



MINI MACCLESFIELD MESSENGER

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December 2021



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A message from the Superintendent

Dear friends,

Above the door of a shop quite near to me is a small metal box. Most people don't notice it. They don't notice it, not because they can't see it but because they can't hear it! This small box is designed to emit an unpleasant noise at a frequency that only younger people can hear. It is designed to discourage young people from hanging about around the door! Most people can't hear it, as they've grown older, they've lost the ability to hear it, but the noise is still there. I can still just about hear it, but it would no longer discourage me from hanging about and causing trouble near the shop ... if that was something I fancied!



As we go through December, we hear the familiar Christmas music played in shops and restaurants, we see adverts telling us that we need to buy the latest toy, or vacuum, or perfume to be really happy at Christmas. We put up trees, and fairy lights, we eat mince pies, and we wrap presents. We plan our Christmas dinner, decide which family members we're going to visit, and if they're coming to stay, we decide who's going to sleep where, and get our emergency chairs out so everyone can sit down.

We do all the Christmas things that we do each year, and hopefully we enjoy them, hopefully we find it to be a peaceful happy time! But amidst all that, I wonder if we still



hear the sound of Christ's coming. That sound is here, it infuses all the world, it echoes from eternity to eternity, it resounds even in the darkest places of our world – a sound of peace, a sound of joy, a sound of love! The sound of Christ's coming is here, but so often we are unable to hear it and we miss it. Perhaps we miss it because we are so busy. Perhaps we miss it because we are so wrapped up with other

things. Perhaps we miss it because we have simply lost the ability to hear it.

At the heart of Christmas is the birth of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate Christmas properly we need to hear the sound of his coming.

We need to hear the great story.

We need to listen and allow God to fill us with awe and wonder as the word becomes flesh!

We need to stop and listen for the sound of Christ's coming in our world and in our lives.

We need to listen to the call of the angels to Mary and Joseph saying God is at work in your life!

We need to listen to the song of the great company of angels to the shepherds, glory be to God and peace to all on earth!

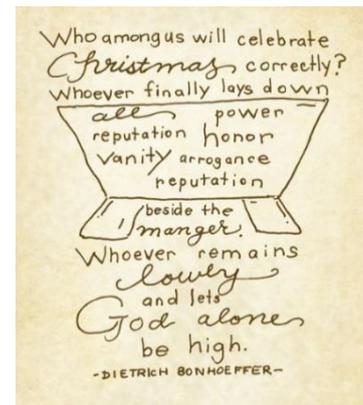
We need to listen to the awestruck wonder of the Magi as they present gifts to a king.

We need to listen to the sound of God's hand at work in the history of the world, two thousand years ago as Christ was born, and today as Christ still moves to heal and bless and love.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer in *God is in the Manger*, wrote:

Who among us will celebrate Christmas correctly?
Whoever finally lays down all power, all honour, all reputation, all vanity, all arrogance, all individualism beside the manger; whoever remains lowly and lets God alone be high; whoever looks at the child in the manger and sees the glory of God precisely in his lowliness

Amidst all the other things we are doing, we need to hear the sound of Christ's coming. That's the sound that will transform, and will lead us deeper into the holy mystery of Christmas!



*Him the angels all adored,
their Maker and their King;
tidings of their humbled Lord
they now to mortals bring.
Emptied of his majesty,
of his dazzling glories shorn,
being's source begins to be,
and God himself is born!*

Charles Wesley

With every blessing this Advent and Christmas,
Graham

We are always pleased to receive articles for mini messenger and these are the words and views/ comments of the authors themselves. They may or may not represent the views of the Macclesfield Circuit of the Methodist Church.

Children & Families

What a start to our new Methodist year. The children and family's teams in our churches have been working extremely hard. All our churches that had toddler groups have all started up again in person and the numbers are amazing. We are still getting new people each week and all our groups are supporting each other. I have seen the same families at different toddler groups, which I think is amazing. Our circuit offers 4 toddler groups all on different days of the week!!!!

Messy Church is going from strength to strength.

We started with Messy Harvest in September at Macclesfield Methodist Church where we had 31 children. We weren't sure if families would return after the pandemic, but they did in amazing numbers.



In October we had our Messy Light Party at Broken Cross Methodist Church, where we had 41 children attend. We also held a Messy Light Parade on 31st October at Prestbury Methodist Church in conjunction with St Peter's Church.





