

Lancashire West Methodist Circuit

Prayer of the Day from Methodist.org.uk

Lord of all, you reign
supreme
Over all creation.
Valleys and hills echo with
praise
Extolling your faithfulness
Grace poured out among us
Overcomes our sins
Daily receiving forgiveness
Loving you means loving
others,
Opening our hearts to their
needs.
Valuing each person
Embodying Christ's teaching
You have shown us how to
care and
Overcome our prejudices.
Urging us to Reach out.
None must be excluded
Everyone is a child of God.
Inclusiveness must be our
watchword.
Giving Help to all.
Be aware of the situations
around us
Overcome our fears
Undertake God-given tasks.
Respond in love wherever
we are needed.
Joan Bosomworth, local
preacher, Wharfedale and
Aireborough Circuit



The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,
to all who call upon Him in truth. Ps. 145:18.

O Loving God, we bring our broken hearts &
our heavy burdens to You again today. We
claim Your promises & your faithfulness to
us. Jesus, feed us, heal us, love us we pray in
Your holy name.



Faith – Hope – Love – Since 1972

We are still here after 50 years.
What does that say to us? And what
is God saying to us?
What opportunities does it give us to
reflect on our story, on who we are,
on what we stand for, on who we
follow - and to share that with
others?
As local churches and as the URC,
marking our 50^t year can help us to
plan for the future – not only to keep
pursuing our ecumenical vision, but
also to plan for how we will continue
to be an active, engaged and faithful
Christian presence in our

communities and in new ones.

Not least, marking our Jubilee will
be an opportunity to give thanks.

On the afternoon of Saturday 1
October 2022 the URC were due to
gather in Methodist Central Hall
Westminster, London, where the
Uniting Assembly of the URC took
place in October 1972, to give
thanks and to celebrate the five
decades of the United Reformed
Church.

Sadly the rail strike that day meant
that the celebrations had to be post-
poned, but we still give thanks with
our Joint Churches at Emmanuel,
Trinity and Skelmersdale
Ecumenical Centre.

Deadline for articles to
include in the next edition
of Good News is
Monday 7th November



Hugh Bourne Exhibition Visit to Mere Brow

If you have had a chance to look at the summer issue of *the Connexion* magazine, you may well have noticed the article by Ruth Hilton from the Englesea Brook Museum of Primitive Methodism. This focused on Hugh Bourne, who along with William Clowes, founded the Primitive Methodist Church. Here is an extract from Ruth's article:



"Arriving early in 2018 for my first interview at Englesea Brook Museum of Primitive Methodism, I discovered the grave of Hugh Bourne, a co-founder of Primitive Methodism, and that we share a birthday. And so the seeds were sown to celebrate his 250th birthday in style!

His is not a household name like John and Charles Wesley, but Hugh Bourne showed an inspiring openness to God's Spirit.

As many churches face decline and closure, let's draw

on our heritage, letting the past speak to the present. Here are some examples from his life to encourage us.

Hugh Bourne was born in North Staffordshire on 3 April 1772. By the time he died in 1852, Primitive Methodism had (as inscribed on his grave): 9,916 itinerant and local preachers, 109,964 members in society, and 148,896 Sabbath Schoolteachers and scholars. Yet Bourne by his own admission was "so timid and bashful as is seldom equalled" and shared his testimony with his cousin Daniel Shubotham only by walking side by side so he didn't have to look him in the eye. Daniel was his first convert and this small spark from the Holy Spirit led Bourne to advocate 'conversation preaching' as a way to share one's faith. I suggest we all might think how

we can use our timidity and limitations to better effect.

Hugh Bourne and the early Primitive Methodist movement made some bold decisions. A lay person himself, he involved lay people at every level of the organisation, which was unique to Primitive Methodism. At every meeting, including the Conference, there were two lay people to one minister. As Barbara Easton, the current Vice-President reminded us, the President of the Primitive Methodist Conference being a lay person became a key issue at Methodist Union in 1932. The Wesleyans could not accept a lay President, so agreed instead to a lay Vice-President. Likewise, the Representative session of the Conference was created for Union to succeed, as the Wesleyan Conference was only for presbyters.

