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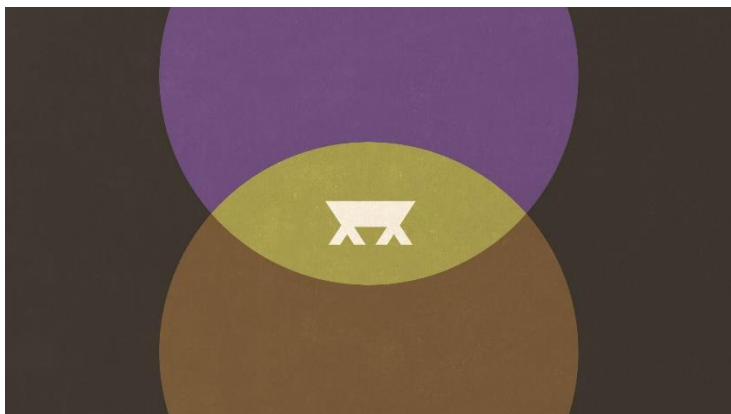
A message from the Superintendent

Dear Friends,

This time of year always brings challenges. The challenges I am thinking about are probably not the ones you are, and they are most definitely “first world problems”. You see, when December arrives I think to myself, “should I put a tree up?” and then I think “well, it’s a lot of work...” I’d have to get the ladder out of the garage, and take it upstairs and climb into the loft and find the tree and manoeuvre it out the hole and down the ladder. When it is down, I will invariably remember that the baubles and tinsel and all that are in a box in the loft, so I have to go back up and find that! Then I wonder, “if I get the tree up, do I need lights in the porch? do I need bits of tinsel to drape festively about the house? Do I need the other Christmas ornaments? What about the nativity set?” It’s all a lot of work! Some people love it and throw themselves into it, creating a festive, Christmassy wonderland in their front room, and some of us are more inclined to say “well, I’ll get round to it ... it’s a lot of work”.



The truth is, of course, Christmas is hard work in lots of ways – buying presents, cleaning the house for guests, working out how much money it will all cost and asking whether that’s affordable and ethical, deciding who has the power over the TV remote. If you live alone, it can be hard work too, finding ways to get through the Christmas season without being consumed by loneliness, for those who are grieving it can be hard to find joy in all that goes on, and for countless other people Christmas is hard. Yet, it is into the messiness, the painfulness, the confusion, and the hardness of life



that Christ is born. He is not born into a rich family in a privileged palace, but rather to a young couple forced to leave their home, who will live under a threat of violence from Herod – he, Jesus, is born into the harsh reality of this world to show us the depth of God’s love for us – “*God comes down, He bows the*

sky, and shows Himself our friend!” writes Charles Wesley. The message of the incarnation is incredible, it is beyond our ability to comprehend it – “*beings source begins to be, and God himself is born*”. All because God is love – love for all people and all things, because God longs to transform – to transform all people and all things in grace, because God is God! It is incredible, it does transform, it does renew and restore, it does change everything – because God is born.

But for those of us who see that great truth, who know that truth deep in our very being, that’s when the real hard work begins. It isn’t enough to say, “how wonderful”, it isn’t enough to sing the great advent hymns and Christmas carols – the message of the incarnation has to change the way we live, the way we talk, it has to change the churches we worship in, it has to drive us to find our place in making a better world. The incarnation of Jesus Christ is not simply a nice story for those of us who have faith, it invites us into a new way of being – and it starts with the hard work of Christmas. The German theologian Deitrich Bonhoeffer 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.



God calls us to live our lives in the light of the incarnation – to be his love, his grace, his peace in the world, to reveal his light to all people and play our part in his great work of love. It is costly, it is demanding, it is hard. Another German theological Meister Eckhart who lived in the 13th century wrote:

What good is it to me if this eternal birth of the Divine Son takes place unceasingly, but does not take place within myself? And, what good is it to me if Mary is full of grace if I am not also full of grace? What good is it to me for the Creator to give birth to His Son if I do not also give birth to him in my time and my culture? This, then, is the fullness of time: When the Son of Man is begotten in us.

As we continue to journey through Advent, as we prepare for Christmas, let us be ready. Let us be ready for the celebrations, and let us be ready for all God asks of us – remembering it is always the way of grace and life. The call to be disciples is hard, but God walks with us, and so we proclaim the Prince of Peace, “*with Heaven’s host lift up our voice, and shout Immanuel’s name; knees and hearts to Him we bow; of our flesh, and of our bone, Jesus is our brother now, And God is all our own!*” There is hard work ahead, so let’s get on with it!