On Saturday 27th November we held our Messy Advent at Prestbury Methodist Church where 14 children attended. This was smaller than the first two, but the weather was not good thanks to storm Arwen, and our families are starting their run up to Christmas so some of our families are busy putting their trees and decorations up. It was a lovely and calm event (not like the other two which were noisy and hectic). This gave us the time to speak to the parents for a change and not just the children, which we love doing.

Messy Church has been great, our families have been travelling to the different churches which again is amazing for the circuit.



Breakfast Church we now have bacon butties back thanks to the wonderful men who have volunteered to cook the bacon for us. Breakfast Church happens on the first Sunday of the Month at Macclesfield Methodist Church 9-10am. We have on average 12 children each month. We share breakfast together, then listen to a story and make a craft whilst sitting and chatting to each other. Anyone is welcome to join us for breakfast, there is toast and croissants as well as the bacon butties.

We are entering a busy but exciting time of the year. We have lots going on for our children and families during the festive season.

Sunday 5th December Breakfast Church @ Macclesfield Methodist Church 9-10am

Friday 17th December Tinsel Tots at Broken Cross Methodist Church 9:30am – a toddler Christmas Party for all our toddler groups in the circuit.

Sunday 19th December Virtual Nativity Play at the moment we have 20 children taking part but there is still time for this to grow.

Monday 20th December Kids Christmas Holiday Club at Macclesfield Methodist Church 10-3pm. You need to pre book by 12th December, but if you want a day to get ready for Christmas without the children, this is for you. It's for children aged 5-11 (we will accept children who have just started school in September who are not 5 yet). We will have a puppet workshop for children in year 5 & 6. It cost £10 per child and children will need to bring a packed lunch and we will be inviting the parents/carers to join us at 2:30pm for a cuppa & mince pie and to watch a performance from the children.

Finally, we have our Christingle services that our families are looking forward to attending, so many have asked will they be at our churches this year as it is a tradition they love doing.

Then we will all be hibernating to recover to start all over again in the new year.

I want to take this time to thank everyone of you. Without your support we wouldn't be able to do what we do. I would personally like to thank anyone who has volunteered at any of our events whether they are weekly or monthly. I want to say a huge thank you for my support group, Alison, Heather, Ruth, Sheila and Brenda (not forgetting Susan who is not on my support group but does a vital role in organising us all). Your help and support means the world to me, I couldn't do my job without you. We have now gone to monthly Messy Church events, and you have all helped organise teams from your churches to help out.

I just want to share this pantoum prayer I did at a training session in September. We had to think of something that was on our minds for the new Methodist Church year.

Dear God,

Working as a new circuit team
Now this is quite a challenge
Many different people to organise
To do things in a different way
Now this is quite a challenge
But we can do this together
To do things a different way
And remember it is for the children
But we can do this together
To bring families into our churches
And remember it is for the children
To make a new community
To bring families into our churches
Many different people to organise
To make a new community
working as a new circuit team.
Amen.

Have a wonderful Christmas may God Bless you all.

Angela and the Children's teams

Please note - Breakfast Church in January 2022 will be on the 9th January.

Prayer – in our Circuit Prayer Cycle we remember our friends at Gawsorth and we thank them for contributing this prayer.

Lord God you have come and revealed yourself to us in Jesus. You come amongst us today in our everyday encounters with others and in our experiences of joy and sadness, hope and despair, for you continue to work out your purposes here- forgive us that so often we fail to recognise you. Then we believe that you will come – we don't know when or how and it will be but once more this world will once more become a place where your will is done.

During this Advent season, you call us to come to you and we come, full of apprehension, for there is so much around us which seems to deny you, strengthen our faith which flickers in the darkness. Guide us into a lifestyle appropriate to your coming kingdom, so like John the Baptist we may prepare the way for others to find peace and life in all its fullness. We thank you for the Bible record which tells us how you used the most unlikely people in the preparation of your kingdom. A peasant girl became the mother of our Lord and a single family nurtured him. Shepherds were told the good news and shared it with others. Make us like the innkeeper who found room for Christ. Then come and be born in our hearts again as we prepare to celebrate His birth. Use us Lord, by the power of your Spirit!

