



MINI MACCLESFIELD MESSENGER

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A message from the Superintendent

Dear Friends,

Things are not like they were, it's just not like it was in my day. It was much much better in my day; of that I am absolutely sure. Not only did they seem bigger, but outside was meltier (yes, that is a word) and the inside was significantly more "cremey." Each year they would appear, and I would cheerfully (or as cheerfully as I ever do anything) head to the shop to collect a sample, these days I still collect a sample or two, but the whole process is tinged with sadness and regret ... it's just not



like it was. I am of course talking about Crème Eggs! At some unknown point, they (whoever *they* are) changed Crème Eggs – they used to be a thing of beauty, a rare treat ... but now they are "ok." The chocolate tastes different, and so does the eggy bit in the middle. I suppose it could be due to my sense of taste changing, or my nostalgia for my youth, or even some unknown prejudice against modern Crème eggs, but all I know is that it was better in my day!

I wonder how often you hear that phrase or something like it, I wonder how often you find yourself saying or even thinking it? We might think that about television programmes, or films, or music, or any number of other things, and we might even say it about the church! As I write this, we are beginning our journey through Lent to Easter



– it's a journey we have taken many times before, and yet it might be different for many of us. Some of us are still unable to engage with group of people as we might like, some of us are living with the effects of covid, and all of us are living in the context of a brutal war in Ukraine. All of this challenges the way we experience Lent – it isn't like it was! We might long for the old days, for the familiar patterns, for the well-known hymns and readings, yet the challenge of Lent is not simply to be comfortable, or seek comfort, but to seek God. Thomas Merton said, "every moment and every event of every [person's] life on earth plants something in [their] soul." As we travel through Lent God is at work in us, God is planting something in us. Perhaps it is the challenge to look for God in unexpected

places, perhaps it is the call to look beyond the usual traditions as God moves in us – and perhaps it is that question, “so what,” what does any of this Lent stuff matter, how does this Easter stuff matter in a world broken by the horror of violence.

Well, the wrappings of Lent and Easter may have changed - the things we do, the hymns we sing, some old traditions have been lost, some new ones have begun – but the heart of all this is the same. God, in Jesus, gives us a vision of his love – the depth, length, breadth and height of which we could never have dreamt! God, in Jesus shows us the self-giving love at the heart of all creation. God, in Jesus, shows us the truth of his concern for all people. God, in Jesus says this is how far I – the one who created all things – will go to open your eyes to my love for all people. God, in Jesus proclaims that all people - of all race, sexuality, gender (and whatever else can be used to divide us) are precious in his sight! Basil Hulme wrote “the great gift of “Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake.”



In a world which seems broken, when the future is hard to grasp – don’t be afraid, because Easter will come – and don’t worry about the wrappings, don’t say it was better in my day – look at the heart of it all, and see a risen Saviour, his arms open in welcome to all, and carry his hope, love, and peace to all the world – that all things might be transformed!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

With every blessing,

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

Please will this year slow down!!!! I can't believe that we are now on the countdown for Easter, where has the time gone? It only feels like Christmas was yesterday!!!! Our children's and families work is going really well. Our families have returned to our face-to-face events, and we are seeing new families. But the most promising thing is our families are willing to travel to different churches!!!!

Christmas Round Up

Tinsel Tots we had 20 toddlers attend at Broken Cross Methodist Church, from across the toddler groups in our circuit. It was utter chaos, but the families enjoy it. I know the children did by the amount of glitter everywhere.



Christmas Holiday Club

we had 19 children attend on the day, unfortunately 9 had to cancel due to either testing positive on a LFT or someone in their house had tested positive for COVID. But we made sure they didn't miss out as we dropped bags off for them so they could enjoy the activities and treats we had made. It was a wonderful day celebrating what Christmas is really about and not just presents!!!! The children made different crafts, played games, enjoyed lunch together then put on an amazing performance for their parents/carers.

