

CLEVELEYS PARK METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2025



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 Will

Dear Friends

Several years ago, the Methodist Church tried to define its mission under a few short headings called 'Our Calling'. It later summarised this as: 'The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission'. Saint Paul in 1 Corinthians 13 also tried to summarise his thinking when he said 'Faith, hope, love abide, but the greatest of these is love'. Personally, I prefer the latter summary as it points us to -

Faith

This is the day-by-day trust in Christ that he knows what he is doing. That his love will never let us go and that he has a purpose for our lives. Also, that such trust is the key to our salvation and is centred on Christ doing for us what we are unable to do for ourselves.

Hope

This does not mean hope that our lives will become progressively easier or less complicated but rather that we will see more and more of God's kingdom breaking into the world as we and others put our trust in Christ. It is also the hope of eternal life summarised in the assurances of Jesus to his disciples and confirmed by his rising again on Easter Day.

Love

How often has the Church forgotten this! Love is the greatest virtue of all because it reflects God's very nature. Love is the oxygen of God's kingdom, the signature and fingerprint of God's activity. The Church does not have copyright on love as it is a gift freely given to the human race and also to all living things caring for their own. What is unique about God's love is that it goes beyond family, goes beyond people like us, goes out even to those who would be regarded as distinctly unlovely by the vast majority of other people.

As I 'sit down' (*retire in anyone else's vocabulary*) my hope and prayer is that I do not lose sight of faith, hope and love as being central in the Christian life and that God will bless and every one of you as you continue to serve God in this church and community. Thank you for your friendship, support, patience and love over these last four years. God bless you!

With love to you all,
Will x



CHURCH SERVICES CALENDAR FOR JULY 2025 :-

Sunday	6 th	at 10.45 am - Service to be led by Rev Will Hunter (<i>Holy Communion</i>)	
On Sunday the 13th July at 10.30 a.m. a Circuit Farewell Service for Rev Will Hunter, our Circuit Superintendent, will be held at Poulton Methodist Church. The Service will be led by the Circuit Staff Team, and Rev Phil Gough will be preaching			
Sunday	20 th	at 10.45 am	Service to be lead by Janet Mordike
Sunday	27th	at 10.45 am	Service to be lead by Local Arrangement

AND FOR AUGUST 2025 :-

Sunday	3 rd	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Rev Katie Leonowicz (<i>Holy Communion</i>)
Sunday	10 th	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Peter Wilson
Sunday	17 th	at 10.45 am	Service to be lead by Sister Barbara Crockett
*Sunday	24th	Gathered Circuit Services. *Fleetwood at 10.45 with Rev Katie – and *Poulton at 10.30 a.m. with Rev Sarah	
<u>“Please note- the same service will happen on two different sites – you are encouraged to go to one of the services, or watch the live-stream from Poulton at home. This is something new we are trying, so please give this service your support.</u>			
Sunday	31st	at 10.45 am	Service to be lead by Janet Mordike

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	2pm- 3 pm in the Lounge with Sister Barbara Crockett		
“	2 pm -4 pm	In the Hall	Monday Tea Dancers
“	4.30 pm – 6 pm	In the Lounge	“Just-Be Juniors” *
Tuesday	11.45 -12.30	BALANCED OUT (<i>Course run by lady who runs Fitness First on Wednesday</i>)	
“	1.30 p.m	In the Hall	Tuesday Tea Dancers
Evening	7.30 p.m		Scottish Dancers
On the 1st Tuesday these months at 7.45 in the Taylor Room – the 745 Club meet			
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	“	B Older Group
Evening	6 pm –7.30 pm	“	Brownies *
“	6 – 9 pm	Taylor Room	Junior Chess Club
“	7 – 9 pm	Classroom	Dream Team Singers
Friday afternoon	12 - 2 pm	Lounge	Surecare
	1 – 3 pm	Hall	Windmill Art Society
Evening	6 -7.30 pm	Hall	Rock Kids for 6-12 years who meet for Bible stories, games and crafts – and to enjoy being part of a Christian family *
*Term time only			

MODEL TRAM EXHIBITION



On Saturday 31st of May we hosted the Blackpool Model Tram Exhibition for the first time.

The event was a great success with 162 visitors recorded..

The society members all commented on the friendly welcome and the excellent food provided.

Thanks must go to Yvonne and her team who provided sustenance over a period of eight hours.

Following on from this success the society have already booked our premises for the 30th May 2026, they must have enjoyed themselves!

OTHER RELEVANT DATES

On Thursday, 10th July at 12 midday - A Prayer Lunch is to be held in the Taylor Room. Soup will be served for lunch and cakes, so if anyone intends coming, can they please let us know – thanks!



ADVANCE NOTICES FOR YOUR DIARY :-

The Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Katie Leonowicz as Superintendent will take place on Sunday, 7th September, 10.30 at Thornton Methodist Church, the preacher will be Rev Dr James Tebbutt, the Chair of the North West England District

Contemporary Worship at Thornton Methodist

for Praise, Prayer, Reflection and Fellowship
meet on the 2nd Monday of every month at 7 p.m.
(Refreshments available from 6.45 p.m.)