



*Leyland Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices



1st December 2024

10.30am Communion Service led by Rev Ernie Grimshaw

6pm Memorial Service with Massam & Marshall

8th December - 10.30am Service led by Jean McKenna

- 6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

**Our Mission is to share the heart of
God at the heart of the community**

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Lectionary Readings 1st December 2024

Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm 25.1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-36

Weekly Activities

Mondays **10am-4pm** Warm Space
Tuesdays **7.30am** Ecumenical
Prayers at Canning Road Church
2.30pm Fellowship Group
Wednesdays **12pm** Prayer Time
Thursdays **10am** Toddler Group
Fridays **9.30am** Spanish Tots Class
10.30am Spanish Babies Class

Prayer

Lord our God, keep us your servants alert and watchful as we await the return of Christ your Son, so that when he comes and knocks at the door he may find us vigilant in prayer, with songs of praise on our lips. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Christmas Card

If you would like to send a message and Christmas greetings to your church family you will find a handmade card in the coffee lounge. You may decide to sign this card instead of buying and handing out many cards to different people. Please put any donations in the box provided. Thank you very much to Sylvia who kindly made this card.

A Celebration of Simon & Garfunkel

Friday 6th December at Leyland Road Methodist Church

Doors 6.45pm/7.30pm start

Tickets £15 from Leyland Road Church office or scan QR code below.



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Warm Space

We are looking for someone to arrange setting up every third week on Monday. ,

This is not onerous but we need someone to be at Church for 9.30 to open up.

We also need a couple of new helpers either morning 9.45am or afternoon 1.00pm. Again this is on a rota every three weeks

Setting Up Rooms

Most of our activities set up themselves but we need a fit person to set up (or set down) chairs in rooms by arrangement
Please contact John A if you can offer this help.

Christmas Dining Club

Our Christmas Diners Club will be on Thursday 12th December, 6pm at the Mount. Completed Orders should be placed in a sealed envelope along with the money in cash and must have names written on the envelope and be brought into the **Church office at Leyland Road by Thursday 5th December.**

Thank you.

Circuit 9am Communion at PPW

Starting in December, the circuit's early morning communion will now be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The next service will take place on Sunday, 15th December

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Dear Friends

I received my first Christmas present list from a family member this week. I wonder what would be on your list and what gifts you are considering giving.

The best gifts are those that surprise us because we wouldn't indulge ourselves or even realise its what we really need.

The lectionary reading for the first Sunday of Advent from Luke 21:25-36 is a tad stark.

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken." (Luke Ch 21 vs 25-27)

It's been a tough year in so many ways with conflicts around the world, environmental devastation and local tragedies. I wonder if for many those words from Luke resonate.

Our Gospel reading is paired with 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, where Paul writes to the people of Thessaloniki.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. (1 Thessalonians Ch 3 vs 9-10)

Imagine receiving that letter, of people thanking God for you and praying earnestly that they may meet with you to restore your faith.

One headline this week read "I lost my faith in the world". The person went onto say "I try to resemble it as us being connected by an invisible piece of string. We're all connected in the most horrible way. Sometimes that string will fray and tangle and knot, but at the best of times, it will wrap together and it's brought a lot of us closer, creating kindness and warmth."

I wonder whether this year, the most precious gift we can give is our time to someone else, to let them know we thank God for them, and in so doing, going someway to restoring their faith in the world...what a precious gift that would be.

God bless
Patrick