

Helsby Methodist Church



Notices Sunday 20th August 2023

This Weeks Services

This Sunday, 20th August - Morning Worship at 10.30am will be led by Mr Andrew Ellams

Next Sunday, 27th August - Morning Worship at 10.30am will be led by Mr Mike Ridley

Please keep Greta and Don Watkin in your prayers as they are both suffering with their health, Greta is currently undergoing a course of radiotherapy, and would appreciate some prayer support from the church family. .

A Call for Volunteers

October Messy Church – Harvest Festival

Following the success of our Messy Easter session in conjunction with the local Helsby Squirrels, we are aiming to hold a **Messy Harvest** Session on **Thursday 19th October from 6-7 pm** (this is the usual Squirrels meeting time. We are planning to provide 4 or 5 fun crafts / activities together with a light snack. The idea is for each activity to have helper from Church together with a helper from Squirrels to welcome and assist the children.

If you can come along on the evening to help out, please contact Nicola (07526365138) or Heather (Church Office 01928727217) to add your name to the volunteer list.

Children – There will be no Stay and Play in August but will return on **Monday 4th September** 9.30am till 11.30am.

Friday Drop In - Friday morning 10am to 12.00noon, with fellowship and cheese toasties.

Service @ The Windings - with Nicola – Tuesdays fortnightly from 12.30pm (chat) and 1pm (service). **The next service is on 22nd August with Holy Communion.**

Ladies Evening Group - Wednesday 6th September 7.30pm

The topic is Hob Hey Wood. And the speaker: Mark O'Sullivan

We are a small, friendly group who would love to welcome new members, please come along and see what you think of us. Karen

At our Annual Church Meeting in May we voted on which 2 charities to choose to donate to this year.

The chosen organisations are **national/local -Spider Project/Cafe71 in Chester** who offer telephone and face to face support to people with mental health needs and **internationally The Smile Train**, who help with surgical repair needed for people who have cleft palate and hair lip impairment. We already regularly support **Lend with Care** and **West Cheshire Foodbank** (many thanks again for your monetary, time and food gifts).

There are details on the notice board near drinks area in the Link and some leaflets on the table near the main door. Thanks everyone, Michelle x

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Helsby Community Link Hub - Progress Report

The volunteer drive has been very successful and the team combination of church and community volunteers have been meeting regularly to discuss plans, agree objectives, form a safer recruitment process for new volunteers and take the necessary steps towards opening.

The Hub plans to open officially on Monday 11th September, although it has already helped a couple of people who presented during the planning stages. The intention is start softly and adapt to the needs of the local community. The food pantry is in place and is well stocked and will work in partnership with West Cheshire Foodbank.

To develop volunteer training, we have joined the Cheshire West Voluntary Action group who run monthly courses on various subjects and we continue to expand our network and form relationships with other support groups in the area to effectively signpost people to the most appropriate service.

The next team meeting is on Monday 4th September at 12.00 midday for a familiarisation session prior to opening and to discuss options for promoting the Hub.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported this initiative and to those who give to the Foodbank.

Nicola



We are having to purchase a significant amount of food to meet demand which is not sustainable long term. We are asking for your continued help to support those in financial poverty in our communities. See link below or type in West Cheshire Foodbank on facebook, as well as other information of what they are doing to help our community. For a full list of needs visit <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/>

Thank you. Ian

West Cheshire Foodbank Urgent needs this week.

Our collection box is in the Church entrance, just bring something along to church and pop in the box.

Ian

Urgently needed this week are: small coffee jars/ sachets, custards, jams and spreads, meat and fish pastes, powdered potato mash, sweet biscuits, tinned meat meals .

Old Glasses - If you have any old spectacles you don't want, can you please bring them to church and put in the box in the entrance. We have a contact with the local Lions club who will organize distribution to those who are in need. Thanks Heather