## Bamber Bridge Methodist Church CHURCH NOTICES - 27 April 2025

Minister : Rev Sharon Thraves Tel : 01772 323818 Website : https://bamberbridgemethodist.church We extend a very warm welcome to all who worship with us and invite you to join us for refreshments after the service. If you are new or visiting, we would love to get to know you.

**Latest news** June Sphere magazine : The June issue of Sphere is scheduled for issue on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May. If anyone has an article they would like including in this issue, could the please get it to me no later than Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Just email it to me at chatburn@talktalk.net. Handwritten items are also ok - just see me on any Sunday. *Thank you, Eric Chatburn* 

**Latest news** Please note that there will **NO lunches** on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May due to the church being used for the Local Elections.

**Latest news** My friend Adam is writing a dissertation on the role of third aged people in the spiritual formation of children and is looking for third aged people involved in children's work, and children, to fill out a questionnaire for his research. Please follow the links below to find the appropriate forms.

- Children's Link (aged 8-11) https://forms.office.com/e/Menq8qrmyq
- Third-age Link (Retired and Age 66+): https://forms.office.com/e/nZBAizvB7i
- Consent form : https://forms.office.com/e/Menq8qrmyq

### Thanks, Jennie Lockett



People in our community still need help with day to day living. There is a box in the foyer for donations to the local Community Larder based at St. Aidan's church. *Please give what you can. Thank you.* 



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# NEWS UPDATE

Gift Day & Annual Church Meeting

We are having a Gift day next Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 10am to 2pm to raise money for Church Funds.

There will be Carpet Bowls and Board Games. Refreshments will be available. If anyone could bring cakes [home baked or bought] that would be much appreciated.

Please come and support this event.

Rev Sharon will be on hand to receive your monetary gifts which will be dedicated during morning worship on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

This service will also incorporate our Annual Church meeting. After the service there will be a Jacob's Join lunch. Please stay for the lunch if you are able. Just bring some food with you on the day.



Lego Church : Help Needed. The Lego Church are looking for additional helpers each month.

To comply with Safeguarding requirements, volunteers will require a Disclosure & Barring Services (DBS check) to be completed at some point.

Please see Ellen Savage for more details.



**Note the Date :** On Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th May a fundraiser for the community food bank is being held at our cafe stay & play and Thursday coffee morning.

At present the food bank/larder operates with approximately a £450 per week shortfall even though they have such kind donations from the public. The event will have the following:- Cake stall - Raffle (prizes appreciated) - clothes and bags stall - children's lucky dip. More ideas gratefully welcomed. If you are able to contribute or help that would be gratefully received. If anyone is willing to distribute posters in the local community that would be great. Elizabeth Singleton is also helping with the event as part of her Duke of Edinburgh award. Mary Ryan is collecting things for the children's lucky dip. (Many thanks, Wendy, Sarah & Elizabeth)

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## An Invitation

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of June, two former members of our church will be formally ordained into the ministry of the Methodist Church.

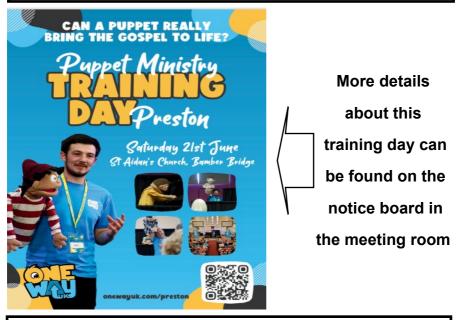
Judith Laycock will be ordained as a Deacon & Jason McMahon-Riley will be ordained as as Minister.

Ahead of their ordination, they will both be taking part in Testimony services to which they offer a warm welcome to members of Bamber Bridge church to attend.

Judith`s will be at Marple Methodist Church, Stockport on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm. Jason`s will be at Nuthall Methodist Church, Nuthall NG16 1DP on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 4pm.

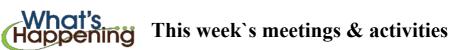
Judith's Ordination will be at St Andrew's Church, Shifnal at 4pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Jason's will be at All Saint's Church, Wellington, Telford at 4pm also on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

Tickets for the Ordination services are available from the Methodist Church website. Just search on Conference 2025 for the links to book tickets.



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Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	10am - AA support group 6-30pm - Signing class 7pm - Pilates class
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	LSCFT Rehab services meeting at 8-30am. Central Lancashire Bereavement services at 3pm. Nooma Nights group & Tai Chi class at 7pm.
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Wellness Cafe including "Stay & Play" session for preschool children from 9am to 12 noon. LSCFT Rehab services meeting at 11am. Signing class at 6-30pm.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Church is open 7am to 10pm for the County Council elections. The Wellness cafe is open from 9am to 12 noon, The Reading group meeting is at 10am. The Craft Club & Peer Support group are at 1pm. The Dance Class is at 4pm.
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	The Al-anon support group is at 10am
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	The Gift Day runs from 10am till 2pm
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Rev Janet Clasper leads the Communion service at 10-30am.

FIRE SAFETY

In the unlikely event of a fire in the building ... please stay calm and follow the instructions of the Stewards

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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