



THE HERALD



The Methodist Church in Poynton

NOVEMBER 2018



Delivered by
your pastoral visitor, who can be contacted on.....

Our Church Family encourages everyone...

- **To come to worship God who loves us**
- **To follow Jesus Christ our Saviour**
- **To grow in fellowship, joy and love, and**
- **To go out, share the Good News and serve in the world.**

ON LOANE

November 2018

Just a little chinwag!

It's a great privilege to journey with you during these months as you wait for your new minister, Ros, in the Spring.

I am often asked why I should be doing this when I should be enjoying retirement! My reply is very simple: I love ministry! 'Happy if with my latest breath I might but gasp His name, preach Him to all and cry in death, "Behold! behold the Lamb!"

It's a great joy to concentrate on two subjects for six months consistent teaching: Ephesians (grace) and the Holy Spirit. I am learning with you the immensity of God's love for us.

What are my priorities?

Preaching.

The charge from the Lord was "Preach the word..." (2 Timothy 4.2). Nothing delights me more than preaching/teaching His word. Gospel preaching is not in eloquence or with superior wisdom but in demonstrating the Spirit's power through the weakness and vulnerability of the preacher. I'm delighted already when some of you have responded and share the passion with me.

Caring

I am convinced that visiting people in their own environment and understanding their situation is the key to pastoral, constructive preaching. You spend more time out of Church than in it so it's a paramount job to 'equip and train and encourage' you in your daily

ministry where you are (Ephesians 4.11-12). *Your real life is in the home, the work place, the leisure pursuits, the clubs and organisations you attend.*

Equipping

Each believer has been given a gift from the Lord. It is the Pastor's job to unlock the reserved, the hesitant, the proud hearts and release them for service. There is no greater pleasure than to see individuals 'moved' by God to take bold steps in faith and trust. 'He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose!'

Hudson Taylor said: "God's work done in God's ways will never lack God's resources!"

Your friend at all times,

Wesley



CAROL SINGING



This year we will be going singing around the care homes and sheltered accommodation on the afternoon of Thursday 13th December leaving church at 1.30pm.

If you can join us, please keep the date free and give your name to **Hilary Parry** (873674) so that she will know that you are coming.

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**SUNDAY SERVICES AT POYNTON
IN NOVEMBER**

Date	10.30am UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED	
4 th November	9.00am Med	Rev Wesley Loane HC
11 th	Stewart Bradley	
18 th	9.00am HC Rev John Payne	Adrian Law Mosaic
25 th	Rev Wesley Loane	
25 th	6.00pm Circuit Service at Dialstone Lane	
2 nd December	9.00am Med	Rev Wesley Loane HC

**SUNDAY SERVICES AT GREEN CLOSE
IN NOVEMBER**

Date	2.30 pm
4 th November	Rev Wesley Loane HC
11 th	Rev John Payne
18 th	Martyn Bennett
25 th	Phil Maltby
25 th	6.00pm Circuit Service at Dialstone Lane
2 nd December	Rev Wesley Loane HC

HC Holy Communion HF Harvest Festival
Woodlands 11.00am. 14th October Chris Hawkyard

PRAYER GROUP



Meets every Tuesday morning at 9.45am and on the third Tuesday (**20th November**) at 9.00am in the Kingfisher where we hold a prayer breakfast. This informal, welcoming group encourages you to try us out.

PRAYER

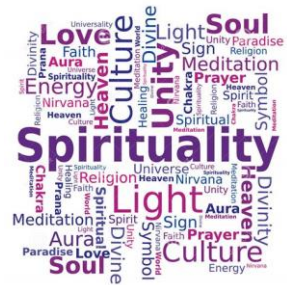


There are many opportunities for prayer in our church and you will be very welcome to join any of the following groups: -

Midday prayers are said every weekday in the church prayer corner at 12.00 noon. There is a prayer list on the cupboard door near the front entrance. Jean Drinkwater would be happy to add your name to our rota.

MEDITATION

There will be a time of silent meditation on the first Sunday in each month at 9.00am. After 30 minutes of reflection, we share our thoughts if we feel able. We invite you to come along to a different experience of God's presence. All are welcome. Next time it is on **4th November**.