May the gathered worship of our churches restore our faith and give us confidence that we have indeed good news to share which the world needs to hear and experience. Guide us through this season when the world is dark, light our path and show us the Way, and teach us again your Truth. With the Psalmist (Psalm 25) we pray 'Remember not our sins of the past and present but remember Your Covenant Love towards us. Then shine the light of your Love through us, that we may be beacons of hope to those for whom life is difficult, sad and painful, and make us a people, generous with our time, energy, money and hospitality to those in great need, after the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ in whose name we pray.

Amen

Members' voices....

From Ruth Gunning, Macclesfield

Faith

A key element of living with advent anticipation is **faith**

“**Faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
Hebrews 11 v1

“**Faith** is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love, a love which precedes us and upon which we can lean for security and for building our lives.” Excerpt from The Lumen Fidei (The Light of Faith) -Pope Francis

Advent is a time to deepen our **faith**, to help us grow in our trust, in our confidence that Christ's presence is always among us and confidence that Christ's coming will bring a new rule in our lives. Our **faith** helps prepare in our lives a fitting dwelling place for Christ's Spirit. **Faith** lays the groundwork upon which our lives are shaped.

Advent is the perfect time to encounter and re-encounter the Living God in our lives, to come to know and love God and to renew our **faith** in him. There is nothing old when we encounter God in our lives, it is always new and refreshing when we encounter God in our lives,

May this Season of Advent be an encounter with Christ, that Christ may give us the gift of **faith**. May he show us that what we truly desire is him alone, and may we cling to him with **faith** in all He will do for us.

From Rev Sheila Bishop, Gawsorth

ADVENT A REFLECTION

You're coming Lord, as you promised
'on the clouds' the hymn says!
We don't know when,
no one does, except your Father.
So You have told us to wait,
Actively wait and watch, be alert,
In case we miss you, -but that's not likely is it?
What with the clouds and everything we are to expect?
Except it seems You're always coming to us



Wrapped in human flesh.
Not like the time you came
to Bethlehem, born of Mary.
But coming amongst us this day, in those we meet,
those who like all humankind are
made in your image!
So Advent is about actively watching,
and paying attention to others,
in case we miss your coming now!
Failing to feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
visit, care, heal and save-
And so, in them, we fail to see You.
And, at the end time, when 'You come on the clouds'
and we cry 'Lord! Lord!'
You will fail to see us!
Teach us Lord to wait, watch and serve You now – today!

Could you write an article?

We love to feature contributions from members of the congregation who would be willing to tell us what they are doing during these strange times – what are you watching/reading/making? Any tips to share with others? It would be lovely to hear from you!

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Community & Church News

Gawsworth

Christingle evening on Tuesday 7th December at 6pm, at Gawsworth, led by Rev Graham and Angie. Everyone welcome.

Macclesfield

Macclesfield Church has invited Mr Paul Moores from the Leprosy Mission to preach on the 6th of February 2022 at @10:30 am. All are welcome for this service.

A reminder could you please collect your used stamps & get them to Macc Church on or before the 6th to enable Paul to take them for the work at Leprosy Mission There is a jar in the gateway.

Poynton



It's NEVER too late.

It seems to have become clear in the last weeks that around the World many of us, politicians included, are finally waking up to the changes which we all need to make to safeguard the planet.

At our recent cafe church someone asked if we were going to hold a vigil during the COP 26 meeting in Glasgow. Then, Richard delivered his strong message when preaching just before the summit. Jogged into action a few of us got together and made rapid plans with just ten days to achieve it, to open the church to everyone for the afternoon of the day of action for climate change on the 6th November, at the time that many thousands were able to join marches in our cities. Our group recruited others and spread the word. The approach was to pray and examine practical actions we can all take. The posters and banner outside the building were changed to broadcast the message to our community. In writing this I have drawn from the contributions made by our enthusiastic group, not all words are mine.

Pictures and prayers were displayed around our sanctuary. There was an art table for all to express themselves creatively:

We prayed "Father Forgive Us" looking at pictures of God's creation we asked for forgiveness for the ways our actions and choices affect climate and diversity and impact on the poorest in the World. Our thoughts were directed to those most vulnerable, in extreme poverty, with crops affected by changing weather patterns and homes at risk from rising sea levels.

"Help us to treasure Earth's resources, work to reduce our impact on the climate and be open to a conversion of heart and life style"

We prayed for the World leaders and for Justice, recognising that those who may have done least to contribute to climate change are worst hit and have fewest resource to implement change. We prayed for accountability.

