e-MESSENGER

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A message from the Superintendent

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, I climbed a mountain - In fact I climbed two! (Some have suggested that since we were in Austria, we should have climbed every mountain, but I think two is enough!) Now, I should be very honest, I didn't walk up them, but the way up still had its challenges! This was of course while several of us from the Macclesfield circuit (with other Christians of a whole range of traditions) were on a pilgrimage that ended up in Oberammergau, and the Passion Play. However, before we got there, we climbed mountains in Tyrol! Both of these are popular skiing locations in the winter so there are ski lifts to get up, one was like a cable car (no problem there) but the other was one of those that comes at you from behind and makes you sit and then leaves you dangling all the way up! Once we were at the top, the views were spectacular – you could see for miles in every direction, see the roads on which we had travelled, the hotel in which we were staying – a whole new vision of where we were and where we might be going! Mountain tops are great places for vision – for a new kind of seeing, a way impossible down in the valleys.

The view at the top was clear and unobstructed - in fact when we were down in the valleys we could look up (even from the hotel pool) at the mountain and be reminded of that great vison. Then something changed – the weather! It got a bit rainy, mist descended on the mountains, and we began to be able to see less. It wasn't long until the mountain tops disappeared, and we wouldn't even have known they were there! That great sense of vision disappeared, obscured by cloud and rain, and gathering darkness – when that happened, I missed the mountains.

In the life of faith there are times when we have a great sense of vision, of what we are doing, where we are called, and how we might follow the path that God calls us to … and then there are times when the mist descends. Where

once we could see all that lay ahead, hills and valleys and rivers and paths and roads, now we don't seem to be able to see much at all. We remember times when we had life planned, when everything was clear but suddenly, we cannot see as far as we had hoped. We can have this kind of experience in the life of the church too. Sometimes everything is clear and sometimes, we can't see all that lies ahead of us, the future seems blurred and confusing. We have been through many challenges recently, a decline in membership, a global pandemic, worries over utility bills, a sense of depression and hopelessness as we look at the world, with ongoing issues of violence and inequality. Perhaps in these moments, you like me, long for the mountain top and the view that will make sense of where we are, and where we are going.

If it makes you feel any better, we are not the only ones to have felt like this! When Jesus is transfigured at the top of a mountain, Peter, James and John who went with Jesus find themselves in the presence of the Divine in a way they never expected, and Peter's response is to be so captured by this vision and this moment that he longs to stay there, he longs to stay in that place, in that moment. But Jesus doesn't stay on the mountain, he travels down into the valleys, and calls his disciples there too, where people live and die and work and raise families, and struggle and fall, and where they see the things of God in a way they could never see on the mountain of the transfiguration. God is still with them in the valleys and leads them to even greater heights as they follow to the mount of the crucifixion – and have an even greater vision of the purpose, and hope, and love of God.

As we travel through the valleys, as we long for the vision of the mountain tops, God is with us. God is leading, and encouraging, and equipping and using us to reveal grace in the world. We can't stay on the mountains, we can't stay in that place where the vision is clear and easy, we are called to walk the valleys with our God – bringing hope and peace and love, as we travel to a greater glory that is always unknown and unknowable! The American pastor Rick Joyner writes:

> *Spiritual vision requires that what we see with the eyes of our hearts will be more real to us than what we see with our natural eyes. We must see what is invisible to others.*

As we travel with God in these days of challenge, when we can't always see clearly, listen to your heart – the heart that beats with the presence and love of God, and follow him. It won't always be an easy journey, it won't always be a comfortable journey, but it will be one where God walks alongside us. As we enter a new year in the life of the church, let us again put our trust in God, who will not leave us, or fail us, and let us follow God's way. For as Jesus says in John' Gospel:

> *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

With every blessing
Graham

Children & Families

Journey along the Beach.

This year's circuit holiday club was called 'Journey along the Beach.' We transformed Macclesfield Methodist Church into a beach for the children to come and explore who Jesus is. Each day we unpacked a little of his story, beginning with the traditional Christmas narrative on Day 1, moving on to exploring some of Jesus' teaching and miracles on Day 2, leading up to and concluding with the Easter story. The aim of the holiday club was to equip the children to answer Jesus' question,

'Who do you say I am?' (Luke 9:20) for themselves.

