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The Methodist Church
Altrincham, Bowdon Vale, Timperley & The Vine (Hale)
Flowing with life, moving in God's power

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A Fire Pit People

(material from the vine worship resource)

<https://thesundayservice.gallery.video/altrinchammethodist>

Join us at 10.30am for Worship

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

Father, we pray for all concerned for our health and healing especially through the Pandemic we are experiencing. We thank You for all doctors and nurses, physiotherapist, occupational therapist and all who give help to those in our communities working in very difficult circumstances. We remember all the carers whose responsibility it is to visit the homes of our elderly who need care and attention as well as helping them not to feel too isolated. For all the help and kindnesses, we receive in many ways, We thank You Amen.

Please remember in your prayers

Vera M Jean M June J Kath A Alison S Sue & Rob H Tony & Tracey C Edith B Maureen H Pat K Charles H Stan R
Joan M Margaret G Joyce Mc Peter & Ann McM Melissa C Judith B Cliff & Jean C Christine H Denise C & family
The family & friends of Ruby C Joyce H Julie C

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Circuit Office is Closed – we're working from home so you can still contact us at circuitoffice@altrinchammethodistcircuit.org.uk

The phone has been diverted to a member of circuit staff

If you would like to receive a copy of notice sheet via email, please send your email address to

circuitoffice@altrinchammethodistcircuit.org.uk

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

Methodist Church Official Guidance

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/coronavirus/official-guidance/>

If you need any assistance, please either contact your pastoral visitor or

Email: pastoralcare@altrinchammethodistcircuit.org.uk

Text: 07860015449

Phone: 0161 9280022

The Vine Offering for August £1726.50

Websites: <http://www.altrincham-methodist.org.uk/>

<http://www.mha.org.uk/Ch15.aspx>

<http://www.bowdonmethodist.org.uk>

<http://www.timperleymethodist.org.uk/>

<http://www.halemethoist.org.uk>

<https://www.facebook.com/Methodist1908>

Twitter User Name is: AMC_Church

Instagram User Name is: altrincham_methodist_church

It has been with sadness that we have now closed all our church buildings with the exception of the FoodBank who are still operating as part of Trafford Council's Assist project out of Timperley. We pray for all who normally use our buildings from within our own church family and the wider community and look forward to the time when we are able to meet in our buildings once again

Altrincham Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre

At this time of national crisis, many are facing financial uncertainty, and this is likely to plunge many families into unmanageable debt. If you know of families/individuals who are struggling with debt at this time, please give them the CAP helpline number 0800 328 0006 (freephone). We continue to work with families who live in the WA14, WA15 and M31 postcodes but for anyone outside these areas then please contact the helpline for further support and advice.

Opening Timperley Methodist Church

Over the summer there has been a lot of work done to establish how and when we could open Timperley and we know for some this has been frustrating. At a meeting of Timperley's Leadership Team and Property Team this week it was decided to aim to open on the last Monday in September for Private Prayer and then for Shoppers Service and Worship the second week in October. The following dates are obviously subject to change (as things do change rather quickly), but we are looking to ask for people to volunteer at these 'events'.

Under current rules however masks must be worn, we are still not be able to sing, have fellowship outside the worship or have refreshments, and worship on Sunday can only be a maximum of half an hour. Again, these restrictions may change.

Proposed opening dates:

Private Prayer every Monday and Friday 10:00 – 12:00 starting Monday 28th September

Shoppers Service every Thursday 11:00 – 11:30 starting Thursday 8th October

Sunday Worship every two weeks starting at 11:00 from Sunday 11th October.

Streamed services will still continue.

Prayers for MHA

When we miss our families and friends
when we see illness and loss all around us:
Thank you, tender God, that we are held in your love.
When we are anxious and afraid,
when we feel weak and helpless:
Thank you, tender God, that we are held in your love.
When we grow weary in our caring,
when we feel the world has forgotten us:
Thank you, tender God, that we are held in your love.
In our fear and in our trust,
in our despair and in our hope,
Thank you, tender God, that we are held in your love. Amen.

Barbara Glasson writes:
Are we locked down?
or are we to wait for wonders?
Are we shut in
or are we sitting at the window of the world?
Are we socially isolated
or re-centring in a new relationship with what actually matters?
We are digging deep God
and as we do so
we hope to find pearls of great price.

