

# Good News

## Lancashire West Methodist Circuit

Prayers of the  
Day  
from  
[Methodist.org.uk](http://Methodist.org.uk)

God of all glory, when  
the roar of the traffic  
recedes  
and even our hymns  
are stilled in our  
mouths,  
then we hear 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 to find our place in  
the harmony of all  
creation.  
Amen.

Rachel Parkinson,  
Wolverhampton and  
Shrewsbury District  
Chair



Neither height nor depth, nor anything else  
in all of creation, is able to separate us from  
the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our  
LORD.

Romans 8:39

Holy God, we praise You for Your faithful-  
ness to us and for Your loving kindness that  
never ends.

### One Program: Leadership



*ONE Programme: Leadership is about investing in young adult leaders in the Methodist Church. We do this through partnering with churches and projects across the Methodist Connexion offering funded placements for young adults to work with them for one year. The focus for these placements is on making new disciples, pioneering and church planting and evangelism. The young adults train as part of a cohort with other young adults doing similar faith sharing roles, including Cliff Years and reflect on their placements.*

The Beacon Churches – Up Holland and Dalton Parish Churches and Up Holland Methodist – are pleased to be able to introduce Becky, who will be working with us for the next twelve months.

Hello, I'm Becky and I have recently been appointed the role of Pioneering Apprentice. I am so excited to be joining you all and would like to share a bit about myself.

I've recently celebrated my 23rd birthday at home in Stoke-on-Trent where I have lived for most of my life. I left home to study Psychology at the University of York which has allowed me to get a better understanding of people and of mental health.

Whilst studying I also became heavily involved in the Christian Union. Being part of the Christian Union was a brilliant experience for



me and allowed me to develop my faith and to share it with others in ways that both suited me and stretched me.

As well as being part of the Christian union, whilst at University I joined societies that reflected my hobbies and interests such as the craft society and the Gospel Choir. These allowed me to engage in my love of singing and craft. Being creative is one of my favourite things. Whether I am painting or embroidering, I usually have a project on the go. Currently I am knitting myself a jumper.

Recently I have been on holiday in Barmouth with some of my family. We spent a lot of time on the beach with my nephew and niece, building many sandcastles and even going for a swim in the sea. As well as spending time with family I enjoyed going for walks in the countryside and spending time in nature.

Now that the summer is coming to an end, I am excited to be starting my new role. Please continue to pray for me as I transition into this new role and area. I look forward to meeting you all very soon.

Becky

Deadline for articles to include in the next edition

of Good News is

**Monday 4th October**

**Please send to Rev Stephen Foster**

**stephenfoster533@btinternet.com**

### **Good News!**

Fitness classes for older adults have restarted at **Emmanuel Methodist United Reformed Church, Derby Street, Ormskirk**

We are pleased to announce that the popular **MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!®** exercise classes for older adults have restarted at Emmanuel Church, Ormskirk on Thursdays.

The low impact exercises, which were developed specifically for older adults by the Centre for Healthy Ageing Research at Birmingham University are designed to help people stay active and independent as they get older. The classes are suitable for everyone, whatever their mobility, as they can be done seated or standing.

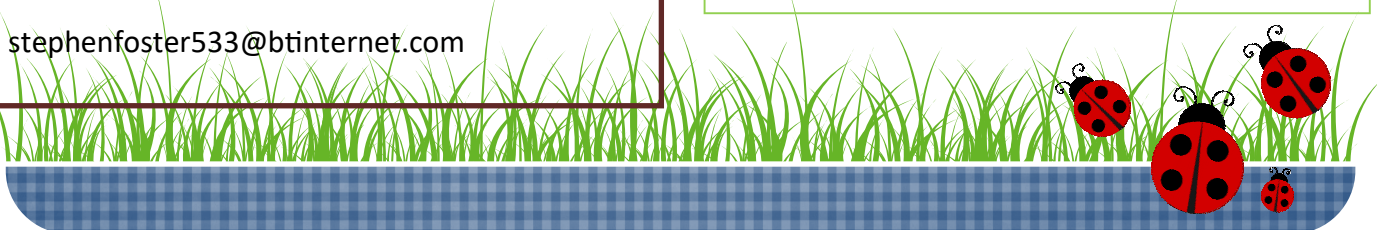
Margaret Wilkinson, **MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!®** instructor is inviting people to come along to a fitness class with a difference! "The classes are a fantastic way to socialise, make new friends, have fun, keep fit and remain independent and active for longer. We're a friendly bunch and there's a warm welcome for everyone who attends". The classes are fully COVID compliant.

Booking is **ESSENTIAL**.

