



e-MESSENGER

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A message from the Superintendent

Dear Friends,

At the beginning of September, I made a flying visit to Cornwall to share in Helen Bryne's welcome service in Truro. I hadn't been to Cornwall for about ten years, and that was another flying visit for an ordination! This time however I had few hours to make good use of and therefore decided it was time to explore some Cornish Methodist heritage! I'm sure you know that Cornwall is rich in Methodist history, so I stopped at a few places as I made my way to Truro. My first stop was at Wesley Cottage in Trewint. In 1743 three Methodist preachers, John Wesley, John Nelson, and John Downes, found themselves in need of shelter



so they stopped at the cottage of Digory Isbell and his wife Elizabeth.



The couple were so impressed by the preachers and their message of God's love that they built a place for Wesley's preachers to stay and preach



whenever they were in Cornwall. From there I visited four



preaching pits – Indian Queens, St. Newlyn East, Gwennap, and a small quarter pit at Whitemoor. The pits are places for outdoor preaching, they often began as open mines, but were later redesigned in such a way

that huge numbers of people could gather and hear the preacher's message – without amplification! There is always something I find very moving about standing in these places where God has done incredible things in the past, and where great figures of Methodism preached God's word. Of course, it is important to note that these great places are no longer used in the same ways – heritage is a wonderful thing, but it reminds me that God is always doing something new.



In the life of the church, we are always surrounded by our heritage, in fact, I am in the manse too. Some of you will know I have a cabinet

of Methodist trinkets and 'Wesleyana' (tours are available!). In the churches of the Macclesfield Circuit, there are plates and pictures, and busts of Wesley and stained-glass windows and all sorts of things that speak about our history. There is more than that too – when we come to worship in our church buildings, we are reminded of things we have done together – special services and events, baptisms, weddings, and funerals. We are reminded too of people who we have shared the life of the church with, some who have died and received the gift of life in the world to come. In Macclesfield, there are lots of buildings that used to be Methodist churches – big and small, and of course, there are places where Wesley preached! Our history, our heritage is all around us! The problem is that it is easy to look at all our wonderful history and think “I wish it was like that now”.

We know that the life of the church can't be 'like it was before', but that doesn't mean we should forget. The French sociologist Danièle Hervieu-Léger suggests that religion itself should be understood as a 'chain of memory'. The memories we hold as individuals and as the church, remind us what is really important – that is, they remind us what we are all about! Hervieu-Léger says that our memories tell us about the faith we live in, about why we are still here, and what our faith has done in our communities. Our history links past and present and helps us to know who we are.



What we must do then, I think, is not long for the past – however wonderful it was, but to remember well. Remember the heart of those who came before us, the heart of those who have worshipped and served with us over the years, the heart of God's church in Macclesfield, Broken Cross, Prestbury, Poynton, Langley, Gawsorth and beyond! We need to remember well so that we see the power of the gospel we proclaim – in word and deed and know that whatever the future has in store for us, God is with us just as he has been in the history we celebrate! The great challenge of all this is given to us – to be the church of God here and now. It is not easy, it's not always comfortable, but that is our call – to proclaim the goodness and grace of God, the love of God, so that all people may know it for themselves and that all things might be transformed through God at work in and through us.

In remembering well and serving our present age, we will share with generations of Christian people in making the words of Philippians chapter three our prayer:

...to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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.



Methodist Families Together



As we start a new year with our new Family Church – **Methodist Families Together**, we look back at another successful summer holiday club. We would just like to thank all our wonderful volunteers because without your commitment we couldn't run a summer holiday club and thank you to Sheila for writing about it for us.

The Restoration Station

It was nine o'clock on July 25th and the leaders and helpers at Holiday Club had gathered in a circle for prayer. We held our breath; the church was transformed into the Repair Shop with corners for red, yellow, green, and blue groups of children to have fun! The doors opened and a tidal wave of excited children flooded in. Their parents left them with a quick kiss and the assurance that 'yes they would be back to pick them up' and the fun began. So much thought and preparation had gone into the activities which took place in the hall and several rooms with crafts which sometimes the helpers found daunting involving colouring, cutting, pasting, shaping, and painting. Each child had a bag in which to put their treasured works of art and each group collected points for their industry and good sharing, creativity, and the ability to 'leave the rooms as they found them!'





Then it was back to the church for Rev Graham and Rev Helen, who, with lots of humour, and much participation by everyone present, helped us to discover that most of us sometimes need to be repaired and refreshed. So, with Stories from the Bible, we learnt that Jesus was the person who would always be on hand to restore us. Inevitably we sang (lots) with plenty of actions which left us older helpers breathless and the youngsters asking for more. So off to the hall for games and eventually for lunch.



