



THE HERALD



The Methodist Church in Poynton

NOVEMBER 2019



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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.**

November 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Autumn seems to have arrived very suddenly with all the beautiful colours of creation that go with it. It is a breath-taking time of year and the words of the hymn 'When I in awesome wonder' comes readily to mind, as our souls sing praise to God.

As always there is a lot going on with all our groups and fellowships meeting regularly again.

On Sunday 10th November we will be holding our Remembrance service. This is, of course, a poignant service where we remember and give thanks for those who have sacrificed so much for the freedom which we enjoy but also reflect on what we have done with that freedom that was bought at such a great cost and about what sort of society we want to live in now and in the future.

On Saturday 9th there will be the Charity Market at church. I have heard lots about this event and so am looking forward to seeing what happens.

At the café service on 17th November we will be hearing about the work of World Vision from Ally Wenham and at the end of November on Sunday 24th, we will be holding our Toy Service.

I hope that you will be able to join us for all of these events in the life of our church.

In previous editions of The Herald Arnold mentioned that **'The Report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group: God in Love Unites Us'**

was going through Conference this year and that it was passed to be discussed in the churches. The report has now been published.

There is a hard copy in each church which people may borrow and return. The Circuit is also making hard copies available for anyone who would like one; please let me know if you would like a copy. Large print copies are available through Fiona. The report is also published on the Methodist Church of Great Britain website.

We hope that as many people as possible will read the report and give feedback on their views. There will be open conversations about the report in the Circuit during the New Year and feedback from those will be sent to District Synod in the Spring, when Synod will vote on the report. It is hoped that there will be a mechanism by which individuals will be able to give feedback too. Conference 2020 will then vote on the Report.

The Methodist Church is a broad church and whether the report is accepted or rejected some people across the Connexion will be very happy and others will be very unhappy at the outcome. These diverse views may well be reflected within our own church family. It is important therefore that we conduct any conversations on the report with honesty but also with respect and understanding that others may take the opposing view to our own. We will need to find a way that we can continue to worship together and be in fellowship with each other even if we disagree deeply. We will need to find a way of living with those tensions that means that our witness to God's uniting power of love remains strong.

The Report covers many topics in addition to same sex marriage and I commend it to you for your careful and prayerful reading. If anyone would like a conversation with me about the report then please get in contact.

Every blessing

Ros

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**SUNDAY SERVICES AT POYNTON
IN NOVEMBER**

Date	10.30am UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED	
3 rd November	9.00am Med	Rev Frank Bishop HC
10 th	Rev Ros Watson	
17 th	9.00am HC Rev Ros Watson	Rev Ros Watson Café Church
24 th	Barbara Ogle Toy Service	

**SUNDAY SERVICES 'GREEN CLOSE in PMC'
IN NOVEMBER**

Date	2.30 pm
3 rd November	Rev Sheila Bishop
10 th	Rev Ros Watson
17 th	Rev Dr Graham Edwards HC
24 th	Jo Beesley

Green Close Services

Everyone is invited to any of our Sunday Green Close services being held at Poynton at 2.30pm for a traditional form of worship. You will be assured of a warm welcome. We now know that restoration of our Chapel will take a considerable amount of time.

HC Holy Communion

**Woodlands MHA 11th Nov 11.00am Jo Ogle/
Alan Rashleigh**

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 **3rd November**.



WEEKDAY WORSHIP



The first Tuesday in **November is 5th**. 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 **21st November**.



PRAYER GROUP



Meets every Tuesday morning at 9.45am in church and on the third Tuesday (**19th November**) at 9.00am in the Kingfisher where we hold a prayer breakfast. This informal, welcoming group encourages you to join us at either venue for a time of fellowship and prayer.

A CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF LIGHT, REFLECTION AND REMEMBRANCE



Over the last few months our Church has lost precious members, so we felt it appropriate to have a Christmas Service where the ancient story is told in a way to bring comfort and strength.