Day 1 Who is Jesus

We started at the very beginning 'Christmas' so we had Christmas on the beach, we could have been in Australia or New Zealand. We had a Christmas tree up, a barbeque to cook our Christmas dinner on and of course the crib scene. The children seemed quite confused that we were celebrating Christmas on the beach. To make the children feel part of the festive celebrations they were all given Christmas hats. The activities for the day were Christmas and beach themed. Even the games had a Christmas theme. According to Marshall and Noah (who produced the games for each day) football was Christmas themed for when the German and English armies stopped on Christmas day during World War 1 to play a game of football.

The children started their day in their Rockpools (we had four Rockpools) getting to know each other while completing a group activity. Day 1 they made bunting to decorate their Rockpool area. We then welcomed the children to the Beach and introduced them to the theme of the

day ‘Who is Jesus?’ We listen to lifeguards Graham and Helen tell us about Jesus along with watching videos and dancing to songs. Then each Rockpool made a stick stable, flip flops, played different games, and completed a beach themed team challenge. Day 1 challenge was to decorate their own beach hut.

We then shared lunch together before we went ‘Swimming to dive in a bit deeper on the today question ‘Who is Jesus?’ before we said goodbye until Day 2.

Day 2 What did Jesus do and say?

We added to our beach bunting of different football teams and our volunteers wore their own team colours (not just football teams). Of course, Lifeguard Graham had his Liverpool shirt on, Lifeguard Helen was supporting team Pomeranian (her beloved dog) and Head Lifeguard Angela was supporting team Lionesses as they had made it to the final of the Euros the night before. But how Head Lifeguard Angela wishes Day 2 were happening while writing this, she would have worn her United shirt after beating Liverpool 2 -1 (just for you Ros 😂😂😂)

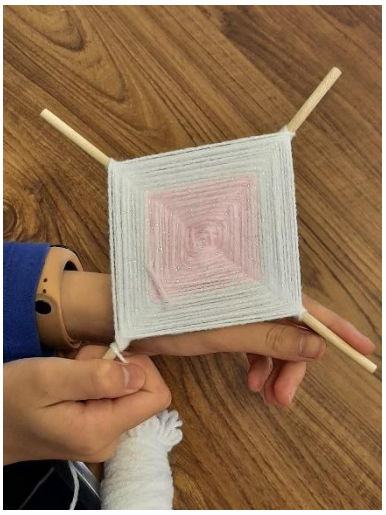
We explored the call of the disciples; the miraculous catch of fish; the Pharisees’ reaction to Jesus; the healing and forgiveness of the man who was lowered through a hole in the roof; Jesus calling Levi to follow him. Although there was a lot to cover in day 2 it introduced many aspects of what Jesus did and said – including miracles, healings, teachings, and interactions with those who wanted to follow him and those who really didn’t like him at all.

The children started day 2 in their Rockpools creating a team picnic rug with the colours from the different teams or activities they supported. One child didn’t like sport but loved playing music, so they were supporting team music. We then welcomed them to the beach where Lifeguards Graham and Helen talked about different teams, introduced the theme for the day along with dancing and singing. They also introduced ‘Team Jesus.’ Day 2 they made a man who was lowered through the hole in the roof, a net full of fishes, they played different games and their Rockpool team challenge was to make picnic food for their picnic blankets out of different craft materials. The children’s imaginations were amazing we had sushi, swiss roll and even a cup of Jesus’ wine. We then shared lunch together before

going swimming to dive even deeper into ‘Team Jesus’ and to look at the question of the day ‘How does what Jesus did and said make you feel? Before saying goodbye to our surf friends.

Day 3 What happened to Jesus?
We added the empty tomb to our beach as we explored the Easter story and how Jesus is with us all the time.

The children started day 3 in their Rockpools decorating a surfboard with words and drawings of what they have learnt so far about Jesus before being welcomed to the beach by Lifeguards Graham and Helen. They talked about the Easter story the happy and sad parts, but they concentrated on the amazing part of the Easter story, that Jesus is still with us today if we want him to be. Day 3 they made a footprint cross with sand, God’s Eye (which was a quiet activity where they could think about what has been said while they weaved coloured patterns around a cross, played beach cricket and the Rockpool team challenge was to make a kite that could fly. The kites were amazing and all four went home with a child and we know of one that flew which surprised Head Lifeguard Angela. We then shared lunch before going swimming to dive even deeper into what we have discovered during the holiday club and to remember our memory verse, ‘I will be with you always till the end of time’ Matthew 28:20



Head Lifeguard Angela also thanked all the volunteers and helpers as without them holiday club would not happen.

