

Circuit Meeting Notice Sheet June 2019

Date	Event	Time & Place
Sunday 16 th June	Prayer Gathering to support Barbara Glasson, President Elect	9:30am at Dukinfield
Tuesday 18 th June	Children's & Youthwork Forum	7:30pm at Dukinfield
Tuesday 2 nd July	Dedication of Godly Play Space	1:30pm at Hurst
Thursday 4 th July	Property Stewards Meeting	7:30pm at Stalybridge
Saturday 13 th July	 Faiths Tackling Isolation Full details on page 6	9:30am – 3:30pm at St. Mary's Church, Meadow Lane, Houghton Green Denton, M34 7GD
Sunday 14 th July	 ACTION FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY Details page 4	All
Saturday 27 th July	Open House	10:00am - 1:00pm & 2:00 - 6:00pm, at 56 Hanover Street
Sunday 28 th July	Farewell Service for Rev'd Julie Coates	3:30pm at Mossley
Saturday 3 rd - Thursday 8 th August	 Soul Survivor	Stafford Showground
Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd August	 for 5 – 11year olds	10:00am – 3:00pm at Dukinfield
Thursday 5 th September	Circuit Welcome Service for Rev'd Hazel Cook	7:00 for 7:30pm at Stalybridge
Saturday 7 th September	Representative Synod	Stockport Circuit
Tuesday 10 th September	Leaders of Worship and Local Preachers Meeting	7:45pm at Hurst
Thursday 12 th September	Circuit Meeting	7:45pm at Trinity

Rosehill Methodist Primary Academy



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Thank you to all those who continue to support the work of the school – as governors, penpals, in-class volunteers and godly play storytellers. During the last few months it has been good to build up the relationships between each of the year groups and their 'twinned' church, for example members from Hurst Methodist Church visited Year 3 and handed out copies of the Bible Society's Easter booklet to all of the children.

There is still time to write to your class and share your favourite Bible Story and there will be further invitations coming out offering each church the opportunity to visit the school for a brief act of Collective Worship in the classrooms on Thursday 11th July.

Here is a reminder of the partnerships:

- Nursery and Reception – West End Methodist Church
- Year 1 – Dukinfield Methodist Church
- Year 2 – Stalybridge Methodist Church
- Year 3 – Hurst Methodist Church
- Year 4 – Mossley Methodist Church
- Year 5 – Trinity Church, Audenshaw
- Year 6 – Waterloo Methodist Church

There will be a special leaving assembly for Rev'd Julie Coates at 9:00am on Wednesday 24th July

Children and Youthwork Forum

Mega Quest Holiday Club

During the Easter Holidays over 30 children attended the Mega Quest Holiday Club at Mossley Methodist Church to find out about 'God's big plan for the world' and to learn some new songs through the work of PopUK.

Special guests included the puppets, Larry and Barbara as well as drama characters Super Harrio, Flora Cruft, Cronic, LogOff, DumDum and the mysterious Programmer.

The final session on the Friday was followed by an evening concert at which the children performed the seven songs. There were two special Easter songs, four songs which highlighted key values such as truthfulness and a medley of contemporary pop. Andy Silver from PopUK told the audience that 'this is the best Friday night entertainment on offer in the whole of Greater Manchester!' Everyone agreed.



Experience Pentecost

Over 250 children from 7 different schools, as well as the members of Junior and Youth Emmaus, have visited our churches for 'Experience Pentecost' (Mossley, Waterloo and Hurst). We shared the story from Acts 2 with the children and then split each class into five groups so that they could move around the displays set up within the worship space. The stations cover 'Waiting', 'Receiving', 'Telling', 'Doing' and 'Sharing'. Once all five areas had been visited the pupils formed a circle around the final display – 'Growing' - and heard the stories of children who are part of the church family in other countries.

Experience
Pentecost



A big thank you to all the volunteers for setting up the 'Experience', telling the stories, or accompanying the children as they moved between the stations. Every one of the schools involved gave positive reports about their visit. One teacher wrote: 'Many thanks once again for a lovely morning today. The children absolutely loved the activities and stations they experienced to mark the event of Pentecost and the birth of the Christian Church. All the volunteers were wonderful and explained the New Testament story of Pentecost beautifully.'

The Greatest Showman Summer Holiday Club. Plans are now being made for this club at Dukinfield from Monday 19th - Friday 23rd August. More details and booking forms to follow.



GOD IN LOVE UNITES US: The Report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group 2019

The Marriage and Relationships Task Group will present a report to the 2019 Methodist Conference with recommendations about various issues to do with relationships in general and marriage in particular. If accepted by Conference, those recommendations will be submitted to the wider Church for consultation during 2019-2020, with a final decision being made at the July 2020 Conference. You can download a copy of the report at: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/MandR19>

Meet your MP Report - Matt Collins

On 14th April, Mossley Methodist Church welcomed Jonathon Reynolds, MP for Stalybridge and Hyde to have a discussion with members of the Church as part of the 'Meet your MP' initiative. Jonathon talked about his background and journey to being an MP, and about his role as a Shadow City Minister and Chair of Christians on the Left. He took questions on housing and homelessness, climate change and how we can try to make politics less divisive. We hope to continue to build this relationship, as well as engaging with other elected representatives.

