

SANDYLANDS METHODIST CHURCH



MAY NOTICE SHEET

Throughout May we are looking at Prayer in our morning service – please hold these services in your prayers as we open ourselves up to the movement of the Holy Spirit. There is also a 30 day Story Journal 'A Story to Tell' to help us reflect on our journey of faith and our prayers – find them at the back of the church and please deliver them to those who are unable to attend.

Sunday 3rd May

Sunday 3rd May, 4pm

Saturday 9th May, 3:30pm

Sunday 10th May

Sunday 17th May

Sunday 17th May, 7pm

Sunday 24th May

Sunday 31st May

Ian White

Causeway

Messy Church 8th Birthday

Richard Bielby (Holy Communion)

Ian White, Ruth Mason, Sally Conroy (AAW)

Prayer & Praise

Marie-Anne Kent (Pentecost & Aldersgate)

Ian White

Tea and coffee are served after 10:30am Morning Worship. Please join us in further fellowship. There is a crèche for children under 3, and Sunday Club for school aged children.

To contact our Minister...

Please email Rev Marie-Anne Kent on marie-anne.kent@methodist.org.uk

Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer please contact our Prayer Chain Coordinator Karen Bell via text to **07786 315778** or email at karenbell211@gmail.com. Please ask permission before you share information about anyone else.

Church Room Bookings

All enquiries to Helen Ainsworth.
sandylandschurchbookings@gmail.com
Helen will try to respond within 3 working days.

Something for the Notices or Facebook?

If you'd like something including, email;
sandylandsnotices@gmail.com
Please send before 6pm Thursday.

Dear Friends,

I wonder what your favourite Christian Festival is. One that is often overlooked in Methodism is Ascension Day – perhaps because we don't get to eat any special foods, not even chocolate! In the past everyone was excused from work or school to go to church. Now it hardly gets a look in. This year is Thursday 14th May – and May is the month we have committed to learn more about prayer with our themed services on a Sunday morning.

But what does it mean for us that Jesus has ascended into heaven (Luke 24: 48-51), what difference does it make to how we live our lives today? Let's not worry about the how – was he wearing underwear or sandals – but the why.

It means that Christ is in control of our world. Regardless of what is happening in our lives, in our church or in our world – and there is a lot happening right now – we know that our ascended Lord is in control and has not abandoned us. He is seated at God's right hand and promises to come again to take full control of our world. There may be times now when we wish he wouldn't hang around, but that is not up to us. I find that reassuring when I feel overwhelmed – it is God's church, God's world and he is in control. It's not all up to me! What we are called to be is faithful – and that is why prayer is so important. How can we encourage each other in our prayer?

The Ascension is also about a very important promise - that we will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon us, so that we can be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. The Holy Spirit helps us to continue his mission – which goes far beyond our walls. We are called to be his witnesses, but we are also called to do what he did: to heal the sick and feed the hungry, to work for justice and peace, to seek reconciliation, and encourage others to do these things too. What does that mean for us today? Over the new few months, we will be revisiting our Mission Statement – but prayer is at the heart of all that we do.

Ascension also means that Jesus is with us and he will never leave us. That is his promise. Let us hold on to that promise as we face the challenges of being the church in this time and place, remembering that we are the church wherever we are throughout the week.

The Ascension reminds us of Jesus' power, his promise, and his presence among us. We will be marking Ascension Day with a prayer walk around the community. Meet at the church at 10am – come prepared for the British weather with suncream and an umbrella. For those who can't join us on the Prayer Walk, there will be space at the church to pray. For those who would like to pray from home there will be prayer sheets – please ask!

Marie-Anne

PS Thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the Manchester Marathon – together we raised over £1,500 for Alzheimer's Society. You kept me going. I now know beyond any doubt I hate marathons.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

9th May	7.30pm	Christian Aid Concert
10th May		Christian Aid Week Begins
10th May	3:30pm	Newcomers' Tea
14th May	10am	Prayer Walk Ascension Day
16th May	10am-Noon	4Cs Christian Aid Coffee Morning
17th May	Noon	Christian Aid Lunch at Sandylands
23rd May	10am-3pm	A Day of Prayer for Stricklandgate Please join our sister church in prayer as they seek God's direction for the years ahead.
11th June	2:30pm	Easter Offering Service

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2026

Sandylands will support Christian Aid this year with a musical event on Saturday 9th May
and a church lunch on Sunday 17th May.

