



# There's much to look forward to in February.

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Soup and Sweet lunch, H.G 3.2.24

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'Active' Coffee morning Win. 14.3.24

Brass Band ,Woodley 19.4.24

Taize Service, food,Tiviot Dale 3.3.24

Coffee morning,stalls , D Lane 2 .3.24

Drama, Music, Romiley 15.2.24

Choir, Heaton Moor 16.2.24

Bereavement course, Marp February

Heaton Moor United Church

**We are delighted to welcome Cardiff Methodist Community Choir to Heaton Moor United Church on the 16th February as part of their SHOUT 2024 tour.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME - the event is free entry but donations welcome on the night!**

In conjunction with the EDI policies of The Methodist Church

CMCC works to raise awareness of the social injustices within society that prevent the Kingdom of God from becoming realised.

If we want to declare that our faith is for everyone, that it is so wonderfully hopeful and takes us towards the Kingdom here on earth, we must have a deep-rooted understanding as to why we make that declaration,

How can we offer food if we do not know about hunger?

How can we offer inclusion if we do not know about those excluded?

How can we offer comfort if we do not know about the pain?

How can we offer fellowship if we do not know about loneliness?

And as Christians, how can we rejoice in the birth and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ without knowing the horror of the crucifixion?

**We are CMCC.**

<https://www.facebook.com/WeAreCMCC>

**+** **CARDIFF METHODIST  
COMMUNITY CHOIR**



**SHOUT!**  
2024

tackling social injustice through song and faith

**FRIDAY**  
**16th**  
**FEBRUARY**

7pm start (doors open 6:30pm)

**Heaton Moor United  
Church, Stockport  
SK4 4HL**

FREE ENTRY, THERE WILL BE A RETIRING COLLECTION

## Davenport Methodist Church

Every year, Davenport takes part in the Shoebox Appeal, originally through Samaritan's Purse, but in recent years, through Teams4U. We have just been informed that there was a total of 64,045 shoeboxes in 2023 compared to 62,574 in 2022. Amazing, given the financial situation here in the UK. The shoeboxes were taken to Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BH) and In partnership with the Red Cross, for 4 nights and 5 days, they partook in the distribution of the shoeboxes to understand the current state of the nation and its people.

*'All our kids are grateful to get boxes from kids from the other side of the world. It's really nice especially now that holidays are coming, and we're really grateful that people from T4U are thinking about us from Bosnia & Herzegovina, which is really nice to have in mind, that we have friends on the other side of Europe, always thinking of us.'* – Lamija, Red Cross Mine Awareness Coordinator



## Edgeley Community Church

The URC produce a calendar each year with a different theme, and this year included church banners.

Edgeley Community Church have a few banners from both Edgeley URC and the Methodist Church, so a few photographs were sent to the editor and we were lucky to have 3 photographs included.

Photographs taken from calendar not original



# Dialstone Lane Methodist Church

## Our Church Charities

For some twenty years now, in addition to collecting for Church based charities such as Action for Children, Methodist Homes, Christian Aid, Wood Street Mission and World Church, we at Dialstone Lane have chosen a charity to support for a year of fundraising at our AGM.

We alternate between "home" and "away" charities each year and have found it a great way to commit to learning about the work of a particular charity, as well as enjoying ourselves, with the additional purpose of raising money for a good cause.

The charities have ranged from well known development charities such as Practical Action, based on the "Small is Beautiful" principles of E F Schumacher, to much more local charities such as specific units of local hospitals, to which individuals in Church have had cause to be grateful. Dementia care was another very personal concern for church members so we raised funds for two local charities offering different sorts of care. We are running out of window sill space in the Church to display the photographs of twinned toilets!

Last year we chose TWAM (Tools with a Mission), collecting unused tools used in such trades as garage mechanic, joinery, electrician, tailoring and dress-making as well as small scale farming, to be refurbished in this country (by youngsters offered apprenticeships, as well as volunteers) and then shipped to projects in Africa where training is given and people can be equipped to earn their livelihoods.

*" On Saturday, March 2nd there will be a coffee morning at Dialstone Lane Methodist Church from 10.00—1.00 with cake stall, tombola and craft stall. Do come!!*

We have done many types of fundraising too. Our in-house musicians have provided great afternoons and evenings of entertainment as well as visiting choirs. Sponsored runs, family fun days, flower festivals, coffee mornings with lots of extras, an annual Christmas quiz concocted by Andy Stoker with a just giving page attached, beetle drives, chocolate bingo, safari dinners and many other happy social events as well.