Having asked the question, "are we doing all we can?" we suggested ways in which we can make a change in our lives. There was a prayer tree to which we added our leaf promises.

Practical actions:

In the entrance to church we now have a permanent recycling box to collect empty blister packs and plastic pill bottles which cannot go into general recycling.

There are shops springing up locally where food, and other products can be bought without excessive packaging and you can fill your own containers. Check out the the Eco Attic at Fiveways, Hazel Grove and Scoop and Scales the refill shop in the Old Sunday School Roe Street Macclesfield.

One of us researched four Poynton supermarkets checking the ratio of single use plastic containers to biodegradable ones on their shelves. In every case single use was significantly greater. All visitors to the building on the 6th, and since, have been invited to read the display which reminds us about plastic pollution and highlights

some lesser known facts. We have a petition to send to our local supermarkets urging them to take more responsibility and insist that they use an alternative to single use plastics, particularly when selling and packaging fruit and vegetables.

We did try to connect to the events in Glasgow and other cities. Technology allowed us to join the Iona Community Big Sing outside the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh but with mixed success. Our connection was fine but they were broadcasting via Zoom in the wind and rain; we joined in as well as we could and there were some great songs. It was possible to see, and hear, others too with individuals joining the broadcast from Canada, the USA and Holland and we noticed another Methodist Church, in Salisbury. There was a live link youth broadcast from the Methodist church in Glasgow which we connected to for the rest of the afternoon. The final attempt to connect beyond Poynton was to video a short march around our special welcome sign which we hope will be added to other individuals marching from wherever they are in the World to a Christian Aid global march.

So if you can:

Plant a tree

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Walk, bike, use public transport

Conserve water

Switch lights off

Speak out

Eat less meat

Buy locally grown/produced food

Don't use clingfilm - try reusable food covers

Reduce one off plastics

Repair rather than replace

Campaign to ban wet wipes that use plastic

What else can you think of?

We may only now be waking up to what we can do and what we can urge others to do. There is no time to go back to sleep.

Lord, we pray for bold actions not words.

Don Riseley

Don was our Circuit Treasurer for many years, a pillar of our Methodist community here in Macclesfield and we shall miss him dearly.

A reminder that there will be a Service of Celebration for his life on **Thursday 9th December 1pm at Macclesfield Methodist Church**, followed by a private cremation. Refreshments will be provided at the Masonic Lodge for all who wish to attend.

We will pay tribute to Don in a later edition of Mini Messenger.

Methodist Women in Britain – District News

News from Manchester & Stockport District MWiB



President's Letter

I'd like to start by saying I've never written a President's Letter before and still assume it's someone else! Although full of trepidation at each new task I'm also in awe at all the help and encouragement I have received along the way. My first big thank you must be to Liz Stuart who has not only been an excellent President but a huge help to me over the last 4 months, always available to answer my many queries. Liz has also, through Covid, undertaken an extra year's Presidency! Well done Liz. In addition I must thank all the MWiB District Officers who are ever there with helpful advice and suggestions, I feel my church family has truly been extended now.

I so enjoyed my Induction on June 19th although saddened that we were restricted in numbers due to Covid. It was a lovely, joyous occasion and for the many who were not allowed to attend I hope you watched it on YouTube – another first for MWiB I think!

For many of us we are beginning to feel the first stirrings of hope as our world slowly returns to something like 'normal'. The normal of hugging our families, the normal of attending church services, the normal of going out for a meal or enjoying mooching around the shops/having our hair done. What is your 'normal'? I think one thing Covid has taught us is to appreciate our 'normal' we took so much for granted before. As my mother always said, "Count your blessings and thank God for them, Christine."

Coming back to that word Hope, it is my theme for my President's time. I chose this because of my time in Palestine in 2019 and volunteering there in 2020. As many of you know I met inspirational Palestinians who, despite much adversity, had prayerful hope in their hearts. As St Paul writes in Romans 15 v 13: 'May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.'

This Bible verse truly sums up many Palestinians way of living in their very troubled country. For this reason I've chosen The Four Homes of Mercy in Bethany, Palestine as my charity during my time as President. They are the first charity in Palestine to offer a loving home and 24/7 care for people with special needs.