Christingle services were well attended at every church. Some of the services had a new attendee, 'Chris Tingle'. Who went down very well.

Virtual Nativity Play hopefully, you all managed to watch the virtual nativity play. We had 20 children take part along with 1st Gawsworth Girls' Brigade. The feedback I have received was amazing and I know the children enjoyed doing it.



Messy Church is growing, and new families are coming every time. Our last one



was Messy Love held at Macclesfield Methodist Church. We had 23 children of all ages join us for a fun afternoon of crafting, listening to a story, singing songs, and sharing food together. It is a wonderful session for all ages.

Our next Messy Events are:

Messy Family 26th March 2-4pm @ Broken Cross Methodist Church

Messy Easter Experience 13th April 10-2pm @ Macclesfield Methodist Church (a little bit different than our normal Messy Church)

Messy Celebrations 28th May 2-4pm

@Prestbury Methodist Church

If you would like to help volunteer at one of these events, please speak to the children's lead at your church or contact myself. If you are unsure what goes on at Messy Church come along to our next one (Messy Family on 26th March) for a taster session to see if it were something you would like to volunteer at.

Breakfast Church we have maintained numbers since we started in September and last month, we had 2 new families come along from outside our churches. Breakfast Church is the first Sunday of the month 9-10am @ Macclesfield Methodist Church. It is open to all our families from around the circuit. 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. Come and try it out!!!! Breakfast Church dates:

6th March 3rd April 1st May 5th June

Along with all our monthly activities we have welcome 2 classes from Prestbury Church of England Primary School at Prestbury Methodist Church. 90 children attended over one morning to see what the Methodist Church is like as part of their RE week. We had fun telling them all about John Wesley and his horse Gospel as well as mock baptisms and weddings. The children made a shell to take home with the Methodist Orb and words from John Wesley on them.



Chippy Church has also returned to Broken Cross Methodist Church the 3rd Saturday of the month. Again, all are welcome to come and enjoy a story box, songs from the Puppets, a craft, puzzles, and chips 'n' gravy.

Pancake Mania held on Shrove Tuesday at Broken Cross and Prestbury Methodist Church. It was an amazing turn out at both venues. I was at Prestbury for an hour and the meeting room was packed. Families were having fun making our pancake crafts as well as decorating their own pancakes to eat. I had one child ask me if we were doing pancake flipping and races like last time! Last time was 2019!!!! All the families went home with a Lent activity book and sheets for them to do 40 things in lent.



**Date for your diary week commencing 25th July
Circuit Holiday Club – please let us know if you can volunteer.**

I know I say it every time, but thank you, thank you, thank you to all our amazing and wonderful volunteers. Without you all none of what we do would be possible!!!! We are building a new body of people, a new faith community, we are unsure of where this will lead but we are reaching our families and they are willing to come and join us on our journey with Jesus.

**‘Let the children come to me and do not stop them,
because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these’
Luke 18:16**

Angela and the children’s & family’s team



**Wednesday 13th April
10-2pm @
Macclesfield
Methodist Church**

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

All things bright and beautiful

All creatures great and small

All things wise and wonderful

The Lord God made them all.

Creator God

As winter begins to move into Spring, we give thanks for all your blessings to us.

Help us to appreciate your loving-kindness rather than just take for granted the beauty which surrounds us every day – the flowers which are beginning to bloom and the birds who are beginning to build their nests.

We praise you Lord

Forgiving Lord - Forgive us when we stray from your path, putting ourselves first. Help us to seek to serve you by loving and caring for our neighbours wherever they live in your world.

We thank you that whenever we seek forgiveness, we can have that 'blessed assurance' that you are our Forgiving Lord.

We praise you lord

Loving Lord - We hold before you all who are in need – across the world and near to our homes.

We ask you to bless and protect the government and people of Ukraine and the countries on their borders. We pray for peace and comfort in their time of great need. We also pray for the government and people of Russia and ask them to find wisdom in their actions.