This will be on 8th December at 4.00pm in Church. All are invited.

We will light candles of remembrance and transform our Christmas tree into a prayer tree. The families of those who have died will be invited personally, but nearer the time there will be invitations in the foyer for you to take to anyone you know who may find Christmas difficult.

Please put this date in your diary now.

Rev Ros Watson and **Mandy Hawkyard**

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Follow Jesus Christ Our Saviour...**



'Rebuilding the Ruins' Following God's call to serve Syria by Samara Levy. Published by Hodder and Stoughton at £16.99 (or shop around).

This book is a story of launching out in faith and the God of miracles. Many of us, if we knew what lay ahead of us in our journey through life, might decide not to set out in the first place. God called Samara three times over eight months to collect aid for Syria.

She was a stay-at-home mum with nursing experience and two young children.

Her first aim was to fill a lorry with items, but four years later she has loaded 100+ containers, sent 11 ambulances, set up a charity, and distributed aid to over 350,000 people in the Middle-East. She has also visited one of the most dangerous war zones in our generation with the highest number of kidnappings of humanitarian workers. She has visited Syria a number of times. Throughout the book are references to passages in the Bible that have been important in directing parts of her journey.

I found two chapters in the book particularly moving. One, towards the end titled 'Love the Jihadists', and the last chapter, which is part testimony and also a challenge to the reader to meet God.

As I was reading the book for this review, news of yet more bombing in Syria was in the headlines. The Syrians are our brothers and sisters in the world that God has given us and I believe that we are called to pray for them and their situation. This book, published in the last few weeks, will help greatly with this. It would make an excellent Christmas gift.

“THE ABIDING PRESENCE” a theological commentary on EXODUS by Mark Scarlata. Published by SCM Press. ISBN 978-0-334-05504-4. Also available as an e-book.

Mark Scarlata is a Tutor and Lecturer at St Mellitus College in Old Testament Studies. This may explain the nature of this book. It is not a book to sit and read, it is however, clearly a commentary and reference book, aimed at those who wish to study the Book of Exodus in great depth and detail.

The book contains 8 chapters (plus a useful introduction), each chapter based on a part of the whole Book of Exodus. For example, chapter 5 “Wanderings in the Wilderness” covers chapters 15.22 to 18.27. This section includes the ‘miracles’ of the manna, flocks of quail and the water from the rocks. There is no problem with the theological interpretation and the continuing significance for the Israelites, but there is no attempt to give any explanation for these ‘miracles’, which may be found in other books (eg *The Bible as History* by Keller). Nor does the author give any credence to God for guiding Moses to be taught, and thus learning the art of surviving in the wilderness - which could be said to be a more important lesson of trusting in God for the Israelites, (as well as for modern day Jews and Christians).

At the end of each chapter is a short summary, and a very useful comparison with elements of the New Testament, which helps to explain part of the context of what was written in the Gospels and Epistles.

There is a lot of historical and archaeological evidence contained in the narrative of the book to show the context of the Book of Exodus – this is quite enlightening.

Although the book is well-written and interesting, I am not sure that it will find favour with the vast majority of preachers, unless they want an excellent resource which only deals with the Book of Exodus, and covers the subject in considerably more depth than the standard Biblical commentaries.

Alan Rashleigh

HARVEST AT POYNTON 2019

WE would like to thank all who in any way contributed to this wonderful display destined for International Aid Trust and Macclesfield Salvation Army food bank and pray that people the world over will continue to hear the cries of all those in need.



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THANK YOU LETTERS



Thank you for the lovely flowers that were given to me by Hilary Clare from Church. It was good to know that people were thinking of me, and my Sister & Husband, on the death of my Nephew Matthew, who would have been 36yrs old the following day. Also, many thanks for all your prayers – so appreciated.

Sandra Townsend

Very many thanks for the lovely plant given to me recently on the death of my sister-in-law Gill in Devon. Thanks also for your prayers which have sustained me.

