

**Helsby Methodist Church**   
**Notices Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Services for the this week and next week**

**This Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, there will be Morning Worship @ 10.30am, including Holy Communion, led by Rev Alison Crookes.**

**Next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, there will be Morning Worship @ 10.30am, led by Mrs Anne Hanks .**

**Children – Stay and Play are having an Easter break and will return on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 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 10.15 am Service.**

**The next service will be on 9th April 2024 .**

**Gift Day 20<sup>th</sup> April from 10am**

For some time, the property group have been struggling to complete necessary repairs to the church as our income barely covers the day to day running costs. At the last Church Council meeting the trustees agreed to have a **Gift Day** to help raise money to implement specific infrastructure projects. Details of these projects can be found in the attached document. **The Gift Day** has been set for Saturday 20th April, with the link being open for tea, cake and fellowship from 10AM, and an opportunity for quiet reflection within the church. If you are unable to make the Gift Day but would like to provide a gift, then please see a steward."

**Easter Offering Envelopes**

There are still Easter Offering Envelopes in the Church Entrance, if you haven't picked one up yet. Please return via the collection basket in the next few weeks. See more details about the service on 28<sup>th</sup> April below.

**Readers on a Sunday Morning**

We have a shortened list of volunteers, at the moment, so would welcome some extra readers. If anyone would like to volunteer to be a reader, please contact Heather in the church office or one of the stewards, and they will give you more details.

**Ladies Evening Group** We meet monthly in **The Link, the meeting starts at 7.30pm** and are usually away by 9pm, depending on how much chatter occurs. We will be pleased to welcome any new members, please just turn up on the night. The next meeting will be **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** when the speaker will be **Peter Gaskin , and the theme is "Role of a Humanist"**. Karen

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**Advanced Notice**

**Tidy Up Morning – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am onwards.** We will start the day with fellowship over a bacon butty, More details to follow nearer the time. Jon Ford

**Easter Offering Circuit Service**

**“But let justice roll on like a river,  
righteousness like a never-failing stream!” (Amos 5:24, NIV)**

**This year our Circuit service will be held at Kelsall Methodist Church  
on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. Please see *poster in Church Entrance.***

Methodist Women in Britain, as a justice-seeking charity, has chosen the theme ‘**Let Justice Roll**’ for this year’s Easter Offering Service. This service tells stories of people standing for justice, persisting in the face of setbacks and taking up the challenge anew as circumstances change. Some stories show how people now have hope because justice has ‘rolled’ into their lives.

**Let Justice Roll** offers churches, circuits and districts a celebration of God’s just purposes across the wider world. It includes the dedication of the Easter Offering, all of which goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain, supporting and working with over 100 Partner Churches and organisations around the world.

**Food Collection Volunteers.**

Would you consider joining our team by volunteering for a maximum of one hour per week on either Monday, Wednesday or Friday to collect food donations from the donation trolley in Helsby Tesco and delivering to Helsby Community Link hub based at Helsby Methodist Church. This requires you to be a driver. If so, please contact Margaret on 07932 906739 or email [mplum87@btinternet.com](mailto:mplum87@btinternet.com).

**Helsby Community Link Hub**

Please keep the Community Hub in your prayers. We are helping many local people. It is often difficult to ask for help and so now we are considering ways to raise awareness within the community.

**Please pray for us to find those people in need who maybe behind closed doors.**

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

**West Cheshire Foodbank**

**A big thankyou to HMC for supporting West Cheshire Foodbank in 2023. We have collected 3126 Kg and supported 240 people. Please see certificate on the board in The Link. Ian**

Please continue to support our foodbank , we’d be really grateful!

For more info, visit <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/> or email us on [finance@westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:finance@westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk). Thank you.

**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:**

**Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat Meals, UHT Juices, Instant Mash .**