To find out more or to book a **FREE** taster session please contact Margaret Wilkinson on:

**margaret.wilkinson@moveitorloseit.co.uk** or  
**www.moveitorloseitwithmargaret.co.uk**

**Mobile: 07769 644290**





## Farewell to Rev Rick Preston

It is with a touch of sadness that we say farewell to Rev Rick Preston from Skelmersdale's Church at the Centre. We send our prayers with Rick and family as he takes up a new position as Minister of The Shared Church in Ringstead, Northamptonshire.

## Welcome to Mere Brow Methodist

It's not every year that we get the opportunity to welcome a new church into our circuit.

Formerly from the Banks and Hesketh Bank circuit, in September 2021, we warmly welcome Mere Brow Methodist into our fold.

We give thanks that this opportunity has arisen and look forwards to including the Mere Brow stewards and congregation into the life of our circuit

## Love Beyond Our Shores

Hi Everyone we are up and running Hurrah!!!

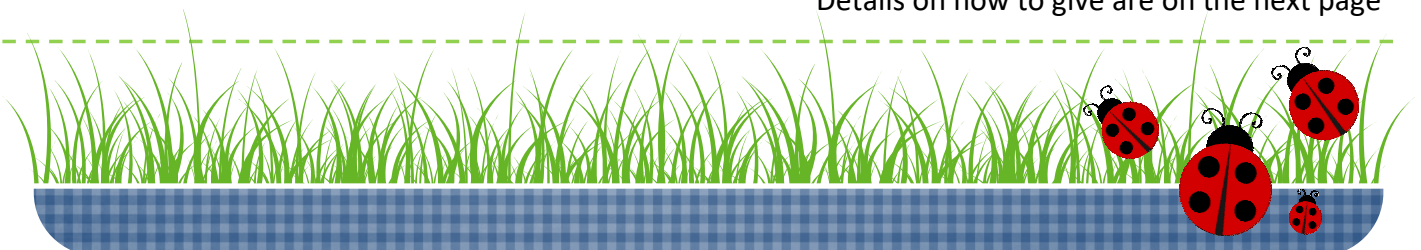
Thank you all so much for supporting this Appeal for Mamie Martin Fund. We are already up to 37% of monies for the first years education, for the six girls we are sponsoring. Term does not start until January 2022. By then we may have raised the first years fees and be well into the second year of fees. Wouldn't that be amazing?

It only needs £500 per annum, from each church in the circuit to raise the whole amount over four years. That is 10 people in each church giving just £2 per week. That does not include the Gift Aid that can be collected on behalf of Mamie Martin by Virgin (for some of the donations) which will add to the sum.

How often are you scratching your head when friends and family want to give you a birthday present or a Christmas present? Instead of a bunch of flowers that fade or a box of chocolates that add to your waistline, signpost them to our Virgin Money giving Scheme for Mamie Martin and they can donate on your behalf. This is already happening. What could be more worthwhile than giving girls an education, who would otherwise be married early, used to work in the fields or look after siblings? Many of these girls are orphans. To be able to give them an education so that they may be able to go to University or get good jobs, is a gift in itself.

Many thanks to all of you, Jenny, Dilys and Nigel

Details on how to give are on the next page





# LANCASHIRE WEST METHODIST CIRCUIT

## LOVE BEYOND OUR SHORES

Your church contact is:

Is supporting



Virgin Money Giving Page (preferred option as goes directly to LWMC, MMF fundraising page)

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Lancashire-West-Methodist-Circuit>

Maximum donation £300 per transaction—includes option to gift aid your donation

Regular Direct Debits can be used, using GoCardless

Available on MMF Website  
<https://mamiemartin.org/donate/>

This is not a preferred method as lacks an audit trail. Please inform the circuit office if this option is chosen.

Regular and one off payments can be made through on-line banking via the LWMC bank account eg

BACS & Standing Orders

Contact the Circuit Office for details

Remember—If people are eligible for gift aid, please ask them to fill in a form—it increases the value of the donation by adding 25p onto every pound donated.

### Ways to donate

Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Jayne at the Circuit Office

[office@lancashirewest.org.uk](mailto:office@lancashirewest.org.uk) or  
Derek Ashcroft (Circuit Treasurer)  
[derekashcroft@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:derekashcroft@tiscali.co.uk)

Emmanuel Methodist United Reform Church  
Derby Street  
Ormskirk  
L39 2DE

Please pass all cheques, Gift Aid Forms, cash and any other information into the Circuit office at calendar month end.

Cheques—make payable to Mamie Martin Fund and send to the Circuit Office—remember to include completed gift aid form if appropriate.