We also pray for all who are sick; sad and lonely in and around our circuit. Bring healing and comfort to them.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father, we thank you that we can come to you in the knowledge that we are not only loved, but that there is no one who will love us more. We come with a sense of gratitude that wells up within us and overflows in thankfulness and joy.

We thank you that we can come as we are; without any need to persuade you to love us; that we can come knowing that we are already accepted; that we can just come.

We praise you for your offer to set us free from all our negative attitudes and broken promises.

We worship you for setting us free from our sense of guilt or shame; for the knowledge that we are your children, not by right but by grace alone.

We bring these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen

Whatever we face, we do not face alone. Wherever we go, we do not journey alone. However, we suffer, we do not bear it alone. Whoever we are and wherever we go and however we journey we go in peace, in hope and in faith, for we go with Christ, who always goes with us.

Amen.

Members' voices....

On Sunday 20th February, there was a service at Macclesfield to celebrate the life and witness of Walker Barn Methodist Church, we gave thanks for the years of witness and ministry of Walker Barn, and listened for God leading us on.

Mavis Nixon (Eardley), of Langley kindly agreed to write this article for us.

I attended the Service recently regarding the closure of Walker Barn Chapel which my family had been involved with for many happy years.

My parents lived on a farm at Macclesfield Forest. My Dad (Levi Eardley) was also a Methodist Local Preacher in the Macclesfield Circuit. Most of the congregation at Walker Barn were farmers who had quite a few children between them. My twin brother and I were born in 1945 and we had two older sisters and a brother. Other members were the Dean family with 6 children. My Mum and Mrs Dean formed a Sunday School which they ran together during the 1950s and 1960s. During this time there were up to 30 children attending.

Sunday School happened at 2.30pm every Sunday. Some of us walked there (approx 2 miles each way) and then went back to the evening service for 6.30pm. Though if Dad was not preaching anywhere else, we all squashed into the little Ford 8 car and he would drive us there.

We loved singing special songs for the Sunday School Anniversary Services. Mrs Dean or Mrs Gregory played the organ. Both afternoon and evening services were usually a full house.

I remember one Harvest Festival, where we younger ones hid around the back of the

Chapel until the congregation were all seated. Then when the organ struck up we went in clutching our sheaves of straw and singing “bringing in the sheaves, we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves “. We then propped the sheaves up by the Pulpit.

Mum and Mrs Dean organised a couple of Concerts in which we all took part. The partition behind the pulpit was pulled down to make a stage. Costumes were made, sheep wool was gathered to make beards, songs were rehearsed and lots of lines were learnt. Lots of people from the Macclesfield Chapels came up to watch us perform. The ladies decided “afternoon tea” must be provided for all. There was no water supply at Walker Barn, so milk churns full of water had to be manoeuvred into vans and brought to Chapel, to be heated up on a calor gas stove to make the tea. Every year we had a Sunday School Trip to the seaside on Bullocks Bus. Blackpool, Rhyl or Southport were the usual venues. Great excitement for us all, as Farmers in those days did not have holidays and it was our only day at the sea. Of course, Dads could not come, as someone had to stay at home to do the milking. In our family we were sent to stay with cousins (on other farms) for a holiday and they came back to us.

The congregation at Walker Barn joined in everything we could such as Circuit activities and we were all proud to belong to our little Chapel in the hills.

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

Green Close

GC stewards have decided to CANCEL the Own Arrangement service at GC on the 20 March. Please note your diary if you were planning to attend.

Macclesfield

Some photos from our walk in Macclesfield Forest on Saturday 15 January. Eighteen people came on the walk led by Victor and Dorothy Crawford.