With every blessing

Graham

Children & Families

Christmas for Children and Families 2022

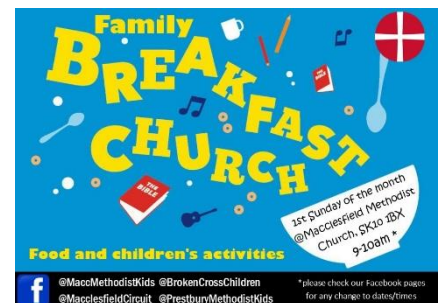
How are we here already? Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year!!!! We have been planning since August and now it's December and the mad rush is about to start.

We want to ensure that we tell everyone the real meaning of Christmas, of course receiving presents is cool but the greatest gift of all is the gift of Jesus.

So, at the heart of every event is Jesus the Christ Child, the precious gift of a baby who came to change the world.

We have several events for our children and families and thanks to all our volunteers who make them happen.

Sunday 4th December Advent Breakfast Church 9-10am
@ Macclesfield Methodist Church, where the children will learn about Advent and what it is, so that they can prepare for the coming of Jesus.



Saturday 10th December Chippy Church Nativity 3-5:30pm @ Broken Cross Methodist Church.



This is a circuit Nativity Spectacular!!!! EVERY child is guaranteed a part!!!! There will be crafts, story, songs, and a nativity performance by the children at 4:30pm where EVERYONE is welcome to come and watch. Bring the kids from 3pm for fun activities, then at 4pm the children will rehearse the Nativity while parents/carers will be treated to

a nice quiet cuppa and mince pie. Then a short Nativity Service at 4:30pm followed by chip butties and chips 'n' gravy.

If you are free, please come along to watch the Nativity. It would be amazing for the children to see more of our circuit congregation. Plus, there will be no online nativity service this year.

We still need some more volunteers for the event, especially to help with the cuppa and mince pie for the parents/carers. Just need volunteers to show the Methodist

hospitality and be there for a cuppa and chat. If you can help, please can you let either the children's contact for your church, Helen, or myself know.

Monday 19th December Kids Christmas Holiday Club 10-3pm @ Macclesfield Methodist Church.

Booking is essential and the deadline is Monday 12th December. This event is not just for kids it will hopefully help parents/carers have a few hours kid(s) free so they can sort a few things for Christmas and hopefully make it a little less stressful. There is a cuppa and mince pie for parents/carers from 2:30pm followed by a short performance by the children.

The cost is £10 per child but there are concessions available for any families who need a little help.

If you can help and have not let us know please either contact Susan Mellor (at Macclesfield) your churches children's contact or myself.



There are several Christingles happening around the circuit. Hopefully you will be able to make one of them.

Tuesday 6th December 6:15pm @ Gawsworth Methodist Church with 1st Gawsworth Girls' Brigade

Sunday 11th December 10:30am @ Poynton Methodist Church

Friday 23rd December 3:30pm @ Prestbury Methodist Church

Christmas Eve (Saturday 24th December)

3:30pm @ Macclesfield Methodist Church

5pm @ Langley Methodist Church

6pm @ Broken Cross Methodist Church

Plus, all our toddler groups are having Christmas party's week commencing 12th December and have been given a book about the Christmas story to give to each child.

Sending Christmas wishes to you all. Angela and the Children and Family's Team.

Prayer – in our Circuit Prayer Cycle we remember our friends at Poynton and we thank Chris Hawkyard for contributing this prayer.

Prayer for the season

Father God this is the time of year when we buy each other gifts and write our letters and cards. But let us not forget the remarkable gift you have given us in the life of your Son Jesus here on earth. Love came down at Christmas and the herald angels celebrated. Please don't let us get swamped by bad news at this happy time.

When Jesus came he wasn't born in a palace but in a stable. He was born a vulnerable baby in true humility. Let us remember all those children in the world today who are also vulnerable and do all we can to help them. We thank you for the public's response to the Children in Need appeal, for Wood Street Mission, for food banks and warm spaces.

Lord Jesus, as a child you slept in a wooden manger, and at the end of your life here on earth you were nailed to a wooden cross. Help us to realise we must plant more trees to save the planet.

Lord Jesus, soon after your birth you and your parents became refugees, fleeing from a cruel despot. Today there are many families in that same situation, often with mothers and children separated from their fathers. Lord we pray for their safety and for peace, especially in Ukraine.

Help us to sing your praises, this year more than ever.

Amen



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.

Members' voice....

