

## Lancashire West Methodist Circuit

### Prayer of the Day from Methodist.org.uk

Loving God, we cry out and say – how can we love those who die in this world today because of neglect, poverty, malnutrition, brutality, or as a result of climate change? Or the refugees and asylum seekers so desperate for a new life that they risk all for their freedom? Or the lonely, the house bound or marginalised who cry out for someone to love them? Loving God, help us to pray for such as these and to support those organisations that demonstrate your love in action every day. Amen.

Robert Mortimer, local preacher, Teddington circuit (Based on Matthew 22:37-39)



Apart from Me you can do nothing. John 15:5.

LORD, why is this so difficult for us to understand? We can't even breathe unless You give us breath. What makes us think we can do anything else? Forgive us, please, LORD, and fill us with Your faithfulness and truth. Praise You!

### Happy New Methodist Year!

Dear Friends,

A time of new beginnings for Lancashire West Circuit.

On Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> we had the opportunity to welcome Rev'd Alex Laing to our Circuit with a special service at Trinity, led by District Chair Rev Dr Sheryl Anderson [with the assistance of Amazon's Alexa] and Rev Geoff Felton, URC Mersey Synod Moderator. Alex was able to share another very special moment with the congregation at Up Holland on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>, when she led the first Communion Service of her ministry.

gathered to begin our journey together – and to share cake!



**Holmes**



**4<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> September also brought the first of our monthly Join4Worship services, at Holmes bringing together the congregations of Tarleton, Mere Brow, Holmeswood and Holmes. It was a joy to be a part of the service when around sixty adults and children

There are exciting developments all around the Circuit, as Churches are finding new ways of opening up our buildings and surrounding areas to the communities around us.

We are undoubtedly living in difficult times once again, but our Churches – you all – are truly demonstrating that we do indeed have Good News to share.

Yours in His Service, Michael

Deadline for articles to include in the next edition of Good News is

**Monday 3rd October**



## Circuit / District News

### **WORLD CHURCH SUNDAY - 30 October 2022**

The Methodist Sri Lankan Tamil Community, adults and children, who worship at Elm Hall Drive Church Liverpool, will join with us to celebrate World Church Sunday at Emmanuel.

They will share with us aspects of their culture, style of worship. and their youth choir will sing. Their leader is Obeth Thevanesan, a recognised Local Preacher in the U.K. having held various positions in the Methodist Church in Sri Lanka.

Please do save the date, come along to have a taste of Sri Lankan Christianity!

### **Liverpool District**

#### **Methodist Women's Luncheon Club**

An open invitation to all  
to luncheon followed by speaker  
Carole Codd  
(Retired Registrar for Births, Marriages and Deaths)  
at the  
**Liverpool Adelphi Hotel**  
**on Wednesday, 19th October 2022**

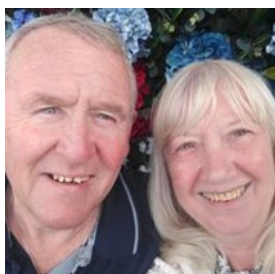
Booking and payment required 3 weeks before.  
Contact Jayne at Circuit Office for booking form.



### **Green Fair**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October** 10 to 2pm Emmanuel are holding a green fair. The aim of the fair is to encourage people to make one change to help the planet. Some of the things happening are stalls on plant-based food, plants and planting, eco crafts, a clothes swap, chutneys, a craftivist activity, displays about outdoors and wellbeing and there will be **live music and food** as well.

Please come and support this new venture for us, it promises to be a very social occasion. No tickets needed just turn up.



### ***Congratulations***

to Linda Wedge and Alan Jones  
who marry at Up Holland  
Methodist on September 18th.



## Church News

### Local Preacher on note

Recently, Burscough Methodist welcomed to their pulpit Liam Woods.

On the 21st August, he led a service for the very first time. Those who were present felt blessed to share this special service with Liam.

