



Our Aim to live by faith

be known by love

and be a voice of hope

Altrincham Methodist Church

Sunday 5th February 2012

Welcome to our worship today. If you are a visitor or newcomer, please introduce yourself to the minister or the church stewards. Coffee is served in the Coffee Bar after both services - stay and join us if you have time. Members of the Prayer Team will be available for anyone who would like prayer after either service.

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

On Poverty Action Sunday we pray

Lord, to the countries where food is scarce, mercy, whilst there is time

To the countries where crops have failed, rescue while there is time

To countries where people are fearful, security, while there is time

In countries where we have plenty, set our hearts on sharing this time.

In countries where we feel in control, set our hearts on justice at this time.

In the countries where we forget those in need, re-focus our prayers at this time. Amen

Morning Service 10.30am Led by David Slack Sunday Club & Creche are available	Evening Service 6.30pm Praise & Worship at Altrincham
SF 496 Shout for joy and sing Prayer Dance Offering & Prayer - children leave SF 1481 O my soul arise and bless Matthew 5: 13-20 SF 1078 We are salt and we are light 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 SF 943 No eye has seen Word SF 1284 Holy Spirit, how I love you Intercession Prayer SF 640 You shall go out with joy Benediction	Turn Your eyes upon Jesus (just the chorus) Blessed be Your name All who are thirsty I will bless the Lord (Made me Glad) How deep the Father's love for us John 4:1-26 Talk Jesus, be the centre And I'm forgiven (Amazing love) The Splendour of the King (How great is our God) In Christ Alone

Please remember in your prayers 'also remember our elderly and housebound'	Last Sunday's Collection
Phyllis Derbyshire, Mary Pownall Gordon Wilmott, Elsie Axon	Elizabeth Hirst & Eleanor Wild £1104.61 Benevolent Fund £40
If you are a taxpayer please make your gift more valuable to us by using Gift Aid. The stewards have details of how to do it. Thank you to those who already use this method. If you are a visitor Gift Aid envelopes can be found at the back of the chairs.	

Sunday 12th February

Early Morning Holy Communion 9.30am Led by Rev Andrew Bradley

All Age Service 10.30am Led by Rev Kevin Johnson

Evening Service with Holy Communion 6.30pm Led by Rev Kevin Johnson

What's on This Week - You will find a copy of 'What's On This Week' (what's happening in our church building this week) displayed in church foyer, coffee bar & in the office window.

This month's Benevolent Fund – MILD MAY INTERNATIONAL is a pioneering HIV charity delivering quality care and treatment, prevention work, rehabilitation, training and health systems strengthening in the UK, sub-Saharan Africa and Eastern Europe. For more information visit www.mildmay.org

If you have a charity that you would like the church to support for the Benevolent Fund then please inform the church office with details – thank you

<p>Dates for your Diary Church Council Tuesday 7th February Lounge</p> <p>Monthly Prayer Meeting Wednesday 15th February Prayer Chapel</p> <p>PAT Testing week of 13th February (excluding Thursday) 9am – 12.00noon – see separate sheet</p> <p>Tuesday 28th February Pastoral Team Meeting 7.30pm Lounge</p>	<p>Digging yourself out of the “black hole” of depression Saturday 11th February 2012 , 2.30- 5.30pm Victory Outreach Manchester, 19 Liverpool Street, Salford, M5 4LY</p> <p>An interactive and introductory workshop on exploring what depression is, its causes and treatments (scientific & biblical). Group work and discussions will be an integral part of the workshop. Information will be disseminated on local and national services available for individuals experiencing depression, their carers, friends and family members.</p> <p>To book a place phone 07835 972 026 or email raphaministriesuk@gmail.com</p>
<p>Local Food Bank Discussion Meeting at Timperley Methodist Church Thursday Feb 16th 7pm. A member of the project team from the Trussell Trust will make a presentation to the meeting and take questions and answers, following which, the local churches will be invited to become partners in the project to provide the Food Bank facility for the use of the social care network. This is an open meeting for all interested parties, refreshments served from 7pm, meeting at 7.30pm -9pm. For further info www.trusselltrust.org or speak to Andrew Bradley.</p>	<p>STEPS Romania AGM Friday 2nd March 2012 Swan Bank Methodist Church, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 2AA</p> <p>Come and hear what we've achieved in 2011 and what we plan for 2012.</p> <p>Refreshments will be served from 7.30pm and the meeting will start at 7.45pm.</p> <p>Let us know if you need help with transport - Colin Skelton & David Hill.</p>
<p>Maria Davies will be 60 in February and to celebrate we are holding a concert in church on Saturday 11th February at 7.30pm</p> <p>Guests will include Fiona Pearson, Fiona and Brian and n Golding.</p> <p>No ticket price and no gifts please but donations to Wythenshawe Hospital Gynaecology Oncology dept would be very gratefully received.</p> <p>Tickets available from Hugh or Maria but so that we can keep account of the numbers - may we please ask you to take a ticket, only if you definitely know you are coming!"</p>	
<p><u>Re-group</u></p> <p>Following the successful discussion on Saturday, we are keen to encourage members to give serious consideration to joining a house group. If you would like to join a house group, please have a look at the leaflets in the foyer and speak to a House Group Leader, Kevin Johnson or a member of the Church Leadership Team. House group leaders are kindly asked to provide Wes Auden with a list of those who are members of their group, so we can get a clearer picture of house group membership in the church. Many thanks for the contributions to the discussion last Saturday.</p>	

Barnabus

This year we're incredibly blessed to have the support of four dedicated Barnabus supporters, who are proudly undertaking the gruelling task of running a Marathon; 26.2 miles to raise funds for Barnabus.

Howard (chairman of our trustees), Brian and Gary (our accountant and friend) are running this year's Manchester Marathon together.

And, James (a new supporter) is running his first ever marathon in the Paris Marathon. James used to live in Paris and was initially going to support a homeless project over there until he found out about our work, when he came and took part in our Heaton Park Fun Day and Run with his family last Summer.

Why do we need your help?

Homelessness has been increasing since the recession but last year we saw twice as many people coming to us for help; redundancies, cuts in income, financial stress and relationship break-ups have been the biggest factors in the rise.

This increase in need has impacted our already stretched, small team of staff and resources, resulting in the need to employ another full time support worker.

Please donate whatever you can and encourage our runners with your messages of support

Howard, Gary and Brian www.justgiving.com/runningthemanchestermarathonforbarnabus

James www.justgiving.com/JamesOwenLewis

Refresh

*A new way
to worship
together*

worship-prayer-word

coffee-cake-conversation

at Altrincham Methodist Church Coffee Bar

Third Sunday each month at 7 til 8:30pm

See you on Feb 19th 2012