CLEVELEYS PARK METHODIST CHURCH
NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2026

WELCOME EVERYONE!



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 don't know about you, but I often find November a difficult month. Shorter days, cold and wet weather, slippery footpaths because of the fallen leaves, end the loss of colourful gardens and hedgerows all combine into a season filled with a sense of loss and grief. I look forward to the coming of Advent and the preparations for Christmas, but fist face the slow walk through November.

I wonder how often there are times when our walk of faith feels similar to the long dark month of November? The Bible tells us to rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1Thesalonians 5:16-18), which sounds fine when everything is going well, but how do we do this in the "November seasons" of our life and faith?

I have always loved the poem footprints, when the person looking back over their life notices that in the hardest times of their life, they see only one set of footprints in the sand. They can not understand why God would not be walking alongside them in the most difficult and challenging times, of course God answers saying "it was then that I carried you". I wonder what we might take from this today, especially if we are feeling particularly alone and vulnerable, if we are in a season full of long dark days and slippery paths. First, I would suggest we turn to scripture, there are so many times we see God's people feeling alone or overwhelmed, only to discover that God was with them and made a way for them that they could never have imagined. The pages are filled with promises and assurances of God who is with us, who hears our cry and comes close to us in our distress. Secondly, I encourage us all to talk to God. Prayer isn't about lengthy poetic monologues, prayer is an honest, open conversation with one who loves us and knows us. Third, you might find it helpful to think back, to consider the times in your life where the one set of footprints were God's, times when you recognise God's presence, help and grace. Finally, we need each other. In difficult times we often find ourselves closing the door. The Bible reminds us that we are part of a body, when one-part hurts, all parts share in that pain. As members of the body of Christ, I urge us all to care for one another, to notice. It is often the smallest things that make such a difference.

Rev Sarah's letter continues .....

As I journey through the long, dark, cold days of November, when creation is displaying signs of death, I love to remember the spring bulbs planted in the depth of the earth, silently forming life, ready to break through the darkness and bring colour and joy. They offer hope. Hope beyond the present, hope of the continued presence of life, hope of new season to come.

I pray that we might all know the hope that is ours through Jesus, a living hope, a hope that has overcome the darkness, that has broken the chains of death, a hope that is more than we could imagine. May you be held in the embrace of God's love, lifted in the arms of his mercy, and filled with the peace of his Spirit, today and every day.

Blessings
Rev Sarah

MANY THANKS!!

I have been overwhelmed by awesome amount that so many very generous people have donated to the Pancreatic Cancer charity.

Thank you seems so inadequate for the support that I've received in many ways by people connected in some way to Cleveleys Park Church.

I have walked over 150 miles in September and collected £1522 *(final total)* which I think is amazing and I'm extremely grateful. Also I've come 66th out of 2300 collectors!

Love and thanks, Maggie xx

ROCK KIDS GROUP

Please note that the Rock Kids meetings on a Friday night have been temporarily suspended.

CHURCH SERVICES CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday	1st	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Rev Sarah Lamb *(Holy Communion)*
Sunday	8th	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Bernice Smith
Sunday	15th	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Steve Williams *(Local Arrangement)*
Sunday	22nd	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Rev Derek North
29th November *(1st Sunday in Advent)*		**Circuit Service for the 1st Sunday in Advent at Cleveleys Park, 10.45 a.m. as we launch our theme "Don't be Afraid" led by the Circuit Staff Team and will include Holy Communion**	

More information about the Methodist Church's Advent and Christmas Campaign 'Don't be Afraid' can be found here:
www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/christmasresources/

Alternative ways of worshipping across our Circuit:

- **Sunday worship from Poulton is live-streamed** each week and can be accessed on YouTube: **ww.youtube.com/@PoultonMethodist**
- **I Love Thursdays Morning Worship** takes place at 10:30 am at Thornton Methodist Church.
- **Contemporary Worship** takes place on the second Monday of each month at 7 pm at Thornton Methodist Church. A time of praise, prayer and reflection as we explore the series The Chosen.
- **Morning Worship** takes place on the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 am at Poulton Methodist Church.

Our Church's usual weekly activities: -

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 Just Be Juniors*).		
Parkinson's UK invite people with Parkinson's, their families and carers to their regular monthly meetings *(on the Second Tuesday* in *the month)* – to be held in the Lounge, in the morning			
Tuesday	11.45 - 12.30	**BALANCED OUT** *(Course run by lady who runs Fitness First on Wednesday)*	
afternoon	1.30 p.m	In the Hall	Tuesday Tea Dancers
On alternate Tuesday evenings	7.45 pm	Taylor Room	The 745 Ladies' Club
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 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 & snooker	
Evening	6 – 9 pm	Taylor Room	Junior Chess Club
	6.30 – 8 pm	Hall - Koryu Uchinadi Study Group	
"	7 – 9 pm	Classroom	Dream Team Singers
Friday p.m.	1 – 3 pm	Classroom	Windmill Art Society



A DATE FOR OUR DIARIES: -

"A GRAND FESTIVE CONCERT" by The Dream Team Singers is to be held on Saturday, 12th December at 2 p.m. in the Church **This a Fund Raising event**	