'Christmas made easy' the magazine' said
with tips and recipes to get ahead
And so be ready for the great day,
which would then be perfect in very way!
Not for those in that first Christmas story, for Mary and Joseph a lot of worry.
Coming from Nazareth, travelling light, covering the miles by day and night.
A gruelling journey when birth was near, no-where to lodge their greatest fear.
Then surrounded by strangers in stable dim a crude setting as labour begins.
Joseph anxious and distraught to keep wife and child safe, his only thought.
The night wore on the pain increased, and then at last the trauma ceased
And then the miracle of birth, God himself had come to earth
Had kept His promise as angels told shepherds on the hillside cold
They came to see and proved it true, God's Son was given for me and you.

And even yet for so many today
the birthing is hard with nowhere to stay
Except in camps surrounded by strangers,
cold, hunger, disease the real dangers.
These are God's children known by name
We who have much should feel the shame
For many Christmas is not easy or the year to follow
So let our praises not be hollow,
But lead to much that we can give,
In order that others may simply live.

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 3
(Bernie's Big Adventure)

The miles continue to roll by (4000+ to date), the weather hasn't been brilliant, but the adventure continues as we pass from Autumn into Winter.

We're currently on a site in Pembrokeshire – halfway between Newgale and Broad Haven, and not far from Haverfordwest. During the summer months this site would be absolutely heaving but, at the moment, we are the only people staying here – strangely enough I like the isolation but have also enjoyed interacting with the many lovely people we have met.

A feature of our trip has been the number of unusual sites that have provided us with accommodation: laybys in Scotland and Walney Island; Forestry Commission car parks; a site that during World War Two was RAF Wigbay (flying boat base); walled gardens; marinas; fisheries (basically for those who love to spend their time fishing); between static caravans waiting to be sold – the site was actually closed but we were allowed to stay for the night; pub car parks; and at Aberystwyth Rugby Club.

During our adventure we have managed to meet up with a number of friends – four whilst staying on Anglesey and two in the Lake District. In addition, we travelled inland, to Newtown, to attend one of my brother's wedding – he is 75 (younger than me), has been with his wife for forty years, and decided now was the time to get married – it was a joyous occasion.

However, one of the downsides to travelling in a small motorhome is the lack of wardrobe space. When we received the invitation my immediate thought was: 'What am I going to wear?' A trip into Dolgellau solved the problem – a visit to Siop Hughes ("Mr Hughes has served his elderly customers well for many years!") provided me with a shirt and jacket, and the charity shop next door provided the appropriate footwear.

Although we managed to buy electric bikes whilst in Southport, walking continues to be our main activity. Of the many walks we have done, some of the coastal (cliff tops) walks have been both the most exhilarating and frightening – Bull Bay to Cemaes Bay, and Cemaes Bay to Llanbadrig - both on Anglesey; Norton Haven to Druidston Haven here in Pembrokeshire; and not forgetting the walks around the Flamborough area.

Incidentally, we caught a train from Barmouth to Harlech and walked from the station up to the





castle by way of the steepest street in the world. This claim was entered in the 'Guinness Book of Records' in 2019 but was disputed. The claim is back with Baldwin Street in Dunedin, New Zealand.

When we are staying in a place, we always look for a church to attend worship. Unfortunately, due to a variety of circumstances, these occasions are rare. However, we did manage to join the fellowships at

Kirkcudbright Parish Church, Ainsdale Methodist Church, and St Patrick's Church in Cemaes – the service was bilingual.

The main source of our worship life has been the online services offered by our ministers and, to them, we are grateful for all that they provide. In addition, we like to visit churches that are open, that offer solitude and a time for quiet reflection and prayer. Amongst the churches we have spent time in are: St Peter's in Heysham Village; Llangelynin Old Church above the Conwy Valley; the Zion Chapel in Rowen; and the church at Llanbadrig.



Last week we visited St David's Cathedral and spent a number of hours exploring that great historic place of worship. Amongst the many displays I found these words:

I am David

I am David.

In the Vale of the Roses I have built my house, in a solitude of stones crowded with daffodils in a cleft of sea-green hills.

I am David.

The winds of winter spoke to me here, the music of water, the canticle of spring which all the wild birds sing.

I am David.

I am the Waterman. By the banks of the river in a vale of sweet springs hidden from the sea's salt swell, here I dug my well.

I am David.

I am the Dovebearer. I speak of peace. I counsel joy. In a fold of the furthest west, here is my stone-ribbed nest.

I am David.

Under my feet the rock of Dyfed has raised me up to tower in time's March gales. I am David. I am Wales.

I don't know whether they give you a picture of St David but I was fascinated by them.



By the coming weekend we will be back in England. Not by choice but dictated to by the need to access an English chemist in order to collect medication.