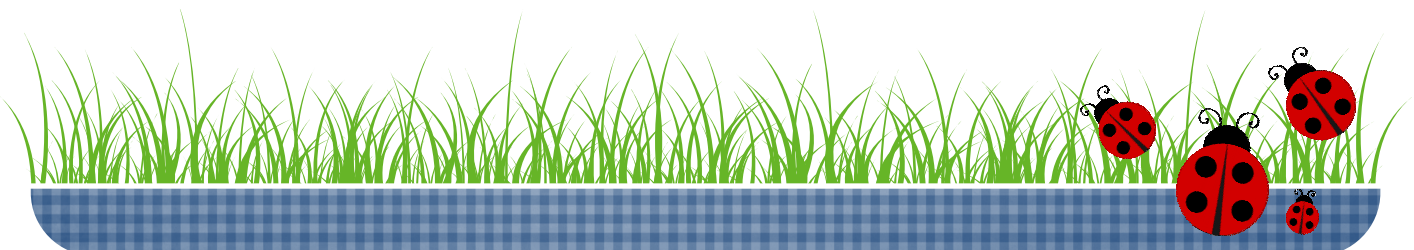
Money raised at fund-raising events (bucket collections or cash donation)

Pass into the circuit office plus gift aid forms if appropriate.

All donations sent to the circuit office will be forwarded directly to the Mamie Martin Fund account each month

Remember—Remind people if they donate via Virgin Money Giving Page or send donations direct to Mamie Martin, please notify the church rep/circuit office.

Lastly, thank you for all your help and co-operation!



## Afghanistan Appeal

Practical Christianity has been acted out in recent days as local churches have kindly donated clothing and shoes for newly arrived Afghans.

The hall at the Ecumenical Centre in Skelmersdale is piled high with donations and now volunteers are needed to sort clothes into sizes. Nappies and baby clothes have also been greatly appreciated.

Contact the team at the Eccy if you are able to help: [info@skelmersdaleecumenicalcentre.org](mailto:info@skelmersdaleecumenicalcentre.org)  
01695 725014

The British Red Cross have advised people to donate money rather than items if they can: <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/afghanistan-crisis-appeal>

Also if anyone knows of available properties in the area, contact the Refugee Support Team at Lancashire County Council:  
[Eman.Adam@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Eman.Adam@lancashire.gov.uk)  
01772 535875

## Food Bank Harvest Appeal

As Harvest Day approaches and we thank God for all the bounty that we have, please consider making Harvest Day a Food bank day for the Food bank in Skelmersdale.

We would be grateful for any donations towards the food bank. Any of the following would be great.

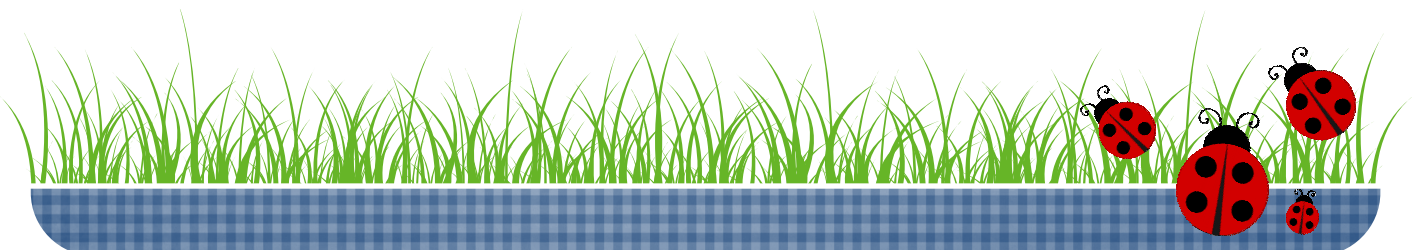
The Bank can accept any tinned foods, meat, fish, fruit, beans, soups, vegetables, spaghetti, any packet foods, jams, pasta, rice, powdered milk or powdered potato, biscuits, coffee, tea, sugar, cereal, Pot noodles,

We are urgently in need of all these items.

Lockdown for the last months has meant an increased demand for food.

We are relying on Harvest to bring our stocks up to a reasonable level.

Thank you,  
Derek





## Sponsored Walk - Miles for Mind

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29: 11 - 13)*

Over the last 18 months or so, as a Methodist Minister I have had many conversations with my niece, Lizzie, a Matron in emergency medicine at the Royal Preston Hospital, about the impact Covid 19 has made on the mental health of the people we both reach out to through our work. Ranging from depression, to sadly the taking of one's life, we continue to witness first-hand the devastating effect the pandemic has had, and continues to have, upon people for many different reasons.

The charity 'Mind' is there to give folks hope and ensure that there is always someone out there to hear their cry for help. And so, out of love and respect for all those who have touched our lives with their stories over past months, we are power walking 20 miles on Sunday 3rd Oct 2021 between the Churches in the Lancashire West Methodist Circuit to raise money for this amazing charity.

We will be joined by Mark, my husband, and Jayne, our friend and circuit administrator, and hopefully other friends and family along the way. I will also be supported at stages during the walk by my wonderful neurophysio, Monika.