The children brought their own, and ours was served by the dedicated kitchen staff, who had kept us going with coffee and tea throughout the sessions! Then after Friday's holiday club, a gallant band of helpers from around the circuit helped put the church back together restoring it ready for worship.

The three days had been so worthwhile and our grateful thanks to all who helped in any way, but especially to Angela who, sharing her vision, once again has made sure that everything went smoothly.

An enjoyable time was had by all, as through listening and doing together we had learnt in fresh ways, just how much we all need the friendship of our Lord Jesus Christ whoever we are, for He is the one who can restore us body, mind, and spirit. Now we look forward to another year of learning of how wonderful his love is for us all.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 1st October **Breakfast Church** 9-10am @ Macclesfield Methodist Church & @ Poynton Methodist Church please see Poynton's website for time.

Saturday 14th October **Chippy Church** 4-5:30pm @ Broken Cross Methodist Church

Saturday 28th October **Messy Church** – Light Party 2-4pm @ Broken Cross Methodist Church

Sunday 5th November **Breakfast Church** 9-10am @ Macclesfield Methodist Church & @ Poynton Methodist Church – please see Poynton's website for time.

Saturday 11th November **Chippy Church** 4-5:30pm @ Broken Cross Methodist Church

Saturday 25th November **Messy Church** 2-4pm @ Macclesfield Methodist Church



Prayer – this time in our Circuit Prayer we think of Broken Cross and we thank Barbara Ogle contributing this prayer for us.

Loving Father, as the seasons change from Summer into Autumn, we wonder at all the gifts you have given us in the creation of your world. We see the beauty of the changing colours both in our gardens and the countryside around us, the morning dew on spider webs and fruits maturing in hedgerows and on trees.

The Methodist New Year started as September arrived. We bring to you all the Ministers and Deacons who have moved into new appointments and ask that they will feel your Spirit guiding them in the work you have called them to do. We bring the President of the Methodist Conference, Rev Gill Newton and the Vice President Deacon Kerry Scarlett. We ask that you will give them safe journeys as they travel around the Methodist Connexion and pray that as they come into our District for the Presidential visit from 16-19th November, that everyone who hears their message may be inspired by the words they say, the message of Good News of your love for all people.

Schools and Colleges started new terms at the beginning of September and we ask for your blessing on all young people who have experienced their first day in a new place, whether that be at school, at college/university, apprenticeships or the world of work, especially those young people who are known to us. We also bring the staff who will be helping and supporting them, asking that you will inspire them in the work they are doing.

We thank you for the work that is being developed in the Circuit with children, young people and families – for Breakfast Church, Messy Church, Chippy Church, Light Parties and other events that will be held under the leadership of Angela and the Circuit team of volunteers. We also bring you the Circuit group of young people who meet at Prestbury. We thank you for all the work that has been done over the last few months and ask for your blessing on all events that are planned for the rest of this year.

We thank you for our ministers, Graham and Ros, for the Circuit Leadership Team, Church Stewards, Local Preachers and all who are members of our Church Leadership Teams and ask your blessing on each person, that your Spirit may work through them so that your will may be done.

As we have thought about the fruits that have been appearing on the trees and in the hedgerows, we think about the Fruits of the Spirit that you have given to each one of us – fruits of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness and Self Control. We ask that as we are all part of Your Body, you will enable us to share not only in our Church Communities but also in our Local Communities, the gifts you have given us and the message of your saving grace that is for everyone.

We offer these prayers to you in the name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

Members' voices....

The Hope Centre

The Hope Centre at the former Wesley Owen Christian bookshop site on Park Green, Macclesfield, was set up as part of the Hope in North East Cheshire Mission Group 3 initiative (responding to human need in loving service to others) in response to ecumenical discussions in 2010.

After some delay in obtaining planning permission/disabled access, the Hope Centre opened its doors to customers on 17th May 2011 and the official opening, attended by the local Mayor and church leaders, took place the following month.

Our customer base is recovering after the Hope Centre being closed during the covid pandemic lockdowns. We serve a wide range of hot and cold drinks (non-alcoholic, of course!) and a variety of soups, cakes, paninis/toasties and filled rolls, including the breakfast menu of bacon/sausage/fried egg rolls, which are now available all day, jacket potatoes with various fillings, toasted teacakes/crumpets and toast, with or without jam/marmalade or baked beans, cheese or scrambled egg. A recent addition to the menu this summer is ice-cream and milkshakes.

