

# Methodist Helsby Church

Showing God's love in Christ to our community through prayer,  
witness and service.

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**Minister's Day Off: Monday**

**Ministers Study Day : Tuesday**

## Welcome!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we warmly welcome you to our service today.

Thank you for the enrichment you bring to our worship by your praise and fellowship. Please continue in fellowship by joining us for refreshments after the service

Prayer is offered at the end of Morning Service – please sit on the front row and a member of the Prayer Team will come to you.

Please ask a Steward about large print hymnbooks if required.  
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## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Duty Steward: **Jon Ford**

**10.00am Pre Worship Prayer in the Oasis**

**10.30am Mike Ridley**

**6.30 pm Blakelees – Pastor Nic Willis**

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*"Praise the Lord.*

*How good it is to sing praises to our God.... "*

*Psalm 147 v1*

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**'Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you.  
After the service speak to one another'**

There will be a short **Church Council** after the service today

Its time again to organise the **Church Rota for the next quarter**. If are unavailable for your duty anytime between June to August please contact Jane Futter asap.

**Muddles** are holding their **Teddy Bears Picnics on Monday 21st and Thursday 24th May**. This is our first fundraising event for the Ronald McDonald House charity at Alder Hey. We would be very grateful if anyone could donate cakes for the cake stall on both dates. Please either bring them to The Link from 10am on the day or speak to Cath Clarke. Many thanks.

**Christian Aid Week 13th May - 19th May**. Christian Aid Envelopes are being given out to all congregation this week, Christian Aid Sunday, for your personal use, to be returned by end of May via the collection. If you feel you can give one to a neighbour or a friend please take more. We will not be doing a house to house collection this year. Also, there are copies of a special daily devotional booklet for this week from Christian Aid, please pick up your copy at the same time as your envelope if you would like to use it. Thank you Heather

**Thy Kingdom Come 10<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018** As Revd David mentioned recently, this church is going to take part in **Thy Kingdom Come** this year by engaging in some prayer walking, and we have invited many churches in the area to do the same. So, **we** are prayer walking on two days as follows : **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm meeting at church and walking around Helsby, and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May – a walk up the Hill to pray over the village, meeting in the church carpark at 2pm.**

Please also see details in the Link from the **Circuit** of the '**Thy Kingdom Come**' Prayer Initiative Ascension to Pentecost which is taking place in Chester between 10th and 20th May **Foxhill** will be focusing their prayers for our church at Morning Prayer at 8.00 a.m. during this time. Please see info in The Link of what is happening at Foxhill over the time of 'Thy Kingdom Come' Jonathon S.M. Green (Revd).

**Frodsham Churches Together** will be running 48 hours of prayer using the Bear's Paw pub on Main Street from 6pm on Weds 16th May - 6pm Friday 18th May. Last year, they set up the room as a Prayer Space, so people could come in and use the room as a quiet reflective space, and this year is something similar.

**Rev Mansell Morgan** from **King's Church** (between Frodsham and Helsby) has put together an online calendar to encourage people to sign up for prayer during this time, and each church leader is encouraging their congregations to come along, either as individuals or small groups. We would be most welcome to join in too.

In the meantime you might like to find out more by visiting:

[www.thykingdomcome.global/downloads/Prayer%20Walking\\_TKC\\_Template.pdf](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/downloads/Prayer%20Walking_TKC_Template.pdf)

**Prayer Egg Timers** - Have you started to use yours yet?

If you haven't got one yet, please collect yours from the table at the back of the church together with the "Thy Kingdom Come" booklet. The hope is that you can use these as a tool for daily devotion. "Day by day we meet to pray"

**Prayer Triplets** –as part of our preparation for “Thy Kingdom Come” we are encouraging as many of our congregation as possible to join prayer triplets. Triplets are designed to help give encouragement and accountability to one another through praying together regularly. If you are interested in joining a triplet please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. **If you already have two other people to pray with please add all your names or add just your own name to the list and other people can add their names to yours to make a triplet.**

**West Cheshire Foodbank** - Thank you very much from everyone at the West Cheshire Foodbank. Please continue to help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide help to people in crisis:

**What we need most this week:**

UHT Fruit Juice, Mashed Potato, Custard, Coffee. **Other items needed.** Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Meat and Fish, Tinned Tomatoes, Pot Noodles, Tinned Fruit, Jams and Spreads, Instant Coffee 100g, Rice Pudding, Tinned Soup. Tinned Potatoes, Biscuits, Tinned/ Instant Custard, Pasta Sauces, Cuppa Soups Instant Pasta, Instant Mash, UHT Milk, UHT Fruit Juice.

