

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

Minister's 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.
Hearing Loop available

Sunday 16th September

Duty Steward: **John Dearden**

10.00am Pre Worship Prayer in the Oasis

10.30am Mike Ridley

6.30pm Blakelees – Dr. Judy Ford

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.” Matthew 7:7+8

Sunday 16th September 2018

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

Harvest Sunday 23rd September.

We will be decorating the church for Harvest on Saturday 22nd September (next Saturday). Your gifts of flowers and help will be gratefully appreciated. The Church will be open from 10.30am and we will be pleased to see you if you would like to come along. Please bring your harvest gifts for the **Foodbank** to the Harvest Service on Sunday 23rd.

West Cheshire Foodbank - We've had a busy couple of months and supported many local families through the summer holidays. **Our warehouse is looking very empty so now more than ever we need your support this Harvest time!** Between January and June this year we have given out 2,012 emergency food parcels supporting 4,185 people. **This is an increase of 16% compared to the same period in 2017.** The top three reasons for referral (low income, benefit delays and benefit changes) have remained consistent, although the number people referred for benefit delays has increased disproportionately reflecting the current issues many people are facing due to Universal Credit.

Help support us with food and funds this Harvest! West Cheshire Foodbank relies on donations of both food and money to help us provide the vital service of supporting people facing a crisis within communities across Chester, Ellesmere Port and Neston. Without your goodwill, we would really struggle to operate and that's why your support is needed more than ever this Harvest.

Please continue to help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide help to people in crisis: **Please see the Harvest Appeal Shopping List with these notices, as well as a donation form if you would like to donate money.**

Thank you very much from everyone at West Cheshire Foodbank.

Gladys Delap

There will be a **Service of Celebration** held here at **2.30pm on Monday 24th September** following the private family cremation at Blacon Crematorium at 1.20pm. The church will be open from **1.15pm for personal prayer** should anyone like to come before the service. Please keep all Gladys' family in your prayers at this sad time.

Church 160th Anniversary. On Sunday 18th November Helsby Methodist Church will celebrate 160 years since it opened in 1858. Rev. Dr. Keith Davies will take the service, and there will be a faith lunch afterwards.

National Prayer Weekend 28th – 30th September. Once again HMC has registered to be a part of the National Prayer Weekend. Prayer request boxes will be placed around the village where people will be able to post request slips. They will be able to email their prayer requests to us too. The church will be open on **Saturday 28th September, 2 – 8pm** for us all to pop in and pray for this wonderful community we live in. Nicola

Stop Press!!!!!!The prayer boxes have gone out into the village until Friday 28th.
Please encourage your friends to use them or to email hmcprayerline@gmail.com.

"Thank God it's Friday" – Circuit Worship @ Helsby Methodist Church
Friday 28th September , 6.30pm - Food followed by Service at 7.30pm - Everyone Welcome

Drop-in/Place of Welcome will now be open from **10.00am to 1.00pm every Friday** and will offer a light lunch of either a toastie or sandwich depending on personal preference. Please feel free to drop in for a brew and perhaps meet new friends.

Communion Servers. Over recent years we have lost a number of servers for communion. If you feel you can help in this way, please contact myself or Carol. We will still prepare and remove the sacrament but just need help in serving the communion wine. Alan Jones

Muddles Sunflower Competition

If earlier in the summer you bought a sunflower seed to grow and help Muddles Baby & Toddler Group to raise money for Ronald McDonald House at Alder Hey - a big thank you! If you would like to be in with a chance of winning, please let me know as soon as you can what height your flower has grown to by measuring from the soil level to the highest point. There are two prizes: one for an adult and one for a child so please also let me know which category you are entering. Thank you, Cath

Calling all pirates!

On **Monday 24th September**, Muddles will be holding a fun morning from 10am - 11am at Helsby Library, suitable for children aged 0-4. The theme will be pirates with songs, craft and story and there will be a small prize for the best dressed little pirate. Suggested donation of £2 per child. All proceeds will go to Ronald McDonald House at Alder Hey Children's Hospital. This is open to all in the community so please join us if you have or care for children in this age group. Please note that this will replace our normal Muddles session on that date. Thank you, Cath

The Hope Journey needs you! Once again we will be hosting our World War Two themed 'Remembering' Hope Journey. This is a morning of interactive workshops for our local primary schools which fits in with their RE syllabus and for which we require as much help as possible. It really is an excellent and enjoyable day and I encourage you to take part if you can. I will be running a very informal information evening with a chance to ask any questions on **Thursday 27th September at 7.30pm in The Link.** If you are unable to attend I will happily chat to you in person. If you have run a workshop in previous years or been a guide for example and would like to repeat the same role again, that's absolutely fine and makes life a little easier! Please just have a chat with me. The Hope Journey will run from **9am-3pm on Tuesday 16th October.** The schools will attend the workshops in the morning then we will share lunch and take down the resources in the afternoon. We will also need as many hands as possible from **2pm on Monday 15th October** to set up the resources, even if you are unable to be involved on the day. Friends from local churches who are interested are also welcome to take part so please feel free to invite them. I do hope you will be able to support this event. Many thanks, Cath .

Another date for your diary: 6th-14th November Knitted Bible Exhibition. This is an interesting exhibition of 33 bible stories which have been knitted and displayed. We will need a bit of help with this please as people come to enjoy it. It would be good if we could have some guides to help people who are not familiar with these stories, also story reader/tellers to help the children from local schools. Of course we will need tea/coffee makers as well as welcomers. If you feel you can help in any way please speak to Lucy or Dave Penny

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.

Hospitality and Service. As many of you will be aware, some within our community are struggling to attend church due to transport troubles. If you are able to offer the "Gift of a Lift" to other friends within the community, please could you have a word with a steward.

Lifts Home If you would like a lift home, please speak to a steward before the service.

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.

Activities for the Week Ahead	
Monday 17th	Muddles 10.00am – 12.00 noon 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>
Tuesday 18th	Tuesday Morning Housegroup 10.00am – 12.00 noon in The Link <i>(Chris Critchley 722094)</i> Walking Football for the over 55's 5.00pm – 6.00pm at Frodsham Leisure Centre £3.00 Fellowship Group @ The Manse. 7.30pm for tea and fellowship.
Wednesday 19th	Steve Lightfoot's Housegroup 8pm at 184 Chester Road (Rachel's House) <i>(Steve Lightfoot 723071)</i>
Thursday 20th	Muddles 9.30am – 11.30am in the Link followed by: Church Mice 11.30am – 12 noon in Church <i>(Cath Clarke 727217)</i> Church Council 7.30pm in The Link
Friday 21st	"Time For Prayer" 9.30am – 10.00am in Church Friday Drop-in 10am – 1pm in The Link (including a light lunch of either a toastie or sandwich) <i>(Church Office 727217)</i>

Rota Duties	This Week	Next Week
Welcoming Stewards	Gill Cope Carol Ann Lockett	Janet Mather Gill Lockett
Tea	Colin Holden Catherine Holden	Janet Mather Gill Lockett
Sound desk	Steve Hughes	Colin Holden
Reader	Colin Holden	Janet Mather
Flowers	Denise Kidd	Jo Taylor
Foodbank Rota	David Critchley	Rob Wigmore

Church Office

Our new email address is 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.uk

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

Next week – Sunday 23rd September

Duty Steward: **Dave Taylor**

10.00am Pre Worship Prayer in the Oasis

10.30am Rev'd David Bintliff – All Age - Harvest

6.30pm Blakelees – John Bell

Save the date - The **annual quiz night** at the Community Centre will be on Saturday 17th November at 7pm. More details to follow. Simon