If any of you would like me to come to your churches and speak about my charity and the time I spent in the Holy Land, please get in touch. (07975 503019 or email chrisg7684@gmail.com)

God bless
Chris Gregory



Report from our Autumn District Meeting Roberta Gerrard writes:

I attended the autumn meeting at St Mary's Church in Handforth; it was lovely to meet up with the ladies in person. As with all good meetings we started with a drink and a catch up chat. The business part of the meeting led to good discussions on the way forward following the lockdown. We had brought our lunch with us and again the room filled with lively chatter, and it took a while to persuade everyone to move into the church to begin the afternoon session. Our speaker was Beverley Blackley who had very kindly travelled from Newcastle on Tyne to join us. She told us of her time in Palestine volunteering at the "Four homes", and informing us about the difficult times the Palestinian people suffer because of the wall built by the Israeli's. A retiring collection will go the "Four homes" at the request of Chris Gregory our District President.

News from MWiB Manchester and Stockport District



Our Memories of Vivienne Redfern

As many of you may know our good friend Vivienne died recently. We, at MWiB, have been remembering her as someone who was totally committed to the different Women's Groups throughout the Methodist Church for many years. She was always willing to accept any task and with a wonderful sense of fun.

Jo Richards remembered the Kenyan exchange trip and their years of friendship, whilst for Jenny Went she was a travelling companion to South Korea, South Africa and Rome. Eva Manley recalled meeting her at Wellspring and our Swanwick conferences which she regularly attended.

Vivienne was the sort of friend who was 'always there' and always with a smile and a ready wit. She will be greatly missed at MWiB. God bless you Vivienne.

MWiB New District Vice President

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Eva Manley has agreed to be the new Vice President of MWiB Manchester and Stockport District. She will be inaugurated in June 2022. Eva is an enthusiastic member of MWiB and we all look forward to working with her more closely.

I will close by wishing you all a happy and healthy 2022.

Every blessing
Chris Gregory
MWiB District President

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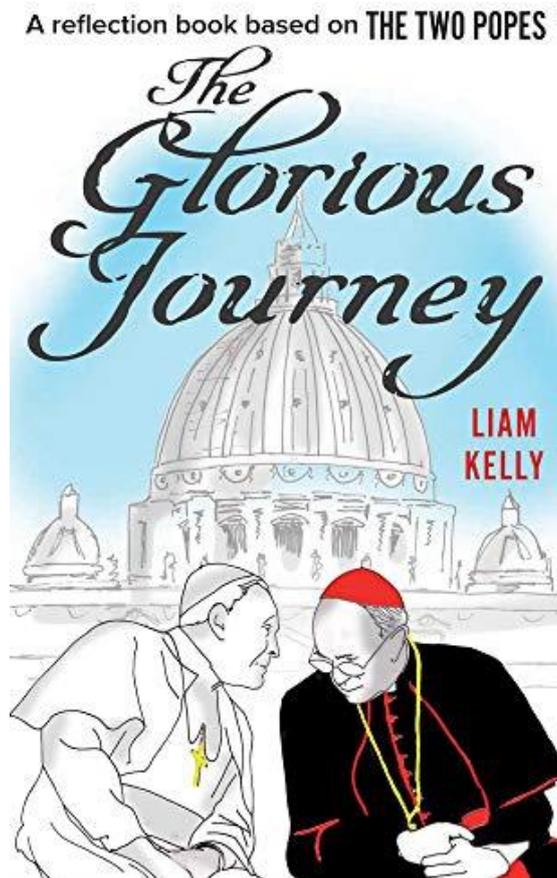
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*Merry Christmas
Happy New Year*



ADVENT REFLECTION COURSES – running Online, at Poynton or Prestbury....

Online Advent



Study

Wednesday 1st December 7 pm

Wednesday 8th December 7 pm

Wednesday 15th December 7 pm

Wednesday 22nd December 7 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/98321596298?pwd=K2ZaL2cyL05rNUN6dHpjT2NlOUJadz09>

POYNTON Methodist Church Advent Study

Mondays at 10:00 in Room 3

Wednesdays on Zoom at 7:30pm (Roger Drinkwater for the link at drinkwaters@ntlworld.com)

Our study this year will be based on the book 'Songs for a Saviour's Birth' written by William Philip. This journey through Advent with Elizabeth, Mary, Zechariah, the Angels, Simeon and Anna, considers some of the verses in the first two chapters of Luke's Gospel. The headings to explore are: 'Joy for the hearers', 'Joy for the humble', 'Joy for the helpless', 'Joy for the heavens', and 'Joy for the hopeful'.