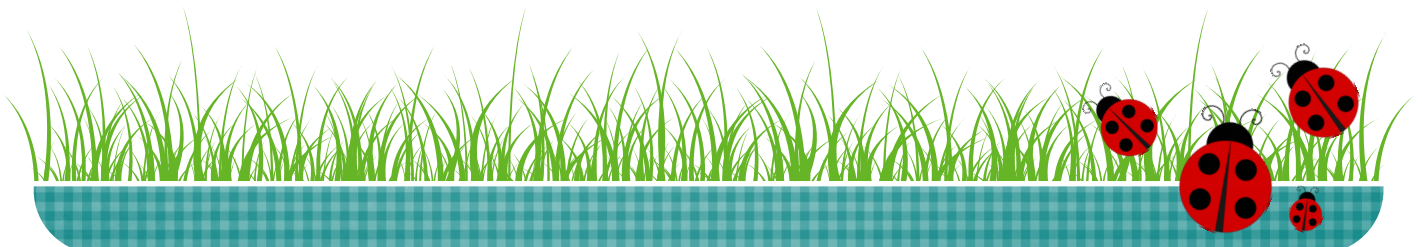
We give thanks for those who follow the call to preach.

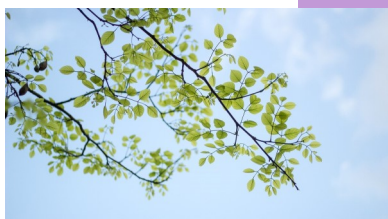


Up Holland recently packed 138 Christmas shoe boxes and bags for International Aid Trust.

They take in and send out shoeboxes all year round.

Recently shoeboxes have been sent to Ukrainian refugees in Romania and to their New Hope School in Sierra Leone, where they were given out at the end of the summer term.





## News from Mere Brow

### Mere Brow Methodist Church

#### **TRADITIONAL HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

10-30am Harvest Family Service

*with*

Rev Michael Tindsley

2-30pm Harvest Praise

*with*

Rev Sheryl Anderson

**HARVEST SUPPER**

**MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> 5pm Tea in Schoolroom**

**followed by**

**Auction Sale of Harvest Produce**

*All welcome - Come & give thanks for the Harvest*

#### **120<sup>th</sup> CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 10-30am

Join4Worship with Rev Michael Tindsley

Displayed in schoolroom

#### **Methodist Heritage Exhibition**

(Part of the Englesea Brook Travelling Exhibition)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November

*Also Local History & Artefacts*

*Light Refreshments*

**Well worth a visit !**

**All Welcome**

#### **COME4COFFEE - ALL WELCOME**

LAST TUESDAY of each MONTH 10-30am - 12noon

Tea/Coffee Toasted teacake Crumpets etc

Fellowship Friendship Fun Quiz !!

#### **COME4COFFEE**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

10-30am - 12noon - part of the

**WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING**

raising funds for

**MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

Please help with this event if you can

Gifts of cakes will be very welcome

Please come and bring a friend

All welcome

#### **The CHAPEL GARDEN**

The garden has been such a joy all summer despite extreme conditions



# Family and Schools Worker

## News & Request

For the 2022/23 school year I have put together a series of school visits, sessions and workshops. Depending on the session style, these will take place either in the schools or in our churches.

Once the schools begin to book my time, I will be aiming to spend time in each school every half term. For some of the sessions and workshops I would welcome volunteers to help alongside me.

The schools I hope to visit are:

- Burscough Bridge Methodist Primary School
- Holmeswood Methodist School
- Trinity CE/Methodist Primary School, Skelmersdale
- Trinity St Michaels CE/Methodist Primary School, Croston
- Mawdesley St Peters CE Primary School
- Ormskirk CE Primary School
- Tarleton Mere Brow CE Primary School

If your church is local to one of these schools and you would be willing to join a list of volunteer names (subject to the appropriate safeguarding checks, of course), or if you would like more information; then please let me know.