A surprise source of funds has been when we've decorated a tree for the St George's Christmas Tree Festival and all the decorations were bought by visitors! They were lovely bright knitted frogs - cuddly toys and keyrings - which we'd adopted as an emblem for our fundraising for Jump Space, which provides trampolining therapy for children with disabilities and their siblings.

This year we are raising funds for two Stockport charities, Charnwood Inclusive Nursery in Heaton Moor and the Olive Branch in Edgeley which offers small groups, mental health support, a food-bank and an outreach service to homeless and hostel dwellers in the local area. On Saturday March 2nd there will be a coffee morning at Dialstone Lane Methodist Church from 10.00 - 1.00, with cake stall, tombola and craft stall. Do come!

## Hazel Grove Methodist Church

### Soup and Sweet Lunch Saturday 3rd February at noon



We are planning our annual Winter Warmer our ever popular Soup and Sweet Lunch on Saturday 3rd February at 12 noon in the Primary room – all one level from the rear entrance. Everyone welcome. We serve a variety of homemade soups and delicious puddings to suit any taste plus a table quiz to keep the brain cells working. More information and tickets from [doreen.sykes@mysykes.net](mailto:doreen.sykes@mysykes.net)

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*"Home-made soups, puddings, and a table quiz"*

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## Windlehurst Methodist Church

**C.A.M.E.O.S** (Come And Meet Each Other & Sing)

**1st Wednesday of each month.** 2 pm to 4 pm

Friendship, refreshments and a jolly good sing! All welcome.



**On the 3rd Wednesday of each month,** there is a social afternoon, chat, a cuppa and cake! 2 pm to 4 pm

For more information, please contact Val Rowlands on 0161 427 6807.

### Active at Windlehurst

Thursdays 10 am - 3 pm term time. A dedicated group for people with learning disabilities. Local history, drama, healthy eating and exercise. For more information, please contact Val Rowlands on 0161 427 6807.



### 'Active' Coffee Morning

Thursday 14th March 10.30—12.00

### Easter Appeal

**See page 14 for details. Deadline is Monday 26th February**

Woodley Methodist Church

*Enjoy a brass band evening in Woodley Friday 19th April 2024*

**Woodley Methodist Church**  
**Brass Band Concert**

Vernon Building Society (Poynton) Band  
Friday 19th April 2024 at 7.30pm

In aid of Parkinson' UK (Stockport Branch)

Tickets £9

available from Phil Taylor on 0161 430 8518

Alternatively, any donations to Parkinsons UK (Stockport Branch)  
can be sent via  
Woodley Methodist Church Concerts, Just Giving page

# Romiley Methodist Church

## Music and Drama at Romiley

Why not join us for an afternoon of "Music for Pleasure" from 2pm on Thursday 15th February when Brian Tipler will share his selection of music with the theme "Buy British"?

If drama is more your thing, join us on Monday 19th at 2pm for our play-reading group. Each person takes a role (or roles if necessary) and we enjoy sharing in the drama!

These are both monthly events, on the third Thursday and Monday of each month respectively.

You will always get a warm welcome.



## OUR NEXT SATURDAY FILMPRESENTATION is on SATURDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024,

Starting at 2.00 p.m., when we are showing the 1975 World War 2 drama "THE HIDING PLACE" to mark Holocaust Memorial Day (27<sup>th</sup> January).

This film is the true story of Corrie Ten Boom and her family, and how their strong Christian faith helped them to counter the Nazi madness when the Netherlands was invaded early in the war. They rescued and sheltered Jews in their house until eventually their work was discovered and they were all arrested. Corrie and her sister Betsie ended up in Ravensbruck concentration camp (where at one point in the film there's a really interesting discussion about God and love). We see the real Corrie at the conclusion of the film talking briefly about her life and faith – in fact she spent the rest of her life going round the world (even Germany) talking about her faith, especially to prisoners.

You are very welcome to come along to see this inspiring story – we serve tea and cakes in the interval, and just ask for a donation to help with costs.

*"Request for volunteers once a month for the community café, Tiviot Dale. It's such an enjoyable, fun time"*

# Tiviot Dale Methodist Church

## CACTUS Project

Tiviot Dale Methodist Church  
Can you help?

We need volunteers for Community Café at Tiviot Dale.  
Community Café is every Thursday from 2 – 6pm.

Could you offer once a month? More volunteers are needed to sit with people who need a listening ear, to be in the dining room, to chat and engage in activities such as jigsaws, puzzles and colouring, and share in a meal together.

