



## Ministry Team

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## 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019

A Prayer you may like to use as you prepare for worship:

Heavenly Father, we pray for our Brothers and Sisters who are persecuted for their faith in Christ, and for those for whom the path of Christian discipleship is hard and painful and for those who are faced each day with violence, ridicule and rejection. We are humbled, that in spite of the reality of their lives, they continue to put their love and trust in you. Father we pray you will give them strength and hope to face each day. Amen.

### Please remember in your prayers

Sue & Rob H June J Eric & Edith E Tony & Tracey C Gwen O  
 Edith B Carole & Peter R Norma H Alison S  
 The family & friends of Moyra B The family & friends of Jean E  
 Tom N Joan M Connie W

### Sunday's Collection last week

Altrincham £909.55

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February

**Circuit Morning Service with Holy Communion at The Vine 10.30am**

**There are no other services**

#### HANDSWORTH

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 6.00pm  
 Led by Rev Wesley Loane

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February

#### ALTRINCHAM

Morning Service 10.30am  
 Led by Rodney Hoyle

No Evening Service

#### BOWDON VALE

Morning Service 10.45am  
 Led by Rev Janet Aspey

#### TIMPERLEY

Morning Service 10.30am  
 Led by Rev Ian Golding

#### THE VINE

Morning Service 10.30am  
 Led by Malcolm Aspey

#### TIMPERLEY SHOPPERS

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 11.00am  
 Led by Lea Blinston

### Church Office in Altrincham, Bowdon Vale, Timperley & The Vine (Hale)

0161 928 0022 [amc.office@btconnect.com](mailto:amc.office@btconnect.com)

#### OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday 8.00am – 12.30pm & 2.00pm – 3.30pm  
 Tuesday 8.00am – 12.30pm & 2.00pm – 3.30pm  
 Wednesday - CLOSED  
 Thursday 11.00am – 4.00pm  
 Friday 12.30pm – 3.30pm

If you would like anything included in the notice sheet, please send or email to **Admin Team by Thursday (1pm) of each week.**

If you would like to receive a copy of notice sheet via email, please send your email address to [amc.office@btconnect.com](mailto:amc.office@btconnect.com)

**Please note that the Church office will be closed on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> & Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

**Any notices for sheet should be sent by 2pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

Thanks

## The Vine Lunch Club Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 12.30pm

### **Bowdon House Group**

Our next meeting is on Thursday, February 21st at Catherine Merrell's, 30 Ravenwood Drive, Hale Barns, 10.00-12.00. We shall be looking at the first chapter of 'The things he did'. It would probably be helpful to have looked at the chapter before you come!

The Vine hosted the January Churches Together in Hale meeting. It was well attended and productive. CTiH meets once every two months. The next meeting will be at St Peter's on Tuesday 12 March; 7:45pm prompt. We are looking for someone to Chair six meetings from May 2019. There is always a standby to cover should you not be available. Contact: Paul: 0161 929 9405 [paulwinnington@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paulwinnington@yahoo.co.uk) for more information or to confirm.

### **Altrincham Interfaith Group**

Tickets are now available for the Annual Shared Meal to be held at Altrincham Boys' Grammar School on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. Prices are Adults £10; Seniors/unwaged £8; Children 5+ £5; Family £25.

This social evening has interesting speakers and is a chance to get to know people of other faiths and other Christians of different denominations. Christians are asked to donate to the dessert course with ingredients listed.

Tickets can be obtained from Cathy Pridgeon at Timperley Methodist Church or Tel. 0161 980 7436.

### **Churches Together in Timperley**

Once again there will be a series of Lent Lunches at Timperley Methodist Church on five Fridays beginning at 12.30 pm on March 15th. The York Course "**Daring to see God Now**" will be followed with a light lunch and discussions. Donations for these lunches will be sent to The Salvation Army branch in Sale. Timperley Methodist are hosting the first lunch so any offers of food and help will be appreciated. There will also be a series of united services at Christ Church each Sunday at 6.30pm starting on 10th March for six Sundays which will look at the film "I Daniel Blake" which in turn is based on the book "Nothing more and nothing less" by Veronica Moffatt. Each discussion session will be led by a representative from the various Timperley Churches.

### **Prayer For The Church**

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" James 5v16

This year has been designated a year of prayer for our Church, Circuit and District. We are praying particularly for 'Discernment'. A prayer event will be planned each month as far as possible either locally or within the District as follows:-

Friday March 1st - we will be participating in the World Day of Prayer held at Christ Church Thorley Lane Timperley @ 10am

Saturday March 2nd - Prayer Walk around the town centre meeting at Altrincham Methodist Church Coffee Bar @ 10am

April 6th - in the afternoon there will be Spring Synod workshops on the theme of prayer at Long Street Methodist Church, Middleton M24 6UN (More details to follow).

There is a printed card for everyone in the Circuit to use as a reminder to pray, either at home or with others. Please remember the events and support them with your presence or your prayers.

Altrincham Methodist Church Prayer Group meets weekly on Mondays at 12.15 - 1.45pm in the Prayer Chapel or 1pm at Carol Dodd's home; and monthly on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Prayer Chapel.

If you can't make these times and dates or there is no Prayer Group in your church, you could start a prayer triplet with friends. If you would like help with this or would like to pray with someone please contact Judith - 07519 596 252 or [judithcichocki@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:judithcichocki@yahoo.co.uk).

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in the midst of them."