As a final thought: I have now mastered the art of making my bed, situated above the driver's cab, whilst standing on the third rung of my ladder. Thank goodness it is only a duvet and didn't need the sheets folded in the style of 'hospital corners'.

I finish with some words from St David: *'Be joyful, keep the faith, do the little things.'*

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!

email: macclesfieldcircuit@gmail.com

Community & Church News

Broken Cross



At Broken Cross we have a Blue Christmas service which is a reflective service for those who can't face Christmas or the recently bereaved.

It is on **Wednesday 21st December at 6.45pm**

Gawsworth

Charity Coffee mornings... Coffee mornings start at 10.00am and finish just before midday. All are welcome - large car parking space, friendly welcome, bargains, a raffle and free entry as the John Upton Charity give us a grant to provide this community facility to anyone. On Thursday December 1st - £305 was raised for Christian Aid.

Future dates as follows:- all **Thursdays**

December 8th - In aid of church funds.

December 15th – The coffee morning is followed by Christmas lunch club at 12.30 (booking essential). Quiet Space at midday in the church.

January 5th - A Girl Guide is raising money for a project in Madagascar

January 12th - Save Danes Moss Group arranging

January 19th – Coffee morning followed by lunch Club (booking essential). Quiet Space at midday in the church.

January 26th - For Children and families work in the Macclesfield Circuit

February 2nd - 'Pass a smile' charity for children

February 9th - for Toybox providing street children across the world with a birth certificate

February 6th - Coffee morning followed by lunch Club (booking essential) at 12.30. Quiet Space at midday in the church.

February 23rd - Macclesfield Inner Wheel for their charitable fund

Chapel Tea - for anyone wanting company on Sundays is held the first Sunday at 4.00pm except January.

On Friday 7th October, 1st Gawsworth Girls' Brigade took part in Boycott Your Bed, for Action for Children. The leaders and older girls stayed over at Church, while the younger girls were at home, but found an alternative bed for the night.

The group had lots of fun, games and food, raising a fantastic total of £313 for an amazing charity! Hear a few thoughts from some of the girls who took part at [Boycott your Bed at 1st Gawsworth | Girls' Brigade Ministries \(girlsbrigadeministries.org.uk\)](http://Boycott your Bed at 1st Gawsworth | Girls' Brigade Ministries (girlsbrigadeministries.org.uk))

Langley

11/12/2022 - Sunday, Carol service led by Rev Graham Edwards 10:30 a.m.

12/12/2022 - Monday, Little Lambs Nativity & Party: - from 9:30a.m. to about 11:30 a.m.

18/12/2022 - Sunday, Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols at Sutton St. James' 6:30 p.m.

21/12/2022 - Wednesday, Coffee & Chat 'Carols and mince pies' from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00p.m. singing etc will be at about 10:45 to work around the bus times.

24/12/2022 - Saturday, Christingle Service led by Rev Graham Edwards starts at 5:00p.m.

08/01/2023 - Sunday, Covenant Service led by Rev Sheila Bishop 10:30a.m. United service with Sutton St. James'.

Macclesfield



A picture from the Macclesfield Methodist walking group, taken at their November meet.

December walk

We haven't finalised details as yet, but will be meeting at Macclesfield Methodist Church at 10.00am on Saturday 17th December and then driving on to the start. It will be a relatively short walk - possibly in the Bosley area - with a stop for a mince pie and then an option of ending the morning at a local pub for lunch. More details from Victor or myself (07835 055122/07761 370494)

Dorothy Crawford

Online Church

In addition to the weekly Sunday morning services, Zoom evening prayers as follows.....

11 December – Graham
15 January – Graham
26 February - Ros

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

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Poynton



Blue Christmas Service – Dec 11th at 2.30pm

This is a Service for those who because of bereavement may be finding the Christmas celebrations difficult this year. This is a reflective Service of remembrance and hope. All are welcome.

Poynton Methodist Church invites you in

WARM SPACES

Every Tuesday Morning

Just drop in (10.30am – 2.30pm)

Soup, Hot drinks, No charge

Please make use of our warm Church building free of charge.

Visitors can just come and be. bring their book, knitting or phone which needs charging.

No need to chat unless you want to, just private space and a brew available to all.

Warm Spaces

Because of the increasing price of gas and electricity Poynton Methodist Church is providing a “Warm Space” every Tuesday between 10.30am and 2.30pm. Soup and a roll, tea and Coffee will be provided.

Coffee mornings
Wednesdays 10.30 - noon

Poynton Methodist Church invites you in

For a Brew

Every Wednesday morning

Coffee, Tea, Biscuits, Chat

Just drop in (10.30am - noon)

Church at different times....

