

# 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

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## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Duty Steward: **John Dearden**

- 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 – Elizabeth Holmes

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*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."*

*Mark 12: 29-31*

## **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

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

**Remembrance Poppies** are now available in the church entrance on the table

### **New Church Rota**

The new church rota is out soon. If anyone who is usually on the rota is unavailable anytime over December to February please let Jane Futter know as soon as possible.

The **Circuit Plans** for the next quarter are available to day in the Church Entrance.

**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*

**Claire Morton is going to Ethiopia on 3rd November** for one week together with a team from Glan Clwyd Hospital and a colleague from Cardiff. She would be very grateful for prayers for the whole team who will be there over 2 weeks. Could people pray for safety and that their work will be effective in supporting the staff and patients of Hosanna Hospital?

**Ho Ho Helsby Saturday - 1<sup>st</sup> December.** We have been invited to sing carols at The Courtyard in Lower Rake Lane as part of a traditional themed area of the festival serving mulled wine and mince pies. We would be starting the event off at around 12.30/1pm and we'd sing for around 45 minutes. This is another opportunity to serve our community and raise money for our charities. We would need a group about the same size as goes down to sing at Tescos. If you are interested please speak to Nicola.

A poster displaying some of the photos from our recent schools' event '**The Hope Journey**' is on the noticeboard in The Link. This includes some of the feedback from teaching staff and the children who attended so please take a look at it! Thank you once again to all who were involved. Cath Clarke

**Thank you** to anyone who supported in any way our **Muddles Baby & Toddler Group** fundraising events over the last few months. The combined total from our sunflower growing competition and our pirate parties amounted to £188.20 and will go directly to Ronald McDonald House at Alder Hey Children's Hospital. We look forward to continuing to raise much needed money for this charity which provides accommodation for families whilst their child is in hospital. Cath Clarke

**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

**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

**There will be a Pastoral Visitors Meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November @1pm in The Link. If you are not available please let Heather know.**

**6th-14th November Knitted Bible Exhibition.** This is an interesting exhibition of 33 bible stories which have been knitted and displayed. The exhibition is on loan from St George's United Reformed Church, Hartlepool where it was created in 2008. **The exhibition will be on display: Tuesday 6th to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm , 2pm-5pm Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm, Sunday 2pm to 5pm , Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm , 2pm - 5pm.** Light refreshments will be available, Entry is free but donations will be welcome to St Georges Church

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

This year the **Memorial Service will be at St Paul's Church at 6.30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> November.** November is a time of commemorating those who have died giving their life for their country and so we also remember family and friends who have died more recently. Revd. Graham Green and Revd. David Bintliff will be sharing together in a Memorial Service at 6.30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> November, when we will be remembering those who have died during the last twelve months. This invitation is extended to anyone who might wish to share in remembering the special person in your life whose memory is dear to you. This service will be short, probably around 45 minutes, during which the Roll of Remembrance will be read and you will be invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of your loved one.

This **Christmas** we will be promoting "**Reverse Advent Calendar**" to help our local Foodbank. This will be instead of making up Operation Christmas Child "shoebboxes". There will be more info of the **items most needed this Christmas** next month, but please see flyer with some suggestions from last year. Heather

### **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.

**Dropin/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.

**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

### Forthcoming Events

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Singing at Tesco 6.30pm – 7.30pm**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Community Carol Service. 2.00pm**

Join us for a fun, informal carol singing event featuring local school choirs!  
Led by Revd David Bintliff and followed by refreshments.

**Sunday 23rd December -Carol Service 10.30am**

followed by refreshments including mince pies

**Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve Christingle Service 4.00pm**

The story of the first Christmas - with sweets, candles, oranges! Start Christmas with the festive fun event. Followed by drinks and mince pies

**Tuesday 25th December – Christmas Day ‘ The Hurst, Kingsley  
Christmas Family Celebration 10.00am**

	<b>Activities for the Week Ahead</b>
<b>Monday 5th</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 6th</b>	<b>Tuesday Morning Housegroup</b> 10.00am – 12.00 noon in The Link ( <i>Chris Critchley 722094</i> ) <b>Walking Football for the over 55's</b> 5.00pm – 6.00pm at Frodsham Leisure Centre £3.00 <b>Fellowship Group @The Manse 7.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 7th</b>	<b>Mid-Week Service @ The Windings</b> 1.30pm in The Community Room. <b>Ladies Evening Group</b> 7.30pm in The Link. ( <i>Denise Kidd 723162</i> ) “ <i>Visit to Auistralia – Christine and david Critchley</i> ”
<b>Thursday 8th</b>	<b>Muddles</b> 9.30am – 11.30am in the Link followed by: <b>Mice</b> from 11.30am – 12.00noon in Church ( <i>Cath Clarke 727217</i> )
<b>Friday 9th</b>	“ <b>Time For Prayer</b> ” 9.30am – 10.00am in Church <b>Friday Drop-in</b> 10am – 1pm in The Link (including a light lunch of either a toastie or sandwich) ( <i>Church Office 727217</i> )