



*Leyland Road  
Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices



## *2nd February 2025*

**10.30am** Joint Service with Cornerstone led by Rev Brian Trudgian

**9th February - 10.30am** Service led by Shirley Potts

- 6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

*Image: Luke 4.21-30*

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

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# Lectionary Readings 2nd February 2025

Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 71.1-6; 1 Corinthians 13.1-13; Luke 4.21-30

## Weekly Activities

**Mondays**     **10am-4pm** Warm Space  
**Tuesdays**   **7.30am** Ecumenical  
Prayers at Lakeside 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, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are  
worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit,  
and pour into our hearts that most  
excellent gift of love, the true bond  
of peace and of all virtues;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Bra Bank

The Bra Bank is back! Please place your  
donations in the box located in the  
school rooms. Thank you



## Dining Club

Next Diners Club will be on Thursday 20th February 12.30pm at the Mount.  
Please place completed Menu Choices in the Box as usual **by Sunday 16th**.  
Thank you.

## Welcome Lunch

Everyone is invited to a lunch to welcome Ernie & Nicky on Sunday 9th  
February at 1pm in the Church Hall. If you would like to attend please let  
Elizabeth Wallbank or Margaret Crosby know so we know numbers for  
catering, please also inform of any dietary requirements.

# *Presence Event*

**Saturday 22nd February at Leyland Road  
Church led by Paul Critchley**

No need to book just turn up on the day! Everyone welcome.

*Packed with the power of prayer and community vibes, where everyone  
together connects with the Holy Spirit.*

**10:30am - 12.30pm**

Dive into living in God's presence.

This workshop is all about sharing stories and learning from one  
another in a welcoming space.

Led by Paul Critchley, we'll focus on practical tips for bringing prayer  
into our daily routines, helping us feel closer to God and to each other.  
Including tea/coffee and cakes at 10.30am.

**6:30pm - 8.30pm**

The evening celebration - led by Paul Critchley

The place will light up with praise and worship.

Join us for uplifting songs, heartfelt testimonies, and sandwiches and  
drinks will be available at 6.30pm.

It's the perfect chance to strengthen our community bonds and soak in  
a joyful atmosphere that lifts our spirits and leaves us all refreshed and  
ready to carry the Holy Spirit into our everyday life.

See you there!

# *The Jesus Nut!*

There has been a British naval presence in the Gulf since the early nineteenth century when its role was both to protect the trade routes in the area by limiting piracy, and also to curtail the slave trade. Indeed, Bahrain was a part of the British Empire up to 1971, and it was in that year that HMS Juffair was finally handed over to the US Navy, since when it has been the base of the US Fifth Fleet. However, at the behest of Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Cambridge educated King of Bahrain, the United Kingdom was invited back, and in 2015, he began to build what is now the Naval Support Facility that looks after our ships out there. Co-located is the United Kingdom Maritime Command Component together with a number of individuals who work in the Combined Maritime Force. This is an international force with personnel drawn from nearly fifty countries.

This naval facility includes a Welfare Block where there is a chapel. Inside the chapel are the usual ecclesiastical furnishings including a cross on the wall. Behind the cross is a metal ring called “the Jesus nut”.

This, it turns out, is the main rotor mast retaining nut: a key component of the helicopter, without which the aircraft is useless. It sits on top of the rotor head and basically, it holds the rotor blades in place. Without it, they would simply drop off.



It is fascinating that somewhere in the past, someone recognised the function of this piece of metal and likened it to Jesus. Without it, the helicopter is lifeless ... it can't take off ... it can go nowhere. With it, the aircraft's full potential can be realised. I cannot think of a modern piece of kit that could possibly beat the Jesus Nut as an apt item to place behind the Cross.

So my question is, “What’s holding our lives together these days, both as individuals and as a church?”

*“He is before all things and in Him all things hold together.”*

Colossians 1 v 17 (NIV)