We had between 30 -35 children each day and the feedback from the children and parents has been amazing. The children really enjoyed themselves, so much, I have had enquiries already about next years holiday club!!! We have also had positive feed back from our volunteers as we did things a bit different this year. We got the children to bring their own packed lunch and Margery and her team provided lunch for the volunteers each day. This worked well as it gave the volunteers a little breather during the sessions and after lunch, we spent the time all together which I felt took some of the stress away from the day for our volunteers.

I know I say it all the time but thank you so much to everyone who volunteered during the holiday club, the people who work behind the scenes with the planning,

organising and prepping crafts. Without the generosity of you giving up your time we could not run a successful holiday club. I can easily plan and prepare a holiday club, but it takes our wonderful, amazing volunteers to make it happen. So well done to you all.

We now start a new year with lots going on for our children and families around the circuit.

Breakfast Church – First Sunday of each month at Macclesfield Methodist Church 9-10am Starting back on **4th September**

Fourth Saturday of the month (unless it is during half term) 2-4pm at different venues around the circuit. Our next events will be: -

Messy I am…… **Saturday 24th September** @ Macclesfield Methodist Church.

Messy Light Party **Saturday 22nd October** @ Broken Cross Methodist Church

Messy Music **Saturday 26th November** @ Macclesfield Methodist Church

We could do with some more volunteers to help at our Messy Church events, we need to increase our circuit team of volunteers. If you would like to join our mailing list, please let us know. Either contact me directly or your church's children's contact.

We are also looking for volunteers for a one-day Christmas holiday club on Monday 19th December 10 – 3pm at Macclesfield Methodist Church, if you can help again, please let us know. We need to know if we will have enough volunteers before we start advertising the event.

Angela and the Children and Families team.
Email: methodistfamilies@gmail.com

God bless Angela and the Children and Family's team.

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.

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

Prayers for Mini Messenger

God of all glory, when the roar of the traffic recedes and even when our hymns are stilled in our mouths, then we hear the strains of an anthem sung since you called all things into being; How birds burst their breasts with gratitude at being alive; How waves on the shore lap a lullaby at your manger and spring lambs bleat delight at the empty tomb; How the wind in the tall pines whispers psalms to the Spirit. As we begin to sing again, help us not to crave the melody but find our place in the harmony of all creation. Amen (taken from a prayer by Rachel Parkinson)

Oh Lord, hear our prayer and help us to listen to your voice as we offer these prayers to you -:-

We thank you Lord for the beauty that surrounds us and the opportunities we have to enjoy your creation. Help us to appreciate it and seek to preserve it.

We thank you for the blessings of friendship and fellowship we are able to share in our churches, circuit and local community. Help us to cherish them.

We pray for these friends and the communities, that their needs are met during these challenging times. Help us to reach out where there is need.

We also hold before you the people of the world that they might live in peace and safety and that their needs – both physical and emotional - can be met. Help us to reach out to them.

We pray especially for the people of Ukraine as they try to come to terms with the devastation and fear in which they are living just now, both those in Ukraine and those who have fled, seeking safety. We think of those now living in our own country. Help us to support them in any way we can by our prayers and actions. We pray for those families who have offered space in their homes. Help them to find the time to support the needs of their guests.

Lord, you have called us to know you, to love you and to serve you. You have made us your own and filled us with your grace. We commit ourselves to be open to your word, to listen to your voice and to be guided by your Spirit.

We pray that you give us the wisdom, strength and courage to trust you, obey you and walk with you all our days.

We offer all these prayer in the name of Christ. Amen.

Members' voice….

A poem about the recent circuit service, held at Poynton. If you haven't tried one yet, you're missing out!

August 7th United Service says the plan, so to Poynton we went by car.
It didn't take us very long and wasn't very far!
Plenty of parking spaces on the car park we quickly saw,
And we were warmly greeted at Poynton church door.
For some it was the first time they had come this way.
How good to be together on this the Lord's Day.
Poynton joined the circuit while Covid kept us apart,
Now we were together and how it cheered our hearts!
Every church was represented, familiar faces smiled,
Good to be together, we remarked 'it's been awhile!'.
Stewards brought in extra chairs, the screen gave us news
Of happenings and greetings, and the excitement rose.
The singing was amazing as we praised our God in song
How good to be united, for it had been so long!
A special Sunday for Methodist Homes, (MHA for short,)
and guests from Woodlands MHA led our prayers and thoughts,
along with the Chaplain, who spoke of God's love and care.
Later Reverend Ros, invited us, a cup of tea to share.
With lots of lovely chatter then, we greeted friends we knew,
And got to know new Methodists, who will be our friends too!
So thanks for this opportunity, to come together as we could,
And worship as his people, supporting one another as we should.
May there be many more opportunities, as His church to grow,
Closer to each other as Christ's body here below.