Hilary Parry

Thank you to everyone for the lovely flowers and Amazon voucher given to me on my last service with you in August. Your support over the past year of Candidating has been tremendous and I, and my wonderful family, feel truly blessed.

Catharine Hughes

Thank you to all the Flower Ladies at church for sending such a lovely arrangement for celebrating my 90th birthday, which was on 12th October. Also, to Liz Baker for delivering them on the Monday. I wasn't at home as my family had taken me out for a celebration party, so my thanks too, to Michal for looking after them until we returned. With best wishes to everyone at church.

Pat Musgrave

Thank you all for the lovely plant that Mandy and Chris brought to me recently. It was good to see them as I am at home following surgery on my foot three weeks ago. I hope to be back for the services very soon.

Janet Rodger

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Julie and I went to see **Marjorie Harrop** on 11 October – see photo.

She sends her thanks to everyone for the messages she has received and sends love to you all.

From **Gill Oldham**

Belated congratulations to **Pat Musgrave**, who celebrated her 90th birthday on 12th October and our apologies for these not appearing last month.

The **Thanksgiving Service** for the life of **Nora Shercliff** will take place on Friday 1st November at 1.00pm at Poynton Methodist Church after a service at Macclesfield Crematorium at 12 noon.

We send our heartfelt condolences to **Anne & Brian Hindle**, whose daughter Kath died on 18th October and to their extended family.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

You are invited to take time out during Advent really to prepare to celebrate Christmas. Weekly house groups are being planned beginning in the last week in November.



Chris Hawkyard will lead his on a Monday morning in Room 3, Mandy Hawkyard on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm at 14 Hazel Drive and Rev Ros Watson on a Wednesday evenings at 7.30 in Room 3 on 27th November and 4th, 11th, 18th December

Watch out for more details in the notices.

POYNTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

A Remembrance Concert will take place on Saturday 9th November at Poynton Methodist Church at 7.30 pm.

This will be presented by Poynton Male Voice Choir together with Over Alderley Band. Tickets are available from Roger Drinkwater at a cost of £7, with all proceeds to British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Roger Drinkwater

ROOM ACCESS

On three occasions in this past week, (2 during the same event, at which I was also present), members of PMC have wanted access to the Worship Area when it was already in use by a group with an arranged booking.

Could I respectfully ask that you check the Room Booking Calendar before attempting to gain access to an already occupied room.

One of the groups involved has had this happen to them twice, leaving a less than happy feeling about using our space. Hiring our rooms is an important part of our income stream, but just as important is the impression we make as a welcoming community.

With the Christmas season nearly upon us and the hosting of Charity Fairs and various Concerts, I am sure we would all want to avoid such interruptions to our hirer's events. If in doubt, please speak to me or email roombookings@poyntonmethodist.org and I can give you further information.

Many thanks,

Alison Sharpe, Room Booking Secretary

Saturday 16th November



ME BEFORE YOU

Afternoon Matinee
2.30pm in ROOM 3



A wealthy London man's life is turned upside down as a result of a car accident. When a local young woman is hired to be his carer the two form an unlikely bond....



Minimum donations of £1 are gratefully received

Saturday 14th December



Afternoon Matinee
2.30pm in ROOM 3

2017 version stars Emma Watson and Dan Stevens as the main characters with many other well-known actors in the roles of the wardrobe, Mrs Teapot, Chip.....etc.

A lovely film for the festive season.



Minimum donations of £1 are gratefully received

LOBBY REJUVENATION PROJECT

Exciting News!

You may be aware that we have been looking at new chairs for the church and lobby area. There have been three samples in church for people to try out, I hope that you have had a chance to feed back your choice.

The new chairs are part of a rejuvenation project for that part of our church building. We need lighter furniture so that it can be moved around more easily and the extra chairs can be stacked more tidily than our present furniture allows.

