

South Trafford Methodist Church - Weekly Notice Sheet



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Upcoming Services

Sunday – 15th December 2024 – Advent 3

Altrincham – Service at 9.30am – Breakfast Church

Altrincham – 4.00pm – Lego Church

Bowdon Vale – Service at 10.45am – ‘Carols’ - Local Arrangement

Timperley – Service at 10.30am – Led by Rachel Foster – Nativity Service

The Vine (Hale) – Service at 10.30am – Led by Rev. Jackie Bellfield

Altrincham – Wednesday 18th December at 1.00pm – Encounter – Details below

Saturday 21st December 2024

Timperley at 2.00pm - Trafford Circuit Carol Service

Sunday – 22nd December 2024 – Advent 4

Altrincham – Joint Circuit Service at 10.30am – Carols – Led by Rev. Jackie Bellfield

The Vine (Hale) – Service at 10.30am – All In

Tuesday 24th December 2024 – Christmas Eve

Timperley – Christingle Service at 4.00pm

The Vine (Hale) – Christmas Eve Communion at 9.00pm – Led by Rev. Jackie Bellfield

Wednesday 25th December 2024 – Christmas Day

Timperley – Service at 10.00am – Led by Rev. Jackie Bellfield

Please remember in your prayers

Please remember the sick, those in hospital, those recently bereaved, the housebound and those in care who can no longer meet with us. We continue to remember the families of Jean Jones and Graham Jackson at this sad time. Jean’s funeral will be held at AMC on Tuesday 17th December at 10.00am. Graham’s funeral will take place at AMC on Friday 27th December at 11.15am, followed by committal at the Crematorium at 12.45pm

Handsworth MHA – Upcoming Services & Meetings

Mid-Week Service – Thursday 19th December – Led by Alan Marriott

Friday 20th December at 11.00am – Prayer meeting

Join us at *Church*

Sunday 15th December at 4.00pm – Altrincham Methodist Church

Every month we get together to build, watch a Lego Bible story and eat together, and we expect December will have a very merry atmosphere! Join us and take part in our Big Build Challenge before sharing festive food and non-alcoholic mulled wine.

There is no charge for Lego Church, but donations are welcome. Children under 16 need to be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact: Jackie Davies, j.davies@traffordmethodist.org.uk

Carols in the Café – Thursday 19th December at 8.00pm - Altrincham

Enjoy the wonderful feeling of Christmas with this informal service. Particularly suited to grown-ups, we will serve you with non-alcoholic mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies in our winter café whilst you can join in acoustic style carols and hear the Christmas story from a different perspective.

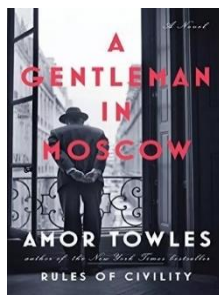


BOOK CLUB at TMC

Our next choice of reading is:

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

Our next meeting will be in Cornerstone at TMC 7.30 on 15th Jan.



TMC LARGE CHRISTMAS CARD



Instead of buying cards for all our friends at church, members are invited to attach one to the large card wishing them a Happy Christmas.

Money saved may be donated to the church.

The Leadership Team at TMC have been asked to decorate the front of the church with poinsettias for the Christmas services. We would like to invite members of all churches within the circuit to bring along a poinsettia if they wish to help decorate the church during advent and hopefully contribute to a stunning display.



Help to decorate our church by bringing a Poinsettia in remembrance of someone you knew, remember or to dedicate a prayer for hope

Please bring your plants to Timperley Methodist Church week commencing 1st December



Also needed, a bit nearer the time, **Mince Pies** for the Circuit Carol Service, at TMC, on Saturday 21st December at 2.00pm.

BOXING DAY WALK



All are invited to join the church family on Boxing Day morning for a short walk, followed by homemade soup & cheese & biscuits in the

Cafe.

We are meeting at AMC at 10.30am for a walk upto, and around, John Leigh Park and aim to be back at church for around 12 noon. If unable to come on the walk you are welcome to join us for lunch.

To help with catering, please could you give your name to Chris Hynes and bring a piece of cheese on the day!



ANGELS WATCHING OVER US



Friends, Thank you for the many angels we have prepared - ideally, we would like them distributing in the community on Wednesday 18th - early evening before advent study at Timperley please.

Why then? In advance of schools closing on the Friday for Christmas.

Where should they be distributed? Anywhere in the community -

trees, planters school railings, business doors, doctors surgery railings. We have angels for each part of our church communities.

My experience shows that school children and staff love this, and children hunt them out each year. Its greatly appreciated. Please take a few photos if you can of where you place them if you can (maintaining confidentiality of house numbers and car registrations).

Can you help please? Please let Jackie know if you can help and we will get angels to you

Altrincham Methodist Church

invites you to join us on Wednesday 18th December at 1pm to Encounter your Christmas Favourites

Please send your favourite

Christmas Carols/Poems/Verses to Pauline on: 07525911942 by text or phone call or email:

st.office@traffordmethodist.org.uk

If you would like to join us why not bring a friend...

just let us know numbers for catering Christmas afternoon tea.



ACTION for CHILDREN - ADVANCE NOTICE



We will be singing carols at Tesco Altrincham on Tuesday, December 17th from 6pm to 8pm. Please make a note in your diary and come and join us. Thank you.