Our bookshop is also doing quite well, with children's books and gifts/resources, Bibles and journals selling well throughout the year, together with seasonal items such as Christmas and Easter cards and calendars/Advent cards and calendars boosting sales considerably. Daily Bible reading notes (e.g. Daily Bread) are available for customers to order. We also have a wide range of greetings cards for most occasions throughout the year.

It is testimony to the support of the dedicated volunteers, the hard work and prayerful commitment of our Manager, Hazel, all the trustees and, of course, the encouraging ongoing support of local churches, our customers and suppliers, that we have been able to continue our outreach to the surrounding community for over 12 years, for which we give great thanks and praise to God.

Having been open only for the sale of cards, gifts, books and Bibles on the first floor while the ground floor was being refurbished, we re-opened on the ground floor 2 years ago and customers have commented that it is much better our having the café and bookshop together on the same floor. Hazel joined us last year, to take over the mantle of our previous managers Christine, Emily & Mary Ann.

New volunteers are always welcome to give a few hours a week either in the café or on the bookshop till (like myself), or with cleaning at the end of the day after we finish serving food to the customers at 3 pm (earlier on Saturdays). We are closed Sundays & Mondays, but otherwise open from 10 am to 4 pm Tuesdays to Fridays and 10 am to 2 pm Saturdays.

Ian Wardle

Have you seen.....?

I'm wondering if members of our churches realise and use their iPads and laptops to look regularly at 'Methodist News' which is often very informative and interesting and comes into my mail box regularly?

I find inspirational stories of new things people are trying in their churches and prayers which are pertinent to what is going on in the news. It keeps us abreast with what the church is discussing and reminds us of special Sundays when prayers are asked for different groups of people. It helps to make us feel part of THE Methodist Connexion and a world wide church to which we all belong.

I recommend it to you!

I am sure you will find it interesting and to be in touch broadens our vision and gives us encouragement as a new church year begins.

PS I am not good with technology so if I can access it then YOU can too!

Rev Sheila

You can sign up to receive Methodist News and other Methodist communications using the link below:-

[Sign up for newsletters \(methodist.org.uk\)](http://methodist.org.uk)

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 6 (Bernie's Big Adventure)

At the last time of writing we were pitched on a site called 'Tencreek Park' just outside Looe in Cornwall. Currently we are in Mablethorpe, in Lincolnshire, and I am being self-indulgent as I reminisce on the ten years I spent here as a child – Bernie is being extremely patient and understanding.

Our route to this site has been somewhat circuitous. In July and August many of the coastal sites were fully booked due to school holidays leading us to look away from the coast for somewhere to stay. But let me give you a flavour of some of our experiences.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that on a number of occasions we have found churches to worship in, and, as you would expect, we have always received a warm Christian welcome. The following churches, all Methodist, expressed pleasure at us joining them: Lancing, Kessingland, Berkley Street (St Neots) and Bradwell Methodist Church (East Anglia). In addition, we shared in worshiping fellowship with a group from the 'Caravanners and Campers Christian Fellowship' who were holding a rally at a site just outside Kings Lynn.

During our travels we have visited a number of churches on weekdays – just to look around and to sit in silent prayer. Amongst the religious institutions that we have entered are the following: St Mary Magdalene Church (Sandringham), Christchurch Priory and Canterbury Cathedral (pictured). Whilst we felt privileged to have been able to sit and pray in these places, it is with an understanding that they have had to open their doors to tourists in order to raise money for their upkeep.



Again, during this adventure, we have met and shared stories with some absolutely lovely people. This week, in Skegness, whilst playing 'Crazy Golf', we met a couple from Sleaford. After chatting for a while, they insisted on buying us coffee and we shared our stories for quite some time. Incidentally, Bernie not only beat me on the 'golf course' but won a free round on the challenge at the end of the course.

In Bournemouth we were 'interviewed' by a young man who, we thought, was creating videos for his Media Studies Course. Some time later we were informed, by our daughter, that we had become 'TikTok' stars – the video of the interview had been viewed tens of thousands of times.

In Clacton-on-Sea, we joined a number of ladies, some on mobility scooters, singing along to a trio who were performing songs from the Sixties.

As well as complete strangers we have met with family and old friends. In Sidmouth we met with Graham (friend and former teaching colleague); in Christchurch with my younger brother Paul and his wife Heather; and, in St Neots (pictured), with friends Hilary and Ray – Ray and myself taught together at Cheadle Hulme High School.



