

## Lancashire West Methodist Circuit

### Prayer marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Almighty and gracious God

70 years ago, a young woman, Elizabeth, made a commitment to serve you in the life to which you called her.

We thank you that, through all the changes in public life and personal life, she has remained faithful to that commitment.

May we also hear your voice, respond to your call, seek your guidance and remain faithful as we journey the pilgrimage of life with you.

Bless us, Lord, and bless our Queen.

Amen



Above all, love each other deeply, for love covers over a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8.

LORD, help us to love as You do. We can do nothing without you. But Your word says that we can do ALL things if we just trust you.

### Love Beyond Our Shores

What a fantastic day we had a Trinity on Sunday 8th May. It was a day of celebration as we gave thanks for the renovation of our church building.

We also celebrated the work of the Mami Martin Fund and our Love Beyond Our Shores Initiative. Through the Fund, the circuit is funding six girls for four years to enable them to attend secondary school. Our girls have just finished their first term.

Moira Dunworth one of the trustees, came down from Scotland to talk about the work of the Fund and our part in the education of these girls.

There was a photographic exhibition , videos and a talk.

We picked Moira up from Wigan Station on the Saturday and spent the afternoon, mounting the photos on screens etc.

The following morning we rushed home after church for lunch before heading back later than planned, for an afternoon session with a buffet tea. As we got to church there was a

queue waiting to get in! It was all hands on deck. Some of the photos had slipped, some captions had fallen off!

Whilst my car did not touch tarmac, as I sped off to pick up Pauline, Moira set about with the help of the three "youngsters" as she called them to repair the exhibition and to take photographs of people attending.



As people helped themselves to refreshments, Moira realised it was a good idea to have a run through of her talk and video for the evening service.

Deadline for articles to include in the next edition

of Good News is

**Monday 4th July**



## Love Beyond Our Shores cont...

Everything went off without a hitch and the buzz in the air was exhilarating.

As people departed, lots of cards etc were sold and donations given, with new people asking how to donate.

As people started to arrive for the 6.30 service led by the Rev. Michael. We served tea, coffee and cake again. Everybody then settled down for the service and Moira did a presentation on the work of MMF, videos were shown and we saw a photo of the six Lancashire West girls.

A video of Mercy Sibande, the only paid worker that the fund has, talked about our girls and told us the story of one of them. The video was complete with the interruption of a little boy (Mercy's son) smiling into the bottom of some of the video, and giggling!!

Moira was delighted to inform us that our fundraising was great and that the first year target had been met and we were well on our way to the second years funding.

No surprise for us in the circuit!.,,

The moderator of URC attended (Trinity had received funding from the URC for new audiovisual equipment). He was much impressed with the renovations and the community groups that were meeting at Trinity.

Michael ended the service with thanksgiving and prayers for the MMF board, who are all volunteers, and prayers for Mercy, St Mary's School and our six girls.

The congregation were then free to look at our renovations, talk to Moira etc. followed by more Coffee and cake if wanted. A proper Methodist event! And of course donate and buy gift cards etc.

We saw Moira off at Wigan station the following

day, tired but delighted with the way she had been welcomed and by the enthusiasm and love shown to her and the support that LBOS is giving the the Fund.

The Photographic exhibition is available for any of the churches that would like to show it and will be available for the next few months.

Contact Jayne or myself if you would like to arrange it.

Jenny Ascroft

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/LancashireWest](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/LancashireWest)





## Circuit Steward Vacancies

The Circuit Stewards are looking for 2 new colleagues to be part of their team and the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) with particular responsibilities for either Finance or Circuit Property.

For both roles, during the first 12 months, the steward will shadow and share responsibility with those already in the post and there will be assistance provided by the office.

The daily finance activities will be managed by circuit office staff who will also be liaising with church treasurers and property Stewards.

### **Finance Treasurer**—Responsible for

- 1) the efficient management of the Circuit's finances
- 2) maintenance of the Circuit's bank accounts and accounting records, and the payment of expenses and collection of income. (this is largely carried out by the Circuit administrator)
- 3) preparation, and monitoring, of annual budgets, and reporting as necessary to the CLT.
- 4) preparation of Annual Accounts and associated schedules for Publication to Circuit meeting , District finance committee, and the Charity Commission.

### **Detailed Activities**

**Bookkeeping** -payment of Circuit expenses, and collection of income (assessments)-checking and reconciling the bank statements-maintenance of accounting records (cash book/Excel schedules) (this is largely carried out by the Circuit administrator).