We also intend to make the coffee area lighter and larger. Firstly, by having another window where the library bookcase currently hangs on the wall. The books from here and the second-hand books will be moved onto the shelves opposite the kitchen hatch. Moving the library bookcase will have the added benefit of no more banging your head as you sit down to enjoy your coffee! The Bibles and hymn books that are on the shelves opposite the hatch at the moment will be put on a bookcase inside the back of church.

Secondly, new chairs and tables in the coffee area will be extended into the back of church allowing for a more relaxed and welcoming feel. We will also be incorporating a children's play area so that parents and carers can relax and chat while their children play safely nearby. We will be the only venue offering this in Poynton at present and so this service to the community will, hopefully, attract more people into church with whom we can share the love of God.

This, in addition to the welcome sign and open doors policy will, we hope, be the beginning of taking down as many barriers as possible that people have to overcome in order to get into church and feel welcome, whether that is for worship or to sit quietly and have space to think and pray.

The proposal has been passed by Church Council and we have identified funding. There will be drawings available soon of how this will look.

Please add this project to your prayers so that we can discern how this space may be further used to spread the Good News of God and reflect the Kingdom to those around us.

Every blessing,

Ros Watson

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

On 3rd October, Phil Maltby came along to give us a talk and slides on the Lake District but unfortunately there were gremlins on the computer line, so he wasn't able to show us any slides! We have invited him back next year.

17th October, Helen Holmes talked to us about "Fairtrade Products" and Sandra led the evening.

Our first meeting in **November** will be on the **7th**, when Fatma is giving us an insight into "Oriental Delights"
This meeting will also be chaired by Sandra Townsend.

On **9th November**, we will be having a cake stall at the Charity Christmas Market,

21st November. At 7.45pm, Mrs Barbara Fraser will be coming along to give us a talk on "People I have Known" The meeting will chaired by Anne Hindle.

5th December. We are going to have a flower demonstration given by Mrs. Freda Mason. The meeting will begin at the usual time of 7.45pm. Come along and see what arrangements you can make for Christmas in your own home. (Chairman to be arranged later).

Sandra Townsend

UPDATE FROM WOODLANDS

Last month at Woodlands we enjoyed our BBC Music Day activities and our celebration of Harvest Festival. Photos of the former will be displayed in our foyer during November.

Now our attention is turning to Remembrance. As in wider society the numbers who remember the horrors of the two World Wars decreases rapidly; at Woodlands we have many residents who saw active service or lived through the impacts on civilian life of those conflicts. Our activities team have already begun creating memorial art with residents, and on Monday 11th November in the morning we will hold our own act of remembrance within the home, including the observation of two minutes silence. It is a real privilege to lead this moving act of worship within this context, praying for peace alongside those who have seen the full and dreadful impact of war.

Of course, even when reflecting on the worst excesses of humanity's aggression and cruelty, we as Christians set this in the context of the hope of the incarnation, and at the start of next month we will move into the season of advent and our preparations to celebrate Jesus' coming once more. At Woodlands we also have this in mind, as I work with our residents on an MHA-wide project to knit Christmas angels with our residents. If you have any spare knitting needles or oddments of wool that you no longer need and that we could have for this project, they would be very gratefully received. You can drop them off at Woodlands on Middlewood Road for my attention, or email me at abigail.ogier@mha.org.uk if you need me to collect.

Our worship in Woodlands in November will include a communion service led by Rev'd Ros Watson, our Act of Remembrance on 11th November, worship with friends from Poynton Christian Fellowship and the monthly outreach service led by Tytherington Family Worship. Please hold our residents, their families and our staff in your prayers.

Every blessing,

Abby Ogier, Chaplain (MHA Woodlands)

TOY GIFT SERVICE – 24th NOVEMBER



As usual, we will be donating **new** toys and books to Wood Street Mission in Manchester.

