

CLEVELEYS PARK METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER FOR JULY and AUGUST 2024



Cleveleys Park Methodist Church (A Fair Trade Church)

Mission Statement

Our Ministry at Cleveleys Park is offered to all regardless of race, creed, age or sex. Our calling and motivation, as a Church community, is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ Jesus by: -

Worship, prayer and fellowship,
Opening ourselves to God's transforming love,
Offering a welcome to everyone,
Sharing the Good News of Jesus,
Reaching out to individuals and our neighbourhood community,
Using our resources to meet the needs of others, and
Calling people to faith in Jesus Christ and to Christian discipleship



Letter from Will



Dear Friends

What is faith for?
Comfort? Reassurance? Challenge?

By the time you read this the General Election campaign will be over and there will be a new government and possibly Prime Minister. Writing three weeks before the election I can say that there will be a new government but what it will look like I can only guess. Uncertainty about the future is part of life and predictions about the future can be notoriously inaccurate.

The untimely death of Dr Michael Mosley this summer reminded many of us of the uncertainty of life and the terrifying experience of the passengers aboard the Singapore Airlines flight caught in turbulence illustrates that frightening things can happen at the most unexpected of moments.

So, sit at home and hide under the duvet? Every now and again I look up wistfully at Swirral Edge on the Helvellyn range and think I would love to climb that but, either the weather is wrong, or I am setting off too late in the day. I know that even in good weather the climb is not without risk and my knees are getting stiffer by the year! Yet the attraction is still there, risks and all.

People often look to faith as a great comfort but that is almost certainly a mistake. It is probably better to regard faith as a guide to how we navigate a dangerous world rather than as a safety net stopping us from ever getting hurt. The world is full of danger, risk *and* beauty. Life is for living, not hiding. And the story of the Bible is about people moving on, moving out, making mistakes and meeting the living God in the messiness of it all.

Jesus warns us not to be captured by wealth and comfort. To be ready for surprises. To trust in God in uncertain times. This may feel quite scary at times and we are often tempted to play safe and never try anything new or do things differently.

This summer I pray that you (*and me*) may discover afresh the real God rather than the God we would like to exist. The God who dares to trust us with the world and works with us and sometimes against us when we mess things up and misunderstand his purpose to change everything for the better. Have a great summer!

With love to you all, Will x

CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES CALENDAR FOR JULY 2024

Sunday	7th	at 10.45 am	Service to be lead by Berenice Smith
Circuit Service, Sunday 7th July 2024 4 p.m. at Poulton Methodist Church. All are welcome!			
Sunday	14th	at 10.45 am	Service to be lead by Rev Will Hunter (<i>Holy Communion</i>)
Sunday	21st	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Local Arrangement
Sunday	28th	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Rev'd Sarah Lamb

OTHER DATES IN JULY

14th	Action for Children Sunday and Sea Sunday
	21 st – Rural Mission Sunday

Contemporary Worship at Thornton Methodist

For Praise, Prayer, Reflection and Fellowship

2nd Monday of every month at 7 p.m. (*except August*)

Refreshments available from 6.45 p.m.

Continuing every 2nd Monday of the Month – 8th July, 9th September,
14th October, 11th November and 9th December

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT JULY

- The birthstone is the ruby, which symbolizes contentment, passion and love
- The birth flowers are the Larkspur and Water Lily
- The zodiac signs are Cancer (*the crab*) and Leo (*the lion*)

CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2024

Circuit Service at Cleveleys Park Methodist Church on Sunday, 4th August 2024 at 10.45 a.m. including Holy Communion. All are welcome!			
Sunday	11th	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Janet Mordike
Sunday	18th	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Brian Robbins
Sunday	25th	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Rev Will Hunter

OTHER DATES IN AUGUST

Summer Bank Holiday: August 26, 2024 (*Monday*)

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT AUGUST

- Leo and Virgo are the two-star signs for people born this month.
- The birthstone is the Peridot, a green stone with a yellowish tinge
- The birth flowers are the Gladiolus and Poppy



Our Church's usual weekly activities: -

On the first Monday of the month		Parkinson's UK meet in the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.	
Monday	4.30 pm – 6 pm	In the Lounge	“Just-Be Juniors” *in Term time only
Tuesday	1.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	In the Hall	Tuesday Tea Dancers Scottish Dancers
Wednesday morning	10.30 a.m.	Hall	Yoga
	10.30 a.m.	Lounge	Coffee Morning
Wednesday afternoon	12 - 4 p.m.	Lounge	Crafties
	12.30 and 1.30 p.m.	Hall	FITNESS 50 has 2 classes
Wednesday evening	from 3 rd July 4.30 – 9 p.m.	Hall	Slimming World
Thursday	10-12 noon	Hall	Line Dancers
“	2 pm	“	B Older Group
Evening	6 pm –7.30 pm	“	Brownies*
“	6 – 8.30 pm	Taylor Room	Chess Club for 7-16 yrs.
“	7.30-9 pm.	Hall	Guides
“	7.30 pm	Classroom	Dream Team Singers
Friday afternoon	1 - 3 pm	Lounge	Surecare (<i>meet every week</i>)
	1 – 3 pm	Hall	Windmill Art Society
Friday Evening	6 pm-7.30 pm (<i>term time only</i>)	Hall	Rock Kids for 6-12 years who meet for Bible stories, games and crafts – and to enjoy being part of a Christian family.

