

Buxton Methodist Church

'The Church on the Market Place'

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Weekly Notice Sheet


Sunday 21st April 2024

Sunday Services

21st April, 10.30am – Special Service with Rev Andrew Parker & Tom Wykes from Christian Aid (*available on Zoom*) & Sunday Club

21st April, 6pm – Taizé Service

28th April, 10.30am – Morning Worship Philip Botham & Sunday Club



O Lord, let us love you as we are able,
that guided by your light and
kept by your power,
we come at the last,
into your glorious
presence.

Source: The Methodist Church Facebook page

If you need help, prayer or simply want to chat, please contact Rev Andrew Parker.

WORSHIP AT HOME

Bible Reading – Matthew 13: 31-32

Here is another illustration Jesus used: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches.”

Hymn

¹ The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

² The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

³ The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

⁴ God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

Bryn Rees

CHURCH NOTICES

Request for Help

As we trial working with just one caretaker and a cleaning contractor, we need occasional help with the opening and closing of the premises for one-off bookings. You wouldn't need to stay on the premises during the booking and different people could open and lock up. Can you help? We are setting up a WhatsApp Group and email contact list with those who can. Please contact Carol or Tim Barnes (or one of the Stewards). Thank you, Wendy Jones.

CHURCH NOTICES cont'd

Taizé Service – 21st Apr

Our Taizé Service at 6pm on Sunday 21st April will be an ecumenical Churches Together in Buxton service with Father Gerry Murphy of St Anne's RC Church, Chair of CTiB, sharing the prayers with Rev Andrew Parker. Join us, as we welcome members of other churches in the town to Buxton Methodist Church.



Church Family Lunch – 5th May

We will be hosting a church family lunch of lasagne, salad and garlic bread after the service on Sunday 5th May. Adults £5, children £3. If you'd like to join us, please let Anne-Marie, myself or one of the stewards know. Please also let us know if you have any food intolerances that we need to be aware of. Any offers of desserts will be very welcome. Thanks, Jenny Parker.

LOCAL NOTICES

Prayer Day Invitation – 23rd Apr

Everyone is invited to a special day of prayer for victims and survivors of abuse. Tuesday 23rd April, 12noon-9pm at St Anne's RC Church, Terrace Road. There will be prayer and testimony at 12noon and 5pm, Stations of the Cross at 3pm and a Prayer Service led by Bishop Patrick McKinney at 7pm.

Refugee & Asylum Seekers Discussion Meeting – 23rd Apr

Last October, a very productive discussion took place in Glossop about the best way to respond locally to the refugee crisis; in particular, to attempts by far-right groups to foment hostility to the possible housing of asylum seekers in Buxton. Whilst there may have been problems with the scheme proposed, any objection to it should not be based on hostility to asylum seekers themselves. The proposed scheme has now been abandoned, but we have a sense that the feelings it stirred up need to be addressed. We are holding a meeting to look at some of the myths around refugees and asylum seekers and consider how Buxton might become a more welcoming and diverse community. It will take place at The Green Man Gallery from 7.30pm to 9pm on Tuesday 23rd April. We will be joined by Labour Councillor, Cllr Madeline Hall, and Green Party Councillor, Cllr Joanna Collins, plus members of a local Refugee Support Group. Representatives from churches, community organisations and local political parties are welcome to join our discussion. Linda Walker, Secretary, High Peak Stand Up to Racism.

LOCAL NOTICES cont'd

Quiz Night – 26th Apr

Buxton Inner Wheel invite you to join them for a fun quiz night with a simple supper in Buxton Methodist Church's Main Hall at 7pm on Friday 26th April. All proceeds will be given to MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières). Further details from Mary Davies and Liz Saunders.



THE METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

The Methodist Council met in Leamington Spa from 13-15 April in what was its final meeting. Topics for discussion included the stationing review, Action for Hope and the policy for electing the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference. Read more at <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/>.

District: Disagreement and Reconciliation in Church Life

Do we live well with difference in the church? Tell us what you think! To help us better support you and others in your District, we'd love to hear about your experience of disagreement and reconciliation in church life. Please complete this short survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/DistrictNeedsAssessment. Closes Friday 10th May. For more information, contact Katie Bradley, Way of Peace Programme Manager: katie.bradley@placeforhope.org.uk.

Christian Aid Week

In the lead up to Christian Aid Week, 13-18 May, a 'Social Media Toolkit' has been released. This is a guide on sharing their resources during that week. See the resources at www.christianaid.org.uk/sites/default/files/2024-04/caweek-2024-social-media-toolkit.pdf.



3Generate – 4th-6th Oct

Two brand new venues will be introduced at the 2024 event: the Discovery Centre, a place to explore who we are and what we're called to, and Eden, a space where you get to engage with the story of God's amazing creation. In addition, we'll be adding a 'Village Green', where children and young people can hang out in the camping area. There will also be a bigger venue for 4-7s with new features: a 'Mini 3Gen' that's on a smaller scale for our youngest participants.



Tickets are on sale! Visit www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/children-youth-family-ministry/events-including-3generate/3generate/ to get yours.

No change for the offertory plate? Give via debit card using the CollecTin device at the back of church.