This is what they say – “This year we need to collect enough new toys and food to give out to over 2000 families and 4500 children at Christmas time. As a small local charity, we are entirely dependent on the generosity of the local community for support.

Here's how you can help: - Donate a new toy, book or gift suitable for a child aged 0-18. Don't forget older children! Gadgets, toiletries, sports

kit, jewellery – all make great gifts.”
Thank you in anticipation!

The BACK PAGE IS OUT OF DATE!

This is an appeal to all those whose organisations appear on the back page of this publication. Please take a moment to check that the details entered there are still valid and that the contact people and telephone numbers are correct.

Times change and people move on and in order that your organisation can be accessed and people know when to turn up for a session, it is vital that we get it right. For this, we rely on you.

Please help us and help yourselves, your members and your potential members.

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NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL

On 20th September we joined in global climate change protests. Lois' mum, Zoe, spoke to the children about global warming and then we went out to raise awareness in Poynton, outside the civic hall, on Park Lane and outside Waitrose.



We had sawed up sticks that we had found in our wild garden and attached them to paper plates that we sponge-printed to look like the Earth. We held our Earth placards aloft, stamped our feet, marched round the flower beds and chanted pithy and radical chants, suggested by the children; "Save the Earth!", "The Earth's getting too hot!", "Don't drive your car!" and "Don't drive your aeroplane!"

We are proud that our children were so keen to get out into the community to share the messages and we were glad to receive positive responses from the community.

Kind regards,
Sarah Parker



20th SEPTEMBER 2019

On 20th September 2019, an estimated 4 million people in 161 countries took to the streets in the largest climate change demonstration in history. Young people, challenged by Greta Thunberg led the way – quite literally in Poynton, when children from our Preschool, assisted by Zoe and Sarah, marched in the streets calling, “Save our world! The earth’s getting too hot! Don’t drive your cars!” They were well received by the passers-by. Well done! There is a report about it from Preschool on the previous page.

But it’s not just the young who are worried – this is part of a letter that Nora Shercliff wrote a few years ago, the letter addressed to God – “Thank you for the wonderful world we live in – beautiful landscapes, the changing seasons, and weather and all the delights of wild life and nature. But Lord, the world is in such a dreadful state – you gave us free will and we are ruining every aspect of our universe – with global warming, wars, greed, cruelty, violence, famine and so many needless tragedies.

Please, please as a loving father **rein us in**, show us the errors of our ways and how to overcome them. Forgive us for all the times we have fallen short of your teaching, so often from sheer thoughtlessness.”

Can we learn from these examples?

Hopefully after Café Church on 17th November we will have lots of ideas.

Mandy Hawkyard

CLC BOOKSHOP CLOSING!

The CLC bookshop in Lower Hillgate, Stockport is closing this Christmas. There may well be a sale before they close.

It is really sad that this well-stocked bookshop is closing – and then the nearest CLC bookshops will be in Blackpool, Bolton and Sheffield!

Hilary Parry

Saturday 10th November



*Poynton
Methodist
Church*



Charity Christmas Market

10.00am – 12.30pm

*Christmas Gifts, Cards,
Alternative Gifts, cakes and pastries.*

***Supporting** Belarus, British Red Cross,
Children On The Edge, Church cards,
Cifundo UK, East Cheshire Hospice,
Embrace the Middle East, Francis House,
Green Close, Mangotrees, Open Hands,
Osteoporosis Society, RSPB,
Poynton Methodist Preschool,
Save The Children, Traidcraft, and the WI*

***Bacon Butties on sale all morning in aid of our
Preschool***

EMBRACE THE MIDDLE EAST

There will be a stall at the Charity Market where you can buy a variety of alternative gift cards for Embrace from £8 - £20 in value. I highlighted 2 gifts last month – a children's Advent Calendar with a difference and the gift of an olive tree for a Palestinian family.

I have some orders for these already – if you would like to purchase these please let me know so I can be sure to have enough of them at the market.