Appeal for resources:

- Socks, all sizes but especially men's socks
- Baby wipes
- Plastic takeaway containers.
- Tents (2-3 person)
- Sleeping bags
- Pull along shopping trolleys (plain preferred)

Please contact Deacon Janet Amey or Maggie Thompson at Tiviot Dale. [property@stockportcircuit.org.uk](mailto:property@stockportcircuit.org.uk)

Alternatively, please drop off any donations at Tiviot Dale

**Circuit Services**

All services at Tiviot Dale Church SK1 1TA

**3rd March**

Taize Service

(join us to experience the unique spirituality of a reflective Taize service)

Food 5.30pm  
Service 6.30pm

**7th April**

Service led by Revd Raj Patta and the Indian Fellowship

Food - Indian Curry at 5.30  
Service 6.30 pm



## Marple Methodist Church

### Bereavement reflection course

Mondays during February , 5th, 12th and 19th.

Places are limited so please contact me to book a place.

It's for people who have experienced loss, specifically those for whom it's been some time, but anyone is welcome.

It will be at Marple Methodist Church, 2-4pm.

judith.laycock@methodist.org.uk

### Cafe

Open 10-1 every Weds and 2.30-5pm on Fridays.

We are a Warm Space, so donations only on a Friday.

We serve tea, coffee (specialty machine), toast, teacakes, homemade soup and bread. Vegan and gluten free available.

There's always someone available to chat.

Digital/online advice available from 11am every week.

Knitting and crafts every fortnight.

Volunteers always welcome -

contact Geoff at 0161 427 2509

*"Places are limited, please contact to book a place"*



## Cathedral Theological Conversations

THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 7-8.30pm  
**'Theology and decolonial reading of the texts'**

Raj Bharat Patta, is an (im)migrant public Dalit liberation theologian, and a minister at the United Stockport Methodist Circuit. He leads the Stockport Multi-faith Network, serves on the Greater Manchester Faith & Belief Panel of the GMCA and is a member of the Interfaith Theological Advisory Group of the CTBI. He is involved with the Stockport Race and Equality Partnership, with the Belonging Together group of the Methodist Church and with the Asian Theologians Group in the UK. He has pioneered a Telugu Christian Methodist fellowship in Manchester, serving the migrant communities in the region.

His writings include political theological commentaries on contemporary issues using scriptures, creative liberational liturgical resources and multi-faith statements on public issues. His most recent book is 'Subaltern Public Theology: Dalits and the Indian Public Sphere'.



**Raj Bharat Patta**



## Woodley Methodist Church - THRIFT SHOP & CAFÉ

The Thrift Shop and Cafe in the old church hall opened its doors on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 1996 so it has now been going for almost **28** years. Its original purpose was to raise funds towards the building of a new church. When the new Church was officially opened in September 1998 the Thrift Shop had already contributed £33,000 towards the cost.

It became so popular and proved to be such an asset in the community, that it was decided to open on Wednesdays as well. Then and now, it is open due to the total commitment, week after week, by a dedicated group of people who so willingly give their time to running it. As well as raising considerable funds for the church, the Thrift Shop Café has become a meeting place for friends, church members and the wider community. Everyone is welcomed and regular customers are known and cared for by the volunteers. Regular users will all tell you what a great atmosphere there is.

When the old hall was demolished the Thrift Shop moved to its present position underneath the Church Sanctuary. This room was about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the size of the old hall so the type of goods sold had to be radically reduced, however, it was still so popular it was decided to carry on and the good work continues. The shop was refurbished in 2020 and with the move to advertising and selling online as well as in person, the takings continue to increase.

We run a café alongside the thrift shop which raises money for charities. The Saturday Café raises a considerable amount for Methodist Charities. (£2,455 last year) and the Wednesday Café raises money for National and Local Charities (£1,519 last year).

Everything we sell is clean, good quality and a lot of it new. This is due to the high standards we strive to maintain and the quality of the donations we receive.

All are welcome so please come and visit us any Wednesday or Saturday between 9.30am and 12 noon.

