

FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH



For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4 verse 6.

Welcome to Fulwood Methodist Church.

We extend a very warm welcome to all who worship with us and invite you to join us for tea or coffee after the service.

If you are new, we would love to get to know you better. Please speak to the Minister or to one of the Stewards.

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2025

10.30am. Toy Service and Holy Communion led by Revd. Jane Wild. Also on **ZOOM**

Any gifts of toys will be donated to Ribbleton Avenue Primary School, any toiletries are being donated to the Women's Refuge in Preston. All donations will be greatly appreciated!

(Crèche facilities are open at the back of Church)

PRAYER

Loving Father, thank You for the Light You have given me in the face of Jesus, my Saviour and Lord. I have been so blessed, for without the shining Light of Christ within, I would have continued to wallow in the darkness of the world. May Your name may be glorified in all I say and do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 9th December.

10.00am to 12noon. Open for coffee and 'New to You' Stall.

7.00pm. The Book Club in the Cedar Room, will be meeting for a bit of festive fun. As on previous occasions we will hope to see the gifts provided for each other by a secret representative of Santa! This will put us in a good mood for the crazy Christmas Quiz which is becoming a new tradition. We hope also that our usual supply of biscuits will have been augmented by additional seasonal treats, enough for everyone and more - so do join us.

Wednesday 10th December.

10.00am – 12.30pm. 'Welcome Wednesday'. Open for drinks, soup, bacon butties, scones and 'New to You Stall'.

10.30am. Half Hour Reflections led by Mrs Carolyn Hothersall.

7.00pm. Community Choir. Everyone welcome. This will be the last session until 7^{th} January 2026.

Thursday 11th December.

2.00pm to 4.00pm. Knitting Group. Everyone welcome.

Friday 12th December.

10.15am. Toddlers Club Christmas party – please note that children must be prebooked. thank you.

6.30pm - 8.00pm. Escape.

7.30pm. Free Christmas Concert, raising funds for Preston Street Pastors at Central Methodist, Lune Street. See Poster in church for full details.

Sunday 14th December. 10.30am. Messy Nativity. Service led by Revd. Sharon Thraves. Crafts will begin in the Hall at 10.00am. All are welcome. We will all gather in Church for Worship at 10.30am. Part way through the Service there will be opportunity for anyone (of any age) to go back and think about the Christmas story whist undertaking the Christmas crafts. We will all join together to conclude our Worship. You are welcome to come dressed as any character in the Nativity story or there will be costumes that you can borrow in the Cedar room. Please see Delma if you need more information. **Also on ZOOM**

FUTURE DATES

Friday 19th December. 9.30am – 11.30am. Coffee morning style Toddlers Club. Toddlers will recommence on Friday 9th January 2026.

Sunday 21st **December. 5.30pm. Carol Service.** The Church minibus will be available for this. Please let Eric Waterhouse know in good time if you would like to use the bus, especially if you are not usually a passenger. *There is no morning service that day.*

Wednesday 24th December. 3.30pm. Christingle Service led by Revd. Jane Wild. 11.15pm. Holy Communion led by Revd. Jane Wild.

Thurs 25th December. 10.00am. Christmas Day Service led by Revd. Jane Wild.

Sunday 28th December. 10.30am. Café Service with a "Bring and Share" Lunch.

Tuesday 30th December. 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Help Needed! We are hosting an afternoon tea at Church for people in the community who may be isolated over the Christmas period. We need help with transporting our guests to and from the event, as well as a few extra pairs of hands to serve food and drink, and to wash up. Please contact **Veronica** if you are able to help: 07742 910292,

11th **January 2026: Taizé**. **4.00pm.** Quiet Worship. We are offering calm and meditative service at Church. All are welcome.