WEEKDAY WORSHIP



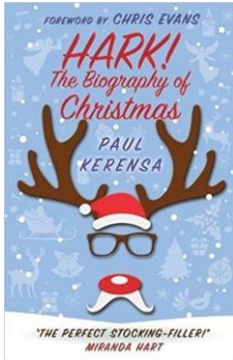
The first Tuesday **in November is 6th**. There will be a service at noon on that day followed by a simple lunch. All are very welcome to this 30min service that caters for shoppers, passers-by and everyone who is available and wishes to take an extra opportunity to worship.

THURSDAY COMMUNION

This is always on the **third** Thursday of the month at midday followed by a light lunch. See you there on **15th November**.



Our Church Family encourages everyone to Follow Jesus Christ Our Saviour...



'Hark!' The biography of Christmas by Paul Kerensa, published by LIM Books at £7.99.

Paul Kerensa is a British Comedy Award-winning writer and comedian. The foreword to the book is by Chris Evans. This is a history book (not your typical one) going right back before the Nativity to seek out the pagan festivals that were celebrated each winter. Paul then looks at how the church adapted these festivals and established Christmas as the annual event it is today.

Here is the story of how Oliver Cromwell got a law passed to ban Christmas. There is mention of Christmas in Victorian times followed by the way Christmas was celebrated in wartime. The traditions associated with Christmas are also mentioned.

Each chapter of the book covers a particular period of history and there are pictures at the end of each one. If you like reading about Christmas there is a bibliography containing several other books on the subject. At the end of the book there is a Christmas quiz.

This book is an easy read with jokes thrown in along the way. It would make an excellent stocking-filler.



VISION NEEDS THE LIGHT

The other day I was in the office when the phone rang – it was “Open Doors” offering to send us a free AAW worship pack, I never refuse a freebie!

The woman on the line asked if she could pray for me and prayed such a beautiful prayer, asking that God would give me encouragement and vision. This really struck home, as over the past weeks a verse from Proverbs had kept coming back into my mind prompting me to start praying for a vision regarding the children and families work at PMC. [(KJV) Proverbs 29.18 “Where there is no vision the people perish.”]

A couple of weeks later I was at a leaders' meeting for YC and Evolve and I mentioned this phone call and how it tied in with what God seemed to be saying to me. Denise said that a friend from PBC said that things had really moved on for them spiritually after they joined the 24-7 prayer movement. Another coincidence? I had heard about 24-7 prayer at the lay workers conference in the spring at a seminar entitled “Praying as you can, not as you can't”. The speaker was Brian Heasley, their international prayer director, and was so down to earth I was really impressed.

I would like you all to ponder this and pray about it. Could this be part of the answer to my prayer for vision for this church? I have always been impressed by the prayer life here. Maybe God is calling us to a deeper level?

To explore what it means to be a partner of 24-7 go to: **www.24-7prayer.com** Alternatively there is an article written by Steve Wild on the Methodist Church website: **www.methodist.org.uk** Type 24/7 prayer into the search box.

Annie Truman

HYMNOLOGY ON A MONDAY MORNING - 36

"Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart" StF 545

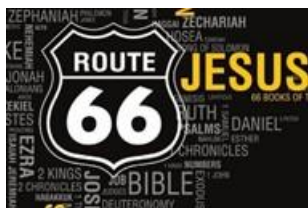
Words - Irish (18th Century) translated by Mary Byrne (1880-1931) and Eleanor Hull (1860-1935).

These two ladies gave us this beautiful prayer hymn: Mary Byrne had translated an Irish poem into English prose, and her colleague Eleanor Hull turned the prose back into poetry. Lesley Garret said "As a singer, all I am is a conduit for something much greater than all of us."

As, in congregation we sing, we become a conduit for something greater. We pray that when we sing such hymns as this we can be given a glimpse of the Kingdom of God.
(Joshua 13.33. 1 Corinthians 1.30. Ephesians 6.11,14.)

Theo Eaves

This article contains extracts from 'The Nation's Favourite Hymns' 2004 by Andrew Barr published by Lion Publishing. Used with permission of Lion Hudson plc



FORTHCOMING DATES

Catharine Hughes continues her discussions and exchange of views in this interesting series to which you can come when you can because each session is stand-alone. Please pop in next time – you will probably enjoy it!

