

# Buxton Methodist Church<sup>+</sup>

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## Weekly Notice Sheet<sup>+</sup>

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Sunday Services

28<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am – Morning Worship with Diane Farrow & Sunday Club

5<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am – Morning Worship & Holy Communion with Ian Stubbs  
& Sunday Club



Gracious God,  
we know the theory  
of welcoming all...  
but we all have our  
preferences and biases.  
It is comfortable to be  
among those who are like  
us. Yet you call us not to  
be comfortable, but to  
comfort – to encourage  
and strengthen others,  
including those who are  
troubled.

Source: The Methodist Church Facebook page

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

## WORSHIP AT HOME

### Responding to anti-migrant protests

The Methodist Church is committed to being a justice-seeking church, acting with people who are experiencing marginalisation or other forms of discrimination. What common ground is there with people who are facing homelessness, or finding health support or a struggle for school places, without turning to the false and easy answers of scapegoating those who are seen as 'different'? How can people who may feel alienated know that they are loved by God?

In a church that sees diversity as gift rather than challenge, a generous response to those of other faith and a desire to engage in dialogue are signs not of weakness but of strength. The Christian faith that the Methodist Church has taught me is based on a broad interpretation of God's purposes, one which is open to receiving and learning from those other faiths whilst at the same time holding fast to the unique significance of God's saving acts in Christ.

*Rev Jonathan Hustler, Secretary of the Methodist Conference.*

The root causes, not least misinformation about mythologies about minorities, especially refugees, requires attention. This cannot be seen as a policing matter only. It calls for all communities to come together building ways ahead that are based on humanity and hospitality, challenging hatred and hostility, as the basis of hope and healing. We can do this.

*Rev Inderjit Bhogal*

As people of faith, we carry within us the knowledge that hope, and resurrection and transformation are possible even in the bleakest of times. May we discern the ways to act which make that hope a reality for others.

*Deacon Kerry Scarlett*

### Hymn

Let us build a house where love can dwell, and all can safely live.  
A place where saints and children tell, how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace,  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions, all are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome, in this place.

*Marty Haugen*

## CHURCH NOTICES

### Sad News



Our autumn magazine included an article about a casual conversation at BMC Tea & Chat and an old friendship between Roy Pickles and legendary cricket umpire, Dickie Bird OBE, which led to him accepting the invitation from Buxton Cricket Club to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the county match at Buxton in June 1975 which was famously stopped by snow. We are sad to hear the announcement this week that he has passed away. A life-long churchgoer and Methodist, he died peacefully at the aged 92. Elizabeth Bouchier.

### Action for Children Fundraising Concert – 28<sup>th</sup> Sep



'An Afternoon of Music' fundraising concert with Macclesfield Light Orchestra in aid of Action for Children. Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 3pm-5pm. Tickets cost £10 (children free) and will be available on the door or from myself. Light refreshments including cake in the interval! Hope to see you there, Pam Johnson.

### Reach Fundraiser – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct



On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, I'll be running the Clarendon Trail Marathon to raise money for Reach, a charity which supports children and families living with upper limb differences. As you know, our youngest daughter, Sophie, was born with an upper limb difference. Reach has been a wonderful source of support, encouragement, and community for our family, and Sophie has thrived through the friendships and opportunities they provide. If you would like to support me, please make a donation online at [www.justgiving.com/page/hbr](http://www.justgiving.com/page/hbr) or see me at the Sunday service. Thank you, Holly Baker-Rand.

### Tea & Chat – 7<sup>th</sup> Oct



After a quiet summer, Tea & Chat is back on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Do come to have a chat with friends over a cup of tea, or coffee, in the Main Hall between 10.30am and noon. All are welcome. Thank you, Michael Bryant.

### Harvest Festival – 12<sup>th</sup> Oct



Our Harvest Festival on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October will be for all ages. A time to reflect and give thanks for the harvest and think about how we may share the harvest we enjoy. Gifts will be collected for High Peak Foodbank. If you would like to make a donation, they are currently in need of: plastic bags, packets of ready meals (like rice sachets), instant mash, tinned meat, tinned pies, and UHT milk. Alternatively, financial donations can be made via [localgiving.org/charity/highpeakfoodbank](http://localgiving.org/charity/highpeakfoodbank).

## THE METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

Rev Richard Andrew and Matthew Forsyth, the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, have made a statement following the announcement of the UK's recognition of the State of Palestine.

Methodist leaders, including the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, have also joined with those from other church traditions to sign a letter expressing concerns about movements that seek to inflame societal division and the co-opting of Christian symbols, particularly the cross, during last week's 'Unite the Kingdom' rally.

With tensions rising in communities across the UK, the Methodist Church has released a new recording of the hymn 'Let us build a house where love can dwell', known to many as 'All Are Welcome'. More than 140 Methodist churches contributed their voices to the project.

Read more and watch the video at [www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/).

The Methodist Church is offering webinars for people in places affected by anti-asylum protests. We will share experiences, concerns and wisdom with others and pray together for justice for people seeking refuge and for peace in our communities. Email [justice@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:justice@methodistchurch.org.uk) for further details.

See resources for how churches can respond to anti-migrant protests at [www.methodist.org.uk/about/our-stories/responding-to-anti-migrant-protests/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/about/our-stories/responding-to-anti-migrant-protests/).

### JPIT: Recognising Palestine



Rev David Hardman, Methodist Liaison Officer, Jerusalem, asks if the recognition of a Palestinian state is a meaningful step or just a token gesture? Read his blog post at [jpit.uk/recognising-palestine](http://jpit.uk/recognising-palestine).

### Christian Aid: Powered By Hope – 4<sup>th</sup> Oct



A day of inspiration, encouragement and equipping for global justice. Fuel your faith, fill your cup with hope and inspire action. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-4.30pm, Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount St, Manchester, M2 5NS. Find out more and register via [www.christianaid.org.uk/events/powered-by-hope](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/events/powered-by-hope).

### Exploring Digital – 8<sup>th</sup> Oct

The next Lunchtime Learning webinar is 'The Theology of Artificial Intelligence' Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 12noon. Book via Eventbrite.

