

# CLEVELEYS PARK METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 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



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## Letter from Will – Pentecost is coming!

Dear Friends

On May 19<sup>th</sup> the worldwide Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. This is an important date in the Church's calendar because it reminds us once again of God's infinite capacity to surprise and delight by 'doing a new thing'. The first Christians had only the vaguest idea of what would happen when they were commanded to 'stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high' (Luke 24v49). Fortunately for us, they obeyed Jesus' command and ten days after the Ascension or return of Jesus to heaven the Spirit came upon them giving boldness to witness in the name of Jesus.

There is much to learn from the Day of Pentecost. The first thing is that the Spirit came after a period of intense prayer by the disciples. They acknowledged their reliance on God and put aside other priorities rather than simply carrying on as before or generating a 'Jerusalem Campaign of Evangelism'.

The second thing is that the disciples were all together. There is power in unity, particularly spiritual unity. This unity intensified after Pentecost and found practical outworking in mutual care and sharing of material goods.

The third thing is that the disciples left the safety of the Upper Room and testified on the streets. The nature of their testimony was threefold. There were words of explanation about Jesus. There were miracles of healing that repeated the works of power (*dunami* in Greek, from which we get the English word dynamite) seen in the ministry of Jesus in Galilee and Judea. There was the witness of the love of the disciples for one another.

One thing we often forget about Pentecost is that it is also the fulfilment of an ancient promise found in the Book of Joel that in the last days God would pour out his Spirit on **all** flesh, on all people rich and poor, slave and free, male and female, Jew and Gentile. This is a timeless message particularly relevant in the modern world where we seem to be frequently divided into warring groups and nations. God does not have favourites when it comes to the gift of the Spirit. All can receive, all can be blessed, all are welcome at God's table and no-one is excluded.

I hope you have a Spirit-filled Spring as you reflect on what God has done in the past and what God can do amongst us today.

With love to you all,

**Will x**



## 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. 10.30 a.m.	Hall Lounge	Yoga Coffee Morning
	12 - 4 p.m.	Lounge	Crafties
Wednesday afternoon	12.30 and 1.30 p.m.	Hall	FITNESS 50 has 2 classes
Wednesday evening	6 – 9 p.m.	Hall	<b>Slimming World</b>
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 1 – 3 pm	Lounge Hall	Surecare ( <i>meet every week</i> ) Windmill Art Society
	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.

## CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES CALENDAR FOR MAY 2024

Sunday	5th	at 10.45 am Easter 6	Service to be lead by Rev Will Hunter ( <i>Holy Communion</i> )
<b>Circuit Service on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 4 p.m. at Thornton Methodist Church. - All are welcome!</b>			
Sunday	12th	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Janet Mordike ( <i>Sunday after Ascension</i> )
Sunday	19th	at 10.45 am	Service to be led by Local Arrangement ( <i>Wilma</i> )
<b>Circuit Service on Sunday, 26th May 2024, 10.30 a.m. to celebrate Aldersgate Sunday at Poulton Methodist Church</b>			

## OTHER DATES IN MAY

5th	Vocations Sunday	6th	Coronation Day – Early May Bank Holiday
9th	Ascension Day	12 – 18th	Christian Aid week
19th	Pentecost	24th	Wesley Day
26th	Trinity Sunday	27th	Spring Bank Holiday