7th November

Living Poetically

Psalms

21st November

Living discerningly

Proverbs

5th December

Living prophetically

Malachi

We then have a break until 16th January.

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THANK YOU LETTERS



I am writing to thank everyone for the lovely flowers I received just after I came home from hospital. I had a fall in the garden and fell flat on my face fracturing my nose and left cheekbone. I looked like someone who had done several rounds with a boxer (the concrete had won). Thank you for thinking of me,

Anne Horrocks

We would like to thank all our friends at church for your good wishes, cards and flowers on the birth of our granddaughter Sophie Charlotte. With love from **Peter and Rowena Thorp**

Thank you so much to everybody who sent cards and greetings to us on our Golden wedding anniversary. Thank you also for the flowers received from church that special weekend.

Jean and Roger Drinkwater

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

I am well, but very busy, with 8 courses to run this trimester, and 260 students in just one: the university-wide course in 'Christian Beliefs', which is compulsory for all - a great privilege and a great opportunity at the same time.

With best wishes,

Peter Ensor

Golden Weddings

Last month we mentioned three Golden Wedding Anniversaries, but we did not know at the time of a fourth – so we now offer our belated congratulations to **Jean and Alan Rashleigh**, who were also married in that vintage year of 1968.



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My Ref: Ceremonial/VC

17th October 2018

Dear Mr Rashleigh

RE: Thank you

On behalf of the Mayoress and myself I would like to thank you for inviting us to the Harvest Festival Service on the 14th October. We apologise again about our late arrival, but once there we had a wonderful day and felt very welcomed.

We have always appreciated the relationship between The Emmanuel Church and Centre and Poynton Methodist Church and so this was a very special visit for us.

Thank you also for your generous food donation which will go to the local needy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R Wilson".

Councillor Ronald Wilson
The Right Worshipful, the Ceremonial Mayor of the City of Salford

HARVEST - INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST

What a fantastic Harvest display again this year!

Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way with the knitted gifts, donations and/or transport costs.



We have sent 6 large bags of blankets plus 14 sealed bags with either one or more blankets within, 1 bag of knitted squares, 3 bags hats, 4 bags matching hat/scarf sets, 1 bag of jumpers, 2 bags of scarves, 1 bag of sleeveless jumpers, 1 bag of baby clothes, 1 bag of socks.

We also sent toiletries including 1 bag toothbrushes, 1 bag of facecloths, 2 bags soap and 4 bags of toothpaste. We also had 7 bags of sanitary pads.



PMC donated £100 towards transport costs and Green Close £50.

We shout a big **THANK YOU** to all.

In preparation for next year, we need donations of double knitting wool in any colour. Also, we welcome knitted or crocheted squares of any size as volunteers at IAT are able to make these up into blankets.

Hilary Parry (873674) and **Liz Baker** (403787).



LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

On **20th September** Emma Owen spoke on "Knowing my True Identity". It was a very interesting talk by someone who has had a varied life having been a Policewomen and now a member of the "The Message Trust". For more details, there has been an article in the Poynton Post from The Baptist Church about the The Message Trust

On **4th October** "The Stockport Ukulele Band" came to entertain us. 8 players were present. It was a good evening, and we enjoyed the singalong. Thank you to everyone who attended.

A representative of the North West Air Ambulance Charity visited us on **8th October**. We had a very interesting talk and a short video from our speaker Mr. Victor Crawford.

We were given lots of facts and figures for us to take in, but just a couple to remind people who were present: due to the support they have received this year they have completed 2,058 Missions, making a total of over 22,000 missions since they began in 1999. Their 3 helicopters are based in two areas, two at Barton Aerodrome, and 1 at Blackpool.

Mr Crawford told us that we would probably see more of him in the future, as the Methodist Church he attends is in Macclesfield.

On **1st November** Jane Hadfield will be coming along to show us how to do some "Creative Crafting" Brenda Oakey will be leading the meeting.

Then on **15th November** Mandy Hawkyard will be coming to enlarge on "**I Support...**" Anne Hindle will be leading the meeting.