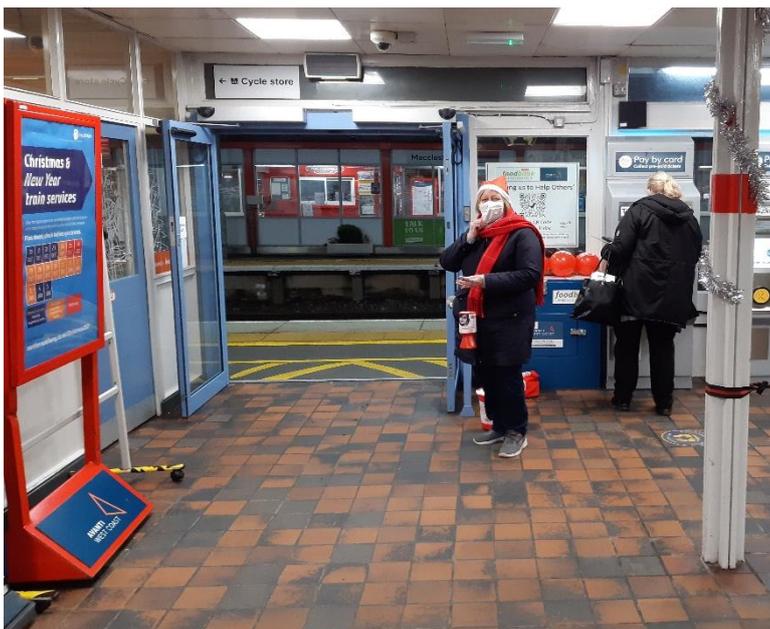


Prestbury

Held a collection for Action For Children at Macclesfield station on 16th December and once the money was counted it came to £119.14 - an amazing amount considering the lower number of travellers as a result of the 'work from home' instruction.

Collectors were:

- Frank Nicholson
- Joan Pritchard
- Anne Fenton
- Heather Cann
- Christine Leach
- Steve Oliver



Women's Winter Wellbeing



**Starts
2nd Dec**

WWW – Women's Winter Wellbeing

7-9pm First Thursday of the month
Come & spend some time taking care of YOU for a change
'Self care is never selfish'

◆ Chill & Chat
◆ Relaxing atmosphere

◆ Spirituality hub
◆ Mindfulness space

◆ Bitesize yoga
◆ Pampering activities

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£5

**Need to book by either emailing: admin@prestburymethodistchurch.org.uk
or calling 01625 572259**

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The next Women's Winter Wellbeing has been moved to next Thursday 10th March, 7-9pm (same place, same delicious food and warm welcome).

Hope you are able to make it and please do bring along friends and neighbours (ladies only of course!).

It would help a lot with catering if you could let us know if you're hoping to make it (and a quick reminder on any allergies or dietary requirements).

We are considering running this ongoing every first Thursday of the month and would welcome your thoughts on how best to provide this space of wellbeing for women throughout the year. Do email us your thoughts and we will do our best to make sure this continues to be a place for women to come and dwell, enjoy time together and feel refreshed when we leave.

Revd Helen Byrne
'Self care is never selfish'
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Methodist Women in Britain – District News



Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. As we write this, there is a promise in the air. Days are getting longer and spring buds are starting to appear: the promise of new life. With Lent around the corner and Easter on the horizon we promise you some great resources and exciting events over the next few months. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Let Wisdom Speak - Lent 2022](#)

Hear the voices of inspiring women from around the world and from the Bible as you explore All We Can's free Lent resources for 2022, developed in partnership with Methodist Women in Britain. The resources can be used in your bible study or house group and you can join an online study group hosted by All We Can. The launch is at an event to celebrate International Women's Day on 8 March 2022 at 6pm and the study group starts on 15 March 2022 at 7pm. [Register your interest here](#), or paste the link into your browser <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/event/lentgroup/>

[Interfaith Perspectives on the Environment conference 12 March 2022 10am-1pm.](#)

