



Sunday 14th February

Connecting church family within the Market Drayton Circuit; Market Drayton, Ashley and Hinstock, during the restrictions of Covid-19

Market Drayton Methodist Circuit

Newsletter

Notices

KNITTED ANGELS

Angels will again be part of Christmas this year. While we are in lockdown, if you are able, please start knitting some which can then be boxed and stored with Barbara Shingler, so when we come out of lockdown we can concentrate on all the things we have been unable to do, knowing the angels are already done.

DISTRICT SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Do you have extensive experience of safeguarding in a voluntary or statutory agency? Are you able to work flexibly and independently? Are you open to working in the faith sector? If so, this post may be for you. £25,350 pa pro rata (full time equivalent £39,080) 6% Pension Contribution Home based 24 hours a week, worked flexibly including some evening and weekend work. There is a need to travel all across the Chester & Stoke District. For an application pack please contact Rob Glassonbury, at chester.stoke@btconnect.com. More info safeguarding@chestokemethodists.com Closing date: Friday 26 February, 12pm.

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

Gifts have been given out to teaching and medical staff in Market Drayton and have been well received. Thank you for your generosity thus far. If you are still planning to donate to this blessings fund, please let Gail know if you are transferring money into the church account so that the money can be gift-aided. Thank you.

CAP MONEY CLUB

The next CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Money course will be held online on Mondays 8th, 15th and 22nd March from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. This course will give you the opportunity to build skills that will have a lasting impact on your finances and help you learn to budget, save and spend well. To book your place or for further information, please contact Ali Doulton on 07554738425 or by emailing alidoulton@capjobclubs.org

RSVP—HEARING GOD’S CALL

RSVP is a series of monthly Saturday morning sessions run by the Methodist Church NW & Mann Network where we will consider how we pay attention to God’s invitation and how we understand what God’s calling might be in our lives. Each session stands alone, and they fit together, so please do come to some or all. The sessions are intended to offer you a focus for your discernment. Next Session is Saturday 20th February, 10am-12.30pm. To book a place, email NWMannNetwork@gmail.com



MD CIRCUIT WORSHIP

ONLINE

First streaming at 10.30am on Sundays, then always available

- ⇒ mdmc.org.uk
- ⇒ ashleymethodist.co.uk
- ⇒ YouTube – search MDMC

Weekly Zoom Prayer Thursdays, 7.30-8pm

Meeting ID: 771 3865 0306
Passcode: i10m9R

IN CHURCH

MDMC & Ashley MC are both paused during current Lockdown

OTHER ONLINE WORSHIP

Truro Methodist Church

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2XL8XC12GnrsFtWUJlbdww>

Wesley's Chapel London

Live Streams at 11am Sundays
www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA

PHONE WORSHIP

0808 2812514
Free Methodist church Dial-a-prayer

0808 281 2478
Free Methodist Church Dial-the-news (both updated on a Thursday)

If you would like to contribute to this weekly Newsletter, please send items by [Wednesday evenings](mailto:Wednesdays@mdmc.org.uk) to Al Savill Email: notices@mdmc.org.uk. Tel: 07966295413. Please send testimonies, prayers, news, notices, activities etc.

Lent Resources

Psalm 33:20-22 - We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Matthew 4: 1-11

An early Easter means that Lent is almost upon us! There are lots of things that are happening that you can engage with. **Click on the images** for more detail or to print. If you don't have internet access or are not able to print at home and would like any of these resources printing and sending to you, please contact Al Savill via the contact details at the bottom of the front page.

LET'S LIVE LENT!
These daily activities are just suggestions - if you have better ideas, go ahead! The middle section is not dated, so use them in any order. You could tick them off if you like. If you want to miss some and repeat others, that's fine! Just enjoy counting down the days to Easter.

SUNDAY - BE THANKFUL - CONNECT -

MONDAY - BE THANKFUL - CONNECT -

TUESDAY - CREATE -

WEDNESDAY - GIVE -

THURSDAY - CREATION CARE -

FRIDAY - NOTICE -

SATURDAY - SELF-CARE -

MARK 16:1-8 **Easter Day!** Jesus' friends weren't expecting Good News on Easter Day and it took time for them to believe what they heard and saw.

The London District has created a Lent series called 'Woven' which can be downloaded & printed off at home (or ask us to do so if you haven't got access to a printer) and can be done individually or in Life or friendship groups

methodistlondon.org.uk/lentcourse2021

The Chester & Stoke Methodist District are running a 4 session Lent course via Zoom focused around Equality, Diversity & Inclusion.

The Methodist Church
Chester & Stoke-on-Trent District

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
'All Are Welcome'
District Lent Series 2021

Thursday Evenings from 7:30 to 9:00pm

25 February - Scriptural Faithfulness
4 March - Physical and Mental Impairment
11 March - Economic Justice
18 March - Living with Difference

For the Zoom link, please email Rob at chester.stoke@btconnect.com

The Methodist Church

Mindful Christianity in an age of uncertainty
An online interactive weekly series of reflections led by Author and Minister Rev. Malcolm Lorimer

- Beginning Thursday 18th February 06:45pm

Sessions:

18/2/21 Session 1. What is Christian Mindfulness?
25/2/21 Session 2. The Ministry of Jesus and Mindfulness.
4/2/21 Session 3. What the Beatitudes teach us about Mindfulness.
11/2/21 Session 4. The teaching of Jesus and what he said and practised.
18/2/21 Session 5. Jesus in the Wilderness-a time of lockdown.
25/2/21 Session 6. Mindfulness in the last days of Jesus.

The reflections will be in a secure and welcoming format on zoom. If you are searching for a Christian faith, would like to know more about Christianity, or want to gain a better understanding of your existing Christian faith All materials will be provided via email, the course is free (donations are welcome from anyone who is able). For more details and to register contact Rev Malcolm Lorimer maxcricquet@btinternet.com

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*Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love.*

Here I find my greatest treasure ()
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.*

*Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.*

Englesea Brook Lane,
Crewe, CW2 5QW
Tel: 01270 828836

Englesea Brook Chapel & Museum

Lent Bible Studies
'Choosing the Wilderness'

Led by Jill Baker:
Wednesdays
10.30am-12 noon
Via Zoom

Wed 17th February - Fleeing—the story of Hagar
Wed 24th February - Escaping—the example of Israel
Wed 3rd March - Sulking—the experience of Elijah
Wed 10th March - Driven—Focussing on Jesus

For a zoom invitation, please contact Ruth Hilton on engleseabrookproject@outlook.com

These are free events. Donations invited for All We Can

- ◆ We will be using the **Sunday Coffee Morning Zoom** to do some thinking around Lent themes too! So come and join the conversation - as well as a good chance to catch-up and pray for one another.
- ◆ Don't forget the Thursday prayer Zoom meeting too! - Zoom details overleaf.
- ◆ We'll let you know about plans for Holy Week in the next few weeks.

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.*

Robert Robinson

#niteblessings

Be blessed with strength for another day. Be blessed with courage to keep standing. Be blessed with faith to keep trusting. Be blessed with determination to keep going. Be blessed with grace to keep forgiving. Be blessed with openness to keep learning

Malcolm Duncan