All our meetings start at 7.45pm. New and returning members are always warmly welcomed.

Sandra Townsend

PROPERTY UPDATE

- A new clock has been fitted in the Minister's office.
- A repair has been carried out to flagstones in the play area.
- Repair to the lock on gents W.C. in main church.
- A support bar has been fitted at the step to the sound desk.

LEAKS IN THE CHURCH ROOF

As some of you may be aware there are leaks in the church roof in the lobby area and in the main church near to the sound desk. We are currently seeking estimates for the repair work with contractors. One of the issues arising is the work schedule of contractors, many being booked up until February 2019. We are awaiting two responses. It may be necessary to live with the problem for a while. To this end there are buckets in strategic positions. If they are getting full, please empty them. If a leak starts, please place a bucket underneath it.

CARPET IN LOBBY AREA

This carpet is now showing its age due to wear and tear. Various 'bobbles' in the carpet have appeared over the years which have been repaired. We are looking at various solutions from carpet tiles over a limited area, a new carpet for the entrance hall and small corridor or vinyl tiles. A decision has not yet been made but will have cost implications either way.

TOILET LIGHT (Gents W.C.)

We are aware there is a flashing fluorescent light in the above toilet. A new unit is required and it will be fixed very soon.

Derek Garner for Property Committee

RE - CYCLING OPPORTUNITY

I have a set of bicycle panniers/frame in excellent condition. They are free to a good home. Please contact **Derek Garner on 01625 876336**.



A spectacular Christmas treat by Springs Dance Company

SATURDAY

1st DECEMBER at 7pm

Tickets: £10 Adults, £5 Children, £25 Family (2 adults, up to 3 children)

Available from PMC, Civic Car Park, Park Lane, Poynton, SK12 1RB

Phone: 01625 871592 Email: office@poyntonmethodist.org

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Journey of the Magi is a sparkling Christmas production of dance, theatre, song and poetry, inspired by T S Eliot's poem. A reminder not only of the famous journey the wise men made following the star to Jesus, but also of the journey each of us makes every year in preparing for Christmas day. A mix of laugh-out-loud funny, moving and entertaining scenes offer a chance to reflect and refocus. Enjoyed by children and adults alike.

Springs Dance Company is a vibrant contemporary dance organisation bringing creative and engaging dance to a diverse range of venues and communities. Founded 39 years ago, they are one of the longest-established dance companies in the UK.

'Forget The Nutcracker, Springs Dance Company's Journey of the Magi is the best Christmas show I have ever seen! I went along to see it one dark, wet and dismal night in Birmingham and I came out having been touched, amused and moved to tears. Journey of the Magi looks beyond the tinsel and trappings and reveals the real meaning of Christmas.'

David Bintley CBE, Artistic Director, Birmingham Royal Ballet


The Methodist Church
 in Poynton

This is a fundraising event for the Poynton Methodist Church **Houses for Haiti** project. We have committed to raising £7,500 before next March. This is the cost of one of the houses that Christian Aid have been building to re-house people after the recent earthquake and hurricanes.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

WOBBLES

(the October view of the candidating procedure)

Thank you, all, for your words of support and encouragement since my article in last month's Herald. It has been unbelievably flattering and would be a lot easier to take if I shared your confidence. I have certainly had wobbles this month, as those who dealt with me bursting into tears at the drop of a hat the other week will attest to! The message to me that week was *trust*. Trust God. He's in control. (It's just that sometimes I'd like him to be a bit more obvious in showing me what it is I'm supposed to do!)

I have now met with my Portfolio Mentor and my Placement Supervisor, and by the time you read this I will have taken my two assessed services and completed most of my twenty hours of placement. The latter is to be in Wythenshawe, which will be quite a contrast to Poynton! These are all taking me away from being with you on a Sunday morning, which is a loss to me.

Being Methodist, of course, for everything there is a form and a procedure to follow. My service assessors have had to battle with the Form C3, which seems to ask questions about a candidate that cannot be judged from observing a service. Oh, the joys of Methodist bureaucracy!

My big deadline is 4th December, when my 8000-word portfolio needs to be physically on the desk of someone in London. (A Methodist Candidates Office desk, to be specific - not just anywhere!)