Poynton Methodist Church invites you

Afternoon Service

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY AT 2.30PM

*Enjoy a Warm Welcome, a 30 minute
service followed by Tea and Cake*

Just come along

16TH OCTOBER WITH HOLY COMMUNION
20TH NOVEMBER
18TH DECEMBER CAROL SERVICE



Poynton Methodist Church invites you

Prayer Breakfast



EVERY WEDNESDAY
9AM
AT THE KINGFISHER



For physical and spiritual
refreshment!

The **Methodist Church**
Poynton

All welcome for breakfast @ 9am

Every First Sunday

Breakfast Club

Doors open 8.45am for tea, toast and much more...

Bacon or vegan sausage butties with hot coffee or cold drinks

AND.. Craft, story and song (mainly for kids)

Stay for our 10.30 worship, or not.

ALL THIS, FREE OF CHARGE!



For the little ones...



Parents, Carers and Grandparents..

Hello you!

Come and join us for some fun soon...

RHYMETIME

Tuesday 10-11am

For babies and toddlers, songs with actions and instruments

followed by a little play with a few toys

Just turn up, £1 per family - pay with a card now!

RUN BY POYNTON METHODIST CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

Parents, Carers and Grandparents..

10.30am
start

MUDDY CHURCH

Little ones enjoy exploring the outdoors?

Check Facebook
for updates



Have you
tried it yet?



Selected Sundays

It's Church, but not as we know it.

Come and join us soon, it's free, just turn up

Run by Poynton Methodist Church Volunteers

COMMUNITY

CLARITAS **at** **Christmas**

Tuesday 13th December 7.30 pm

**Macclesfield and Bollington
United Reformed Church**

Park Green, Macclesfield SK11 7NA



**Includes a singalong
& light refreshments**

Tickets £8, £5 under-18s

Available from:

**Claritas Choir Members;
East Cheshire Hospice
SK10 3DR. 01625 610364;
and also on the door.**

All proceeds in aid of



East Cheshire Hospice

Methodist Women in Britain – District News

News from MWiB Manchester and Stockport District

MWiB District President



President's Letter

Have you noticed how much Christmas is already taking over our shops??

As an ex-primary schoolteacher I well remember the days when Christmas really had to start in October, planning the Nativity Play otherwise the children would never be word perfect by the middle of December. Sometimes I felt Christmas was over once it was performed! Thankfully now, once we have planned our Church Christmas Services, I can relax and wait for December when my Christmas really begins. How about you? Are you getting stressed already or are you determined that this year Christmas really will be one of joy? I hope so.

MWiB District Autumn Gathering

This year it took place at Methodist Central Hall in Manchester on October 1st. We decided to try a new format to our day so we were sat in groups around tables to encourage more interactive discussions. Also, after Welcomes and Devotions, we continued with a inspiring insight into the life of the 'Mother of Methodism' Suzanna Wesley, the mother of John and Charles. Deacon Pru Cahill really showed us what an example she was to us all. Many of us remember our trip to her home at Epworth in June and could imagine her there.

During the Business Meeting Jenny Went updated us on Wellspring. It's emphasis is on Homelessness and is providing breakfast and lunch, they are now planning their Christmas food provision. This lively group enjoy many activities and Jenny is happy to speak to groups about it. Please contact me for her details.

Our MWiB District Treasurer, John Brocklehurst, is stepping down next June so a new treasurer will be required from September 1st 2023. John says it takes little time, approximately 10 mins a month and a further half day once a year. John has a remit of the role for anyone who is interested. Please reflect prayerfully if this role is for you, or if you know someone who is interested. It would be useful for there to be a hand over period. Again contact me for John's details.

Communications, Causes and Campaigns

Next Pru gave us the opportunity to explore our passions and what God is saying to us in our churches and communities. She talked about her own experiences and where her Christian journey has led her. During her time in Gillingham Pru was involved in an Alpha group where she met someone with Autism who expressed how hard it was to attend due to noise overload. In our groups we discussed how we could make our churches more 'user-friendly' for all.

After lunch Pru invited Abi Parr to discuss her experience of Autism with an interesting question and answer session. We found out that people who are autistic

experience life very differently. Some may struggle with sensory overload while others don't understand the unspoken social rules to name just two examples.. From a faith point of view we discussed how some biblical language is not always helpful ie talk of removing demons. In our groups we chatted about how we can make our churches and services more inclusive such as the use of printed sheets with pictures, maybe having a notice in the church porch asking ' How have you experienced our Church Worship today? Can we help in any way to improve it?' Many other ideas were suggested in this very thought-provoking session.

