Lytham Methodist Church Weekly Notices

30th November 2025

Sunday Worship 10:30am

Minister: Adrienne Simpson

Organist: Julie Reeman

Stewards: Douglas Martin and Melvyn Slater

Reader: Douglas Martin
Door Steward: Beryl Crossley
Coffee: Crissie Pierce

NOTICES

Christmas Lunch: We have been offered funding for a church Christmas lunch. This will take place after the Carol Service on Sunday 21st December If you would like to come, please sign the list at the back of church before 12 noon on 7 Dec and watch this space for more details. Stuart

Toy Service: Our traditional of giving Toys will take place at the Nativity Service on the 14th December. If you wish to please bring your gift of toys to the service unwrapped and new.

Work on the Church Portico is now going to start early in the new year. While this is later than planned, which has been beyond our control, we requested, and have been granted, a 6-month extension of our National Churches Trust grant. Melvyn Slater

TABLETOP SALES: In the Wesley Hall at 9:30am every second Saturday in the month until next July 2026. The 13th of December is the next one. Please continue to supply us with saleable items. Regards Heather.

Men's Breakfast: The next Prayer Breakfast will be held at Fairhaven Methodist Church at 10 am on Saturday 20 December. This will be an open meeting at which both men and women are welcome.

After breakfast we will have a presentation about the "Friends of the Patrick Muthuri Foundation" We support the "Patrick Muthuri Foundation" who provide funding to enable children to go to school, including providing sanitary wear for girls so that they don't have to miss school each month in Meru County Kenya. If you are planning to come, please let me know and also inform me of any dietary requirements. Stuart

POSADA - Welcome Mary and Joseph to stay at your place: There's a way to welcome Mary and Joseph into your home this Christmas through a lovely tradition originating in Mexico. It's called Posada and this is how it works... 'Posada' (Spanish for 'inn') is a Christmas activity when small versions of Mary and Joseph travel around different households in the community and stay there for one night. All you need to do is to sign up and we will organise a calendar of dates for who is hosting when. You will receive the holy family, a battery-operated tea light and some cards. If you can we would like you to invite 3 friends around for a drink and a mince pie, show them the nativity, light the candle and give them a card each. Please sign up to take part. It will run in December, but it will depend how many people sign up how long it will run for. Stuart

Christmas Eve: No service at Lytham. Please join Christmas Eve worship at Church Road methodists 11:30pm LINK

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Forthcoming special Events and Services

29th November: Christmas Fair 10:30am 7th December: Holy Communion 10:30am

11th December: Blue Christmas Thursday Evening: 7pm 14th December: Nativity and Toy Service 10:30am

21st December: Carol Service: 10:30am

24th December: Midnight Service at Church Road: 11:30pm

25th December: Christmas Day 10am 28th December: Joint Service at The Drive

24th January: Men's Breakfast 9am at Toby Carvery, Salters Wharf

Circuit and District Matters

Circuit Mission Planning for Growth Day: We will be holding a Circuit event on Saturday 17 January 2026 10.30 am to 12 noon at The Drive Methodist looking how we as a circuit can develop our congregations. We will be joined by the Mission Area Lead, Caroline Ainger, who will guide our conversations. The event is open to all. We hope that Lytham Methodist will be well represented. If you are interested in attending, please email or speak to Senior Steward, Douglas Martin.

The Northwest District Weekly news (18th November) can be found on this LINK. Or use the QR code graphic from your smart phone. This is a very good way of seeing the work of the district and gives you an insight of the huge work done in the Methodist Church. Please also have a look at the <u>District Advent Resources</u>



HANDEL'S MESSIAH – at Freckleton Methodist Church: Sunday 14th December. Starting at 2.30pm for Part 1. There is a break at approximately 4.00pm for Afternoon tea in the Memorial Village Hall. Carol singing back in church at 5.15pm followed by Parts 2 &3 of Messiah at 6.00pm. Please see poster in this link.

Layton Methodist Church Circuit Carol Service. December 7th at 3pm: **Church Road Methodist**: Carols and Festive Songs Saturday 13th Dec at 3pm. LINK

Save the Date: Circuit New Year Party at The Drive 6-30pm 31 January 2026

The next circuit quiet day will be at Hyning Monastery on 4th May 2026