To date I've written about 1500 words, so November is going to involve getting my head down and actually putting thoughts on paper.

This month's prayer pointers:

- For peace of mind and heart that I'm doing the right thing
- For plenty of tea and biscuits to get me through the reading, writing and editing required
- For our visit to Queen's College, Birmingham on 17th November (Stephen, Eleanor & myself)
- For the right words to say at the Circuit Meeting on 29th November

And continued prayers for Stephen, Matthew and Eleanor, who are the people on the frontline of my wobbles. They tolerate the rollercoaster of my emotions remarkably well, particularly given they have their own life-changing events over the next year. I couldn't even start this without them.

Catharine Hughes

POYNTON BOARD GAME DAY

Our next event is on **Saturday 5 January 2019, 2.00-10.00pm.**

As usual: games, cakes and a lot of fun. What better way to finish off the Christmas holidays? Please mark the date in your diary and bring your family and friends. All offers of help for the kitchen and on the door will be greatly appreciated.



Poynton Methodist Church

Charity Christmas Market



Sat Nov 10th 10am – 12.30pm

Supporting

<i>Belarus</i>	<i>British Red Cross</i>	<i>Cancer Research</i>
<i>Cifundo</i>	<i>Dementia Care</i>	<i>Green Close</i>
<i>RSPB</i>	<i>Hospice at Home</i>	<i>Save the Children</i>
<i>Traidcraft</i>	<i>Nigerian Charity</i>	<i>Mangotrees</i>
<i>Children on the Edge</i>	<i>Methodist Preschool</i>	
<i>Church cards</i>	<i>A House For Haiti</i>	

Buy your Christmas cards
Christmas gifts
Alternative gifts
Cakes and pastries



Delicious Bacon Butties await you

A HOUSE FOR HAITI

Church Christmas Cards

Church Christmas cards will be on sale at the Charity market on Saturday 10th November and thereafter will be available in the church coffee area.

Please support church funds



FLOWER MINISTRY

A vacancy has arisen! As you know, I wear more than one hat in Church, being the Chairman of the **Ladies' Fellowship**, and also the leader of the **Flower Ministry**. I am happy to continue in these positions.



With regard to the Flower Ministry, the main duties are to organise a weekly rota for Flower Arrangers, and a weekly rota for the Flower Distributors.

It would be lovely if someone would take over the rota for the **Flower Distributors**.

As you know by the number of thank you letters which we receive from those who receive church flowers, it is a most rewarding task. Please have a chat to me if you would like to organise the **Flower Distributors rota**.



Sandra Townsend

CHURCH MUGS



Over the coming weeks you may notice that we have a selection of new church mugs.

These come in different shapes, sizes and colours and we are very grateful to Morrison's for donating the mugs to replenish our much-needed supply.

Hilary King

FILM NIGHT

Saturday 17th November



"BREATHE"

7.30pm in room 3

An uplifting true story about a chap called Robin who contracts Polio (in the 1950s) and, with help of his family and friends, has the opportunity to overcome his illness to live a full and passionate life.

Minimum donations of £1 are gratefully received

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SAD NEWS FROM TRAIDCRAFT

Maxine Moran writes:

I recently received an email from Traidcraft:

"We are sorry to have to share some unpleasant news with you. Traidcraft plc's recent trading has been poor and despite enormous efforts by staff, management, Fair Traders and many fair-trade shops over the last few years to reverse the company's performance, we have not succeeded.

Traidcraft plc will continue to trade as usual through the autumn and to the end of 2018. We will look forward to serving all our supporters right through the season and we would like all our customers to help us."

Below is some more information from their website:

TRAIDCRAFT FACES END OF 40 YEARS' TRADING

Ethical consumption is challenged in difficult economic climate

Traidcraft plc, the Fairtrade pioneers whose church-based retailers have transformed shopping in the UK, subject to consultation, could cease trading by the end of 2018 unless a solution can be found in the coming month.

The plc, which generates £10m in annual sales was founded by six people in New castle in 1979. It's now in formal consultation with staff and other stakeholders following recent poor trading figures. The business has experienced shocks caused by the decision to leave the EU, and along with other retailers, sales have been hit by economic uncertainty and stagnating wages.