Women preachers were also included in the early Primitive Methodist movement. Elizabeth Evans, on whom the character of Dinah Morris in Adam Bede was based, profoundly shaped Bourne's attitude to women preaching. Having heard her preach in June 1809, he wrote in his journal: "She appears to be very clear in Scriptural doctrine and very ready in Scripture, and speaks full in the Spirit." Bourne, like John Wesley before him, turned to Scripture to test women's call to preach and concluded the words of Jesus should decide the matter: "By their fruits ye shall know them." (Matthew 7:16) I feel I should add a caveat: he didn't get everything right. When women became travelling preachers, they were paid £2 a quarter while men were paid £4!"

To mark this anniversary Englesea Brook have produced a travelling exhibition, and when Joan Lawson {Senior Steward at Mere Brow} found out about this she wondered whether Mere Brow could host the exhibition to mark their anniversary and to celebrate their heritage as part of Primitive Methodism. As a result of this the exhibition will be in **Mere Brow from the 4th to the 7th November**. During this time local Schools will have the chance of coming along to discover more about one of the important strands in the family tree of the Methodist Church. Please see the advert for further details.

We hope that you will be able to join us over this special Weekend.

Michael

If you want to find out more about Hugh Bourne take a look at this link

https://www.myprimitivemethodists.org.uk/content/people-2/primitive_methodist_ministers/b/hugh_bourne



MAWDESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

THE KINGSFORD SINGERS

AN EVENING OF
POPULAR MUSIC

SATURDAY
15TH OCTOBER
7.00PM

TICKETS £6

to include

refreshments & home baking

Available from

01704 822478 & 01704 822550

Mere Brow Methodist Church

Anniversary Weekend

November 4th—7th

11am – 4pm each day

In Celebration of our

Primitive Methodist Heritage

We will be hosting an exhibition to mark

The 250th Anniversary of

Hugh Bourne

[one of the founders of Primitive Methodism]

Courtesy of

The Englesea Brook Museum of Primitive Methodism.

**Come along and discover more about this
important part of Methodist History.**

Free Entry Refreshments Available

Parking at Mere Brow Village Hall [PR4 6JX]

For more information contact 01704 620053



From Helen Hindle, Circuit Local Preacher

I was fortunate to be given the opportunity to complete a PhD at Luther King Centre for Theology and Mission, funded by Methodist Homes (MHA). My research title was 'Theological Reflection on Community from the Perspective of Older People in Residential Care Homes'.

I carried out research in four care homes, visiting each home once a week for 6 months, getting to know residents and staff, and carrying out interviews with older people in each home. I found out about the community

experiences of the older people, and what was important to each of them. Based on what the participants told me, I focussed on different zones of community; the care home, the view from the window, the local area, the wider world, creation and another dimension. Another dimension is a spiritual dimension which transcends time and place. I concluded that 'right relationships' within and across all the zones of community, lead towards shalom (wellbeing, wholeness and peace), and this was sometimes, but not always, present. I made recommendations for care homes and the wider community, including churches.

Please do contact me if you would like to find out more about my research.

This photograph, taken on my graduation day in July, includes two of my tutors from Luther King Centre. I would recommend it as a place to study, and they have a range of courses and events – it is worth checking out their website to see what is going on <https://www.lutherking.ac.uk/>. *Helen Hindle*



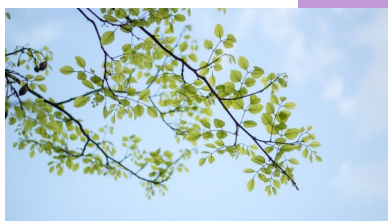
WORLD CHURCH SUNDAY—30th October 2022 at 11.00am

Emmanuel URC, Ormskirk

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!



News from Trinity, Skelmersdale

Rebuild With Hope

will be at Trinity Church on **Tuesday the 11th October from 10am onwards.**

with a Fantastic Sale.

Supported by a well known High Street chain store, they will be selling , clothing, bedding, beauty products, kitchen goods, candles etc. All at 70% OFF. Time to get Christmas Gifts etc.

Rebuild With Hope Foundation works with individuals with multiple barriers to employment such as ex-offenders, homeless, refugees, ex-services veterans, asylum seekers.