Rev Sheila

Phil Maltby, Local Preacher from Poynton and his wife Bernie are touring the UK in their motorhome. This is the next installment of their adventures…..

Living In A Van – Part 2
(Bernie's Big Adventure)

As I write, gentle waves are caressing the rock-strewn sand less than fifty yards behind me – can we cope with yards? We are currently parked up on the banks of Gruinard Bay, Laide, Wester Ross, Scotland.

When I last wrote to you, we were in the Northern Lake District waiting for the wind to abate so that I could complete a charity walk up Carrock Fell – successfully completed. I have to say that we have done a fair bit of travelling since then.

After a few days outside York, we moved to Easington near Hull to start 'Bernie's Big Adventure'. I think I must have become overenthusiastic about the places we landed at, staying longer than we should have done. We re-estimated the timescale of what we were doing and calculated that we needed, at the current rate of travel, three years and three days to complete our journey. Time to get a move on. I will try to give you just a taste of our experiences.

Flamborough, Scarborough, Ravenscar (pub carpark) was followed by staying on a farm outside Whitby that produces its own ice cream. I had a moment of sheer gluttony, managing to fit three different flavours into one tub. Incidentally, Bernie did manage to use her Fish and Chips voucher in Whitby.

A short stay on the North Yorkshire Moors whilst we visited a charity we support at Botton Village; a club rally at Seaburn (close to Sunderland); a quick visit to see friends at Crawcrook near Ponteland; three nights in the Rothbury area before getting back on track just outside Amble at Coalhouses Farm.

I am conscious that in trying to give you the fine detail it could lead to tedium if not boredom. I will endeavour then to pick out some of the highlights.

A boat trip around Coquet Island (puffins, seals etc); Alnwick Gardens and a trip to 'Barter Books' at the old railway station; watching a traditional approach to salmon fishing and picking up my prescription in Berwick-upon-Tweed – the pharmacist was so very helpful.

Crossing the border into Scotland was an excitement in itself. Link that with trips to Edinburgh, St Andrews, Aberdeen, Nairn, Inverness, John O Groats, the Orkney Islands, a number of castles, and a whole host of towns and villages on the Scottish coastline, and you start to get a little taste of our adventure. Talking of taste – we did experience an Arbroath Smokie whilst staying on the harbourside there.

We have stayed in some lovely places, met some really lovely people, seen some absolutely stunning scenery (Creation is fantastic), and learned a great deal. However, as you would expect, I have a number of observations to make.

Why can't concessionary bus passes be used throughout the UK? Why can't NHS England, Scotland and Wales come up with a scheme that enables prescriptions to be collected everywhere?

Don't trust your Satnav completely! Why would you want to drive through narrow country lanes when staying on the main road would get you there more comfortably? Why would I want to take a motorhome down a lane that is six inches wider than the vehicle and steeper than Alpe d'Huez?

Take great care when, in the middle of the night, you have to leave the comfort of the bed above the cab and the first step on the ladder is nowhere to be found.

Try not to drop the soap in the bathroom. You will only be able to recover it if you can pirouette like a penguin.

John O Groats is not the most northerly point on the UK Mainland.

The dream of visiting a different church hasn't worked out. We managed one Sunday in a village outside Scarborough but have depended on the online services from our own ministers for worship. Thank you to them.

The North Coast 500 route is travelled by people from all around the world in a variety of vehicles (Whacky Races?). Two hundred miles consists of single-track roads with numerous passing places and the gift of discernment is needed – when do I stop, when do I proceed without hindering or obstructing or angering other travellers? Isn't that the life of a Christian? A single track to follow and full consideration for others?

God bless,
Bernie and Phil Maltby.

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

Macclesfield

To mark its's 20th anniversary, THE MARTYN DONALDSON MUSIC TRUST presents its first concert since 2018 - **MARTYN'S MUSIC 11** at Macclesfield Methodist Church on **Saturday 10th September at 7.30pm**.

The trustees look forward to welcoming everyone to an exciting choral and orchestral programme that is guaranteed to be delivered with passion by the singers and players who have been waiting for 4 long years to perform in front of an audience! The evening ends with Beethoven's Hallelujah Chorus (note- not Handel's!) from his oratorio 'Christ on the Mount of Olives'.