Chief Executive Robin Roth said:

“We are the sort of business that pays up front – that’s in our nature as an ethical business. So when the pound fell after the Brexit referendum, we took a hit. We also stand by our published prices, so unlike other retailers we stood by our customers, absorbed a lot of the additional cost, and kept price rises to a minimum.”

These factors, together with a disappointing online relaunch, contributed to the decision by the Traidcraft board to propose to cease trading at the end of the year unless a solution can be found. All the plc’s 68 staff, based at Traidcraft HQ in Gateshead, are facing redundancy.

Traidcraft’s 4,300 Fair Traders, 85% of whom are motivated by faith, account for about half of Traidcraft’s revenue. Their sales of tea, coffee, cards and crafts at church fetes and school fairs have even changed the buying decisions of major supermarkets.

“Our wonderful, committed Fair Traders make a daily difference in the life of fledgling enterprises in hard-to-reach parts of the world”, says Robin. “Because of their love for the cause, Fairtrade got on the High Street, and a new generation is growing to understand justice as an everyday matter.”

Fair Traders, customers, and supporters have been encouraged to continue supporting Traidcraft plc as a good autumn season is a prerequisite if the company is to have a future model.

Alliances between Fair Traders and Traidcraft’s charity arm will continue, by means of fundraising events, donations and campaigning for change, even if trading ceases.

“What can my church do?”

The short answer is **BUY MORE FROM TRAIDCRAFT FROM THE CHURCH STALL OR ONLINE!** (<http://www.traidcraft.co.uk/>)

In these most challenging times, Traidcraft needs a really good trading period between now and Christmas. As well as fair trade

groceries, they offer a wonderful range of fair-trade Christmas decorations, ethical gifts, charity Christmas cards and a wide collection of handmade homewares, from recycled glassware to handcrafted cushions and soft furnishings. They truly believe that their Autumn collection is the most impactful yet, so they hope you will enjoy it.

Please consider doing the following:

- o Visit our Traidcraft stall at PMC whenever it is advertised
- o Do your Christmas shopping there or at **www.traidcraftshop.co.uk** and encourage friends and family to do the same. Tell your friends about Traidcraft
- o Watch out for their Autumn/Winter catalogues to share with your friends – I'm hoping to have them as soon as they are printed
- o Order your tea, coffee, biscuits and cleaning products from Traidcraft. They even stock toilet rolls!

WORLD MISSION COLLECTION BOXES.

Thank you to all who have collected for World Mission. The total for the year to August 2018 is £702.12 (this includes gift aid).

If anyone would like to start collecting and would like a collecting box please contact **Hilary Banks** on 01625 876112.

Remembrance 100



To commemorate 100 years since the end of World War I, you can get involved in 100 days of prayer for peace, hope and reconciliation. Engage in innovative peace-making activities and look for the #remembrance100 hashtag on social

media. Some resources have been produced by Hope with contributions from many Methodists and are available at <https://www.remembrance100.co.uk/> (**E-News**)

A HOUSE FOR HAITI



These bricks are much harder to make than I thought! Practise makes perfect! It'll be well worth it when it's finished



We've made it to the level of the roof! Please help the final push to complete the house by supporting our Sunday lunches, coming to the Christmas Market, buying alternative gift cards and selling tickets for "The journey of the Magi."

I would very much like to thank everyone who helped with the lunch on 7th October. Thanks to those who put up the tables and laid them, to those who cooked lasagnes and cottage pies so ably, and to those who helped with the clearing away and washing up. Thanks also to those who attended. We were able to contribute £240 to the House for Haiti appeal.

Jean Drinkwater

Methodist Modern Art Collection



'People visit the stable'

Sadao Watanabe (1913-1996)

Stencil: natural pigments and ink
on paper

80 x 59 cm

1962

Methodist Modern Art Collection

No. WAT/2010/2

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Watanabe completed several series of nativity prints. In this picture people gather to see the new born Jesus who is, himself, not shown. They express, perhaps, serious purpose rather than great excitement.

It is not clear if they are shepherds or other members of the local community. For us they represent ordinary Christians coming to show homage to the Christ child.