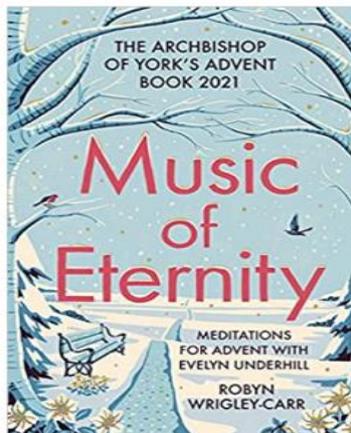
Jonty Rhodes, a church planter in Leeds, writes: "Christmas has always been a time for singing. In these rich devotions, William Philip unpacks the songs of those who first welcomed Christ into the world. Experience their joy as you hear the call to 'let every heart prepare him room.'"

If you would like to join either of our two groups you are most welcome. There is no need to buy the book but you will need, if participating in the Zoom session, a copy of Luke's Gospel.

Phil Maltby

PRESTBURY

ADVENT STUDY GROUP 2021



'Receiving means to keep ourselves carefully tuned in, sensitive to the music of Eternity. We can never adore enough.'

[Evelyn Underhill]

*led by Revd Patrick Angier
& Revd Helen Byrne*

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Nov 30th, Dec 7th, 14th, 21st

Just for fun



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This quarter's services

2021/2022	DECEMBER				JANUARY					FEBRUARY			
	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27
	ADVENT 2	ADVENT 3	ADVENT 4										
READINGS:	Mal 3:1-4, Phil 1:3-11, Lk 3:1-6	Zeph 3:14-20, Phil 4:4-7, Lk 3:7-18	Mic 5:2-5a, Heb 10:5-10, Lk 1:39-55	1 Sam 2:18-20,26, Col 3:12-17, Lk 2:41-52	Jer 31:7-14, Eph 1:3-14, Jn 1:1-18	Is 43:1-7, Acts 8:14-17, Lk 3:15-17, 21-22	Is 62:1-5, I Cor 12:1-11, Jn 2:1-11	Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Cor 12:12-31a Lk 4:14-21	Jer 1:4-10, 1 Cor 13:1-13, Lk 4:21-30	Is 6:1-13, 1 Cor 15:1-11, Lk 5:1-11	Jer 17:5-10, 1 Cor 15:12-20, Lk 6:17-26	Gen 45:3-11, 15, 1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-50 Lk 6:27-38	Ex 34:29-35, 2 Cor 3:12-4:2 Lk 9:28-43a
BROKEN CROSS 10.30	S Bishop HC	Bradley	Byrne/Bird C		CCT @ Macc	Byrne CS	Oliver	F Bishop	Byrne	Bradley	OA	Byrne	Watson HC
GAWSWORTH 10.30 16:30	Edwards HC	Fielding T	S Bishop C Edwards N		CCT @ Macc	F Bishop	Edwards CS	Nicholls	Watson	OA	Edwards HC	S Bishop	Heap
GREEN CLOSE 14.30	Edwards HC	Hawkyard	Watson C		CCT @ Macc	Watson CS	Fielding T	OA	Watson	Ward T	Rudolfer	Watson HC	Byrne
LANGLEY 10.30	F Bishop HC	Edwards C	Halstead		CCT @ Macc	Edwards CS	Watson	OA	Beesley	Edwards HC	Rashleigh	Oliver	Fielding T
MACCLESFIELD 9.00 10.30 18.30	OA Bf Rashleigh	Byrne HC	Edwards AAW Edw/Byr C		Watson CCT	OA Bf Nicholls	Rudolfer	Edwards/ Byrne CS	Rashleigh	OA Bf OA	Byrne	Edwards AAW	Edwards HC
POYNTON 10.30	Watson B	Watson HC	Watson C		CCT @ Macc	Watson CS	Hawkyard	Watson	Edwards	Watson	OA	Watson HC	Rashleigh
PRESTBURY 10.30 18.30	Byrne B	Nicholls	Oliver N Byrne C @3pm		CCT @ Macc	S Bishop	Byrne CS Byrne CS	Ward T	OA Byrne TR @ 3pm	Byrne	Bird	Hawkyard	Byrne HC
WOODLANDS MHA 14.30			Rashleigh C			Ogier					Rashleigh		
ZOOM 18.30	Byrne	Watson				Edwards	Watson	Byrne		Watson	Edwards	Byrne	Watson
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PRAYER CYCLE:	Gawsworth	Langley	Poynton	Green Close	Macclesfield	Prestbury	Walker Barn	Broken Cross	Gawsworth	Langley	Poynton	Green Close	Macclesfield