Our thanks to Deacon Pru Cahill and Abi Parr on giving us the opportunity to more fully understand and reflect on the changes we all could make to be a more inclusive Church.

MWiB Spring Gathering

If you would like to take part in one of our Gatherings then we'd love to see you on Saturday March 25th 2023 at Hope Methodist Church in Failsworth, Oldham. It's easy to get there using bus, tram or car. It will start at 10.30 and aim to finish for 3.00pm. The speaker will be Rev Dave Warnock talking about the charity Christians Against Poverty. At this very worrying time for us all financially we felt we needed to know more and hopefully be able to support in some way.

The Gathering will again follow our new interactive format so please come along to enjoy a day filled with chatting, sharing and learning.

EXCITING NEWS!!! As I'm writing this I'm preparing for my long awaited return to Palestine in just 3 days. As many of you know I had to leave my volunteering work in 2020 after only 2 months due to Covid. So I didn't visit my President's Charity, The Four Homes of Mercy in Bethany. That will be my first place to go where I hope to see at firsthand the amazing work they do in a very difficult situation. Watch this space for more details and if you would like me to come to your church/group to tell you about my experiences please get in touch.

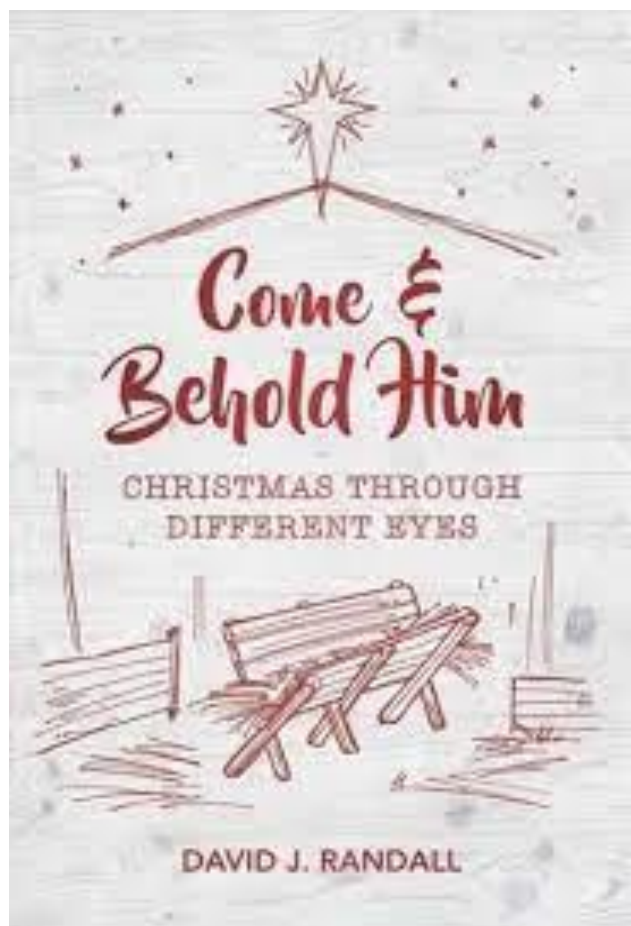
God Bless

Chris Gregory

Email : chrisg7684@gmail.com or Tel : 07975503019

ADVENT REFLECTIONS – COME ALONG!

'Does Christmas feel consumer-driven, or overly-sentimental, or even over-familiar?'



'Whether you're a Christian who struggles to get excited about Christmas, or a seeker wondering what all the fuss is about, this is a beautifully written invitation to come and behold the One at the heart of Christmas, Immanuel, God with Us.'

FIND A TIME AND VENUE TO SUIT YOU

All groups running from Mon 28th Nov – Frid 23rd Dec

Day	Time	At Which Methodist Church?	Other Info
Monday	10am	Poynton, SK12 1RB	Just turn up
Tuesday	1.30pm	Broken Cross, SK10 3JR	Just turn up
Wednesday	7.30pm	Poynton (via Zoom - email Roger drinkwaters@ntlworld.com)	Online
Thursday	10.30am	Prestbury, SK10 4BW	Just turn up
Friday	12pm	Macclesfield, SK10 1BX	Just turn up

ADVENT

FOR

EVERYONE

A

JOURNEY

THROUGH

MATTHEW

TOM

WRIGHT

Join **Tom Wright** on a journey into the heart of Matthew, as he explores the Gospel themes of watching, repenting, healing and loving.

GAWSWORTH

Tuesdays 1:30pm

All Welcome!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES – something for everyone across the Circuit!