Luke 2.7-10 Matthew 2. 16 John 13.2b - 9, 12- 14

Matthew 2. 1-2, 11

(Commentary based on **A Guide to the Methodist Art Collection**)

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“The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun.” (Holiday complaint)

THE DECEMBER/JANUARY HERALD

Closing date for submissions will be **14th November (or earlier if possible)**. Please place articles in the Herald pigeonhole or preferably send them by e-mail to: **arnoldsamuels@btinternet.com** (marketing spam automatically deleted).

TO ALL HERALD DISTRIBUTORS

The **December/January** Herald will be available for you to pick up from **23rd November**. There are events taking place in the first week of each new magazine and we hope that as many readers as possible receive the details in time.

To all those who are listed as contacts on our back page

Please tell us via a note in the Herald pigeonhole whenever there are changes to times or contacts. We only know when we are told.

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The connexional website: **<http://www.methodist.org.uk>** contains a wealth of useful and interesting information including President and Vice-President blogs about the visits they are making.

To donate furniture or arrange a house clearance and help Romania and other countries, contact Jeff Stoker, LIM Distribution Manager on 0796 7751494.

Until our new minister arrives in March/April 2019, interim pastoral arrangements will operate (see p 27 Sept). Contacts are John Turner, Noreen Hood, Helen Ives or Jean Drinkwater A copy of these details is also on the notice board near Room 4. Non-pastoral comments and queries may as usual be directed to the stewards either in person or by email to office@poyntonmethodist.org or the church office telephone (871592) both of which the stewards are monitoring. For Church Notices and office queries please use these same contacts. Our Children and Young People's Worker, Annie Truman may be in the office between 9.00am and 3.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and her email is annie@poyntonmethodist.org

EVERY WEEKDAY

8.30am-3.00pm Preschool. Varying sessions also available. (Sarah Parker 871115 and pmcpreschool@hotmail.co.uk) Extended hours available 7.30am - 5.30pm
 #Kids Zone - (Pam Dowd 07717 003 322, kidszonepoynton@btinternet.com)
 7.30am and 3.00pm - Before & after school club
 7.30am to 6.00pm - Holiday care
 10.00am to 12.30pm #Open Hands Room 4 (878589) Coffee in the Lounge

MONDAY

10.00-11.00am Discussion Group/Bible Study (Theo Eaves 875162)
 7.30pm - *+ House group at the Dawson's led by Catharine Hughes

TUESDAY

9.45am-10.45am Meeting for Prayer (Mandy Hawkyard 875032)
 9.00am Prayer Breakfast at the Kingfisher, Third Tuesday
 12.00 noon *Service and Lunch 1st First Tuesday (Mandy Hawkyard 875032)
 7.30-9.00pm 3rd Poynton Guides and Rangers (Lyndsay Lamb 07950 187 480)

WEDNESDAY

5-6.00pm #2nd Poynton Rainbows (Sue Dyson 07515 883 585)
 6.00-7.30pm #2nd Poynton Brownies (Catherine Potts 07979 955 804)
 7.30-9.00pm #4th Poynton Guides (Alison Southern 07905 133 073)

THURSDAY

9.30-11.30am Parents & Toddlers (Judy Gibbons 878016/Margaret Martin 874883)
 12.00 noon *Communion and lunch 3rd Thursday ()
 7.30-9.00pm #1st Poynton Guides (Georgia Eyre 07989 360 850)
 7.30-9.30pm *Ladies' Fellowship (Sandra Townsend 878563)

SATURDAY

9.00-11.00am Who let the Dads out? 4th Sat. ()
 7.30pm *Exploring Faith through film (Discuss on Monday Judith Ridgway 875912)

SUNDAY

10.30am Crèche - 0-3 years (Denise Reid 871961)
 10.30am Young Church - 3-11 years (Rachel/Ian Hall 872062)
 10.30am Evolve - 11-18 years (Sally Holmes 260451/Jane Robson 879998)
 4.00pm *Café Church First Sunday (Helen Holmes 260451)

All the activities listed here take place weekly on Church premises except for:

*fortnightly or monthly +not on Church premises #not PMC organised
 (Please see the weekly notices or the notice board in the corridor for details).

ROOM BOOKING APPLICATIONS - Helen Ives (872465) 14 days notice requested if possible.