Mission and Outreach Forum Report - Judith Buck

The Mission and Outreach Forum is open for anyone to attend who is interested in exploring how we can reach out in service to our communities. The Forum met on 29th April at Dukinfield, where we also welcomed Karen Attaway from the Hyde and Denton Circuit.

Karen spoke to us about the work of **The Helping Hand Charity Shop** in Hyde. The shop has been very successful, not only in bringing welcome revenue into the Circuit, but also in providing companionship to volunteers from amongst church members and also to others from the community. Karen commented that many customers would often pop in just for a chat even if they didn't buy anything! As a result of the shop's success, another is planned for Denton town centre. See <https://www.facebook.com/thehelpinghandhyde/>



The Ashton Circuit was recently contacted by Jonathan, a representative of **Action Together**, who is employed on 3 year pilot scheme funded by the NHS. Action Together aims to support community development, particularly in the voluntary sector across Tameside, Oldham and Rochdale. Jonathan met with Circuit staff and members of the Mission and Outreach Forum on May 22nd at Dukinfield. The meeting was very well attended and he was able to provide us with a lot of information about the work which Action Together facilitates.

Action Together is member based (membership is free), and as members, groups have access to information from all the local member user organisations, of which there are currently around 2000. The aim is to bring voluntary and community groups together, in order to, amongst other things, target resources where they are most needed. There is also a data base of volunteers looking for work in addition to those already offering help.

Action Together can help with free training and workshops on numerous topics, including things such as funding bidding. If you would like further information please speak to Judith and/or visit the Action Together website: www.actiontogether.org.uk

SYNOD Report - Val Williams

Welcome and Opening Devotions

Spring Synod on Saturday on 6th April was held at Middleton Methodist Church, where we were warmly welcomed with refreshments and given our Agenda. The church is very impressive both from outside and inside with a lovely quadrangle joining church and hall. A highlight of the opening devotions was the **'Right Hand of God'** (715 Singing the Faith, Patrick Eugene Prescod, Words and Music: (c) 1981 Caribbean Conference of Churches (CCC), Port-of-Spain, Trinidad), and a selection of praise from an African choir.

Circuit Regroupings in Manchester & Stockport District

Part of Hazel Grove & Poynton Circuit will join with Macclesfield Circuit. The remaining part will join with Stockport to form a new circuit called United Stockport Circuit (it was thought Stockport United may be misleading!). A third new circuit named High Peak will be formed by the merging of the Buxton, High Peak and Whaley Bridge Circuits.

New Appointments in District

- Helen Bolton - District Safeguarding Officer
- Paul Whitworth - District Archivist (from Dukinfield)
- Steve Oliver - Action for Children Advocate

Action for Children

Action for Children formerly National Children's Home, opened in 1869 and is still very much needed today. AfC helps thousands of children who suffer neglect, depression, and live in difficult family situations. **Action for Children Sunday is 14th July 2019.** See

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/our-methodist-partnership/>



Methodist Homes Association

Rev Kate Le Sueur spoke about The Walter Hall Lectures happening in London later this year – the lectures will also come to Manchester in 2020.

https://www.mha.org.uk/news/latest-news/news_archive/walter-hall-lectures



MHA's aim is '**bringing quality to later life**' and amongst its many activities and work, it holds events, services and days where the old meet the young, with significant results. It also holds workshops on **Worship Engagement in Later Life (WELL)**. At a meeting on 3rd July there will be the signing of a working agreement between MHA and the Methodist Church, and a presentation of resources which facilitate dementia-inclusive worship in both churches and care homes. See

<https://www.mha.org.uk/>

Transforming Churches and Communities (TCC)

John Wareham presented the TCC Annual Report for 2019 which includes reports on those churches who joined the District Partnership Fund. TCC is still carrying out reviews on churches and has received many requests for help on such matters as finance (new tax laws and pensions) and property issues (eg use of contractors).

3Generate

A young boy spoke to Synod of his experiences at last year's 3Generate Conference, where the theme was

'Courageous' and they learnt about Jesus' courage from birth till his death on the cross.

You can read the full 3Generate Manifesto on the Emmaus page of the Circuit website @

<http://www.ashtonunderlynemethodist.org.uk/emmaus.htm> and more info on 3Generate 2019 @

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/3generate/>



Mission

Rod Hill gave an update on the following:

- **City Church** which is growing and reaching out to the issues of the city centre and providing a stronger voice in the centre of Manchester. See <https://www.citychurchmanchester.org/>
- **The Chapel in the Fields** holds regular retreats. See <https://www.chapelinthefields.org.uk/>
- **Connect Church** in Tiviot Dale, Stockport now regularly has congregations of 80-100 and is also planting a Portuguese speaking church. See <http://cntchurch.co.uk/>
- **Zac's House** in Northwich is growing rapidly and wishes everyone to be '*seen, loved and valued*'. They are partnering with churches in Uganda. See <https://zacshousekc.com/>

Each of these new plantings is growing in faith and number and was not set up without risk!