Tickets are £10 adults and £5 children from 01625 433187/615298

Macclesfield Methodist Church are holding a **Coffee Morning** in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on **Friday 30th of September between 10 am & 12 noon.**

Please come help the Macmillan Care

Gawsworth

Girls' Brigade are looking for new members, especially in the younger age group. They meet on Tuesday nights in the hall at Gawsworth Methodist and have **LOTS** of fun!

Please help spread the word through any social media you use or when speaking to family, friends and neighbours.

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Women's
Wellbeing
Evening

'Self care is never selfish!'

Come along for a night of looking after you for a change with a nice hot meal, relax and be pampered, enjoy a bit of DIY yoga, do some doodling or get creative with some crafts, do some gentle meditation (with chocolate!), have a natter over a cup of tea or a glass of fizz (non-alc)

Ladies, what's not to like?

7-9pm on the first Thursday each month

(1st Sept, 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 1st Dec)

*NOTE: We would be grateful of a few more volunteers to help with the catering – **if you can offer to cook (for approx. 25) on one of the three months please email asap** to let us know: admin@prestburymethodistchurch.org.uk)*

MWiB

Diary dates…..
Sunday 9th October - MWIB Concert at Macclesfield Methodist Church @ 3 pm in support of Martyn Donaldson Music Trust. Details to follow.

Saturday 22nd October - MWIB Quiet day at Gawsworth Methodist Church led by Rev Ros Watson. Details to follow

Volunteer Vacancy
MWiB are seeking a Treasurer, male or female to take up the role ASAP. It is not particularly onerous.

If anyone is interested and would like a chat before comitting please contact Ruth Gunning by email ruth2013@btinternet.com or by telephone on 01625 424752.

Online Church

Wellbeing Church – back in September…..

Other dates as follows:-

2 October / 6 November

Led by Rev Helen. Details of how to join will be sent with the weekly service links.

Help clean up the River Bollin

At Riverside Park, Beech Lane

Saturday Sept.24th

Volunteers wanted

10am - 3pm

(For as long or as little as you wish)

Please register in advance by contacting Steve Oliver on 07801 715572 or steve.oliver3@ntlworld.com

Organised by Prestbury and Macclesfield Methodist Churches in conjunction with Bollin Valley Partnership as part of Festival Manchester's Love Where U Live project

The Methodist Church

For all ages, 14 yrs or over

Macclesfield Churches' Winter Nightshelter (WHAM)- What's happening in 2022-23?

Answer…not a Nightshelter! But we do hope we can support those without permanent homes in another way.

Last year the Cheshire East Homelessness Team advised us that they had sufficient accommodation, and support programmes, for all those who might be homeless in Macclesfield. This year, they also have enough funding for beds, but have asked us to consider offering some daytime activities; the days can be very long, without any structure, for those in temporary accommodation.

We have gathered ideas from volunteers, and asked residents and staff at three of the local hostels, and so would like to offer:

Tuesday mornings 11am – 1pm at the URC, Park Green:

"Drop-in" social with tea, coffee, cakes, and board games, jigsaws etc

Sunday afternoons 2pm-4pm:

Afternoon local walk, followed by tea and cake at the URC.

The basis of both activities would be companionship; volunteers joining in activities with guests on an equal basis. It would be great if we could start these activities from mid October 2022.

Volunteers are needed to attend on Tuesday mornings (10.45- 1.15pm); or on Sunday afternoons, either to walk or to serve tea at 4pm, and to make cakes for either session.

If you would like to offer to help in any of these ways, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Richard Ainley email: maccnightshelter@gmail.com (preferred) or 07874 852762

There will be a training session for potential volunteers on **Tuesday 27th September** at 11am at the URC, Park Green. A meeting for those wishing to join in with walks, who are unavailable midweek, will be arranged.

Methodist Women in Britain – District News

News from MWiB Manchester and Stockport District

MWiB District President

President's Letter

This year MWiB was commemorating its 10+ years anniversary with a Garden Party at Epworth Old Rectory so 50 of us from our District travelled by coach on June 11th to join in the celebrations. It was a memorable afternoon during which our own Eva Manley was inducted as our new Vice President of District. Here are some photos and comments about the event with a letter from Eva :

On arrival at Epworth we were met by a team of very friendly and enthusiastic volunteers who had worked very hard to ensure our trip was pleasant, enjoyable and memorable.
We were ushered into a well organised garden space, with relevant information displayed all around which made our visit quite relaxed and enjoyable. The tour of the home was very special for me especially being able to step into both the bedroom and kitchen of Mrs Susannah Wesley. The individual boxes of goodies for tea was scrumptious.
The keynote speaker, Sarah Hollingdale, was very motivational and empowering. Setting the stage for my induction later on in the day. Indeed,like everyone there I was reassured that God has called, allowed me to be alive and within MWiB for a time such as this.