**Budgeting** -preparation of suggested Assessments on Churches for the year, and discussion with CLT, and the Church treasurers.-preparation of annual budget of income and expenditure, and submission to CLT and the Circuit Meeting.-monitoring actual income and expenditure against budget, and drawing attention to significant deviations therefrom.

**Reporting** -preparation of regular "management accounts" during the year for CLT.-preparation of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 August, and submission to CLT, and Circuit Meeting with suitable commentary.

the Accounts should be in two formats:

- the Methodist Standard Form of Accounts ('SFA') –a summarised view of the year
- a detailed Receipts and Payments Account, showing the detail of transactions on all of the funds held by the Circuit (General, Manses, Removals, and Model Trust Fund)
- arrange for the accounts to be independently examined in accordance with the Charity Accounting regulations.
- preparation of the Trustees Annual Report, and submission to Charity Commission along with the Annual Accounts and Annual Return.

Continues overleaf.





## Circuit Steward Vacancies cont...

-submission of the following documents to the District finance committee:

- Annual Standard Form Accounts
- Reserves Policy statement
- Circuit and Church cash and investments form.

### Other Matters

-receive the accounts of all churches in the Circuit, (by end December) and review them to ensure compliance with accounting regulations, and the correct use of Reserves.

### Meetings

-should normally attend the following regular meetings:

CLT (8-10 per year)

Circuit (2-3 per year)

All Circuit treasurers with District Treasurer (end January annually)

### **Property Steward—**

Our Circuit property responsibilities are currently

An allotment at Roby Mill

Skelmersdale Manse

Ormskirk Manse

Further details regarding being a circuit steward can be found at

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/office-holders/circuit-stewards>

Derek is happy to have a no obligation conversation with anyone! Please email him at [derek.ashcroft@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:derek.ashcroft@tiscali.co.uk)

***We cannot stress enough that these roles will be supported by the current team.***

Please pray for the Circuit Leadership Team and consider these vacancies

### **Free - Chairs Available**

Available from Emmanuel

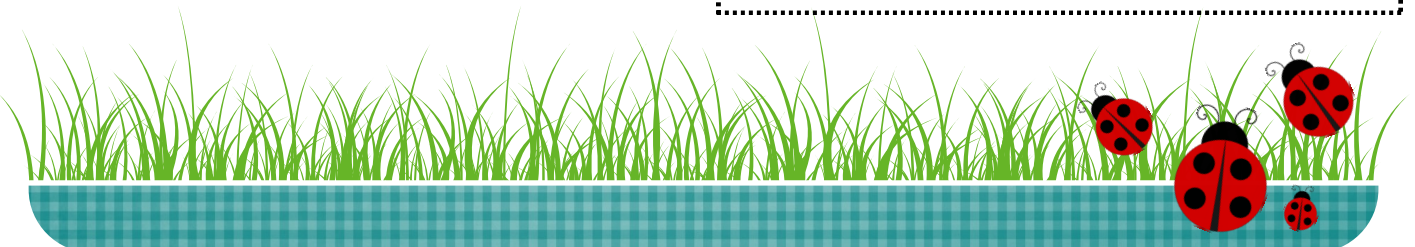
35 brown upholstered chairs for meeting room use.

Can be stacked up to 5 high.

Free to a good home.

Delivery can be arranged.

Contact Mark Taylor on 07932 406696 or email [mamataylor124@gmail.com](mailto:mamataylor124@gmail.com)





## Join4Worship Walking Day

On Sunday 19th June, Mere Brow, Holmes, Holmeswood and Tarleton will be stepping out on a walk through Holmes and Mere Brow for a Join4Worship Walking Day.

The annual Walk of Witness will be restarting following the pandemic and will be the first step towards our Join4Worship initiative; 4 chapels joining together for greater good and a stronger, united future.

Hesketh Bank Silver Band will accompany the walk from Huntapac, Holmes through to Mere Brow with a short service across from Mere Brow Chapel to round off the event. It is also a great opportunity to continue the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations so bring your flags and share the joy throughout our local villages.

Everyone is welcome to walk or, if walking is now difficult, the vintage bus will be forming part of the procession so why not ride along in style?



