

Circuit News: April 2022



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Circuit Services

3 rd April 9 am	Holy Communion at PPW Lent 5
10 th April 6.30 pm	Informal Holy Communion at Liverpool Road in New Room
24 th April 6.00 pm	Raising Praise at Leyland Road

Letter to my younger self -Methodist Women in Britain



**Methodist Women
in Britain**

for women, for justice, for Christ

You are invited to write a letter to your younger self, telling the younger 'you' what you have learned about life that maybe wish you'd known then. It's a competition so there will be prizes. All entrants must be women who attend or have membership of the Methodist Church. No more than 1000 words. Rules for entry and how to enter can be found here: <https://mwib.org.uk/index.php/2022/03/10/a-letter-to-my-younger-self/>

Compassion Acts Easter Holiday Club

It's for children aged 7-13 years (School years 3-8) and will take place on Monday 11 April – Thursday 14 April at Christ the King School. Each day is 10am-3pm with lunch and a light snack included. This year the holiday club will be in one location: Christ the King High School and the activities will primarily be delivered by external companies and organisations, but volunteers are needed who are able to support and supervise the children.

If you are able to give some time to support the holiday club or know of anyone who may be interested in volunteering for a short term during this project, please do contact at office@compassionacts.uk

Harbour

An invitation to join the 'Harbour Project' at Leyland Road on Tuesdays at 2pm. A place to meet new people from the community, enjoy a tea or coffee and eat cake! If you would like any further information, contact Raj Patel on 07912 649581



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Star Trekk

The 'Mighty Striders' are taking part in the Queenscourt Hospice 10km sponsored night walk on **Friday 6th May 2022** around Southport starting at 7.30. It would be

great to have a Circuit group. Let Marie-Anne know if you can join the 'Mighty Striders'. Be warned there may be a dress code!

Items for May need to be received by 25th April admin@southportmethodist.org.uk



Prayer Pointers

for all those effected by the conflict in Ukraine and for peace talks

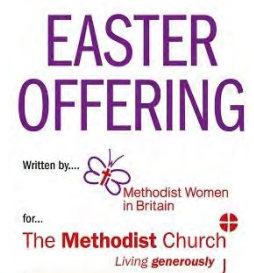
for Rev. Alex Galbraith as he continues with his chemotherapy.

for ecumenical conversations across the circuit

for conversations with neighbouring circuits

Easter Offering Envelopes

You might not know what the Easter Offering envelopes are if they appear in your church. This tradition dates to 1883 when women in Manchester collected their pennies and raised £32 for missionary work overseas. 139 years later we still support Partner Churches around the world. The monies raised will be dedicated on **Sunday 8th May at 6.30 at Liverpool Road**. It is an inspirational service with stories from the World Church.



Circuit Meeting - 'Preparing the Ground'



The Circuit Meeting adopted a Mission Statement 'Preparing the Ground'. It talks about the different initiatives that we are exploring to enable us to be better prepared to make disciples and serve our communities in a rapidly changing church context. One important part of this is how we release people from the jobs that need to be done to do the things we are called to do. For more information see the paper on the Circuit website.

Part of the plan is to employ a property person or consultant, paid for from circuit reserves, but first we need to identify what support the churches need with looking after their buildings. We are looking for someone to scope out the job description in consultation with church and circuit officers. This is a short-term project to help prepare the right person specification. Could this be you? Please speak to Stephen Hardiman if it is.

Hello and Goodbye

Firstly 'hello' to Keith Chambers a member at Russell Road who has asked for a 'note to preach' and will be sharing services with Colin Fyles on the plan. This is the first stage of becoming a Local Preacher. Sadly, as we welcome Keith we say 'goodbye' to Heather Draper who is moving to Lytham St Annes. Heather's preaching has been appreciated across the circuit and she will be greatly missed. Heather leaves with our prayers.