**There is a prayer diary on the small table at the back of church** where you are invited to put in anyone's name that you wish us as a church family to pray for in the service each Sunday.

	<b>Activities for the Week Ahead</b>
<b>Monday 14th</b>	<b>Muddles 10.00am – 12.00 noon</b> in the Link. Muddles is a friendly and fun mums and tots group, we also welcome of course dads, grandparents, carers and child-minders. We enjoy play-time, healthy snack time and song-time, so why not come along and join the fun! <i>(Cath Clarke 727217)</i>
<b>Tuesday 15th</b>	<b>Walking Football for the over 55's</b> 5.00pm – 6.00pm at Frodsham Leisure Centre £3.00 <b>John and Norma's Housegroup</b> 8.00pm, 10 Landscape Dene <i>(722292)</i>
<b>Wednesday 16th</b>	<b>“Thy Kingdom Come” Prayer Initiative - Prayer Walking</b> 7.30pm meeting at church and walking around Helsby <b>Steve Lightfoot's Housegroup</b> 8pm at 184 Chester Road (Rachel's House) <i>( Steve Lightfoot 723071)</i> <b>Ladies Evening Group</b> 7.30pm in The Link ( Denise Kidd 723162) “Members Night”
<b>Thursday 17th</b>	<b>Muddles</b> 9.30am – 11.30am in the Link followed by: <b>Church Mice</b> 11.30am – 12 noon in Church <i>(Cath Clarke 727217)</i>
<b>Friday 18th</b>	<b>Time For Prayer”</b> 9.30am – 10.00am in Church <b>Friday Drop-in</b> 10am – 12 noon in The Link <i>(Church Office 727217 )</i>
<b>Saturday 19th</b>	<b>“Thy Kingdom Come” Prayer Initiative - Prayer Walking</b> A walk up the Hill to pray over the village, meeting in the church carpark at 2pm.
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<b>Crossover (for children in school years 5-8) will at The Manse from 7 - 8.30pm</b>

<b>Rota Duties</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
Welcoming Stewards	Gill Cope Carol Ann Lockett	Rosemary Oulton Phylis Bickerton
Tea	Marjorie Chevalier Janet Mather	Hazel Dixon Chris Weller
Sound desk	Celia Smith	Steve Hughes
Reader	Celia Smith	Colin Holden
Pre-Worship Prayers	Steve Lightfoot	Nicola Lightfoot
Flowers	Jon Ford	Andrea Walker
Foodbank Rota	Andrea Walker	David Critchley

### **Church Office**

We are in the process of retiring the **hmcadmin@btinternet.com** email address and very soon it will be unavailable. Our new email address is

[admin@helsbymethodist.org.uk](mailto:admin@helsbymethodist.org.uk)

Please update your address book with our new contact email for any notices and anything for Heather or the Church Office

The Church Office is staffed on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

**Weekly Notices:** Prepared by Heather Oulton 727217 or [admin@helsbymethodist.org](mailto:admin@helsbymethodist.org)

*Item for inclusion in the Notices should be advised before 12.00 noon on Thursday*

**Next week – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Duty Steward: **Dave Taylor**

**10.00am Pre Worship Prayer in the Oasis**

**10.30am Geof Robinson**

**6.30 pm Blakelees – Rev David Bintliff – Holy Communion**

**Viv Robinson is our Booking Secretary**, Please contact her if you need to make a booking tel.722338 or email her on [geofviv@gmail.com](mailto:geofviv@gmail.com)

**Service recordings** – Our morning services are usually recorded and available on a memory stick to be played on computer at home, or on listening devices available from Church. If you know of someone who is unable to be at this morning's service please let the Duty Steward know and we will do our best to make it available.