AAW All Age Worship; **Afc** Action for Children Sunday; **B** Baptism; **Bf** Breakfast; **C** Carols; **CA** Church Anniversary; **CCT** Circuit; **Cf** Cafe; **Cn** Compassion; **CON** Contemporary Worship; **CS** Covenant; **CT** Christingle; **EO** Easter Offering; **F** Family Service; **G** Gift; **H** Healing; **HC** Holy Communion; **HF** Harvest Festival; **HM** Home Missions; **IO** Iona; **L** Faith Lunch; **LS** Ladies' Sunday; **LU** Local United; **M** Memorial; **M&M** Music & Meditation; **N** Nativity; **OA** Own Arrangement; **OM** Overseas Missions; **P** Parade; **Pr** Proclaim; **Ps** Pulpit Swap; **Pv** Pastoral Visitors Dedication; **SOP** Songs of Praise; **T** Please Provide Transport; **Th** Thanksgiving; **Trad** Traditional; **TS** Toy Service; **TR** Time to Remember; **Tz** Taize.

Special Services & Events

Blue Christmas 16 December (Thurs) 7.00pm (refreshments from 6.30pm) Broken Cross – Byrne
Christingle 7 December (Tues) 6.00pm at Gawsworth
23 December (Thurs) 3.30pm at Prestbury
Christmas Eve Christingle Services 3.30pm at Macclesfield
5.00pm at Langley
6.00pm at Broken Cross
Circuit Christmas Eve Midnight Communion 11.15pm at Prestbury

Christmas Day Services 9.30am at Macclesfield - Edwards
10.00am at Broken Cross – Byrne
10.30a.m at Gawsworth - Edwards
10.30a.m at Poynton, GC at Poynton – Watson
10.45a.m at Prestbury – Byrne
Boxing Day 26 December Online service - Edwards

SERVICE LINKS & CONTACTS

Sunday 5 December

AM – Morning worship led by Graham

WATCH ONLINE : <http://tiny.cc/advent-2-2021>

The Reading is Luke 3: 1- 6

The hymns are StF : 173 / 182 / 172

LISTEN.....DIAL IN - 01625 786346 (Available from 10am Sun)

FACEBOOK..... : <https://www.facebook.com/MacclefieldCircuit/>

YOUTUBE..... <https://www.youtube.com/c/macclesfieldmethodistcircuit>

PM – Live Evening Prayer Service at 6.30pm

JOIN ONLINE..... Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88677436411>

Meeting ID: 886 7743 6411

Dial by your location

+44 203 051 2874 United Kingdom

+44 203 481 5240 United Kingdom

+44 203 481 5237 United Kingdom

+44 131 460 1196 United Kingdom

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LISTEN.....DIAL IN - 0203 051 2874 or 0203 481 5237 & and when asked, input the Meeting ID: 886 7743 6411

A [FREE phone service](#) to hear prayers and news from the **Methodist Church** has been launched.

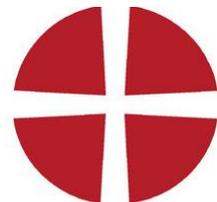


FREE phone lines for prayers and news from the Methodist Church

Listen to a **prayer**: 0808 281 2514

Listen to **news**: 0808 281 2478

Content is updated weekly on Thursday afternoon



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Are you in need of some daily hope during this lockdown? The **Church of England** have a new FREE telephone line for you to ring to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections.

Circuit Facebook page

For the latest information on what is happening within the circuit, follow....

<https://www.facebook.com/MacclefieldCircuit/>

Circuit Website

We also now have the Circuit website and the service link is on this, see

<https://www.macclesfieldmethodistcircuit.com/>

the page with the links etc on is

<https://www.macclesfieldmethodistcircuit.com/about-3>

You can use these pages every week to see the latest service.

Other important links

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/coronavirus-guidance/>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.methodistchurch.org.uk/MWoL>

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