Join the discussion as women from different faiths share their perspectives on the environment. With women speakers from EcoSikh, The Green Deen Tribe, Hindu Climate Action, Joint Public Issues Team and EcoSynagogue. This free online interactive conference is part of Whose Bag is it Anyway which aims to encourage faith-based learning around environmental issues and climate change; empowering women to lead the change. It is a joint project between Methodist Women in Britain and the [Touchstone Centre](#) in Bradford. [Tickets are limited, so you are invited to register on Eventbrite here](#), or paste the link into your browser https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/interfaith-perspectives-on-the-environment-tickets-256870425357?aff=ebdsoporgprofile&fbclid=IwAR3iLmAEHdtdLGEH_V3--Zr9z7_aXFXpEvPFZplxBG5eZFdMpcEJRD9fsA

[Easter Offering 2022 – Tell Her Story, Tell Our Story](#)

Each year, the Methodist Church holds an Easter Offering dedication service. This tradition dates back to 1883, when women in Manchester collected £32 for missionary work overseas from 'Christmas pennies' at family gatherings on Christmas Day.

This year's theme, 'Tell Her Story, Tell Our Story' features the stories of women which have often been forgotten or overlooked, stories of courage, compassion and calls for change. The theme is inspired by the tenth anniversary of Methodist Women in Britain and the work it has done to empower and enable women around the world.

The offerings collected during this act of worship go to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain. In 2019 over £370,000 was raised and our hope for 2022 is to host as many Easter Offering services as possible.

Macclesfield Circuit's Easter Offering service is on 22 May, 6.30pm - Prestbury.

Our Woman in...

As part of our focus on the World Church and work to connect women in Britain with women overseas, we hear from Melissa Newell reflecting on her preparation for moving to Ecuador as a mission partner. [Click here to read her story.](#) or paste this into your browser <https://mwib.org.uk/index.php/2022/02/03/our-woman-waiting-to-leave/> Melissa would welcome your prayers – maybe add her name to Day 10 in your copy of the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2021/2022.

World Federation:

[Download the February 2022 issue of A Call to Pray here](#) or <http://wfmucw.org/a-call-to-pray-february-2022>

As preparations continue for the 14th World Assembly being held online 9-14 August 2022, Alison Judd, the President of the World Federation, invites us to join in prayer each 26th day of the month between now and August. [Download the prayer diary here](#) or paste this into your browser: <http://wfmucw.org/download/prayer-diary-for-the-14th-world-assembly>

Irene Hayes
Communications Coordinator

News from MWiB Manchester and Stockport District

President's News

As many of you know I recently volunteered in Palestine which was a memorable experience for me. I met many amazing Christian people who live their difficult lives with hope, perseverance and, most of all, prayer to sustain them.

I have started visiting church groups doing presentations to show the people I met and how I came back compelled to tell their stories. As was said to me constantly "Please go back to England and tell about our lives. Pray for us in your churches."

This was the reason I chose The Four Homes of Mercy in Bethany, Palestine as my charity while I am President. Thank you so much to those of you who have already organised events in support of them. If anyone would like more information please get in touch.

If any of you would like me to visit your church to give a Presentation on Palestine please email me at chrisg7684@gmail.com

God bless, Chris Gregory

The Methodist Church

 **Methodist Women
in Britain** 2011-2021
for women, for justice, for Christ

Manchester & Stockport District

MWiB Spring Gathering

Saturday, 19th March

11.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

(Coffee served from 10.30 a.m.)

Davenport Methodist Church

Garners Lane, Stockport SK3 8QS

(Contact chrisg7684@gmail.com for directions)

Speaker: Ruth Parrott

(Connexional President of MWiB)

Please bring your own lunch – drinks provided



All Welcome



All we Can



All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain have launched an emergency appeal in response to events unfolding in Ukraine.

As communities face violence, upheaval, and the trauma of war, your urgent support is needed. Working together with the Global Relationships Team of the Methodist Church in Britain, donations will be used to support the response to the crisis happening in Ukraine, and ensure that critical humanitarian assistance is available to those who need it.

Please pray for the people of Ukraine today, and give all you can to the Ukraine Emergency Appeal. Your gift today will be used to meet emergency needs.