These are opportunities for raising awareness of Christian Aid and its work as well as fundraising.

DONATING TO CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid envelopes will be available in the church on Sunday 10th and Sunday 17th May.

Alternatively you can donate online, just scan the QR Code



SIMPLE LUNCH FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Saturday 17th May, after Sunday Service

Join us for a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the church notice board,
no later than Wednesday 13th May.

**FELLas men's choir
and Hutton Harmonies ladies' choir**

present

A CONCERT FOR



**at Sandylands Methodist Church
on Saturday 9th May at 7.30pm**

**Conductor: Emily Robinson
Accompanist: Andy Plowman**

**Local groups Hutton Harmonies and FELLas,
full of the joys of spring,
will delight you with a sparkling programme of
accompanied and a cappella music, including
classics, folk, pop, and modern pieces.**

**Tickets £10 (children £5) at the door,
to include interval refreshments.**

MESSY CHURCH

Please look at the donation list for this month on the noticeboard. Thank you!

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Alternate Tuesdays, 2pm - Sandgate Hall

This month we will be meeting on the 14th May.

14th May- Cake & Chat

All are welcome. For more information speak to Wendy Thomas.

DROP IN CAFE

Wednesdays, 10am - Noon

Do pop in on a Wednesday morning between 10 and 12 for a cuppa and a cake... and a chat.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 19th July, 10:30am - AAW at Sandylands

A special all age 'Thanksgiving Service' for our heat pumps and solar panels.

Who will you invite to come and celebrate with us?

METHODISTS TOGETHER IN KENDAL - NEWSLETTER

All contributions for the June newsletter need to be in by Sunday 17th May

(see page 2 of the March edition).

This will cover events in June, July and August and reports from this spring.

Also, poems, anecdotes, jokes and anything else that you have found interesting -

you can be sure that others will find them interesting too!

Please send to mtiknewsletter@gmail.com, give to me or

place in the 'T' or 'N' post box at Stricklandgate.

Thanks Elaine

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CHARITY COFFEE MORNING



AND PLANT SALE



SATURDAY, 16th MAY

10am – 12pm




SANDYLANDS METHODIST CHURCH

CAKES, PRESERVES & HANDMADE CRAFTS!


FREE KIDS' ACTIVITIES & TOYS TO PLAY WITH!

JOIN US for a refreshing brew,
delicious baked treats, and
friendly conversation!

MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND CATCH UP WITH OLD ONES!



ALL PROCEEDS TO CHRISTIAN AID





KENDAL & DISTRICT DEBT CENTRE

Following the retirement of Paul Robinson, Poppy Dyer has been appointed the new centre manager which is partnered with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) working to release people from debt, poverty, and their causes. Poverty breaks families apart, isolates people from friends and family, shatters confidence and drives many to think that suicide is the only way out. We hold her in our prayers as she settles into her new role and for all those who need help in these challenging times.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

As part of our response to our Lent course on the environment we will be running a photograph competition for all ages over the summer on the theme 'What a wonderful world'.

Watch out for entry forms with more details.

PEAKE TRUST LECTURE

From Miriam to the Magdalene: Women Witnesses in the Bible and Beyond.

The lectures delivered by Dr Siobhán Jolley and Dr Samuel Hildebrandt focused on two pivotal female witnesses in biblical narrative, Miriam at the Red Sea and Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb, exploring how their testimonies underpin foundational moments in Christian tradition.

The recordings can now be viewed here:

Dr Samuel Hildebrandt: <https://youtu.be/5BkzGF9I218>

Dr Siobhán Jolley: https://youtu.be/KUGbigNV_lw

DISTRICT SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Jill Riley has been appointed to the District Safeguarding Team as Regional Officer for Safeguarding North West, aligned to Cumbria.

Jill brings valuable experience to the role, and we warmly welcome her to the district.

Her contact details are provided below.

Email: rileyj@methodistchurch.org.uk Telephone: 020 7467 5212

Kendal Choral Society SPRING CONCERT

THE ARMED MAN

A Mass For Peace, Karl Jenkins

with KYRIE from Missa L'homme Armé
Super Voces Musicales, Josquin des Prez



Saturday 23rd May, 7:30pm
St. George's Church, Kendal

Director: Duncan Lloyd • Keyboard: Shaun Turnbull
with The Amici Ensemble & contralto soloist Daisy Mitchell

£15 (pay on the door or ring 07783 944643)

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