

# Lytham Methodist Church

## Weekly Notices

### 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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#### **Circuit Service at Church Road 27th December.**

**There will be no service on the 27th December at the LMC and we are invited to join our friends at Church Road.**

**Time: 10:30**

**Preacher: Rev Stuart Wild / Rev. Steven Heath**

We will need to book in as part of the Church Road Covid policy. To book please email churchroadworship@gmail.com or ring 07788166144. (Rev Steven Heath)

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**LMC Virtual Coffee Morning for Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.** This is a recurring meeting, so please put in your diaries and use the same link each week.

The link is : [LMC Coffee Morning Link](#)

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Our next service at Lytham Methodist Church will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 at 10:30. This will be our Annual Covenant Service.

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#### **Plan for January 2021**

January				
3	10	17	24	31
10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30
Christmas 2 Covenant Service	Sunday after Epiphany	Epiphany 2	Epiphany 3	Epiphany 4
Wild	Pierce	Gabbitiss	St Cuthberts	Turner

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**Methodist Church UK:** Are continuing to produce service sheets plus links to live and recorded services. The site also includes material for bible study throughout the week and are highly recommended. Please use the following link. [MCUKWebsiteLink](#)

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#### Mid-week Reflection for week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Christ is born

**Luke 1:67 - 2:20**

As a little boy I woke to find Father Christmas had left the presents at the foot of my bed. Once opened I would join my brother and sisters and we would go into Mum and Dad's bedroom to give them their presents.

Year on year Dad would tease us as he delayed opening his presents squeezing, shaking, smelling, gauging the weight and trying to guess what was hidden in the wrapping paper. We were desperate for him to open it and see his response "Just open it!" Mum would say.

This week we move from secrets and coded messages to reality. No more guessing, wondering or predictions instead the invitation is to 'Go and see'. The foretelling of Advent is replaced with the forthtelling of good news for all people, 'Today' see for yourselves no more waiting.

Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> is the shortest day of the year. 2020 has been one of the toughest years in history. This week we celebrate Jesus Light of the world who comes to us in our darkness.

In a time when we cannot sing or speak in loud voices, the message of the birth of Christ must be shown and told so that people are not left guessing but encouraged to receive him as Lord and Saviour. The gift of Christ is to be opened and shared every day.

#### Let us pray

Christ, light in our darkness

At this dark time of year, we come and ask that your light may shine on us.

In our world where so many plans have been shattered, we come to seek your peace.

In our homes where we are missing spending time with others comfort us with your love.

As we are painfully aware of what we lack help us to celebrate with joy what we have.

Born among us may your word be a lamp for our feet and a light on our path. Amen.

#### Meditation

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows. But now light shines on them. (Isaiah 9:2)*

Are there dark times you wish to bring to the light and know they are gone?

As you look to the future are there paths you need to explore?

Surrounded by Christmas cards and greetings know you are not alone, give thanks for those with whom you share memories and hopes.



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