Details:

### Sunday 19th June 2022

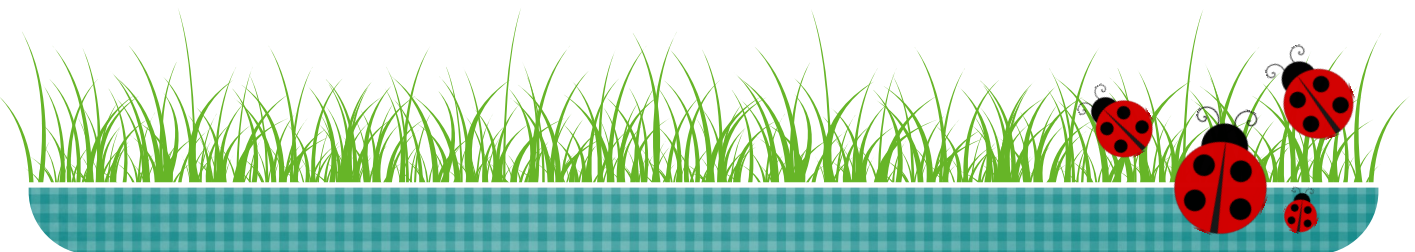
Procession assembling at Huntapac, Blackgate Lane from 1:45pm for a **2:00pm start**.

Vintage Bus will pick up from Mere Brow Chapel (the finish point) at 1:45pm to head to Huntapac.

If you would like any more details, please contact Natalie on 07469 925 462

We hope to see you there

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- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> June    7.30pm via zoom
  - Weds 15<sup>th</sup> June    2pm at Trinity Methodist URC, Skelmersdale
  - Tues 28th June    7.30pm via Zoom
  - Weds 29th June    2pm at Trinity Methodist URC, Skelmersdale





## Events Around The Circuit

### **Rev Stephen Foster's Retirement Service**

**Sunday 24th July**

Burscough Methodist Church

Afternoon Tea at 4.30pm

Followed by service at 6.00pm

### Croston Methodist Church

#### **OPEN DOORS**

First opening on Friday 17th June

9.15am - 11.30am

Drop in for refreshments....

bring your knitting, crochet, embroidery.

Activities for the wee ones while you relax after  
the school dash

### Burscough Methodist Church

#### **Sit and Knit' group**

**Wednesday 8.30am - 11am. (At STAR café)**

Sit , Knit (or Crochet) and Chat.

Learn with others, spare needles and wool available

Also games e.g. cards and draughts if you don't fancy  
knitting

Book swap available

Toast and brews available in the café for a small  
donation.

### Emmanuel Methodist URC, Ormskirk

#### **Community Hub**

**We are open 10am-1.30pm EVERY Thursday!**

Come along and enjoy free tea, coffee, cake and  
biscuits plus conversation.

You are also welcome to bring along your own craft  
projects...as long as they fit on a table! So far  
people's crafts have included

crochet, needlework, knitting and even poetry and  
'life stories' have been shared!

### Emmanuel Methodist URC, Ormskirk

Saturday Coffee House 10.30pm—1.30pm

You are warmly invited to a live music concert on

Saturday 25th June

The "Rock Choir"

### Mere Brow Methodist Church

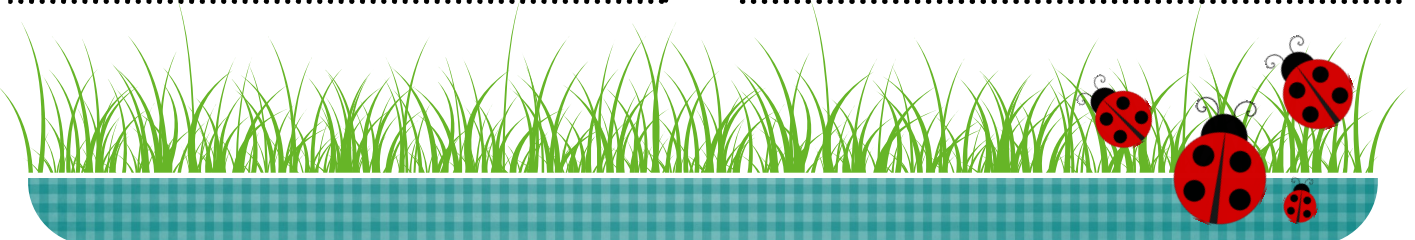
#### **COME4COFFEE**

Mere Brow Coffee Morning

The **LAST TUESDAY** each Month

10-30am to 12 noon

Toasted Teacake Tea / Coffee





**Methodist Churches Together**  
**in Skelmersdale**  
**Garden Party**  
**at Up Holland Methodist Church**



**Alma Hill**



**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2pm**

Tickets £5 - including refreshments

**Everyone welcome**

Trinity Methodist URC Church & Up Holland Methodist Church



**The English Country Music Weekend**



returns to **CROSTON**

**West Lancashire**  
**24, 25 and 26 JUNE 2022**

Sessions • Talks • Dance Displays  
Camping in the heart of the village

To see full details about the weekend go to:  
<https://englishcountrymusicweekend.org.uk/>