Please give now

Have any questions?

- We're happy to help. You can contact one of our friendly Supporter Care team by calling +44 (0)20 7467 5132 or emailing info@allwecan.org.uk.
- If you wish, you can choose to donate over the phone or post cheques to All We Can, Ukraine Emergency Appeal, 25 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR, UK.
- All We Can uses Stripe to securely and safely process payments.

If total donations exceed need, we will use them to respond to other emergencies. Image: Andriyko Podilnyk on Unsplash

LENT REFLECTION



This is a series of six small-group discussion sessions for Lent 2022 for all those in the Macclesfield Circuit. Please join us between 10 and 11 on Monday mornings at Poynton Methodist Church or 7:30 and 9 on Wednesday evenings on Zoom (use the link: <https://tinyurl.com/ClimateLent>).

There are six sessions starting on either 7th or 9th March. The first three will focus on why Christians should respond to the climate emergency and the second three on how.

Open to anyone who'd like to join us.

Why should Christians respond to the climate emergency?

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| What is the truth about climate change? | 7 th or 9 th March |
| Justice and Love | 14 th or 16 th March |
| Goodness and sufficiency | 21 st or 23 rd March |

How should Christians respond to the climate emergency?

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| Lamenting our loss | 28 th or 30 th March |
| Taking action | 4 th or 6 th April |
| Finding hope | 11 th or 13 th April |

Check out what Lent groups are going on you can get involved with.....

LENT PRAYER GROUP

EVERY TUESDAY

(online)

1.30-3pm

(8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March;
5th & 12th April)

led by Revd Helen Byrne

catching
the
wave.



Let us pray for our communities
Let us pray for revival
Let us pray ... together!

*'Pray in the Spirit on all occasions,
with all kinds of prayers and requests'*
(Ephesians 6:18)

CLICK ON LINK BELOW TO JOIN ZOOM MEET:

