

Prayer for Today

Lord, we thank you for the lives of those who have witnessed to you and shared their love of Jesus. Help us to learn from their example and to show your love to the loveless and the outcast. Amen.

John North, Local Preacher, Preston Ribble Circuit

Christmas film Friday 21st December - 2pm as school breaks up: it will probably be The Muppet Christmas Carol

Lunch club Thanks to all who helped with the inaugural session on 9th November - a lovely event for Foresight and older members of our community. A great team of volunteers cooked, served and tidied up and the Happy Wanderers provided transport! Thanks to Tesco, Morrisons, Asda and Bookers for providing food.

The return of ... the Caribbean Afternoon! Save the date now: 4.00 – 6.30 on Saturday 19th January. To build on the success of last year's event and strengthen our links with the church in Haiti, we hope to have a bring and share supper, Caribbean fruit tasting, prayer and craft activities, and the circuit Steel band! John and Sharon Harbottle have agreed to do another Skype call so we can find out how they, their community and their church are doing.

Church Flowers. The team who take Church flowers out after Sunday services need one more volunteer, as cover for holidays and illness. If you could help please contact Willow on 884580.

Prayer Tree. In the Prayer Corner at the back of the Church is a prayer tree, with paper 'leaves' provided for prayers to be written on and hung on the branches. All are free to use this at any time. The leaves are gathered together prayerfully before the evening Communion service each month, then presented with the offering during the service.

Church Notices: any items to be included need to reach Peter and Linda Phillips by 7.00 pm on the preceding Thursday, in writing, either e-mail to peter.linda@theinvernet.co.uk or post/deliver to 50 St Hilda's Road.



WOODLANDS METHODIST CHURCH

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We welcome all those worshipping with us today

If you have recently moved into the area or started attending this church please make yourself known to one of the stewards or leave your name and address on one of the welcome cards to be found in the pews.

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING

SUNDAY 18th November, 2018

Our worship services today:

10.30 am Mr Don Rolls

Sunday School meets during morning service today – details below

Refreshments will be served in the Middle Hall after the service

6.30 pm Rev Christine Gillespie *Holy Communion*

There is a Loop System in operation in the church and main hall, for those who use hearing aids. **Large Print** copies of all hymns & songs & the Notices are available. Please ask a Steward for further assistance.

We include prayers for others in every service. If you wish someone to be mentioned by name in these prayers, please ask their permission, then pass the name on to the steward on duty.

Sunday School meets this morning for children and young people aged 4-16. A crèche is also available for under-4s. The children normally join the congregation for the first 15 minutes of the service and then go to their own session, but are equally welcome to stay in the main service if they prefer. Please speak to a Steward for further information.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES from 19th – 24th November

Friday 23rd 8.10 am **Breakfast Club**
 8.30 am **Church open for prayer**
 8.45 am **Toast**

Next Sunday 25th November, 2018

10.30 am Rev Christine Gillespie *Holy Communion*
6.30 pm Rev Christine Gillespie

Thank you for your offerings on 11th November, amounting to £ 767.86.

Saturday 24th November, 2.30 to 5.30 pm at Woodlands: White Rose Squares Charity Hoedown raising funds for St. Michael's Hospice. Just turn up: tickets £6.00 (plus a Raffle) including light refreshments. This local American Square Dance Club invites you to try American Square Dancing at this light-hearted event. No experience needed, or even a partner, and accompanied children are welcome. Contact Ann 01943 465006 or Graham 07771 774100 for more information. See poster in the Main Hall for other details.

Gardening Sunday 25th November Last gardening session of the year, to include Christmas-themed crafts and activities

Saturday 1 December 2.30 – 4pm Berwick Grange Christmas Fair. Admission £3 which includes tea/coffee and mince pie. Cakes, tombola, crafts and other stalls. Donations of tombola gifts would be gratefully received and can be dropped off at Berwick Grange at any time.

Annual Gift Service 10.30 am on Sunday 2nd December. As usual we will be supporting IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Service) who have asked specifically for children's toys and/or monetary donations. Toys: please leave unwrapped and if possible in gift bags for ease of distribution. Donations: please (a) make any cheques payable to IDAS or (b) put any cash in clearly marked envelopes (the stewards will count this and the church will send one cheque for the whole sum). Thank you in advance for your continuing support and generosity. More details from Sue Ross

ABOUT CHRISTMAS.....

- **Sing for Christmas** at our carol service at 6.30 pm on 23rd December! Rehearsals in the church on Wednesdays 5 Dec (7.30), 12 December (2.30) and Friday 21 December (7.30). The hope is that everyone can manage two, but other dates may be possible if need be: please speak to Peter Phillips

- **Be creative for Christmas** by taking home one or more jam jars and decorating them to hold the candles for our carol service on 23rd December. We need 60 in all: there are some examples in the porch to get you going. Then bring the results back to church at any time from next Sunday onwards (please put in the box provided in the vestry). We will provide night lights. Sue Ross has more information if needed.

- **Come carol singing** on Tuesday 18 December: meet at church 5.45 prompt to sing at Berwick Grange (6 pm), Tate House (6.30) and Charlwood (7 pm) then back to church for refreshments

- **Walk for Christmas** on Thursday 27th December, 2.30 pm: a walk suitable for all ages, which will be followed by **refreshments and a Christingle Service**. More details in due course, but book the date now!

ABOUT THE BOILER PROJECT. Many thanks to all who so generously supported the recent fundraiser at the Manse. The total raised so far (including match funding of £2000 and Gift Aid where applicable) is **£11,274.25!** If you have not yet had the opportunity to give your contribution, please place it in an envelope labelled 'Project and Development Fund' and pass to a Steward. If you can Gift Aid it, please also enclose either your name or envelope scheme number.

Volunteers also needed to mobilize raising of the rest of the money needed for our **new church heating**. If you could help in any way, perhaps by organizing a fund-raising event or completing a grant application form, please speak to Christine or any of the Church Stewards: thank you.