Ticketing information and purchase at:  
<https://englishcountrymusicweekend.org.uk/weekend-tickets/>

For enquiries you can email [ecmw2022@ecmw.org.uk](mailto:ecmw2022@ecmw.org.uk)  
or telephone 01695 228218

**Saturday 25 June.**

**Music Sessions**

**At Croston Methodist Church**

**10 30 am Flat session run by  
Brian Read**

**12 noon to 2.30 pm Slow and  
Steady for all type of musicians and  
their instruments**

**Refreshments from 11am until 3pm  
Outside (dependent on weather !!)  
and Inside**

**Soup and French bread  
Toasted Teacakes  
Hot Dogs  
Cake and biscuits  
Hot and cold drinks**

# CHURCH SERVICES

	June		July					August			
	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>	7 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Burscough</b> Orrell Lane 10.00 HP, CMP, STF, S	Michael Tindsley S	o/a	Geoffrey Farthing	Michael Tindsley F	Merle Farthing	David Allen	Malcolm Abbott	o/a	Michael Tindsley S	Jenny Ashcroft	Michael Tindsley
<b>Holmeswood</b> Holmeswood Rd 10.30 HP, CMP, STF	Holmes	Malcolm Abbott	Michael Tindsley S	Geoffrey Farthing	o/a	Mere Brow	o/a	Helen Hindle	o/a	Michael Tindsley S	Mere Brow
<b>Mere Brow</b> Mere Brow Lane 10.30 CMP, MHB HP	No service  Walk of Witness	o/a	Emma Birkbeck	Julia Robinson	Pauline Johnson	Michael Tindsley S	Anne Wallbank	Holmeswood	o/a	Merle Farthing	Geoffrey Farthing S
<b>Holmes</b> Park Lane 10.30 HP, MP, JP,	Shirley Potts	Anne Wallbank	Stephen Foster S	Janet Walton	Michael Tindsley	Cliff Hill	Stephen Foster S	o/a	Andrew Richardson	Jonathan Richardson	Lynne Watson
<b>Tarleton</b> Church Rd 10.30 HP, MP,	David Allen	Stephen Foster S	Merle Farthing	Malcolm Abbott	o/a	Stephen Foster S	Geoffrey Farthing	Jenny Ashcroft	o/a	Geoffrey Farthing S	Merle Farthing
<b>Mawdesley</b> Gorse Lane 10.30 HP, MP, JP,	Janet Walton	Croston	o/a	Lorraine Howarth	Stephen Foster S	o/a	Croston	David Allen	Malcolm Abbott	Sue Guénault S	Croston
<b>Croston</b> Westhead Rd 10.30 HP, MP, STF,	Sue Guénault F	Michael Tindsley	Lynne Watson	Sue Guénault F	Mawdesley	o/a	Merle Farthing	Mawdesley	o/a	Mawdesley	Janet Walton
<b>Ormskirk</b> 10.30 Derby St HP, CMP, StF	o/a	Sue Guénault S	Sue Guénault P F	David Allen	Geoffrey Farthing	Sue Guénault S	o/a	Lorraine Howarth	Sue Guénault	Malcolm Abbott	Sue Guénault S
<b>Trinity</b> High Street 11.00 STF, GNB	Michael Tindsley	Jonathan Richardson	Helen Hindle	Stephen Foster S	o/a	Andrew Richardson	Jenny Ashcroft	o/a	Geoffrey Farthing S	o/a	Michael Tindsley
<b>Up Holland</b> Alma Hill 11.00 STF LP	Paul Lock	Jenny Ashcroft	Paul Givens	Michael Tindsley S	o/a	Chris Dunbar	Paul Givens	Paul Lock	Michael Tindsley S	Paul Givens	David Allen

MP – Mission Praise Combined HP – Hymns and Psalms JP – Junior Praise S - Holy Communion	CMP – Complete Mission Praise STF – Singing the Faith MHB – Methodist Hymn Book	O/A – Own Arrangement F – Family Service [All Age] P – Parade Service
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