

CLEVELEYS PARK METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2026

WELCOME!

Summer Blessings

Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

PSALM 97:11-12



Cleveleys Park Methodist Church (A Fair Trade Church)

Mission Statement

Our Ministry at Cleveleys Park is offered to all regardless of race, creed, age or sex. Our calling and motivation, as a Church community, is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ Jesus by: -

Worship, prayer and fellowship,
Opening ourselves to God's transforming love,
Offering a welcome to everyone,
Sharing the Good News of Jesus,
Reaching out to individuals and our neighbourhood community,
Using our resources to meet the needs of others, and
Calling people to faith in Jesus Christ and to Christian discipleship



Letter from Rev Sarah

Dear Friends

I am inspired through our reading of Paul's letter to the Philippians to write a letter of encouragement to you all. It is with joy that I write to you and assure you all of my prayers over this summer period. How quickly time passes, my next letter will mark the beginning of my second year amongst us, and so I take a moment to reflect and give thanks on this past year.

Over this year we have begun to get to know each other, sharing in both times of joy and sadness. I have been privileged to take a number of funeral services for former members of Cleveleys Park, I take this moment to thank everyone involved in enabling these services to take place, and together we hold those families in our prayers. As we share in the grief and loss of family and friends, I pray that we might also find hope in the promises of God, who through the resurrection of Jesus has opened for us the way to eternal life and peace with him. It was while visiting an elderly lady (*a past member of CP*), just days before her death, that I experienced the joy of being in the presence of someone who truly shone humbly with the light of Christ. In the midst of her suffering and pain, she took my hand and prayed for me. I was so moved by this experience and knew the presence of God with us in that moment. I write of this to remind us all that God is with us, and gives us reason to rejoice even in our present context, and is made known to others through simple acts of goodness and grace.

The lady in question was shaped by her faith, her heart, mind and words were transformed by the Spirit of God who was alive in her. Just as St Paul wrote words of encouragement to press on in toward the goal, I too want to encourage us all as we journey together. Over this past year there are so many things which we can give thanks for, maybe we need to take a moment to name them (*Please add to my list!!!*)

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We give thanks for the appointment of new stewards at the ACM, and those continuing in offices of the church. For the continuing Bible Study on Monday afternoon. For the many young people who have found a safe space to learn and grow with in the family of this church, and the community groups who call this home. We give thanks for the opportunity to share in worship together week by week and also at special times like Holy Week and Café style services. We give thanks for the services of celebration of baptisms and wedding blessing. We are thankful for the warm welcome offered at coffee morning and Crafties, table tennis and 745 club. We give thanks for a new boiler, a circuit grant and a generous legacy. We are thankful for the many people who give their time, energy and expertise in looking after the building and the congregation. We give thanks for those who continue to offer in the life of the church and especially as we seek to develop our pastoral visitors team in the coming months. We rejoice in the growing togetherness of the Circuit and the joy of sharing in worship together. I give thanks each time I think of you and pray for you all with joy.

There is so much to be thankful for, and I am sure you can add to my list, but that doesn't mean we have reached our goal, indeed there is still much we can do and many ways which we may continue to grow in faith and live lives worthy of our calling. But I am sure that God is with us, and therefore I encourage us all to keep our eyes and thoughts fixed on Jesus, and keep pressing on toward the prize for which God through Christ is calling us.

And so may the peace and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your spirit.

With love and prayers

Rev Sarah



CHURCH SERVICES CALENDAR FOR JULY 2026:-

Sunday	5 th	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Peter Wilson
Sunday	12 th	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Steve Williams (<i>LA</i>)
Sunday	19th	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Rev Sarah Lamb (<i>Holy Communion</i>)
Sunday	26th	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Janet Mordike

Also in July: -

Sunday 19th July, 6:30pm
at Thornton Methodist Church
Circuit Service to celebrate the
Admission of Bernice Smith
as a Local Preacher.
All are welcome!