Please note that we have a bank card machine

Lynne Styles

Treasurer

Woodley Methodist Church

January 2024

# CATHEDRAL THEOLOGICAL CONVERSATIONS 2024

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING PROGRAMME OF INNOVATIVE  
THEOLOGIAN SPEAKING ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES



**THURSDAY  
25TH JANUARY  
DOMINIC BUDHI  
THORNTON**

**THEOLOGY AND  
MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL**



**THURSDAY  
22ND FEBRUARY  
RAJ BHARAT  
PATTA**

**THEOLOGY AND DECOLONIAL  
READING OF THE TEXTS**



**THURSDAY  
14TH MARCH  
MARIKA ROSE**

**THEOLOGY AND THE  
END OF THE WORLD**



**THURSDAY  
11TH APRIL  
EVE PARKER**

**THEOLOGY AND  
EXCLUSION**



**THURSDAY  
23RD MAY  
GRAHAM ADAMS**

**THEOLOGY AND  
GOD THE CHILD**



**THURSDAY  
20TH JUNE  
JAYNE MANFREDI**

**THEOLOGY AND THE  
MENOPAUSE**



**ALL SESSIONS 7-8.30PM**



**MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL  
VICTORIA ST, M3 1SX**

## Three Manchester cinemas are showing Christian films in February.

### [The Chosen - Season 4](#) [episodes 1 to 3](#)

is showing at  
**Odeon Great Northern** on

**Thursday 1st February at 7.50pm**

and at

**Vue Manchester Printworks** on

**Thursday 1st February at 7.15pm** (*sold out*)

and

**Tuesday 6th February at 7.15pm**

and at

**Cineworld Ashton-under-Lyne** on

**Thursday 1st February at 7pm**

*The Chosen* is a major new drama series which has now reached the mid-point of Jesus' ministry.

*"The best film about Jesus that I've ever seen" - Nicky Gumbel*

### [Season 4 - episodes 4 to 6](#)

will then be showing at cinemas on Thurs. 15th February only.

### [Season 4 episodes 7 to 8](#)

will be showing at cinemas on Thurs. 29th February.

For details and to book go to:

[thechosentv.co.uk](http://thechosentv.co.uk)

### ***Ordinary Angels*** (PG)

is opening in cinemas nationwide on **Friday 23rd February.**

For details and the trailer google:

[ordinaryangels.movie](http://ordinaryangels.movie)

Cinema venues have still to be finalised for ***Ordinary Angels***, but it is likely to be opening very widely.

Please check your cinema website on Wed. 14th February

## Easter Appeal



**Collecting Church is Windlehurst Methodist Church – deadline is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

**If people can't knit, we would welcome creme eggs. The Hospice raised over £72,000 last year!**

### Easter Chick Knitting Pattern

You will need - Any colour of double knitting wool. Needles size 11 (3mm). Cotton wool ball/toy stuffing for the head. Black fet or thread for eyes. Orange felt for beaks. Coloured ribbon. Creme egg (for size fit)

Cast on 20 sts.

Knit one row.

Inc in 1<sup>st</sup> stitch, k8, inc. into next 2 sts, knit to end (23sts).

Inc in 1<sup>st</sup> stitch, k9, inc. into next 2 sts, knit to end (26sts).

Inc in 1<sup>st</sup> st, k11, inc. into next 2 sts, knit to end (29sts)

Inc 1 stitch at the beginning of every row until 42 sts are on the needle.

Cast off 11 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows (20sts)

Inc 1 st at the beginning of the next 4 rows (24sts)

Knit 4 rows.

K2, then k2tog to last 2 sts. K2 (14sts)

Knit 4 rows.

K2, then k2tog to last 2 sts, k2 (9sts)

Draw wool through the remaining 9 stitches and pull tight.

With that piece of wool, sew around the edge of work to the beginning st leaving the cast-on edge open so that the egg can be inserted.

Stuff the head with a cotton wool ball, sew it around the neck, gather in.

Sew 2 eyes with fine black wool and stick or sew a small diamond shaped piece of orange felt for the beak. Try a few beaks to get it right.

Tie a thin piece of ribbon around the neck in a bow.

Insert egg and check it doesn't drop out when held by head. Add extra stitches to tighten if required.



Shrove Tuesday 13th February 2024

## Pancake Day



### Ingredients

100g plain flour

2 large eggs

300ml milk

1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil, plus a little extra for frying

lemon wedges to serve (optional)

caster sugar to serve (optional)

### Method

#### STEP 1

Put 100g plain flour, 2 large eggs, 300ml milk, 1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil and a pinch of salt into a bowl or large jug, then whisk to a smooth batter.

#### STEP 2

Set aside for 30 mins to rest if you have time, or start cooking straight away.

#### STEP 3

Set a medium frying pan or crêpe pan over a medium heat and carefully wipe it with some oiled kitchen paper.

#### STEP 4

When hot, cook your pancakes for 1 min on each side until golden, keeping them warm in a low oven as you go.

#### STEP 5

Serve with lemon wedges and caster sugar, or your favourite filling. Once cold, you can layer the pancakes between baking parchment, then wrap in cling film and freeze for up to 2 months.