One very unusual and colourful character was a man who calls himself 'Professor Brent DeWitt'. He was 'living' in a very small tent on a site in Ramsgate. Each morning he would rise very early and disappear for most of the day. Each evening his return was heralded by his whistling and a very cheerful greeting to everyone he met. He was always dressed in a kilt, white shirt, waistcoat and sported a very natty straw boater. As we got to know him he revealed that each day he would travel to Broadstairs where he entertained children with his 'Punch and Judy Show'.

Many of the coastal towns have piers. I must confess that Bernie and myself have resorted to an activity that we both enjoyed as children – we have been spending 50p each on the slot machines.

Whilst in Norfolk we were advised that Cromer was famous for its crab and everyone should try it. During our stay at West Runton we walked along the beach and into Cromer. Sitting on the promenade we shared a portion of fresh crab. For me that will be the last time I eat crab! I should add that the cost had nothing to do with my decision - £7 for a small portion.

Close to the site at West Runton is the 'Hillside Shire Horse Sanctuary'. This is an organisation that cares for rescued animals – obviously for Shire horses but includes an amazing collection of other animals.



One of the residents!

Most of our experiences have been very positive but occasionally things haven't always gone as we would have liked. Somehow, we managed to contract Covid and decided that we should isolate until tests proved negative. We felt quite unwell and it took a while for our energy levels to be restored.

Occasionally we fall back into the trap of depending completely on the Sat Nav – you would think that, after such a long journey, we would have learned by now. However, we have travelled down roads with the wing mirrors on both sides of the van touching the hedgerows. In addition, at Slapton Village, we were met with a sign indicating that the maximum width of the road was six feet six inches. Fortunately, apart from asking the village postman to move his van, we made it without mishap.

You may recall that our journey started in South Yorkshire and so we are nearly full circle. Will we return home or will there be another adventure?

Let me again finish with those words of St David: **'Be joyful, keep the faith, do the little things.'**

God bless.

With love,

Bernie & 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

Calling all knitters!

Festive Period Appeal

The Chaplaincy staff at Salford Royal are beginning to plan for Christmas and I've suggested we consider giving out knitted angels to staff and patients who will be in over the festive period... only problem is I cannot knit myself! If you are someone who enjoys knitting and might want to dedicate some time to help spread festive cheer to those in hospital over Christmas, could you please email me- nataliehackett94@gmail.com and I can send over the knitting pattern if you need. We'd love as many as possible please! Thanks so much in advance,

Rev Nat Hackett.

Not a fan of knitting, but know someone who is? Forward this notice to them to see if they may be interested!

Pray for an end to UK Poverty

2 & 3 October

As political leaders meet at Party Conference in Manchester

Join with us to pray for an end to poverty in the UK

Prayer breakfast
Listening to lived experience
Panel event
Public prayer vigil

CENTRAL HALL
MANCHESTER
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For more information see.....

[2-3 October 2023 - Christians Against Poverty UK | Brushfire](#)

Refugees Welcome


On **Saturday November 18th** Refugees Welcome will present a Cultural Event in Macclesfield town centre. It will include an exhibition of pictures by refugees from Ukraine and Afghanistan. There will also be music provided by Ukrainian singers and instrumentalists and stalls selling craft items made by refugees. It will be a chance for local people to celebrate the talents of our refugee guests.

*Saturday November 18th
CULTURE EVENT
in Macclesfield town centre*


*Talented Refugee guests from Ukraine,
Syria and Afghanistan want to share their
culture. You are very welcome to join them.*




At the event you will be able to see:


 *Exhibition of Ukrainian and Afghan children's art*

 *Syrian and Ukrainian crafters*

 *Afghan rug sellers*

 *Ukrainian singers*

 *Syrian musicians*

 *Ukrainian instrumentalists*

Organized by Refugees Welcome

Fancy a laugh??

Silklife Church are holding the latest in our regular series of "[Silklife Chuckles](#)" live comedy nights on **Wed 18th October**, and we'd love as many as possible to have the opportunity to attend what we're sure will be another really fun evening! **there's lots of info about the line-up and more on our Eventbrite page at bit.ly/chuckles_oct23 from where tickets can be purchased.**

All tickets are £5, and as with previous Chuckles events we don't look or expect to make any sort of a profit on the event, it's purely there for the benefit/enjoyment of as many across Macclesfield as possible (up to the maximum of about 130 people that we can squeeze into our venue!)

Dan Garbutt
Operations Lead

The logo for SilkLife, featuring the word "SILKLIFE" in white, uppercase, sans-serif font on a red rectangular background.