Rod offered a challenge to all churches to have planted something new and radically different for God within the next five years. He warned it will be hard, it will be challenging and could be painful. It is high risk, will need bold decisions, dedication and committed people, but he asked, "are those things not central to our faith?"

Homelessness

Ian Rutherford (city centre minister) talked about working alongside Andy Burnham to combat the growing issue of homelessness – the 4 R's are part of the Mayor's strategy

Reduction / Respite / Recover / Reconnection

<https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/media/1234/homeless-action-network-strategy.pdf>

For more information Ian can be contacted on: ianr7@hotmail.com

Workshops

There were 5 workshops all based on forms of prayer, including prayer walks, using all the senses, and use of prayers in meetings.

There is such a lot going on and a lot of change is taking place, we should be constantly listening to God and discerning, **'What is God calling us to be?'**

Hot off the press - Julie Coates

Here is some of the information that I received at the Superintendents' Conference last week:

- New training materials for **Circuit Stewards** are due to be published on 14th June, a similar set for **Church Stewards** is in the pipeline for the autumn.
- More resources for the continuing development of **Local Preachers**, as well as an annual recommissioning service, will be available in the autumn.
- **Methodist Insurance** offer grants of up to £10,000 for standard projects and £50,000 for large schemes. See <https://www.methodistinsurance.co.uk/about-us/grant-giving-scheme/index.aspx>
- They also ask you to nominate church members for their **Volunteer Awards**. See <https://www.methodistinsurance.co.uk/volunteerawards/index.aspx>
- There is now a **Panel of Surveyors** recommended by the Methodist Church. See <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-ministers-and-office-holders/property/surveyors-panel/>
- **All We Can's Harvest Project** is looking at how potatoes can change the lives of people in Ethiopia. See <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/resources/service-materials/harvest-2019-deepen-your-roots/>
- **Roots On The Web** – the writers of these resources are looking for groups who are willing to be part of their research into biblical literacy, ways to link their resources to life today, and how they can provide better support for worship with families. Contact Alison Hulse on hulsea@methodistchurch.org.uk
- There is a new **JMA Commissioning Service** on <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/junior-mission-for-all/jma-commissioning-service-2019/>

Safeguarding Report - Susan Nuttall

A number of eligible members of the Circuit have attended the Advanced Module for Creating Safer Spaces which has replaced the Leadership Module. This will continue to be rolled out over the next two years by the District. Those eligible to attend include:

Presbyters, Local Preachers, Circuit Stewards, Circuit & Church Safeguarding Officers, Leaders of Children & Youth Work and Pastoral Leads.

Foundation Refresher training for Creating Safer Spaces will take place on Thursday 4th July at Stalybridge Methodist Church from 7.00 - 9.30pm. Those who trained 4 years ago or more, anyone new to an office in the church and those responsible for Children and Youth work and work with vulnerable adults will need to attend. Church Safeguarding Officers should contact Susan Nuttall with a list of those attending from their church.

Re: Trust 17241 Kenyon Trust - Resolution for Circuit Meeting

In accordance with section 275 of the Charities Act 2011, the Ashton-under-Lyne Circuit seeks to amend the terms of this Trust Deed which was set up to support Ministers stationed within the Circuit, using the income from the Trust to provide books, or be used as a contribution towards their holiday expenses. The terms of the Trust, which was set up in 1959, have partially failed as there are currently only two ministers within the Circuit who can benefit from the annual income received from the Trust.

The ethos of ministry within the Circuit is changing as the Circuit seeks to fulfil its mission by using the skills of local Lay Pastors and Lay Workers to enhance its work in addition to that undertaken by Ministers and also Local Preachers. The Circuit therefore seeks approval to widen the use of the income from the Trust so that the income can be used for the training of Ministers, Lay Pastors and Lay Workers to support the Ashton-under-Lyne Methodist Circuit (RCN 1136791) in the delivery of its aims and the achievement of its objectives.



Are you the leader of a Tameside faith organisation?

Do you run a community activity at your local faith building in Tameside?

Are you a professional working in Tameside who wants to find out more about how Tameside's faith organisations are alleviating loneliness?

Join us to **celebrate** the work that **Tameside faith groups** provide to alleviate social isolation across the Borough

Meet other faith organisations to share what we do, and to learn from each other.

Enjoy practical **workshops**, inspiring **speakers** and **networking** opportunities

Where

St. Mary's Church, Meadow Lane,
Haughton Green
Denton, M34 7GD

When

Saturday July 13, 9:30 am – 3:30pm

Buffet lunch provided

To book visit

<https://tinyurl.com/FaithsUnitedTameside>

Or contact Dawn on tel: 0161 339 2345 / email: dawn.acton@actiontogether.org.uk

Booking is essential