Thank you...

to everyone who supported the 'Christmas Coffee, Cake & Chat' Coffee morning, at AMC, in aid of Action for Children.

We raised £450 which was gratefully received.

Churches Together in Timperley

Invite all to 'Carols By the Crossroads' in Timperley Village on Saturday 14th December 2024 at 11.30 followed by tea/coffee and mince pies at the Methodist Church. Everyone is very welcome.

Many thanks, Regards Christine (Timperley Methodist)



Mission Christmas at Timperley Methodist Church

We are collecting Christmas gifts for children in Greater Manchester, living in poverty. Mission Christmas distributes gifts every year to qualifying families. Alongside Mission Christmas, Cash for Kids buys specific gifts to meet a child's needs.

If you would like to give a gift, please see the age-related suggestions. Boxes to take your gifts are available in the Cornerstone Room and in the Colonnade at Timperley. If you prefer to give money, then the QR code is on one of the posters around the churches and above. Many thanks in anticipation.

Any questions, please contact Jacky Griffith: jacky.griffith@btinternet.com

Present Ideas

0-3 Years: Sensory Toys, Books, Building Blocks, Bibs, Teething Rings

3-5 Years: Dolls, Cars, Scooters, Learning Toys, Puzzles

5-7 Years: Colouring Books and Crayons, Jigsaws, Art & Crafts Kits

7-9 Years: Lego, Remote Control Toys, Footballs, Science Kits, Pencil Cases

9-12 Years: Board Games, Hats, Scarves & Gloves, Fidget Toys

12-15 Year Olds: Hot Water Bottles, Blankets & Pyjamas, Rucksacks, Stationary, Hats, Scarves & Gloves

15-18 Year Olds: Hairdryers, Watches, Make-up, Headphones, Speakers, Books

Sensory Toys: Stickle Bricks, Building Blocks, Musical & Light-up Toys, Play Dough



2.30pm – Friday December 13th, 2024

The Avenue Methodist Church, Sale, M33 4PL
Raffle & Refreshments

Admission on the door: minimum £5 donation please
Further information from Ginny on 0161 980 5692 or
ginny.murray61@talktalk.net



NORTH WEST ENGLAND
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The Methodist Church
Learning Network

Reflective Line
Management
for Lay
Employees

A one-day course for first-time or long-time line managers of lay employees in the Methodist church, offering a holistic approach and an exploration of good practice

Friday 31st January, 10-4
Altrincham Methodist church

Bookings: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reflective-line-management-day-altrincham-registration-1079253278609?aff=oddtcreator>

for more details contact Kristie on evек@methodistchurch.org.uk

A BIG Thank You! Please can we express huge thanks to everyone who helped with the organisation and smooth running of our 2 Cry Heart Screenings that happened over 2 Saturdays in November.

CRY staff screened a total of 193 young people over the 2 days and there were 25 referrals.

The use of the church building for these days is invaluable. The volunteers who run the cafe and chat to people being screened and the CRY staff were fantastic, and anyone who I might have forgotten. We thank you all for your support for us on what are emotional but very worthwhile days. **Fiona and David Waddell**



“Making Good” - Bowdon Vale

‘Making Good’ is our group of creativity, conversation and cake. We meet on Tuesday mornings, 10am – 12noon, and would love you to join us. Contact Sue Jackson for further details (Mobile No. 07789 728546).

Top 5 Items Needed This Week

1. UHT Milk
2. Sponge Puddings
3. Cordial & Juice
4. Instant Mash
5. Tinned Spaghetti



This Week in Our Churches – Week Commencing Monday 16th December

As the Christmas period approaches, if in doubt, please check with the organisers to make sure that your groups are meeting

Day and Time		What's on	Where
Monday	10:30	Parent & Toddlers	Altrincham
Monday	10:00	Parent & Toddlers	Timperley
Monday	12:30	Luncheon Club	The Vine (Hale)
Monday	18:00	Boys Brigade	Altrincham
Tuesday	10.00 – 12.00	Trafford Strong Heart Group	Altrincham
Tuesday	10:00	Making Good	Bowdon Vale
Tuesday	20:00	St John Ambulance	Altrincham
Wednesday	10:00	Coffee Corner	Timperley
J[Wednesday	18:15	Girls Brigade	Timperley
Wednesday	20:00 – 21:00	Reflections Liturgical Dance Practice	Altrincham
Thursday	10:30	Parent & Toddlers	Altrincham
Thursday	13:30 – 15:30	Musical Memories	Timperley
Friday	10:00	Foodbank Distribution	Timperley
Friday	10:00	Coffee Corner	Timperley
Friday	18:30	Brownies	Altrincham
Saturday	10:00 – 12:00	Coffee Morning – 1st Saturday of each month	Bowdon Vale
Saturday	10:00	Coffee Morning	Timperley

If you would like anything included in the notice sheet, please contact the Circuit Office by... **Thursday (2 pm) of each week.** If you have an urgent request, you can contact the Circuit Office by telephone: 0161 928 0022 or email on st.office@traffordmethodist.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is the responsibility of every member of the Methodist Church.

For certain roles you must have attended training and have a current DBS Certificate. If you think you need a DBS or training, please see your Church Safeguarding Co-ordinator, or contact the Circuit Office.

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