Silklife Church
George Street, Macclesfield, SK11 6HS
www.silklife.co.uk

Put your knowledge to the test!

The Charity Commission has begun the next phase of its campaign that aims to increase charity trustees' knowledge. As part of this, the regulator has introduced a quiz which aims to increase trustees' awareness of the Commission's five minute guides and enables trustees to test their knowledge of their duties and responsibilities. The quiz takes around three minutes and prompts participants to test their knowledge on a range of topics, such as conflicts of interest and safeguarding.

Feedback is provided for each question, and users are pointed to further guidance from the regulator. Each participant also receives a score out of 10, allowing them to benchmark their knowledge. The quiz is designed to engage trustees with a variety of questions based on everyday scenarios that they may encounter at their charity. It has been designed to help identify knowledge gaps and is an ideal refresher for trustees at all levels of experience, according to the regulator. The Commission states that the majority of trustees feel confident in their ability to manage their charities, however there may be areas of knowledge they can improve on, so the quiz is intended to encourage trustees to inspire upskilling. 'We encourage all trustees to take our new quiz' - See more at:

[Take the trustee quiz \(beingacharitytrustee.campaign.gov.uk\)](https://beingacharitytrustee.campaign.gov.uk)

All members of circuit meeting are charity trustees.

Christmas shopping with All We Can

Well, when it comes to giving Extraordinary Gifts, we like to plan ahead. That's why we're sharing a selection of our [fabulous 2023 catalogue](#) with you today.

Whether it's providing training in **beekeeping**, investing in **solar power**, or providing **education for refugees** and displaced people – when you give one of our Extraordinary Gifts, you will be supporting transformational work in some of the world's most vulnerable communities.

Giving a gift is simple, and each gift comes with a bespoke card with a message which can be personalised.



Every person's potential fulfilled

Be extraordinary

View a selection of the Extraordinary Gifts in our 2023 Christmas catalogue:



Change Begins with a Bike! £26.00

Providing secondary schoolchildren like Lubani and Matumu with [bicycles](#) so they can make the (often very long) journey to and from school quickly, easily and safely.

[Shop now](#)



Chirpy Chicks £15.00

£15 could provide [10 chickens each](#) to women in Ethiopia to kick-start a business and build a sustainable livelihood.

[Watch now](#)



Bookworm **£30.00**

Enabling young girls like Rozina in Malawi to [return to school](#) to learn the vital skills of reading, writing and arithmetic – and unlock the barrier to achieving her own full potential.

[Shop now](#)



Remembering Refugees **£67.00**

Providing vital support for Syrian women to become financially sustainable by participating in [income-generating activities](#) such as sewing, as well as providing Rohingya women and girls with high-quality self-learning materials.

[Shop now](#)



World Federation Day—Encounters at the Well

Saturday 14th October 2023 10am to 3pm

At Trinity Methodist Church, Wagg Street,

Congleton CW12 4BA

The well is the at the heart of Biblical communities. It's not just a place for the Water of Life but a place of meeting, of challenge, of healing and reassurance. In our 2023 World Federation Day we will think about community - with the well at our heart we will think about the critical importance of the life-giving water, but we will also consider how we meet with others in a spirit of challenge, healing and reassurance. There will be worship, prayer and Bible study, stimulating presentation and creative expression. Come to the well and be nourished! Refreshments, including lunch, provided. Fee: this day is offered free of charge but please come ready to make a donation for lunch and, separately, for the work of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. Bookings via Eventbrite – to help us make sure we have enough lunch!

[Encounters at the Well - World Federation Day \(Methodist Women\) October '23 Tickets, Sat 14 Oct 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Prayer Diary

September to November 2023

*Join us in praying for Methodist Women in Britain Trustees & Ambassadors,
World Federation Officers and Methodist Women in Ireland Officers as well as the work of
Methodist Women in Britain across our Districts.*

Our prayer diary can be used alongside the Methodist Church Prayer Handbook.