**The Vine Ladies Guild** will meet on the first Thursday in February and March (7<sup>th</sup>) and on the third Thursday in April which is 18<sup>th</sup>. Please make a note in your diaries of the change. The meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February will be at my house, 43 Broomfield Lane, Hale. There is no speaker arranged at present so it may just be for a cup of tea and a chat. Venue(s) for the March and April meetings will be given shortly. Please contact me on 928 3644 for further information. Beryl

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Hale Guides**

This will be the last term of Guides at Altrincham Methodist Church. Sara, Claire & Joy have made the decision to step down and will finish on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Would you/a group of you/or anyone you know be prepared to take on/share leadership of the Guide unit based at Altrincham Methodist Church. Please speak to the Circuit office for further info.



### **Timperley Methodist Church**

**Rev. Bruce D. Thompson, one-time minister of this church and circuit,**

Will be visiting us on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February At 7.30pm In the Cornerstone Room** to talk about his new book and to catch up with old friends.  
**Refreshments from 7pm.**  
**All are welcome.**



**LIVE LOUNGE**

**7pm**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February**  
**@ Timperley Methodist Church**

An evening of live acoustic music from local musicians



Rotary Club of Altrincham

Presidents Barry and Stephanie, and the members of their respective clubs warmly invite Rotarians, Inner Wheel members, and their partners and friends to the Altrincham Rotary Club and Inner Wheel International evening.



Inner Wheel Club of Altrincham

In aid of the "All We Can" organisation

Monday 18th February 2019  
7.00 for 7.30 at the Cresta Court Hotel  
Church St., Altrincham WA14 4DP



"All We Can" supports children and families facing hardship across the world. Targeting education and cleanliness, especially clean water to eliminate cholera. Their long-term objective is to help families to help themselves.

Speaker: Tim Baker - Senior Presenter with "All We Can"

The menu consists of three courses: Soup, Beef Bourguignon,

Chefs choice desert or cheese, followed by tea or coffee.

Cost of the meal is £18 per head including gratuities.

Wine and other drinks may be purchased at the bar.

Please detach the slip and return with a cheque payable to 'Altrincham Rotary Club', and return to Rtn Brian Soper, 22 Arthog Road, Hale, Altrincham WA15 0LY no later than

Monday 11th February.

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Club/Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Any Dietary Requirements \_\_\_\_\_



## BIBLE MONTH PREPARATION DAY



Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at Knutsford Methodist Church, 10-3pm

**What is the book of Colossians all about? What are the main theological themes? How can we as ordinary folk read the text? And what is the relevance of the text for today?**

This Bible month preparation day is another exciting opportunity for preachers, housegroup leaders, Youth & Children's work leaders, indeed all of us to focus on a single biblical book and get deeper engagement with particular biblical book in innovative ways.

Once again the Methodist Church has teamed up with Roots and the LWPT to produce materials to help you to engage with Bible month in 2019 this time to unpack the book of Colossians. You can order those online [www.preachweb.org/biblemonth](http://www.preachweb.org/biblemonth) and also there is a day in this region, to prepare us for the Bible month.

Aim of this day is to help us as leaders to get some deeper learning about the book of Colossians.

The Day includes: A Bible study with **Rev Steve Wild** Steve has been the Chair of Cornwall's Methodist District for 10 years and is a former President of Conference. Steve has been a minister for 35 years. Previously he was the Methodist Church's National Director of Evangelism, based at Cliff College.

Followed by workshops led by Biblical and theological scholars. They both write books and papers for academics and their printed stuff has academic language, but they are both also excellent communicators for a wide of people, and are accessible.

**Canon Rev Dr David Holgate** is a South African Anglican priest, now based in the UK. He is Sub-Dean and Canon for Theology and Mission at Manchester Cathedral, where his work focuses on connecting the Christian faith with the concerns of the city, especially homelessness, health care and interfaith understanding through Scriptural Reasoning. Although he has a special interest in Luke-Acts he is going to help us generally engage with how to creatively engage with biblical interpretation. David is the co-author with Rachel Starr of the *SCM Studyguide to Biblical Hermeneutics* (2nd Ed, forthcoming, 2019). Hermeneutics is an academic word for 'how we interpret the Bible'.

**"Towards a Public Theological reading of Colossians"** Workshop with **Rev Dr RajBharat Patta**. Raj is an ordained Minister of the Andra Evangelical Lutheran Church in India and is currently serving as an authorized Presbyterian at the Stockport Methodist Circuit. He has just finished his PhD at the University of Manchester with a research topic on Subaltern Public Theology (how ordinary people do theology). The workshop will be helping us to take learning from Colossians and share this with wider society.

Don't miss the opportunity!

To book just for the Biblemonth element please email Rob at [NWMannNetwork@gmail.com](mailto:NWMannNetwork@gmail.com) before February 28<sup>th</sup>.

This day is part of a wider event being held at Knutsford called FireFest, to find out more about that please contact Peter on [peterfreeman1957@gmail.com](mailto:peterfreeman1957@gmail.com)

# EXPLORING FAITH

## Who is God?

## What do I believe?

### Is Jesus really the Son of God?

Join us at Altrincham Methodist Church at 6.30pm for a series of 6 services followed by discussion exploring who God is, and what it means to be part of His family the church.

10 March 2019	God
17 March 2019	The Father
24 March 2019	The Son (Big Bash at Timperley)
31 March 2019	The Holy Spirit
7 April 2019	Holy Communion
14 April 2019	The Church

If you've been wanting to find out what faith is all about, want to get closer to God, be reminded about the basics of our faith or have wondered what it means to be a member of the church then why not join us?

For those who decide to become members there will be a special service at 6.30pm on Sunday 12 May at The Vine.

Further information from Rev Janet Aspey 0161 282 9060  
[janet.aspey@methodist.org.uk](mailto:janet.aspey@methodist.org.uk)

## What does the Holy Spirit do?

## What is the church all about?