It was quite a special experience having all those wonderful brothers and sisters around to assure me of their love, support and above all their prayers as I start this awesome and privileged journey of service as District Vice President.

Once again I wish to reiterate my sincere thanks to all who came along to be with us and be a part of the 10th +1 Anniversary Celebrations of MWiB. Together as MWiB,of this Manchester and Stockport District,by God's Abundant Grace and Mercy, we aim to empower, equip and encourage Women for Christ and for Justice.

I am looking forward to a very rewarding and fulfilling year of service ahead.
Every blessing.
C.Eva Manley.

Other impressions of the day were:

It was wonderful simply to have time to talk and listen with each other in the garden where the Wesley children must have played centuries ago! Epworth is very special. We were blessed with lovely hospitality. Thank you. Deacon Pru Cahill

I have been wanting to go to Epworth for a long time. It proved to be a RED LETTER DAY for me. We had a great coach driver, the Epworth volunteers were first class, the food and fellowship were excellent and the services were lovely. Blessings on Eva Manley during her time of office. Thanks Chris for arranging it for us. Anthea Gillam x

To conclude I would like to invite you all to our District MWiB Autumn Gathering which will be held at Manchester Methodist Central Hall on Saturday October 1st. It will open at 10.30am with refreshments for an 11am start. Our Speaker will be Deacon Pru Cahill who will continue on the story of Susannah Wesley started at our Garden Party at Epworth Old Rectory where she lived. The day will include interactive discussions and activities as well as our usual Methodist fellowship with new and old friends. It will finish about 3.00pm.

Remember ladies you are all part of Methodist Women in Britain, there are no special qualifications or age limit!!!! All are welcome. Why don't you give us a try???

Blessings to you all

Chris Gregory

MWiB District President

The Great Big Green Week

Get involved in The Great Big Green Week (24 September - 2 October)

The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest call for action on climate change and nature, showing decision makers that people from all walks of life are stepping up to take action - and that we need them to step up too. Last year over 5000 events took place, with more than 200,000 people showing up for the planet in their community and online. As members of The Climate Coalition, we're encouraging as many Christians and churches as possible to take part. This can show that we serve a God of Creation and to add our efforts to those of others for the greatest combined impact. Could you or your church host a community event as part of the Great Big Green Week? A litter pick perhaps, some wildlife gardening, or a climate coffee morning - whatever your idea is - get involved today. Click on the link below….

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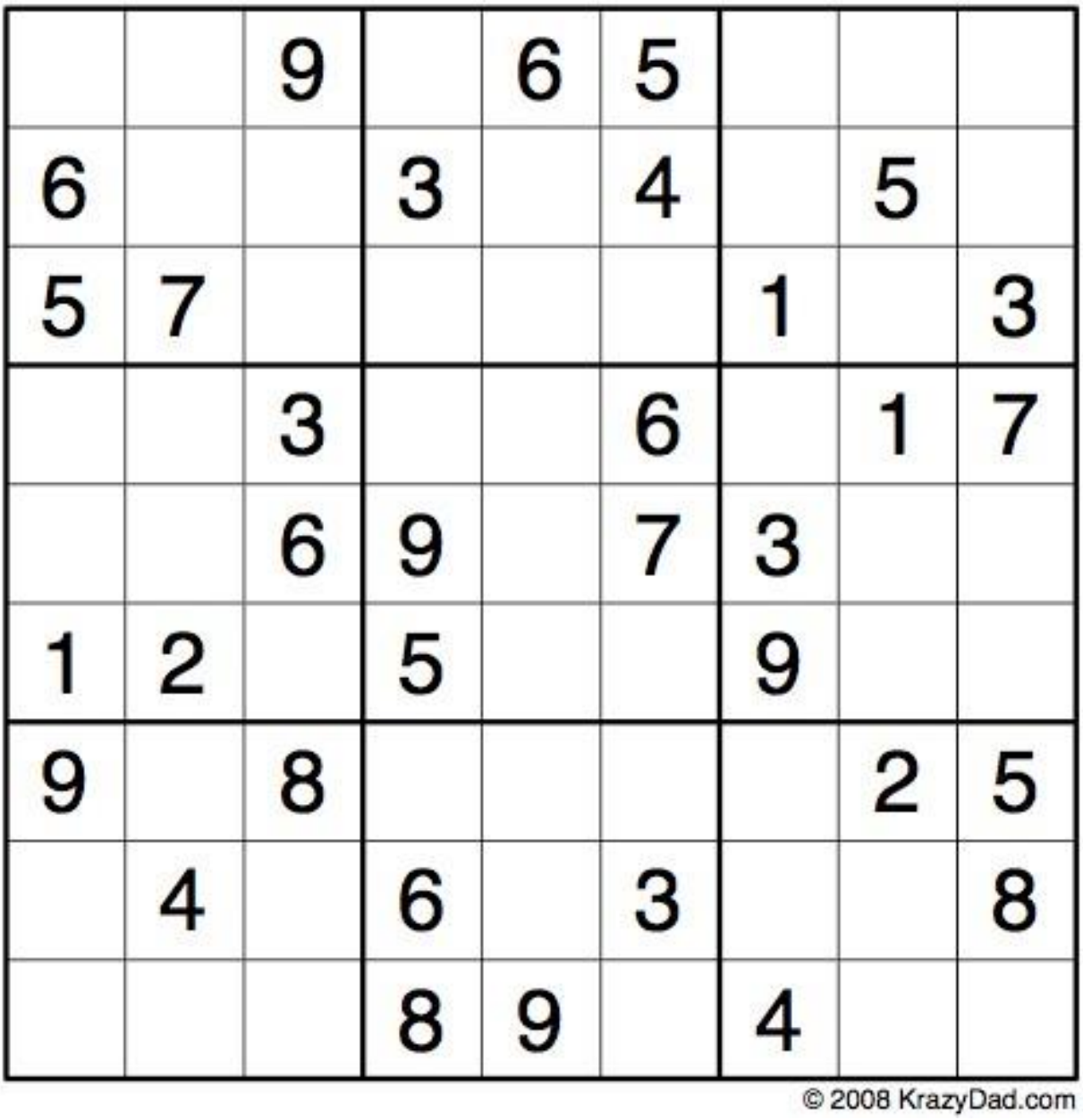