Day 1	Methodist Women in Britain Co-chair North: Ruth Parrott & Co-chair South: Maggie Woods
Day 2	Helen Kim Scholars Britain & Ireland: Madeleine Reed & Heidi Hogan
Day 3	WFM&UCW World President: Sipuwe Chisvo & WFM&UCW President Emerita: Alison Judd
Day 4	London, Beds, Essex & Herts, South East MWiB Area Trustee: Linda King
Day 5	Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury, Birmingham, Mid Wales MWiB Area Trustee: Diana Bosman
Day 6	Bolton & Rochdale, Lancashire MWiB Area Trustee: Philippa Hill
Day 7	Methodist Women in Ireland All Ireland President: Olive Rowe
Day 8	Bristol & South Wales MWiB Area Trustee: Gillian Pengelly
Day 9	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Sandra Goodwin, Helen Cornick, Cynthia Bonds
Day 10	Methodist Women in Ireland Southern District Vice President: Wanda Hogan
Day 11	Liverpool, Chester & Stoke, North Wales, Manchester & Stockport MWiB Area Trustee: Margaret Lindley
Day 12	Methodist Women in Britain Communications Officer: Bronwen Braidell
Day 13	Darlington, Newcastle & Cumbria MWiB Area Trustee: Debs Coggrave
Day 14	World Day of Prayer Representative: Charity Madenyika
Day 15	Methodist Women in Ireland North Eastern District Vice President: Audrey Burrows
Day 16	World Federation Ireland Unit Correspondent: Moira McMurray
Day 17	Lincolnshire & East Anglia MWiB Area Trustee: Rita Rowe
Day 18	North Eastern & North Western District (Ireland) World Federation Reps: Sally Rock & Ruth Wilson
Day 19	Methodist Women in Britain Media Coordinator: Ruth Dawson
Day 20	WFM&UCW Area President & Vice President: Barbara Easton & Wanda Hogan
Day 21	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Mary Sachikonye, Elizabeth Colley, Pauline Beattie
Day 22	Methodist Women in Britain Finance Officer: Nina Rawlins
Day 23	Notts & Derby, Northampton MWiB Area Trustee: Mary Gill
Day 24	Cornwall, Plymouth & Exeter MWiB Area Trustee: Elaine Banks
Day 25	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Ann Taylor, Janet Thompson, Pam Gidney, Sue Clarke, Di Smart
Day 26	Southampton & Channel Islands MWiB Area Trustee: Liz Chick
Day 27	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Judith Oldroyd, Claire Middleton, Pamela Stenson, Ruth Dawson
Day 28	MWiB Area Ambassadors: Gwenda Humphries, Susan Murrell, Margaret Johnson
Day 29	Yorkshire West, Yorkshire North & East & Sheffield MWiB Area Trustee: Janice Clark
Day 30	Scotland & Shetland MWiB Area Trustee: Barbara Harrison
Day 31	Your local officers, activities and projects

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer

Could I bring you all my hopes and dreams, my moments of despair?

Could you take what I'm thinking and find that it's a prayer?

(Joy Webb Singing The Faith 522)

CHURCH NEWS

Broken Cross



1 October 2023 10.30am – Harvest Festival Service followed by a 'Bring and Share' lunch.

Gawsworth

Charity Coffee mornings... Coffee mornings start at 10.00am and finish just before midday. Each coffee morning is different and special. Stalls and a raffle and the contributions for hot drinks raises an amazing amount of money for the charity as we have a grant which helps with heating lighting and cleaning and so all monies taken go to the charity. We are grateful to the John Upton charity for the grant which makes this possible.

We invite you to come and enjoy time spent with friendly people and find a bargain at Gawsworth Methodist Community Hall Thursdays each week except the third Thursday. Since March we have raised over £2,000 for good causes.

Lunch club is on each third Thursday of the month. A team of people prepare and cook a two course meal followed by a hot drink. The cost is £6 per person and there are a few spaces so if you would like to come regularly phone Sheila on 01625 433239 by the second Thursday.

FORTHCOMING COFFEE MORNING DETAILS....

October 5th	- East Cheshire Hospice
October 12th	- Parkinsons Society
October 19th	- Lunch club – booking essential
October 26th	- Macclesfield Castle Inner Wheel
November 2nd	- Free
November 9th	- Free
November 16th	- Lunch club – booking essential
November 23rd	- St James the Great Church
November 30th	- RSPB

November 2nd and 9th free - If you would like to run a coffee morning for your favourite charity please ring Sheila 01625433239 for details and help. Also now taking bookings for 2024!

All are welcome

Langley

Langley lambs Baby and Toddler group.....

Langley lambs baby and toddler group was formed just over 9 years ago and has gone from strength to strength since.

Meeting weekly on **Monday morning (term time only) from 9.30 till 11am** this friendly, welcoming group provides a meeting place for families to enjoy an enriching morning with plenty of activities, crafts, music and company for under 5s and their carers.

There is a nominal cost of £1.00 each family group that funds the equipment, craft items and snacks for both children and adults.