We provide direct employment both full and part time. We assist in finding employment & accommodation. We provide training. We operate within a 50 mile radius from Greater Manchester.

There will be a Cafe all day.

SO COME AND BAG A BARGAIN FOR YOURSELF OR FOR CHRISTMAS!

Renew Well Being

Trinity Methodist URC, Skelmersdale

We have extended Renew Well-being to Thursday morning as well as Monday Morning.

These will take place on a **Monday from 9 till 12.**

On a **Thursday from 10 till 1pm**, .this will be a warm welcoming space where it is o.k. not to be o.k.

We are still actively looking for volunteers to help out on these mornings, if anyone is interested please contact Derek Ashcroft on 01695 726494

**TRINITY CHURCH
FAIR**

Games

SATURDAY 12th Nov

10AM TO 2PM

At Trinity Church
High Street, Skelmersdale.
WN8 8AT

Raffle

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Autumn Term - 'Messy' Dates

Messy Church:

Tuesday 4.30-6.00pm at Croston

- 18th Oct
- 15th Nov
- 13th Dec

Saturday 4.30-6.30pm at Emmanuel

- 29th Oct
- 19th Nov
- 17th Dec

Messy Vintage:

Tuesday 7.30pm on Zoom

- 11th Oct
- 25th Oct
- 8th Nov
- 22nd Nov
- 6th Dec
- 20th Dec


If you'd like more information about any of the above;
please contact Cheryl by email:

family.schools@lancashirewest.org.uk

All Welcome



CHURCH SERVICES

	Oct				Nov			
	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th	6 th	13 th Remembrance	20 th	27 th
Burscough Orrell Lane 10.00 HP, CMP, STF, NIV	Michael Tindsley All Age HF	Merle Farthing	Jonathan Richardson	o/a	Andrew Richardson	David Allen	Michael Tindsley S	Geoff Farthing
Holmeswood Holmeswood Rd 10.30 HP, CMP, STF	Mere Brow	o/a	Michael Tindsley S	David Allen	@ Mere Brow	Janet Walton	Geoff Farthing S	Mere Brow
Mere Brow 10.30 MPC HP	Geoff Farthing S	Paul Blackham	Holmeswood	o/a		Merle Farthing	Julia Robinson	Michael Tindsley S
Holmes Park Lane 10.30 HP, MP, JP, 6.30	Emma Birkbeck HF	Anne Wallbank	Geoff Farthing	o/a	@ Mere Brow	-----	Jonathan Richardson	o/a Michael Tindsley S
Tarleton Church Rd 10.30 HP, MP,	o/a	Geoff Farthing	Malcolm Abbott	Janet Walton	@ Mere Brow	Michael Tindsley PC	Lynne Watson	Merle Farthing
Mawdesley Gorse Lane 10.30 HP, MP, JP, NIV	Alex Laing	Michael Tindsley S	Lorraine Howarth	Croston	o/a	Geoff Farthing	Sue Guénault S	Helen Hindle
Croston Westhead Rd 10.30 HP, MP, STF,	Andrew Richardson	Mawdesley	o/a	Sue Guénault S 9.30	Sue Guénault FS 9.30	Malcolm Abbott	Mawdesley	Cesar Guidi S
Ormskirk Derby St 11.00 HP, CMP, StF	Sue Guénault HF P FS	David Allen Tea Service 4pm Sue	Jenny Ashcroft	Sue Guénault World Church	Alex Laing	Sue Guénault S	Lorraine Howarth Tea Service 4pm Sue	Sue Guénault P FS
Trinity High Street 11.00 STF, GNB	Malcolm Abbott	Alex Laing S	o/a	Liam Woods	Geoff Farthing	Jenny Ashcroft	Malcolm Abbott	Alex Laing S
Up Holland Alma Hill 11.00 STF LP	Jenny Ashcroft	Beacon Churches	o/a	Alex Laing S	Beacon Churches	Alex Laing [Monument]	Beacon Churches	David Allen

MP –Mission Praise Combined
HP – Hymns and Psalms
JP – Junior Praise

CMP – Complete Mission Praise
STF – Singing the Faith
LP—Let’s Praise

O/A – Own Arrangement
F – Family Service [All Age]
P – Parade Service

HF—Harvest Festival

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