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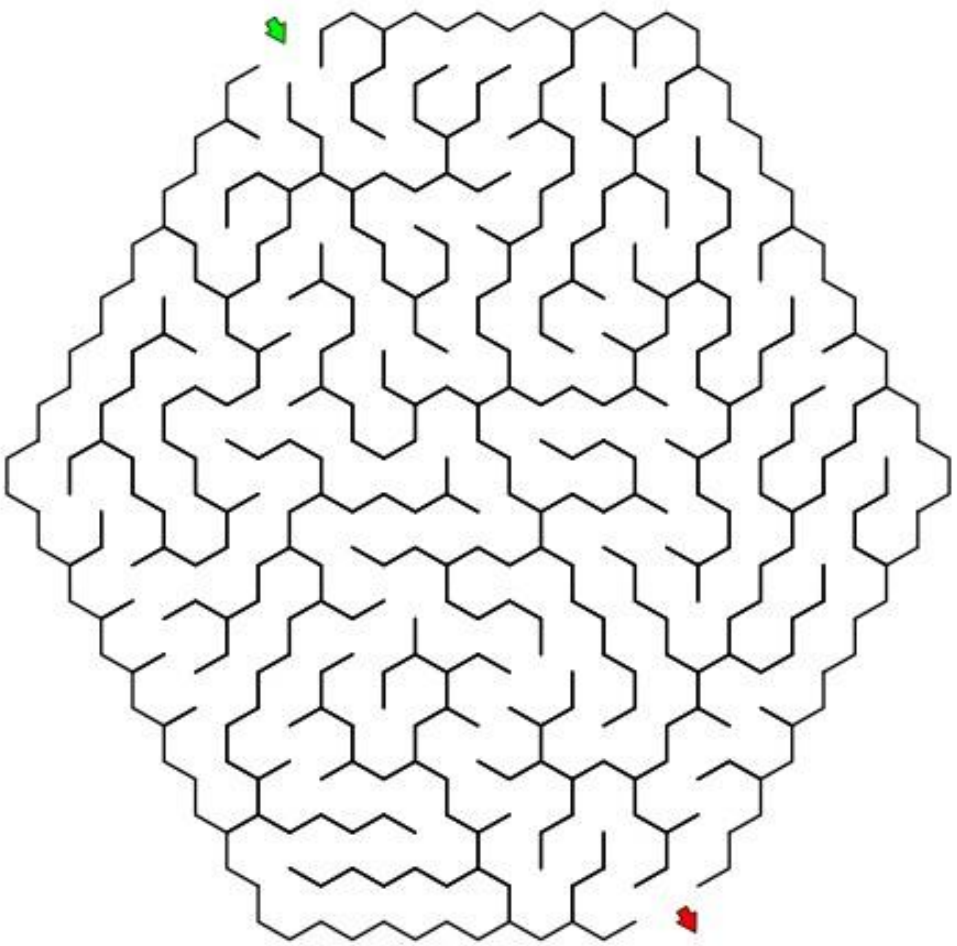