As well as the usual activities festivals and high days and holidays are celebrated with a Christmas party, Nativity play in the chapel and soft play equipment for an additional treat.

The group meets at Langley Chapel where there is a warm welcome to all
For further details contact franstubbs@btinternet.com

The group looks forward to meeting you.



Macclesfield

Saturday 30th September - 7.30 pm

We have a fundraising concert (for our boiler fund) with a local choir 'Chordiality'. Tickets for this are £10 per person, see flyer for details or pay on door on the night. Light refreshments will be provided.



Macclesfield Methodist Church invite
you to an Autumn concert of varied,
contemporary music, given by

Chordiality

Harmony and wellbeing
through joyful singing

Saturday 30th September 2023
7:30pm

£10 per person

(light supper provided)

For tickets/information contact:

juliatibbles@hotmail.com

or

Tel: 01625 616007

Tickets also available from
Macclesfield Town Hall

Sunday 8th October - 3pm

An MWiB event, namely a concert by Octavia (an 8 piece group of singers) at 3 pm, followed by afternoon tea. Admission free, but there will be a collection for the Martyn Donaldson Music Trust.

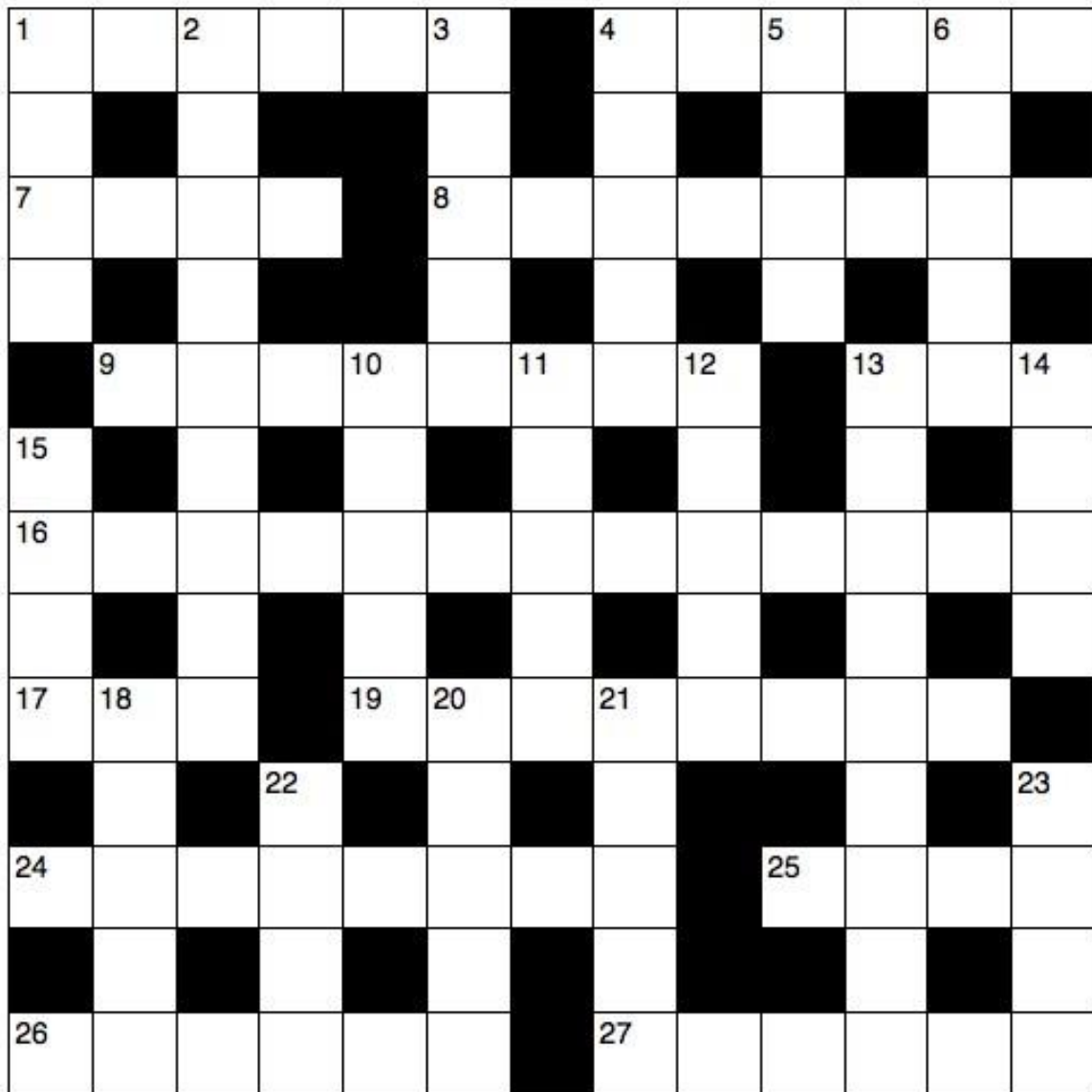
Saturday 21st October - 11 am to 3 pm

Autumn Fair with usual stalls and refreshments/lunches available.

