

Dear Southport Methodist Circuit,

As we turn the corner of another Methodist year, I want to thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement this last year during my tenure as Superintendent Minister. I am delighted that Rev Christopher Humble is our new Superintendent Minister from September and I hope you will be able to join us for his welcome service. Please hold Christopher in your prayers, together with his wife Judith.

God bless
Patrick

Christopher now introduces himself to us...

I was born in Middlesbrough, to Methodist parents with a Methodist heritage going back to the time of John Wesley. I was brought up in the sea-side town of Saltburn-by-the-sea on the Yorkshire coast which predominantly welcomed day trippers from Teesside. From sixth form college I went to the University of Lancaster to read History but switched to eventually emerge with a degree in Religious Studies. Whilst at University I was jointly confirmed into the Church of England and the Methodist Church and began the journey towards becoming a local preacher. I sensed a call to ministry and tested this out by taking on a role as a Lay Worker at a city centre church in Exeter. From there I candidated for the ministry and was sent to Lincoln Theological College to train alongside Anglican ordinands' and completed a further degree in Theology. I have since then served in the following circuits:- Leeds (Headingley), Amersham, Grimsby &

Cleethorpes (where I served as superintendent), York and latterly West Durham, as superintendent. These appointments have been diverse in terms of city centre, rural, small town and urban contexts.

For more than forty years I have had the enrichment of ecumenical encounter in my life and ministry. At various times I have served as Synod Secretary, Presbyteral Synod Secretary, District Ecumenical Officer, member of the District Leadership Team and Secretary of the District Policy Committee.

I am married to Judith, who has a passion for fairtrade, has worked as a nanny and who also has strong ecumenical links. I have three grown up children, Abigail lives in Rochdale and is getting married to Liam next year, Naomi is currently in Grimsby having completed a degree and post-grad in Sports Science & Nutrition and Joe is in the army serving as a PT Instructor with the Royal Corps of Signals in Blandford. I try to keep in contact with my wider family of cousins which is quite extensive.

I gave up my season ticket at Middlesbrough some time ago! but maintain an interest in football. I enjoy listening to classical music and have sung in various choirs over the years.

We will be coming to Southport with our dog Noah who is a rescue dog. He is a lurcher aged 2. He looks forward to exploring the coast.

We look forward to sharing in ministry alongside you as we share in worship and mission.

Christopher



SERVICE of WELCOME
for
The new Superintendent
of
Southport Circuit
The Revd Christopher Humble



**To be held at
St. Philip and St. Paul
with Wesley
on
Sunday 7th September
At
6.30pm**

**At the end of August
we say farewell
to Margaret Sadler
as Circuit Administrator.**



**We thank you Margaret,
for your service to us in Southport
and previously
for the
Liverpool Methodist District.
We will miss you,
God bless.**

Painting Pottery Sessions

Liverpool Road Methodist Church

Painting pottery sessions for young families will all be in the Hall at LIRMC from 2-4pm on September 27th, October 25th, November 22nd, a Christmas party on December 13th and a fundraiser on October 11th called "Teddy Bears picnic" which includes a Zip-wire for teddies!

For more details, please contact Caroline Broadhurst on 07967 971484.

THE HOUGHTON WEAVERS

Houghton Weavers (management) Ltd Presents:

Featuring Simon Brady on Guitar and Mandolin



APPEARING AT

Leyland Rd Church, Southport
Friday 19th September

Tickets £16 *7.30pm Start (doors open 7pm) incl light refreshments
Scan QR Code Tel: Christine: 07808 271671
or Purchase from the venue:
Tel: (01704) 536648
(Mon - Thurs 9am-1pm) (not in August!)

houghtonweavers.com

RAISING PRAISE RAISING

At Leyland Road Methodist Church
on Sunday 28th September
at 6.00pm
when we lift our thoughts,
prayers, our voices
and concerns
to God
in worship and fellowship
ALL WELCOME

CORNERSTONE METHODIST CHURCH Marshside Road BEETLE DRIVE

Saturday 6th September
At 2.00pm

Tickets £5.00

From Stan Rimmer
Stan.27@live.co.uk

BRUNCH

Saturday 20th September
From
10.00am - 1.00pm



LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH

There will be hosting
The Hesketh Bank
Silver Band
For a Concert
of light music
on Saturday 18th October
at 7.30pm
ALL WELCOME

Ladies Pop-up Shop & Fun Fashion Show!

on Friday 12th September at
Fleetwood Hesketh
Sports & Social Club,
Fylde Road,
Doors open at 6.30pm
show starts at 7pm.
Tickets are £6 in advance
include entry to a raffle
in aid Cornerstone Library
Tickets available by emailing
librarian@cornerstonelibrary.org
or via Facebook message

WE ARE MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

In loving Memory
of The Revd Alex Galbraith

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI,
KEW

are hosting
A McMillan
Coffee Morning
on Friday 26th September
From 10.00 until 12 noon.

Please support this
Worthy cause.
THANK YOU!

Harvest Supper

at
Ainsdale Methodist church
Liverpool Road PR8 3NQ

Saturday
13th September
5.45pm for 6.00pm
Hot Pot Supper
2 Courses
Plus Hot Drinks

Then stay with us for
Games, Bingo & Quiz
Tickets £10
Available from
Brian Davey, or
any Church Steward

Also from:
Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure
Mon-Fri, 10am - 2.30pm
Telephone 01704 574888

**ALL PROCEEDS TO OUR
CHURCH BUILDING FUND**

Liverpool Road
Methodist Church.
HOSTING A CONCERT
by 'CELTISH'
which will herald the coming of
Advent
On Sunday 23rd November
at 7.00pm

The Methodist Learning Network, provides a Learning & Development Newsletter of future opportunities.
If you would like to know more, or receive the Newsletter please follow the Link below.
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/learning-and-development/about-the-learning-network/>