgrimage can be, in some way, an act of solidarity with all those forced rather than called to travel.

"Thirdly, in an age of consumerism and materialism, walking pilgrimage reduces self to a simpler life and routine where everything needed has to be carried in a backpack. Only the essentials matter, travelling light is the ethos, being open to hospitality and help required. Jesus' instructions to his disciples as he sent them out includes: 'Take nothing for the journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money – not even an extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there ...' (Luke 9:2-4). I'll be a little better equipped but on a tight budget and I have pre-booked only my first and last nights accommodation. This is a faith journey, including where I will be laying my head each night - hopefully on a pillow in a pilgrim hostel."

'We simply see and listen differently when we move with others and ourselves at a walking pace and out in the real, open, and unpredictable world. Walking in "pretty" places isn't often the goal, but practising presence, connection, and reverence where we are, is!' (Fr Richard Rohr, 'Walking Meditation')

Eternal God, give us the courage to set off on pilgrimage.

May we travel unhindered by worldly possessions simply trusting in you for all that we need.

Sometimes our hearts will be heavy as we plod along and our feet will ache and feel dirty.

Other times we will rejoice as the sun shines on the path stretching before us.

May we ponder the truth, that the pilgrim's journey is never finished till they reach home. Amen. (a pilgrim's prayer)

## Reimagine Spirituality

Unfortunately the ReImagine Spirituality event on Saturday 9th June is cancelled.

Alison Ransome on behalf of the Regional Learning & Development Forum.

## Request For Volunteers

The weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> November draws closer every day and with it, an amazing weekend full of fun, faith and fellowship called 3Generate. This year we are aiming to have 1200 young people on site for the weekend. While having such high numbers of young people is brilliant it means that we need even more volunteers than we did last year.

We are looking for volunteers to work in the following teams:

Venue Teams: Creative; Outdoor activities; Indoor— Performing Arts, Workshops, Talks & Worship; The Well (drop-in); 8-11s (drop-in); Agents of Change; Still (quiet space)

Care / Engage Teams: Roving youth team; Chalet hosts; Additional needs (1:1 support); Night stewards

Operational Teams: Help desk / Admin; Stewards; Set-up / Set-down

You are able to sign up to volunteer here: <http://bit.ly/3genvolunteer>

The Circuit has booked some tickets, details of which will be released soon. Looking forward to seeing you in sunny Southport.

Michael Pryke | Youth President

## Fulwood Farmers' Market With Fairtrade

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May from 0930-1300**

The next Fulwood Farmers' Market with Fairtrade will be held on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May from at Fulwood Methodist Church Crossroads Centre PR2 8EA. Come and stock up on fresh local produce and Fairtrade products, and enjoy a chat over a drink and a snack. A warm welcome for all.

## Games Night Returns

**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June from 1900**

Please feel welcome to join us for another evening of sociable gaming next Saturday. As usual, we'll have a few board games to play as well as a selection of snacks and drinks. There's no charge (although we'll never turn down contributions towards the refreshments)— just turn up and play. Even better, bring a friend, turn up and play.



## Forthcoming Events

\* Denotes a weekly event.

### Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May

1000–1200	Coffee morning*
1300	Wedding of Stephen Watson and Sharon Wilkes

### Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May

1830	Evening service with Holy Communion
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### Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May

1815–1915	Rainbows*
1830–2000	Brownies*

### Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May

1330–1500	Toddler Group*
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### Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May

1000–1130	Coffee morning*
1115–1145	Midweek service
1200–1300	Lunch (£4)*
1300–1500	Craft club

### Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May

1900–1930	Music group*
1930	Youth club*

### Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May

0930–1300	Farmers' Market at Fulwood MC
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### Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> May

1830	Evening service by local arrangement
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### Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May

0800	Ecumenical prayer gathering at Saint Aidan's
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### Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> May

1300–1500	Craft club
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### Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June

1830	Youth Fellowship (also on 1 <sup>st</sup> July)
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### Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> June

1300–1500	Craft club
1800–1930	Lighthouse group

### Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June

1900	Games night
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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.

**The notices are available in A4 or A5 size. If you would like a larger print version, please ask.**

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