And so, if you feel able to support us financially we would really appreciate it. Or alternatively, we would be equally grateful for your messages of support for the walk. And if you are feeling alone, please remember there are people who can help. Details of the charity 'Mind' are on our justgiving page.

Blessings everyone and thank you, Rev Sue.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/susan-guenault3>





# **Lancashire West Methodist Circuit**

## **Autumn Term - 'Messy' Dates**

### **Messy Church:**

Tuesday 4.30-6.00pm at Croston

- 14th September
- 12th October
- 9th November
- 7th December

Saturday 4.30-6.00pm at Emmanuel

- 11th September
- 9th October
- 13th November
- 11th December

### **Messy Vintage:**

Tuesday 7.30-9.00pm on Zoom

- 14th & 28th September
- 12th & 26th October
- 9th & 23rd November
- 7th & 21st December

Wednesday 2pm-4pm at Trinity

- 15th & 29th September
- 13th & 27th October
- 10th & 24th November
- 8th & 22nd December

### **Messy Youth:**

Sunday evenings 7pm-8pm on Zoom

September 5th and 26th...more dates to follow.

If you'd like more information about any of the above;  
please contact Cheryl by email:  
[family.schools@lancashirewest.org.uk](mailto:family.schools@lancashirewest.org.uk)



# CHURCH SERVICES

	Sept			Oct				
	12 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Burscough</b> Orrell Lane 10.00 HP, CMP, STF, NIV	Michael Tindsley <b>S</b>	Malcolm Abbott	Jonathan Richardson	Geoff Farthing <b>HF</b>	o/a	Malcolm Roxburgh	Michael Tindsley <b>S</b>	o/a
<b>Holmeswood</b> Holmeswood Rd 10.30 HP, CMP, STF	o/a	Malcolm Roxburgh	o/a	Merle Farthing <b>HF</b>	Mere Brow	o/a	Malcolm Abbott	o/a
<b>Mere Brow</b> 10.30	Merle Farthing	Sheryl Anderson <b>HF</b> Michael Tindsley <b>2.30</b>	Janet Walton	o/a	Michael Tindsley <b>S</b>	Anne Wallbank	Gordon Wearing	Geoff Farthing <b>S</b>
<b>Holmes</b> Park Lane 10.30 HP, MP, JP, 6.30	Geoff Farthing	Pat Preston	Stephen Foster	o/a	Geoff Farthing <b>HF</b> Anne Wallbank	Michael Tindsley	Clifford Hill	Stephen Foster S
<b>Tarleton</b> Church Rd 10.30 HP, MP,	Stephen Foster	Lynne Watson	Gordon Wearing	Stephen Foster <b>S HF</b>	Malcolm Abbott	o/a	Jonathan Richardson	Merle Farthing
<b>Mawdesley</b> Four Lane 10.30 Ends HP, MP, JP, NIV	David Allen	Stephen Foster <b>S</b>	Michael Tindsley	o/a	Croston	o/a	Stephen Foster	Croston
<b>Croston</b> Westhead Rd 10.30 HP, MP, STF,	Sue Guénault <b>HC</b> Baptism	Sue Guénault Harvest <b>F</b>	Mawdesley	o/a	Michaela Barker	Sue Guénault <b>F</b>	o/a	Sue Guénault <b>HC</b>
<b>Ormskirk</b> Derby St 10.30 HP, CMP, StF	o/a Thanksgiving service <b>4pm</b>	Michael Tindsley	Sue Guénault Harvest <b>P</b>	Malcolm Roxburgh	Sue Guénault <b>P</b>	o/a	Sue Guénault <b>HC</b>	Michaela Barker
<b>Trinity</b> High Street 11.00 STF, GNB	Michael Tindsley	Geoff Farthing	Jenny Ashcroft	o/a	Stephen Foster	David Allen	Jenny Ashcroft	o/a
<b>Up Holland</b> Alma Hill 11.00 STF LP	Up Holland & Dalton	o/a	Up Holland & Dalton	Michael Tindsley <b>HF</b>	Up Holland & Dalton	Janet Walton	Michael Tindsley <b>S</b>	Up Holland & Dalton
On line / streamed	The circuit ministry team will continue to deliver weekly on-line worship services. See <a href="https://lancashirewest.org.uk/">https://lancashirewest.org.uk/</a>							

MP – Mission Praise Combined    CMP – Complete Mission Praise    S – Sacrament/Communion HC – Holy Communion  
 HP – Hymns and Psalms    STF – Singing the Faith    HF – Harvest Festival  
 HON – Hymns Old and New    JP – Junior Praise    o/a – Own Arrangement  
 LP – Let's Praise    F – Family Service    P – Parade Service  
 NIV – New International Version    GNB – Good News

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