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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 December
Duty Steward: Lloyd Richards

10.00am Pre Worship Prayer in the Oasis
10.30am Rev'd Christine Jones – Holy Communion
6.30pm Blakelees – Elizabeth Holmes

"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."

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Sunday 16th December 2018

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

Today we welcome Rev'd Christine Jones .

The Manse Fellowship Group is having a Christmas break and will start again on Tuesday 15 January @ 7.30pm

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Christingle Making. We will be making this years Christingles on **Saturday 22nd December** in **The Link from 2pm**. Come and help if you can. Everyone is welcome.

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*

If you are able to provide some nice refreshments for after the Carol Service on 23rd December and/or the Christingle Service on 24th December, these would be very much appreciated.Please speak to Heather if you can provide any cakes etc. for either of these .

The No Rehearsal Nativity Shepherds, angels, wise men and animals are required for our nativity play which will take place during the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm. This year we will be having a 'No Rehearsal Nativity' which means that if you, your children or your grandchildren would like to take part then all you have to do is turn up in costume on the day. There are no lines to be learned. Please note that the only parts that are already cast are Mary, Joseph and the Angel Gabriel but spare children's costumes for the other parts will be available to borrow. If you would like any further information, please have a word with me or email: cathclarke.hmc@gmail.com Many thanks, Cath

Muddles Rotas 2019
Copies of the Muddles rotas are available on the porch table for those who do not already receive them by email. If anyone not already on the rota is able to help out in the kitchen at Muddles, there are several dates on a Thursday in the new year, where we are desperate for helpers, so please speak to Cath Clarke if you can help or would like to know more details.
May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who supports Muddles throughout the year and to wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas. Cath

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.

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New Homes Welcome Leaflet. We need some volunteers to do a letter drop to the new homes in Helsby in the New Year. If you can help with this please see a steward or Rev David.

We also need volunteers for distributing the **Knitted Angels** into the village on or after next Sunday. Please see David Critchley if you can help.

This **Christmas** we are promoting **"Reverse Advent Calendar"** to help our local Foodbank. 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 take a box from the entrance. 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.
N.B. Last day for Christmas Donations is Friday 21st December.

Rota Duties	This Week	Next Week
Welcoming Stewards	Gill Cope Carol Ann Lockett	Rosemary Oulton Phyllis Bickerton
Tea	Marjorie Chevalier Margaret Marcroft	Nicola Lightfoot Steve Lightfoot
Sound desk	Celia Smith	Ian oulton
Reader	Celia Smith	Helena Richards
Flowers	Advent	Advent
Foodbank Rota	Lucy Penny	Andrea Walker

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

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	Activities for the Week Ahead
Monday 17th	**Muddles Party 10.30**am – 12.00 noon in the Link. *(Cath Clarke 727217)*
Tuesday 18th	**Tuesday Morning Housegroup** 10.00am – 12.00 noon in The Link *(Chris Critchley 722094)* **Walking Football for the over 55's** 5.00pm – 6.00pm at Frodsham Leisure Centre £3.00
Wednesday 19th	
Thursday 20th	**Muddles Party** .10.30am – 11.30am 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) *(Church Office 727217)*

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 December
Duty Steward: Michelle Heald

10.00am Pre Worship Prayer in the Oasis
10.30am Rev'd David Bintliff- All Age Worship– Carol Service
2.30pm Blakelees – Rev'd David Bintliff – Carol Service