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READINGS:	Jer 18:1-11, Phil 1:1-21, Lk 14:25-33	Jer 4:11-12, 22-28, 1 Tim 1:12-17, Lk 15:1-10	Jer 8:18-9:1, 1 Tim 2:1-7, Lk 16:1-13	Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15, 1 Tim 6:6-19, Lk 16:19-31	Lam 1:1-6, 2 Tim 1:1-14, Lk 17:5-10	Jer 29:1, 4-7, 2 Tim 2:8-15, Lk 17:11-19	Jer 31:27-34, 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18, Lk 18:9-14	Joel 2:23-32, 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18, Lk 18:9-14	Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4, 2 Thes 1:1-4, 11-12, Lk 19:1-10	Hag 1:15b-2:9, 2 Thes 2:1-5, 13-17, Lk 20:27-38	Is 65:17-25, 2 The 3:6-13, Lk 21:5-19	Jer 23:1-6, Col 1:11-20, Lk 23:33-43	Is 2:1-5, Rom 13:11-14, Mat 24:36-44
BROKEN CROSS 10.30	Byrne HC	Fielding T	OA	Rashleigh	Bird HF	Byrne HC	Rashleigh	Nicholls	Lovatt	Byrne	Wakelin	Bird	Watson HC
GAWSWORTH 10.30	F Bishop HC	Watson	Cohen B	Watson HF P	Heap	Rashleigh	Edwards P	Watson HC	Ward T	Watson	S Bishop P @ 10am	OA	S Bishop HC
LANGLEY 10.30	Bird	Rashleigh	Oliver HF	Edwards HC	Nicholls	Fielding T	OA	S Bishop HC T	Watson	F Bishop	LU @ Sutton	Halstead T	Edwards HC
MACCLESFIELD 9.00 10.30	OA Bf Bradley	Byrne B AAW	Edwards HC	Gunning OA	OA Bf Edwards HF	Halstead T AAW	Byrne HC	Baker	Gunning OA	OA Bf Edwards HC	Nicholls	Byrne AAW	Beesley
POYNTON 9.30 10.30 14.30	OA Bf Watson HC	Hawkyard Cf	Watson HF Watson	Wakelin	OA Bf Watson	Baker Cf	Oliver Watson HC	F Bishop HC	OA	OA Bf Bradley	Baker	Watson HC Edwards	Hawkyard TS G
PRESTBURY 10.30 18.30	S Bishop	OA	Byrne HC Watson	Hawkyard	LU HF	F Bishop HC	Ward T Byrne	Byrne	Halstead T	Oliver Cn	LU	Rashleigh Watson	Byrne HC
WOODLANDS MHA 14.30		Rashleigh				Rashleigh					Rashleigh		
ZOOM 18.30	Byrne WBC			Edwards	Byrne WBC				Edwards	Byrne WBC			Watson
VIDEO	Edwards	Watson	Byrne	Watson	Edwards	Byrne	Edwards	Byrne	Watson	Edwards	Byrne	Watson	Edwards
PRAYER CYCLE:	Broken Cross	Gawsworth	Langley	Poynton	Green Close	Macclesfield	Prestbury	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; **CONF** Methodist Conference; **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; **MHA** Methodist Homes for the Aged; 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

14 September (Weds) 7.30pm Circuit Meeting

SERVICE LINKS & CONTACTS

Sunday 28 August 2022

AM – Morning worship led by Helen
WATCH ONLINE ….. : http://tiny.cc/28aug22
The Reading is John 12: 44-46
The hymns are StF : 346 / 416
LISTEN…..DIAL IN - 01625 786346 (Available from 10am Sun)
FACEBOOK…. : https://www.facebook.com/MacclefieldCircuit/
YOUTUBE…. https://www.youtube.com/c/macclesfieldmethodistcircuit

PM – Zoon Evening Prayer Service at 6.30pm with Ros
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
Meeting ID: 886 7743 6411
LISTEN…..DIAL IN - 0203 051 2874 or 0203 481 5237 & and when asked, input the Meeting ID: 886 7743 6411

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0800 804 8044
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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://ww.methodistchurch.org.uk/MWoL

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