

"Counsellor"

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 2nd December – Advent Sunday

Duty Steward: Dave Taylor

9.00am Rev'd David Bintliff- Holy Communion

10.00am Pre Worship Prayer in the Oasis

10.30am Rev'd David Bintliff – Alternative Service

6.30pm Blakelees – Rev'd David Bintliff- Holy Communion

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
Isaiah 9:6



Sunday 2nd December 2018

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

The funeral service for **Joan Penney** will be held here on Thursday 13th December at 1pm followed by cremation at Blacon Crematorium at 2pm. Please keep Marshall and Joan's family in your prayers at this sad time.

The Church Rota for the next quarter is now available in the church entrance for those people who have not had an email copy. Also, the new **Circuit Newsletters** are available today. Please pick up your copy in the Church entrance. Thanks Heather

Muddles Rota. We have a **shortage of helpers** particularly on a Thursday. If you can spare a couple of hours from 9.30am - 11.30am (approximately) on either of those dates or you would be interested in joining either the Monday or Thursday rota, please don't hesitate to have a word with me. Duties involve making drinks for the adults on arrival, preparing a snack for the children and washing up. It's also a wonderful opportunity to chat to and get to know the families that are part of our wider church community. Alternatively you could drop in to Muddles one morning and see what is involved. Many thanks, Cath Clarke

Our next **Church Council Meeting** is on Thursday 6th December. Members of the Church Council should have received an agenda. Please could all our Church Family continue to hold this meeting and its members in their prayers. Janet

The **collection envelopes** for next year are now available. If any one doesn't need them any more please return them to myself and if any one would like to join the scheme or sign up for Gift Aid to talk to Jon or myself. Colin Holden.

As the Wigmores will shortly be relocating to Hexham, **Bos needs a volunteer to take over liaising with the paid cleaner.** It is not an onerous task - just 'keeping an eye' on things and sorting out occasional problems that might arise. If you feel you are able to do this please see Bos or a member of the property committee.

Candle Money Boxes are now available in the church entrance. Please pick one up, fill and return by **Sunday 23rd December** or bring to the **Christingle Service on Christmas Eve.** *Heather*

This **Christmas** we will be promoting "**Reverse Advent Calendar**" to help our local Foodbank. This will be instead of making up Operation Christmas Child "shoeboxes". See 2018 Flyer for the **items most needed this Christmas, and for more information on what this entails.** If you would like any shoeboxes to use for this, we have loads left from last year, please see Heather Oulton. Also, there is more info in the new Foodbank Newsletter recently given out .



West Cheshire Foodbank The donation to the **Foodbank** for their Harvest Appeal totalled 192.40kgs. Your food donations have enabled us to continue supporting people in need in our local community. Many Thanks from The West Cheshire Foodbank Team (letter on notice board in The Link).

Please continue to help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide help to people in crisis: **The Warehouse is currently low on Tinned Potatoes, instant custard, instant mash, UHT Juice ,UHT Milk and toiletries (Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste and toilet rolls)and would hugely appreciate it if you could consider including this in future donations.**

Other items needed: Instant Mashed Potato, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Meat and Fish, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Potatoes, Pot Noodles, Tinned Fruit, Jams and Spreads, Tinned Soup. Tinned Potatoes, Biscuits, Tinned/ Instant Custard, Pasta Sauces, Cuppa Soups, Instant Coffee, Instant Pasta, UHT Milk, UHT Fruit Juice
Thank you very much from everyone at West Cheshire Foodbank.

Communication:

In consultation with the Congregation, Church Council and Leadership Team, It has been decided to share information with the congregation of conversations both at the Leadership Team and the Church Council meetings. Dates of Leadership Team meetings will be published in the notices and should anyone wish for a matter to be discussed please can they contact Rev'd David Bintliff or a steward.

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.

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

Rota Duties	This Week	Next Week
Welcoming Stewards	Kate Wood Janet Mather	Thelma Abel Gill Lockett
Tea	Janet Mather Gill Lockett	Colin Holden Catherine Holden
Sound desk	Steve Hughes	Colin Holden
Reader	Kate Wood	Carol Ann Lockett
Flowers	Advent	Advent
Foodbank Rota	Geof Robinson	Colin Holden

Activities for the Week Ahead	
Monday 3rd	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 4th	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
Wednesday 5th	Ladies Evening Group 7.30pm in The Link. (Denise Kidd 723162) “Christmas Party”
Thursday 6th	Muddles 9.30am – 11.30am in the Link followed by: Mice from 11.30am – 12.00noon in Church (<i>Cath Clarke 727217</i>) Church Council 7.30pm in The Link.
Friday 7th	“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>)



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 9th December

Duty Steward: John Dearden

10.00am Pre Worship Prayer in the Oasis

10.30am Mr Ron Davies

2.00pm Community Carol Service – Rev'd David Bintliff

6.30pm Blakelees – Local Arrangement

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.