Circuit Nativity performance on Saturday 10th December 4:30pm @ Broken Cross. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Blue Christmas 11 December (Sun) 2.30pm at Poynton - Watson
21 December (Wed) 6.45pm at Broken Cross - Byrne

Christingle Services

6 December (Tues) 6.15pm at Gawsworth
11 December (Sun) 10.30am at Poynton
23 December (Fri) 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 - Watson
9.45am at Broken Cross – Byrne
10.30a.m at Gawsworth - Watson
10.30a.m at Poynton – Hawkyard
10.30a.m at Prestbury – Byrne

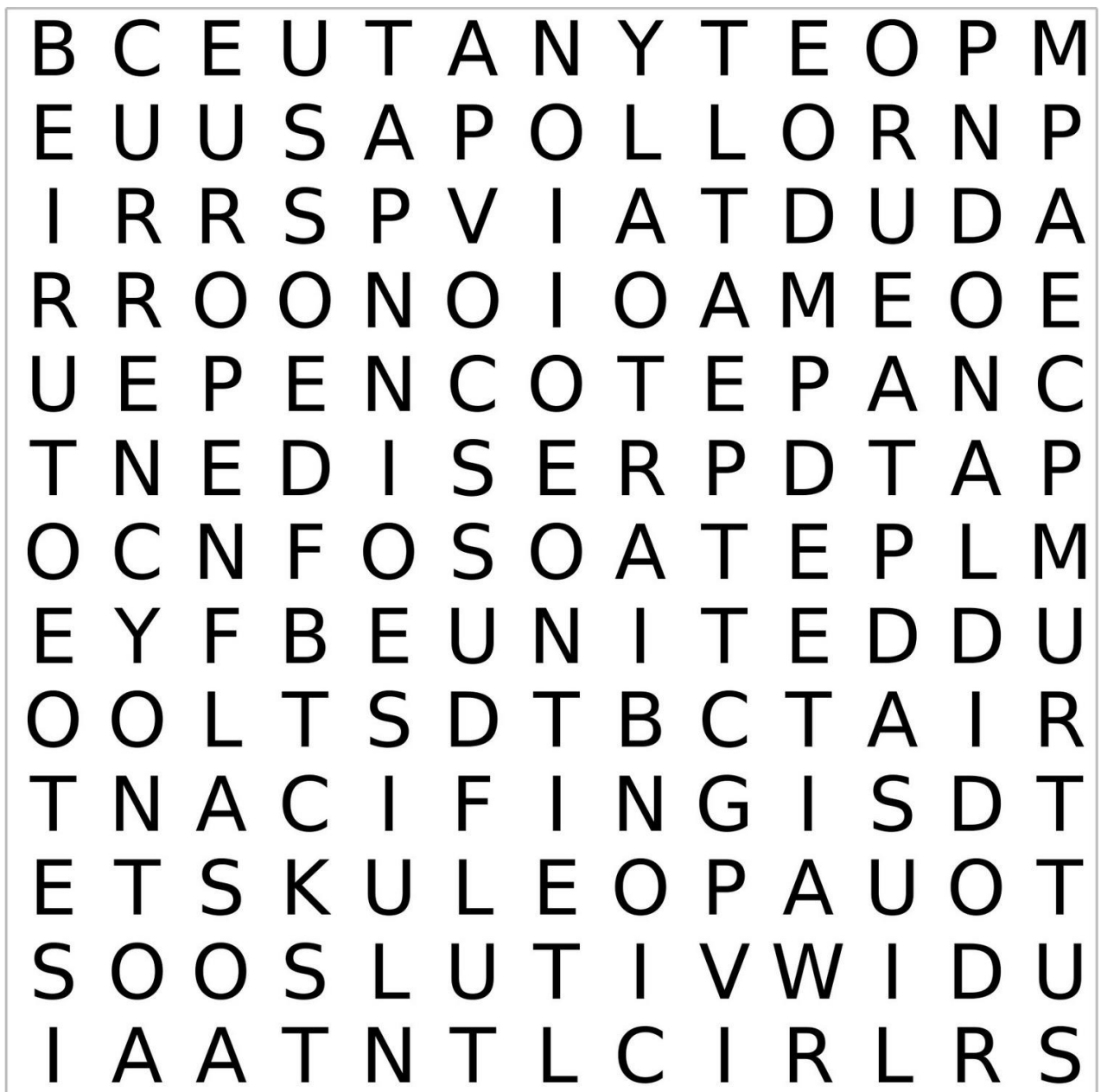
New Years Day 10.30am at Macclesfield - Circuit Service led by Ros

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Just for fun

Wordsearch

As we start the new Year, January brings us numerous significant dates. In Jan 1942, the first US troops arrived in Europe. In Jan 1967, the Apollo 1 caught fire at Cape Canaveral. In Jan 1987, Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy in the Middle East, was kidnapped in Beirut, Lebanon. In Jan 1997, Bill Clinton became President of the USA for a second term. In Jan 2002, the Euro became the official currency of the EU. And in January 2017, Donald Trump became President of the USA.



