



Sixth Sunday in Lent - Palm Sunday

The theme of this year's Lent liturgy is "Unbounded Love".

Each week there is a piece of "good news to get across"

Today's good news is ... *"Till we cast our crowns before thee": we have no need for status symbols. Each of us has inherent value and worth in God's economy.*

HOLY WEEK SERVICES & EVENTS

Palm Sunday : 24th March : Just a reminder that 'The Torn Curtain' by Roger Jones will form the main part of worship **tonight** at Hope Church, New Longton at 6-30pm. Refreshments will be available in the hall after the service. ***All are most welcome.***

Maundy Thursday : 28th March : A united Communion service with Trinity Methodist Church at Gregson Lane is at 6-30pm.

Good Friday : 29th March : United service with Trinity, Gregson Lane here at 10am. After the service there will be a short open air Ecumenical service outside the Morrisons store on Station Road. Drinks and hot cross buns will be served at Brownedge St Mary's church after the open air service. ***All are welcome.***

Easter Sunday : 31st March : The Circuit "Sonrise" service is at Beacon Fell at 6-30am. Join us, at 8.30 am, on Easter Sunday, for Breakfast with Communion, To assist with the catering preparations, please indicate your name and menu choice on the notice displayed on the board in the Meeting Room. Any enquiries to Tony (Andrews).



Decorating the Cross on Easter Sunday

During our morning worship on Easter Sunday, we shall be decorating the Lent Cross with flowers to celebrate the Resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus. So, please bring a few flowers with you to church to decorate the cross.

FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING SESSION

After Sunday Service on **April 7th, around 12.15pm** a training session will hopefully take place for the volunteer 'Fire Marshals'.

As it will require the fire alarms to be activated, you may wish to leave the premises straight after refreshments to avoid the loud noise.

Thank you for your help in this matter. Maurice

"Nooma nights" - beginning 30th April

It will be once a month - the last Tuesday evening of the month at 7pm. In the first session Rob tells a story about a walk in the rain with his son...

"Things don't always work out the way we want them to, or the way we think they will. Sometimes we don't even see it coming. We get hit with some form of pain out of nowhere leaving us feeling desperate and helpless. That's the way life is. Still, it makes us wonder how God can let these things happen to us. How God can just stand by and watch us suffer. Where is God when it really hurts? Maybe God is actually closer to us than we think. Maybe it's when we're in these situations, where everything seems to be falling apart, that God gets an opportunity to remind us of how much we are really loved."

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An opportunity to watch and join in discussion of

A series of short films (10 – 15 minutes) by
Rob Bell – author of the book 'Love Wins'

A blend of the events of 'everyday' with discussion about God

Jesus lived with the awareness that **God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it.** He encouraged his listeners to **search, to question, to wrestle** with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He **inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted** and **invited** people to be open to God's work in this world. Wherever he went, whatever he did, **Jesus started discussions about what matters most**, because for Jesus, **God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in.**

Starting Tuesday 30th April 7pm – Bamber Bridge Methodist Church



Search – question – join the discussion

A Few Reminders for your information

'Not Church' : The next session will be next Sunday evening , 31st March starting at **6-30pm**. We will be using the Easter story to reflect upon how it is our actions that are the fullest expression of how we love each other. All are welcome to come and take part in this informal group. *Love, Sharon*

"Lego Church" Taster session - Tuesday 9th April at 6-30pm

Grown-ups! You are invited to attend a taster session of 'Lego Church'. As you know, we haven't been able to facilitate a traditional 'Sunday School' for a few years now. Kath Cox and I recently attended a training event on 'Lego Church' and we would like to start offering this on the 4th Sunday of the month during the morning service (upstairs). We are hoping that seeing it in action will enthuse and encourage you to get involved! Also, we're after any Lego that you might have stashed in your loft! Please come, even if you're not sure about becoming a helper - it's really nothing like traditional Sunday School and there is no prep required.

We think you'll love it! Love Sharon



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Explore is a programme of support for any Methodist who has a sense that God is calling you to some form of church leadership. That might be as a steward, a pioneer, a church administrator, a deacon, or many other vocations. There is a taster session on Thursday 11th April. More details to come.

Prayer Course : as part of the Circuit "Year of Prayer" a Prayer Course starts on 17th April at 7-30pm for 8 weeks at Kingsfold Methodist Church. More information to come.



**Mark Your
Calendar**



Monday 25th March : AA Support group at 10am : the Pilates class is 6pm

Tuesday 26th March : The Long Covid support group is at 10-30am
The Tai Chi class is at 7-15pm

Wednesday 27th March : Wellness Cafe with Stay & Play for pre-school children opens at 9am : the Signing Class is at 6-30pm.

Thursday 28th March : **Maundy Thursday** Wellness Cafe opens at 9am and the Zentangle group meet at 10am

Friday 29th March : Good Friday The united service with Trinity, Gregson Lane is at 10am - led by Denise Johnson : the Alanon group is at 10am and the Organ practice is at 2pm

Saturday 30th March : The Prayer Breakfast is at 8-30am

Sunday 31st March: Easter Sunday The early Easter Communion service is at 8-30am and Allan Gillies leads the Morning Worship at 10-30am our Minister, Rev Sharon Thraves. The "Not Church" session is at 6-30pm.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Ministry Team



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Please send items for next week's notices to Eric Chatburn to arrive no later than 6pm on Wednesday to ensure inclusion on Sunday. Tele : 01772 337495 or email chatburn@talktalk.net.

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