

CHURCH NOTICES - 4 May 2025

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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.

For Your Information

A couple of weeks ago Pauline and I watched a service from Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church. The preacher that morning was Rev Phil Gough who spoke about his calling to ministry. The following Sunday we watched it again and this time the service was led by a Local Preacher who referred back to Phil's service and peoples calling to service within the Church. He mentioned that when two of the Stewards retired in August there would only be himself and one other person to manage all the various jobs in the Church. Over the last 20 plus years a number of Churches in our Circuit have had to close for various reason . Congregations have dwindled due to people passing on or moving away. Those left have worked hard over the years to keep their church open. We here at Bamber Bridge are in a similar situation, no one seems to want to take on the role of a steward plus many other small roles. Our church caters for a lot of different Groups every day which helps the Church financially. We need some extra hands to help out.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

From the Editor : Please bear in mind the above comments as our Annual Church meeting approaches. Please consider what you may be able to offer. Remember the saying "Many hands make light work." One such area at the moment is the Lego Church group. Ellen Savage could do with some help in leading the group. Please see the notice below.



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.

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The Church Railings have been in place for many, many years. They are currently not in a good state. The Property Team are investigating our options. Do we repair or replace? The matter has already caused some concern within the Church and it is likely to be raised at the Annual Church Meeting. So, if you would like to see for yourself what state they are in, please see Maurice Perry who will be more than happy to show you.

NEWS UPDATE

FOODBANK FUNDRAISER - latest news

At present the foodbank which is now called "The Christian Community Larder" is spending £450 per week extra to the donations they receive. The Fundraiser is to try and help out and to boost some funds. It will be on Wednesday 28th May & Thursday 29th May 9.30-12.00 at our "Wellness & Community Cafe".

We have had very generous donations from local business for the raffle which include:-

2 Vouchers from Mercers Butchers for £10

Voucher from Danielle at Smooch for a wash & blow dry

Voucher for £20 from the Groomsman Barbers

Voucher for £10 from Gee Tees

Voucher for afternoon Tea from Lori@s cupcake

Boots Chemist and Morrisons are donating something and we are awaiting to hear from other business.

We have some really good raffle prizes as well as the above. We are however in need of cakes, tombola prizes for children & adults and some help on both days in making this a success.

Wendy Yates & Sarah Singleton



June Sphere magazine : The June issue of Sphere is scheduled for issue on Sunday 25th May. If anyone has an article they would like including in this issue, could the please get it to me no later than Wednesday 7th 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**

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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



An Invitation

On Sunday 29th 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 4th May at 4pm. Jason`s will be at Nuthall Methodist Church, Nuthall NG16 1DP on Sunday 1st June at 4pm.

Judith`s Ordination will be at St Andrew`s Church, Shifnal at 4pm on Sunday 29th June. Jason`s will be at All Saint`s Church, Wellington, Telford at 4pm also on Sunday 29th 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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This week's meetings & activities

Monday 5th May : 10am - AA support group ;
12pm - LSCFT meeting ; 6-30pm - Signing class ; 7pm - Pilates

Tuesday 6th May : Tai Chi class at 7pm

Wednesday 7th May : Wellness Cafe including "Stay & Play"
session for preschool children from 9am to 12 noon.
LSCFT Rehab services meeting at 8-30am ; Signing class at 6-30pm.
Soroptimists group at 7-30pm

Thursday 8th May : The Wellness Cafe is open from 9am to 12pm
The Zentangle "Doodles" group is at 10am ; the Dance class is at
4pm and the Lighthouse group meet at 6pm.

Friday 9th May : The Al-anon support group meet at 10am

Saturday 10th May : The Soroptimists Clothes Sale begins at 11am

Sunday 11th May : Rev Sharon Thraves leads the morning service
at 10-30am, which incorporates our Annual Church Meeting.
After the service there will be a Jacob's Join lunch - all are invited
to stay & share in this meal. Just add your name to the list in the
meeting room to indicate what food you will be bringing.



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.***



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.

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