<https://zoom.us/j/96619112982>

Or use Meeting ID: 966 1911 2982

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FROM NOW ON

A LENT COURSE ON
HOPE AND REDEMPTION IN

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

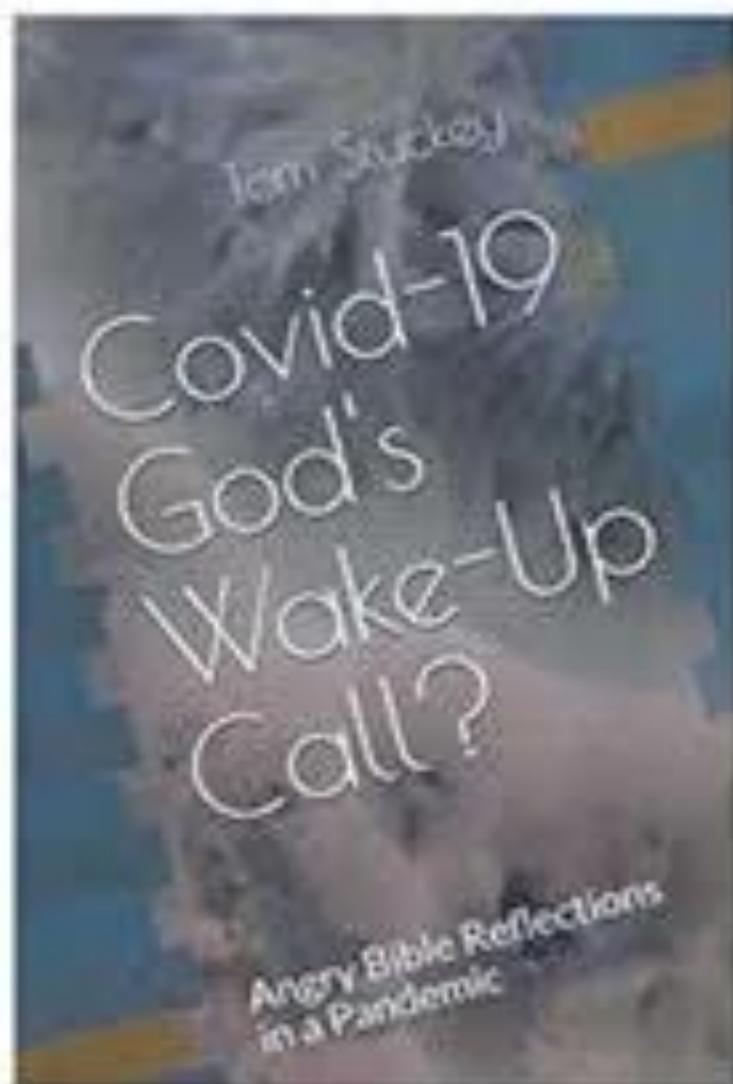


Wednesday 9th March
Wednesday 16th March
Wednesday 23rd March
Wednesday 30th March
Wednesday 6th April

7pm at Gawsworth Methodist Church

All welcome!

LENT GROUP BOOK STUDY



EVERY THURSDAY 1-3pm

(3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March & 7th April)

led by Revd Helen Byrne

*@ Broken Cross Methodist Church,
Whirley Road, Macclesfield SK10 3JR*

Just for fun Transfiguration Wordsearch



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|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <i>Transfiguration</i> | <i>high</i> | <i>mountain</i> | <i>glimpse</i> | <i>glory</i> | <i>shine</i> |
| <i>sun</i> | <i>garments</i> | <i>law</i> | <i>prophets</i> | <i>handing</i> | <i>fulfilment</i> |
| <i>dazzling</i> | <i>appeared</i> | <i>moses</i> | <i>tabernacles</i> | <i>holy</i> | <i>dwelling</i> |
| <i>shrine</i> | <i>presence</i> | <i>Jesus</i> | <i>bright</i> | <i>cloud</i> | <i>mankind</i> |
| <i>listen</i> | | | | | |

The story of the Transfiguration is told in Matthew (17:1-9), Mark (9:1-9) and Luke (9:28-36). On that day, high up on a mountain, Peter, James and John were given a glimpse of Jesus' true glory. For Jesus' face began to shine as the sun, and his

garments became white and dazzling. Then Elijah and Moses, suddenly appeared, talking with him.

Overwhelmed, Peter offered to build three tabernacles on that holy place, one for each. But God's 'tabernacling', or God's *dwelling* with mankind, does not any longer depend upon building a shrine. It depends on being in the presence of Jesus, instead. And so a bright cloud covered them, and a voice spoke, saying that Jesus was his beloved son, whom the disciples should 'hear'. God's dwelling with mankind depends upon our *listening* to Jesus.

Why did Moses and Elijah appear? They represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, or Old Testament. But now they were handing on the baton, if you like: for both the Law and the Prophets found their final fulfilment in Jesus, the Messiah.