Saturday 2nd December - 7pm

Macclesfield Methodist Community Choir and Wind Band present A DICKENSIAN 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS. We hope this will be a family entertainment, hence the early start. Further details nearer the time.

Just for fun



Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)

- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — '(John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

Parish Pump



This quarter's services

2023	SEPTEMBER				OCTOBER					NOVEMBER			
	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26
READINGS:	Ex 3:1-15, Rom 12:9-21, Mt 16:21-28	Ex 12:1-14, Rom 13:8-14, Mt 18:15-20	Ex 14:19-31, Rom 14:1-12, Mt 18:21-35	Ex 16:2-15, Phil 1:21-30, Mt 20:1-16	Ex 17:1-7, Phil 2:1-13, Mt 21:23-32	Ex 20:1-4,7-9, 12-20 Phil 3:4b-14, Mt 21:33-46	Ex 32:1-14 Phil 4:1-9, Mt 22:1-14	Ex 33:12-23, 1 Thes 1:1-10, Mt 22:15-22	Deut 34:1-12, 1 Thes 2:1-8, Mt 22:34-46	Josh 3:7-17, 1 Thes 2:9-13, Mt 23:1-12	Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25, 1 Thes 4:13-18, Mt 25:1-13	Judg 4:1-7, 1 Thes 5:1-11, Mt 25:14-30	Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24, Eph 1:15-23, Mt 25:31-46
BROKEN CROSS 10.30	Watson HC	Wakelin	OA	Fielding T	Watson HF	Oliver	OA	S Bishop HC	CCT	Watson	Baker	OA	F Bishop HC
GAWSWORTH 10.30	F Bishop HC	S Bishop	Rashleigh	Edwards P HF	Edwards HC	Halstead T	Ward T	OA	CCT	F Bishop HC	Edwards P	Bradley	OA
LANGLEY 10.30	S Bishop	Edwards HC	Ward T HF	OA	Baker	Rashleigh	F Bishop	Watson HC	CCT	Rashleigh	LU @ Sutton	Edwards HC	Wakelin
MACCLESFIELD 9.00 10.30	OA Bf Edwards HC	S Edwards	Edwards AAW HF	Rashleigh	OA Bf Bradley	OA	S Bishop AAW T	Edwards HC	CCT@ Macc	OA Bf Edwards	Gunning OA	Fielding T AAW	S Bishop HC T
POYNTON 9.30 10.30 14.30	OA Bf Hawkyard	Baker Cf	Watson HC Edwards/ Watson LP	Watson B	OA Bf Wakelin HF	Watson Cf	Wiseman	Rashleigh	CCT	OA Bf OA	Hawkyard Cf	Watson HC Watson HC	Beesley TS Watson H
PRESTBURY 10.30 18.30	Bradley	Watson Pv HC	Oliver Cn	OA Watson	Fielding T	Hawkyard	Watson HF	OA	CCT S Bishop	Ward T	Watson LU	Halstead T	Watson HC Oliver
WOODLANDS MHA 14.30				Rashleigh					Rashleigh		Rashleigh		Ogier
ZOOM 18.30													
VIDEO	Edwards		Watson		Edwards		Watson			Edwards		Watson	
PRAYER CYCLE:	Poynton	Woodlands	Macclesfield	Prestbury	Broken Cross	Gawsworth	Langley	Poynton	Woodlands	Macclesfield	Prestbury	Broken Cross	Gawsworth

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; **E** Emmaus; **EO** Easter Offering; **F** Family Service; **G** Gift; **GCM** General Church Meeting; **H** Healing; **HC** Holy Communion; **HF** Harvest Festival; **HM** Home Missions; **IO** Iona; **L** Faith Lunch; **LP** Local Preacher Recognition; **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 1 October 2023

AM – Morning worship led by Graham

WATCH ONLINE : <http://tiny.cc/1oct23>

The reading is: Philippians 2: 1- 13

The hymns are: StF 345 / 446

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

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

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](#).

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.

Other important links



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.

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Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

DOWN: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.