Many thanks, Cheryl

### Dates for your diaries:

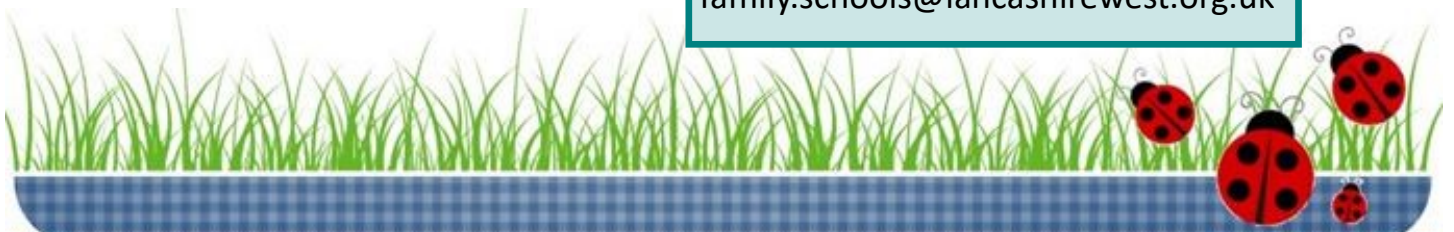
**Messy Church:** Croston - Tuesday 18th October 4.30pm-6pm

Emmanuel - Saturday 29th October 4.30pm-6pm

**Messy Vintage:** (only on Zoom, for now)

Tuesday 13th September & 27th September 7.30pm-9pm

[family.schools@lancashirewest.org.uk](mailto:family.schools@lancashirewest.org.uk)



# CHURCH SERVICES

	Sept			Oct		
	11 <sup>th</sup>		25 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Burscough</b> Orrell Lane 10.00 HP, CMP, STF, NIV	Michael Tindsley <b>All Age</b>	o/a	Lorraine Howarth	Janet Walton	Michael Tindsley <b>All Age HF</b>	Merle Farthing
<b>Holmeswood</b> Holmeswood Rd 10.30 HP, CMP, STF	o/a	Mere Brow	Malcolm Abbott	@ Tarleton	Mere Brow	o/a
<b>Mere Brow</b> MPC HP 10.30 2.30	Janet Walton	Michael Tindsley <b>HF</b> Sheryl Anderson <b>HF</b>	Barbara Clarke	@ Tarleton	Geoff Farthing <b>S</b>	Paul Blackham
<b>Holmes</b> Park Lane 10.30 HP, MP, JP,	Shirley Potts	Cliff Hill	o/a  Michael Tindsley <b>S</b>	@ Tarleton	Emma Birkbeck <b>HF</b>	Anne Wallbank
<b>Tarleton</b> Church Rd 10.30 HP, MP,	Jenny Ashcroft	David Allen	Michael Tindsley <b>S</b>		o/a	Geoff Farthing
<b>Mawdesley</b> Gorse Lane 10.30	Lorraine Howarth	Cesar Guidi <b>S</b>	Merle Farthing	o/a	Alex Laing	Michael Tindsley <b>S</b>
<b>Croston</b> Westhead Rd 10.30 HP, MP, STF,	Sue Guénault	o/a	Geoff Farthing <b>S</b>	Sue Guénault	Andrew Richardson	Mawdesley
<b>Ormskirk</b> Derby St 11.00 HP, CMP, STF	Sue Guénault <b>S</b>	Alex Laing	Cesar Guidi	Sue Guénault <b>S</b> URC 50	Sue Guénault <b>HF P FS</b>	David Allen Tea Service <b>4pm</b> Sue
<b>Trinity</b> High Street 11.00 STF, GNB	Alex Laing <b>S</b>	o/a	Alex Laing <b>HF</b>	Geoff Farthing	Malcolm Abbott	Alex Laing <b>S</b>
<b>Up Holland</b> Alma Hill 11.00 STF LP	Paul Givens	Wedding	Paul Lock	Alex Laing <b>HF All Age</b>	Jenny Ashcroft	Beacon Churches

MP – Mission Praise Combined	CMP – Complete Mission Praise	O/A – Own Arrangement	HF – Harvest Festival
HP – Hymns and Psalms	STF – Singing the Faith	F – Family Service [All Age]	
JP – Junior Praise	LP – Let's Praise	P – Parade Service	
NIV New International Version	GNB – Good News	S – Holy Communion	

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