Come to our Human Jukebox on 28th February 2026! 7.00pm.
You can ask our band to play your favourite worship songs live. Tickets, priced at £5 per person, £3 for Under 16s, £15 for a family, are now available through Mike Cushing, These will be sent to you by email, with payment being made when you arrive for the event. Refreshments, including a "Mocktail Bar" will be available. It promises to be a great night of live music! Sing-

along and dancing are not only very welcome, but positively encouraged. We hope to see you there for our fundraising event!

OTHER NOTICES

We are sorry to tell you that Jean Simpson and Ken Wiggins have both recently passed away, please remember their families in your prayers at this sad time.

There will be no notices on Sunday 28th December as the "notice team" is having a Christmas break. These will resume on Sunday 4th January 2026.

We need Volunteers to act as Welcomers at the following Christmastime Services:

Sunday 21st December. Carol Service at 5.30pm

Wednesday 24th December. Christingle Service at 3.30pm &

Midnight Communion at 11.15pm

Thursday 25th December. Christmas Day Service at 10.00am Names please to Roy Smith (tel. 01772 716772 or **email Roy**

Used postage stamps. Please can you save your used postage stamps (any nationality) and put them in the box provided in Willow Grove. These are in aid of Blood Cancer Research. Many thanks. Mike and Judith Hodgson.

Donation of Children's Books. The Book Club can arrange for children's books to be collected and made available for use in Church or donated to Ribbleton Avenue Methodist Junior School. Books for any age - babes to young adults. If you or your friends have used books in reasonable condition ready to be passed on, please give them to Janet or Ken Wales or leave with the Nearly New shop. Thank you for the donations received so far which are being used both within the school and to enable children to read at leisure at home.

Church Transport. If you wish to use the minibus on a Sunday morning, please contact Eric Waterhouse 863743. The driver this week is Emma Byers and next week, 14th December, it will be Andrew Cuckson.

The Salvation Army Food Bank are always grateful for any donations of dried/tinned foods or toiletries, and these can be left in the yellow box in the Hall.

Did you know that Fulwood Methodist Church has a prayer chain?All prayers, names and situations are held in confidence. If you would like us to pray for you, please contact **Sue Whiteford** or 01772 864478.

Room Bookings. If you wish to book a room at Church, or you want to know which rooms are available on a certain date, please contact Angela Dunnet by email, administrator@fulwoodmethodist.org.uk.

Notices. Please send anything you need included in the notices to <u>Sue Whiteford</u> by Wednesday lunchtime.

EVENTS AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Sunday 7th December. 6.30pm. "Stargazers" by Roger Jones, will form the main part of the evening service at Hope (PR4 4AA). There will be refreshments after the service. Everyone welcome.

Second Monday of every month. 7.00pm – 8.30pm.

"Out of the Embers" Bereavement Support Space at The Black Bull, Garstang Road.

First Thursday of each month. 1.00pm – 2.30pm AND 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Bereavement Café at Trinity Methodist Church, Gregson Lane, PR5 OED.

GOODBYE DARREN!

For the past 8 years, Darren Arnold has served the circuit in various roles working with children, youth and families. He is moving away from Preston to be closer to family, and taking up a new Circuit, Children's Family & Youth Worker role in the Telford Methodist Circuit. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for everything he's done, and will keep him and his wife, Cheryl, in our prayers as they embark on this new adventure.



UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

The Uniformed Organisations meet at Church as shown below. Parents will be notified when each organisation has a break during a school holiday.

Mondays:

4.45pm - 5.45pm. Squirrels. Thursdays:

 5.pm - 7.00pm. Beavers.
 6.00pm - 7.00pm. Rainbows.

 7.00pm - 8.15pm. Cubs.
 6.15pm - 7.30pm. Brownies.

 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Guides.
 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Rangers

7.15pm – 9.15pm. Scouts. 8.00pm - 9.30pm. Scouts. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

When joining service via zoom please turn OFF your camera and microphone. If you are phoning in, put a # at the end of the meeting ID and passcode

10.30am. Sunday Service. <u>us02web.zoom.us/j/8626480567</u>

Meeting ID: 862 648 0567

Passcode 0987

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