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This quarter's services

| 2022 | MARCH | | | | APRIL | | | | MAY | | | | | |
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| | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | |
| | LENT 1 | LENT 2 | LENT 3 | LENT 4 | LENT 5 | LENT 6 | EASTER DAY | | | | | | | |
| READINGS: | Deut 26:1-11, Rom 10:8b-13, Lk 4:1-13 | Gen 15:1-12, 17-18, Phil 3:17-4:1, Lk 13:31-35 | Is 55:1-9, 1 Cor 10:1-13, Lk 13:1-9 | Josh 5:9-12, 2 Cor 5:16-21, Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32 | Is 43:16-21, Phil 3:4b-14, Jn 12:1-8 | Is 50:4-9a, Phil 2:5-11, Lk 22:14-23:56 | Acts 10:34-43, 1 Cor 15:19-26, Jn 20:1-18 | Acts 5:27-32, Rev 1:4-8, Jn 20:19-31 | Acts 9:1-20, Rev 5:11-14, Jn 21:1-19 | Acts 9:36-43, Rev 7:9-17, Jn 10:22-30 | Acts 11:1-18, Rev 21:1-6, Jn 13:31-35 | Acts 16:9-15, Rev 21:10, 22-22:5, Jn 14:23-29 | Acts 16:16-34, Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, Jn 17:20-26 | |
| BROKEN CROSS 10.30 | Byrne HC | Bird | Watson | Baker AAW | Byrne | Bird | S Bishop HC | Byrne | Fielding | Rashleigh | Byrne HC | F Bishop | OA | |
| GAWSWORTH 10.30 | Bradley | OA | Edwards HC | S Bishop P | Rudolfer | Watson | F Bishop HC | Edwards P | Oliver | OA | Watson HC | Halstead P | Edwards | |
| GREEN CLOSE 14.30 | Byrne | Watson HC | No service | Rashleigh | Rudolfer | Edwards | Watson HC | Rashleigh | OA | Hawkyard | Watson HC | Edwards | Rudolfer | |
| LANGLEY 10.30 | Edwards HC | Baker | Oliver | Nicholls | Edwards | Ward T | Edwards HC | OA | F Bishop | Edwards | Fielding T | Byrne CA | Watson HC | |
| MACCLESFIELD 9.00 10.30 18.30 | OA Bf Watson HC | PS | Byrne AAW | Wakelin | OA Bf Halstead | Edwards | Byrne HC | OA | OA Bf Ward T | Byrne | Edwards AAW | S Bishop HC | OA | |
| POYNTON 10.30 | Beesley | Watson HC | OA | F Bishop | Rashleigh | Hawkyard | Watson HC | Watson | Baker | OA | Nicholls | Watson HC | Fielding T | |
| PRESTBURY 10.30 18.30 | F Bishop HC | @ BX | Halstead | Byrne | Watson | Byrne | S Edwards HC | OA | Byrne B | Oliver | Baker | Edwards HC | S Bishop | |
| | | | Tz | | | Byrne WBC | | | | Byrne WBC | | EO | | |
| WOODLANDS MHA 14.30 | | Rashleigh | | | | Ogier | | | | Rashleigh | | | | |
| ZOOM 18.30 | Watson | | | | Edwards | | | | Byrne | | Edwards | | Watson | |
| VIDEO | Baker | Byrne | Edwards | Watson | Byrne | Watson | Edwards | Byrne | M Jones | Edwards | S Edwards | Byrne | Watson | |
| PRAYER CYCLE: | Prestbury | Broken Cross | Gawsworth | Langley | Poynton | Green Close | Macclesfield | Prestbury | Broken Cross | Gawsworth | Langley | Prestbury | Broken Cross | |

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; **WBC** Wellbeing Church.

Special Services & Events

Holy Week Daily reflections 10.30am Poynton
13 April (Weds) 7.00pm Gawsworth Holy Week service
Maundy Thursday – 14 April 2022
 10.30am Poynton with Holy Communion
 7.00pm Prestbury with Holy Communion
22 May 2022 (Sun) 6.30pm Easter Offering Service at Prestbury

Good Friday Services – 15 April 2022
 9.30am Broken Cross
 9.30am Langley
 10.30am Poynton
 11.00am Gawsworth
 7.30pm Macclesfield with Macclesfield Methodist Community Choir

SERVICE LINKS & CONTACTS

Sunday 6 March 2022

AM – Morning worship led by Richard Baker

WATCH ONLINE : <http://tiny.cc/lent1-2022>

The Reading is Luke 4

The hymns are StF : 594 / 729

We are moving to a shorter type of video for Sundays now, about 15 mins, more of a thought for the day than a full service.

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

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+44 203 481 5237 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.

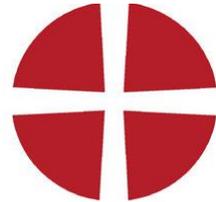


FREE phone lines for prayers and news from the Methodist Church

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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