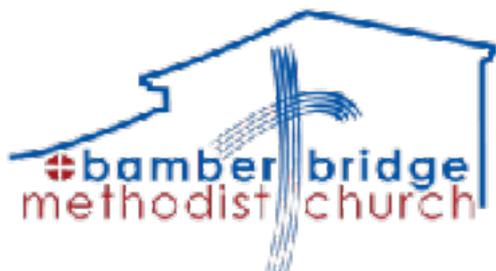


THE WEEKLY NOTICES

Bamber Bridge Methodist Church | Minister: Rev. Karen le Mouton | 01772 323818



This week's services

Sunday at 1030 **Morning service**

Notices

Please send notices to Luke Bosman no later than 1700 on **Wednesday** for inclusion in the next edition. Items which are received later will be included as time permits.

notices@bamberbridgethodist.church
07500 709710

Should anyone wish to help with the notices, even if only once in a blue moon, offers of help will be gratefully received!

Karen's sabbatical

Karen is now on sabbatical until Monday, 14th March 2022.

First contact steward: Desley Jefferson
t: 01772 207887 e: jefferson24@sky.com

Church secretary: Tony Andrews
t: 01772 697480 e: ta.sec@mypostoffice.co.uk

If you require a Methodist minister please contact Revd Jane Wild
t: 01772 715134 e: jane.wild@methodist.org

Coronavirus Update

The government's latest advice is that masks should be worn in most indoor settings. It is therefore requested that masks are worn for the whole service on Sunday and not just for singing, unless you have a medical exemption.

Leprosy Mission

Very grateful thanks to you all for your donations, prayers, stamps and post cards given over many years. Thank you to those who are continuing to use the 'ASK' prayer book 2022 and have set up Direct Debits in support of their valuable life transforming work. £982.10 is the final donation I have banked last month.

God bless you all Sally Wilson

Messy Church

January's Messy Church takes place on Saturday, 15th at the new time of 1600-1800. The theme will be 'new beginnings'.



Peer Talk

Interested in emotional and mental well-being and a good listener? PeerTalk is looking for volunteer facilitators for its two peer support groups for people living with anxiety / depression in Preston.

Training Day is on Saturday, 5th February from 1000-1600 in Manchester (travel costs reimbursed). More details at www.peertalk.org.uk/volunteer-with-us or contact enquiries@peertalk.org.uk Closing date for applications is 28th January.

<http://bamberbridgethodist.church>

PeerTalk is a registered charity, initially funded by the Methodist Church, and is expanding its reach nationally to support people living with mental distress and overwhelm. Two groups run in Preston: in the city centre and in Ingol. The need is clearly evident in these difficult times. It is good to see the peer support offering hope to those in a difficult place:

Faith, Trauma And Shame

Trauma impacts every area of life as we seek to come to terms with the effects of the pandemic, the bitter legacy of colonialism and toxicity of 'cancel culture' enabled by social media. So how do our faith traditions address and have the potential to alleviate the shame that is an inevitable consequence?

On 9th February 2022 the Transforming Shame Network will be hosting an on-line conference to discuss the topical and pressing concerns of faith, trauma and shame.

Speakers exploring this question will be Dr Mano Emmanuel Senior Lecturer and Head of Academic Advancement at Colombo Theological Seminary in Sri Lanka and Dr Karen O'Donnell the Programme Leader for Contemporary Spirituality Studies at Sarum College, Salisbury, England. Dr Emmanuel will focus on the potential for reconciliation in shame-oriented cultures and Dr O'Donnell's talk is entitled "Impossible Resurrections: Thinking Theologically with Trauma and Shame". There will be opportunities for discussion in breakout rooms, together with enjoying some creative reflections in dance and movement to express the theme more holistically, i.e. in body, as well as mind and spirit.

The event runs from 1000 to 1230. Tickets cost £15. All proceeds will cover admin costs and support the on-going work of the Transforming Shame Network. If you are unwaged and this amount of money is more than you can afford, please contact us in confidence— we're committed to ensuring everyone who wants to attend this event can do so.

For more information on the symposium, the speakers and to book your place, please visit: <https://transformingshamefeb22.eventbrite.co.uk> We hope you can join us in February.

Just turn up ... no need to book and it's free

"People start to heal the moment they feel heard"

PeerTalk

PRESTON

Peer Support Group for those living with depression, anxiety and related conditions

EVERY THURSDAY 11.00^{am} – 12.30^{pm}
The Intact Centre, 49 Whitby Avenue, Ingol, Preston PR2 3YP.

EVERY THURSDAY 7.30^{pm} – 9.00^{pm}
Central Methodist Church, Lune Street, Preston PR1 2NL.

Facing Depression Together

PeerTalk

Find out more at:

- 07719 562 617
- peertalk.org.uk
- @peer_talk
- @peertalk1
- enquiries@peertalk.org.uk
- [peertalkcharity](https://www.facebook.com/peertalkcharity)

The PeerTalk Charitable Foundation, registered charity no 1148820.

A Short History Of The Organs Of Bamber Bridge

To mark the bicentenary of Methodism in Bamber Bridge, a small booklet outlining a brief history of the pipe and digital organs installed in the Churches has been produced by Ron Sumner, our current organist. The cost is £2 and the proceeds will go to the Church. A small supply has been produced and has already nearly sold out. Future supplies will be printed as and when required to order. If you would like a copy, please speak to Ron, or send a text or email to 07984 861565 or ronsumner@blueyonder.co.uk.

Churches Together Morning Prayers

A monthly prayer meeting has started up. It takes place from 0800–0815 on the dates below and is followed by tea and toast at various churches:

- 2nd February Browndedge St Mary's
- 2nd March (venue to be confirmed)
- 6th April Bamber Bridge

Pastoral Care

As we have lost a number of pastoral visitors and it is getting difficult to manage the current practice of pastoral care for our church community, we are currently reviewing how we have worked and alternative models we could consider. I hope to let you know more in the coming weeks. If you have any thoughts or comments please let Linda Trafford (01772 339931) or Marlene Yates know as soon as possible.

Forthcoming Events

* Denotes a weekly event.

† Denotes a fortnightly event.

Until 14th March

Karen's sabbatical

Wednesday, 12th January

0900–1200 Wellness café*

Thursday, 13th January

0900–1200 Wellness café*

1330–1500 Craft club†

1815–1945 Lighthouse Group*

Saturday, 15th January

1600–1800 Messy Church
(note the new time)

Thursday, 20th January

1115 Communion service (on the
third Thursday of every
month)

Wednesday, 2nd February

0800 Churches Together Morning
Prayers at Browndedge
St. Mary's

Audio Recordings Of Services

Audio recordings of morning services can be downloaded from most podcast providers or from the church website at <http://bamberbridgemethodist.church/podcasts.php>. Ask Luke Bosman or one of the stewards if you require a copy in an alternative format.

Loop System

The church has a loop system for hearing aid users. If you experience difficulty hearing the service, please let the sound desk operator know as soon as possible— it's sometimes easier to remedy problems during a service than to discuss them afterwards.

