

CLEVELEYS PARK METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2025



And with
His stripes
we are healed!

*Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! Rev. 5:12*

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 Will

Dear Friends

It is easy as Christians to focus on our failures and what we feel we should be doing better for our Lord. This has a place but guilt is a poor motivator compared to praise and encouragement. When Peter and the other disciples encounter the risen Jesus on the shore of Lake Galilee in John 21 Jesus does not harangue them, 'Where were you when I needed you? Why did you desert me?' Instead, he makes them breakfast! It is the same sympathy seen in a reflection I heard in Holy Week on the Stations of the Cross where Jesus falling under the weight of the cross is seen as Jesus identifying himself with all who fall and fail. Our Easter witness is not to a God who makes us feel bad but one who supports and encourages rather than berates and criticises.

God does hold us accountable but, in John 21, it is more a case of brokenness being brought into the light so that we may be healed. Peter does not want to have a conversation with Jesus about his threefold denial. Yet not to do so would create the proverbial elephant in the room every time they met. What Peter needs to know is that Jesus has not forgotten what happened but that he is forgiven and still has a job to do rather than be thrown on the spiritual scrapheap as a failed disciple.

I hate to fail. I find it even more frustrating that I often make the same mistakes time and again. Yet I believe God still loves me and despite all the mistakes I will keep making to my dying day I believe God can still use me in some small way for his kingdom. And likewise, you!

I hope that you find this season between Easter and Pentecost just as meaningful as the season of Lent as you and I seek to work out what it means to serve our Risen Saviour in the world today.

With love to you all,

Will x



Continued.... A message from Rev Will

A NOTE ABOUT THE FUTURE

As most of you know I shall be retiring (*'sitting down' in Methodist jargon!*) in the summer. I will be replaced by my colleague Rev Sarah Lamb who will then have pastoral charge of Pilling, Cleveleys Park and Poulton. So, she will be a busy lady! I am sure in Sarah you will be in safe hands. Sarah brings a wealth of creativity to ministry and has already brought much to the life of the circuit.

We are in the process of seeking to appoint a full-time circuit administrator to support Sarah & my other colleague Rev Katie Leonowicz who will take on the superintendency of the circuit from September.

I am sure you will hold both Katie and Sarah in your prayers as they prepare for this next stage in their ministries.


Will

- On Sunday, 13th July there will be a Circuit Service at Poulton for Rev Will Hunter's retirement
- Please note that Rev Sarah Lamb will be in Charge of Cleveleys Park from 2025-26



Just a reminder that
Christian Aid Week
occurs from 11th-17th May

CHURCH SERVICES CALENDAR FOR MAY 2025

Sunday 3 rd /Easter	4th	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Rev Sarah Lamb
<div><div><p>Creative Circuit Afternoon Worship for Vocations Sunday Sunday 4th May, 4pm at Fleetwood Methodist Church All are Welcome!</p></div><div></div></div>			
Sunday 4th /Easter	11 th May at 10.45 am - Service to be led by Rev Will Hunter – General Church Meeting		
<p>Dates for your Diary: - Christian Aid Week. - 11th to 17th May when there will be a Sunday Collection, and proceeds of our Wednesday Coffee Morning on 14th May will go towards Christian Aid</p>			
Sunday 5 th /Easter	18th	at 10.45 am	Service to be lead by Sister Barbara Crockett
Sunday 6 th /Easter	25th	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Peter Wilson

OTHER RELEVANT DATES THIS MAY

Early Bank Holiday - Monday, 5th May
 VE Day remembered on the 8th May
 24th is Aldersgate Sunday
 25th is Ascension Day, and
 Monday, 26th – Spring Bank Holiday

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.)

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.
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On Monday, 12th May - Bible Study at 2 p.m. in the Lounge with Sister Barbara

Monday	2 pm -4 pm	In the Hall	Monday Tea Dancers
“	4.30 pm – 6 pm	In the Lounge	“Just-Be Juniors” *
Tuesday	1.30 p.m	In the Hall	Tuesday Tea Dancers
Evening	7.30 p.m		Scottish Dancers
On the 1st Tuesday this month 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.	Hall	FITNESS 50 – 2 free classes
Evening	4.30 –8.30 pm	Hall	Slimming World
Thursday “ Evening “ “	10-12 noon	Hall	Line Dancers
	2 pm- 3pm	“	B Older Group
	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			