CHURCH SERVICES CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2026:-

Sunday	2 nd	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Rev Sarah Lamb (Cafe Church)
Sunday	9th	at 10.45am	Service to be led by Ian Bedford
Sunday	16th	<u>Circuit Gathered Worship</u> 10.30am at Poulton with Rev Sarah, or 10.45am at Fleetwood with Rev Katie	
On Sunday 16 th August we will share Circuit Gathered Worship: the same act of worship on two sites – it's up to you which you choose to an end! This service will use the material explored during our Summer Holiday Club, which meets earlier that week and thank our Team of Volunteers.			
Sunday	23rd	at 10.45am	Service to be led by Local Arrangement
Sunday	30th	at 10.45am	Service to be led by Sister Barbara Crockett

N.B. - Monday, 31st August is a Summer Bank Holiday

Our Church's usual weekly activities: -

Regular meetings on the first Monday of the month		Parkinson's UK invite people with Parkinson's, their families and carers to their monthly meetings in the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.	
Monday	2 pm -4 pm	In the Hall	Monday Tea Dancers
“	4.30 pm – 6 pm	In the Lounge	“Just-Be Juniors” * “Just be disciples” (to follow after <i>Just Be Juniors</i>).
Tuesday	10.30 a.m	Harmony & Health Wellbeing Singers	
“	11.45 -12.30	BALANCED OUT (Course run by lady who runs <i>Fitness First</i> on Wednesday)	
Evening	1.30 p.m	In the Hall	Tuesday Tea Dancers
	7.30 p.m		Scottish Dancers
“	7.45 p.m	Taylor Room	The 745 Ladies; Club (meeting 1 st Tuesday in every month. Last meeting in August)
Wednesday morning	10.30 a.m	Lounge	Coffee Morning
	10.30-11.30 a.m.	Hall	Yoga £7 per class
afternoon	12 - 4 p.m.	Lounge	Crafties
	12.30 and 1.30 p.m. in the Hall		FITNESS 50 – 2 free classes
Evening	4.30 –8.30 pm	Hall	Slimming World
Thursday	10-12 noon	Hall	Line Dancers
“	2 pm- 3pm	Classroom	B Older Group – meet and play table tennis
Evening	6 – 9 pm	Taylor Room	Junior Chess Club
	7 – 9 pm	Classroom	Dream Team Singers
Friday p.m.	1 – 3 pm	Classroom	Windmill Art Society
Friday Evening	6 -7.30 pm (term time only)	Hall	Rock Kids for 6-12 years who meet for Bible stories, games and crafts – and to enjoy being part of a Christian family *

MANY THANKS!

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on Saturday morning (20th June) to smarten up our church grounds, it was lovely to welcome a few new people to our group. We hope to have the next tidy up on **Saturday 25th July**.

Whatever you use our Church for, Dancing, Choir practice, keep fit or just walking through the garden your help would be very much appreciated. Please contact Maggie Proud.



PILLING METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, 26th July 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

**Come and join us for an afternoon of Worship
and Music**

With a Male Voice Trio led by



Rev David Filo from Morecambe

**Followed by tea and delicious home made
cakes**



A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU



The North Fylde Circuit Team NFC Together Everyone Accomplishes More

Worship Leader Training

Do you feel called to be a Worship Leader?
Or would you like an opportunity to discern if you might be?

As we have more Local Arrangement Services and more people participating in Worship, we have noticed the many gifts and talents God has blessed people to use in Worship, and that God is calling people to be Worship Leaders. Could this be you?

We will be running a Worship Leaders Course for Members of the Methodist Church in the North Fylde Circuit on Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th July, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm at Cleveleys Park Methodist Church. Our sessions will use Worship: Foundations and Module 2 of the WLP3 Course as required by the Methodist Church.

For more information, speak to Rev Katie or Rev Sarah, who are excited to be running this course.

Please note that to become a Worship Leader, you will need to participate in all 4 sessions, complete some homework and be assessed in Worship. Session 1 will be a taster session, explaining how the process works and making a start on the beginning of the training.

To book onto the course, please contact Rev Katie (katie.Leonowicz@methodist.org.uk)