Numerous
Significant
Dates
Troops
Europe

Apollo
Cape
Waite
Envoy
Kidnapped

Beirut
President
Bill
Euro
Official

Currency
Donald
Trump
United
States

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This quarter's services

2022/2023	DECEMBER				JANUARY					FEBRUARY			
	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26
READINGS:	ADVENT 2	ADVENT 3	ADEVNT 4										
	Is 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-13, Mt 3: 1-12	Is 35:1-10, Jas 5:7-10, Mt 11:2-11	Is 7:10-16, Rom 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-25			Is 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43, Mt 3:13-17	Is 49:1-7, 1 Cor 1:1-9, Jn 1:29-42	Is 9:1-4, 1 Cor 1:10-18, Mt 4:12-23	Mic 6:1-8, 1 Cor 1:18-31, Mt 5:1-12	Is 58:1-12, 1 Cor 2:1-16, Mt 5:13-20	Deut 30:15-20, 1 Cor 3:1-9, Mt 5:21-37	Ex 24:12-18, 2 Pet 1:16-21, Mt 17:1-9	Gen 2:17-17;3:1-7, Rom 5:12-19, Mt 4:1-11
BROKEN CROSS 10.30	Ward T	Halstead T	Byrne C	Byrne @ 9.45am	CCT @ Macc	Oliver	Byrne CS	Rashleigh	Nicholls	OA	Byrne HC	Halstead T	Bird
GAWSWORTH 10.30	Bradley	S Bishop HC	S & F Bishop C	Watson	CCT @ Macc	Watson CS	Halstead T P	OA	Byrne	Watson	Watson P	Watson HC	Beesley
LANGLEY 10.30	F Bishop HC	Edwards C	Watson		CCT @ Macc	S Bishop CS	Bird	OA Blackman	Wakelin	Oliver	Edwards HC	Nicholls	Edwards
MACCLESFIELD 9.00 10.30 18.30	OA Bf Rashleigh	Byrne HC	Edwards AAW Ed/Byrne C	Watson @ 9.30am	Watson CCT	OA Bf Edw/Byrne CS	Fielding T AAW	Edwards	Gunning OA	OA Bf Byrne	F Bishop	S Bishop AAW	Byrne HC
POYNTON 9.30 10.30 14.30	OA Bf Watson HC	Watson Cf CT Watson Blue	Baker C Watson C	Hawkyard	CCT @ Macc	Baker Cf	F Bishop Byrne	Watson CS	Watson B	OA Bf Baker	Hawkyard Cf	OA Watson	Watson HC
PRESTBURY 10.30 18.30	Byrne B/P Byrne WBC	Oliver LU @7pm	OA C	Byrne	CCT @ Macc	Rashleigh Byrne CS	Bradley	Byrne CS	OA	Bird Byrne WBC	Bradley	Byrne HC Byrne Tz	Wakelin
WOODLANDS MHA 14.30		Rashleigh				Ogier					Rashleigh		
ZOOM 18.30		Edwards					Edwards						Watson
VIDEO	Watson	Edwards	Byrne	All ministers?	Edwards	Watson	Byrne	Edwards	Watson	Byrne	Edwards	Watson	Byrne
PRAYER CYCLE:	Prestbury	Broken Cross	Gawsworth	Langley	Poynton	Woodlands	Macclesfield	Prestbury	Broken Cross	Gawsworth	Langley	Poynton	Woodlands

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.

SERVICE LINKS & CONTACTS

Sunday 4 December 2022 – Advent 2

AM – Morning worship led by Ros

WATCH ONLINE : <http://tiny.cc/advent2-22>

The reading is: Matthew 3: 1-12

The hymns are: StF 182 / 173

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

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

PM – No Zoon Evening Prayer Service this week

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.

Daily Hope (see below)

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as [Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer](#) updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England [weekly national online service](#).

A section called **Carol-Line** offers callers a small selection of carols, updated daily. An option entitled 'Chair Exercises on the Phone', provides recorded over-the-phone tuition to keep listeners fit and healthy from the safety of a chair during time at home.



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.

Other important links

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

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

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