Mandy Hawkyard 875032

TO WORLD MISSION COLLECTORS

Please could any collections be forwarded to me or left with the Church Stewards for me to collect?

Or if anyone would like me to collect it from them, please contact and let me know.

With thanks, **Hilary Banks**

HARVEST THANK YOU

Thank you all very much for the kind donations for International Aid Trust received from Windlehurst, Green Close and Poynton churches and associated groups. We had a beautiful, colourful display.

We had 67 hand knitted blankets plus 3 bought blankets; 2 bags knitted squares which IAT volunteers make into blankets, 1 bag hand knitted tank tops, 2 bags scarves (knitted and others), 1 bag gloves, 1 bag socks, 1 bag knitted baby clothes, 1 bag sweaters, 134 knitted hats and 13 fleece jackets. We also had 4 packs of sanitary pads (one huge pack), 4 bags soap, 1 bag facecloths, 1 bag toothbrushes and 1 bag toothpaste.

We have also sent a cheque for £200 towards transport costs.

Hilary Parry and Liz Baker

REFLECTIONS ON A FOOTBALL MATCH

Watching the international football match between Bulgaria and England the other night and following the furore that it provoked over the following days, I wondered yet again and for the umpteenth time, about the capacity to hate of which we humans seem so capable.

I would imagine that we are unique in that respect throughout the animal kingdom. No doubt it derives from the long-term effects of our evolution from the earliest of primitive life forms that clustered together for mutual protection and to repel different and potentially threatening other species.

And no doubt as we continued to evolve and eventually develop verbal reasoning skills, protection and repelling behaviour reached depths that were far beyond the capabilities of species that at best could only think in pictures and communicate with grunts.

But – as explicable as this behaviour may be, there is another type of behaviour that owes nothing to the long aeons of time necessary for us to slither from the sludge and walk on the moon. That behaviour derives from another sort of input, the result of which is for us to be confronted within ourselves by an inherent knowledge of 'right' and 'wrong' and an instinctive conviction that 'right' is 'good' and 'wrong' is 'bad' – even though we may enjoy and even prefer 'wrong' behaviour!

That input is provided by a revelation that possibly all tribes and all civilisations have received in some form or another and which has grown stronger with time even though some have tried to deny or ridicule it or even eliminate it. It is the revelation that we have a Maker and that love is the main motivation and ingredient in our making and in our being.

But 'wrong' persists. And it will continue until all come to recognise and be convinced that this gift of love is already there in us and only needs practising on the terrace that is this world. It's so simple – years ago The Man said "Love one another." The more we do it, the easier it becomes. What are we waiting for – God's Kingdom?

Arnold Samuels

Gravestone humour, New Mexico: Here lies Johnny Yeast. Pardon him for not rising.

Uniontown Pennsylvania, Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake – stepped on the gas instead of the brake.

THE DECEMBER/JANUARY HERALD

Closing date for submissions will be **13th 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 **22nd 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.

Our Minister is Rev Ros Watson. You can leave messages for her in the Minister's pigeonhole, or please call her or leave a message on 872060 or 07923044709 or via her email ros.watson@methodist.org.uk Her day off is Friday. If there is no reply and there is an immediate emergency, phone Rev Graham Edwards 01625 426051 or Rev Helen Byrne 01625 572259. The church office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.30am until 1.30pm. For Church Notices and office queries please contact Fiona Carmichael: office@poyntonmethodist.org or 871592. Our Children and Young People's Worker, Annie Truman is often 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 (Chris Hawkyard 875032)

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)
 7.45-9.00pm *Ladies' Fellowship (Sandra Townsend 878563)

SATURDAY

9.00-11.00am Who let the Dads out? 4th Sat. (John Lunt 874099)
 Times vary *Exploring Faith through film (Judith Ridgway 875912)

SUNDAY

Sunday worship - regularly at 10.30am and watch out for additional services.

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 ENQUIRIES - roombookings@poyntonmethodist.org