In memory of Doris (Hubbard), if you know someone who would like a copy of the Order of Service booklet from 3.9.2020, there are a few available still. Please contact Sue Jolley.

Also, thank you for the generous donations already received, in her memory, in favour of Cancer Research UK.

The situation continues to change daily, and we will try to keep in touch with your regularly through Facebook, Email and phone calls. You can find the most up to date information from the Methodist Church at Methodist.org.uk.

Could You Be A Volunteer? During this outbreak of Coronavirus, we are hoping to provide support to those within our churches and potentially within our communities. The support we are hoping to offer will be to help avoid the loneliness that comes from isolation by having volunteers who are able to check how people are doing and be a listening ear as a friendly voice on the end of a phone. The other area that we hope to offer support in will be to do basic shopping and deliver it to those who are unable to go out, or if necessary, to take people to appointments. Those who volunteer will need to go through an enhanced DBS check and if using your own car to ensure with your insurance company that your insurance covers you for volunteer work within the church - some insurers may require a change to business use, others simply need notifying, and we will also need a copy of your driving license, to comply with our safeguarding guidance. If you are interested in being a volunteer please email pastoralcare@altrinchammethodistcircuit.org.uk, phone the circuit office 0161 928 0022 or talk to a member of the ministry team. If there is anyone who would like to act as a co-ordinator for this project, please talk to Janet via the same contact details.

Pastoral Care

If you are in need, whether that is because you are feeling lonely and want to talk to someone, or because you need medicines collecting or some shopping doing, you can contact us by sending an email to pastoralcare@altrinchammethodistcircuit.org.uk or by sending a text message to 07860015449. You can also phone the circuit office on 0161 928 0022 and leave a message. In each instance please tell us your name and how you would us to contact you. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible. If you are struggling and are unable to use any of the above, please contact your pastoral visitor who will make sure that we get to know. Over the next weeks, the ministry team or circuit administrators will be contacting you to make sure that our contact details are correct. If you prefer not give us that information when we ring, then perhaps you would use one of the above methods to let us have your name, address, home number, mobile number, email address and what the best way to contact you is. If possible, we would also like an emergency contact for you. This information is so that we can keep in touch with you during this crisis and also so that we might know who might contact us if you are unable to.

Worship Through Giving.

As many people are aware, we are continuing to work to support our church and wider community throughout the current crisis. Whilst we are still streaming worship and engaging via social media, we are also doing a number of pastoral projects to support all those that we can. This currently involves, among other things, maintaining regular contact with vulnerable people, making shopping trips for those in self isolation or in financial difficulty, and sending packages to families with children and young people at home.

We really appreciate that so many people already set aside their giving by standing order directly to church. As we are not able to meet in person, we encourage those of you who currently give cash or via envelopes, if you are able, to move to giving via standing order or bank transfer. You can contact your church treasurer to arrange this. If you are not sure who your treasurer is, or don't know their contact details, please email the circuit office or call 0161 928 0022.

It may be that you currently don't financially support our work but would like to give a one-off donation to support our current projects. If so, please do email the circuit office or call for information.

Many thanks for being faithful in worship through giving in this uncertain time.
Thank you, Rachel Foster, Circuit Youth Worker

We pray for all in MHA Care Homes, Retirement Living and Live at Home schemes; for members and residents, families, friends, volunteers and staff.

We pray for all those who serve:

for those who provide and give out food, for those who keep the building clean and in good shape, those who answer the phone and keep the files in order, those who befriend and drive and organise activities, for those who nurse and those who give care, those who make us laugh, and those who comfort us when we are sad, those who have hard decisions to make, and those who feel there is nothing they can do.

All-embracing God, help us to appreciate each other,

and give thanks for all your goodness. **Amen** By *Alma Fritchley, Chaplain at Laurel Court, Withington & Jan Berry*

Worship Ideas

We know many people are joining the live worship which Janet and Malc are streaming on Sunday mornings or accessing it later in the week and we're grateful for all the work they've put in. They've suggested ways in which you might get in touch and share things there - it's great that we can find new ways of connecting in these strange times.

A group of us are exchanging ideas about other things we might do and we want as many people as possible to be able to contribute ideas or thoughts on what might be needed. So here are some of the ideas we've had:

Things you might be able to do:

- record yourself doing a reading or a prayer which we could include in an act of worship
- deliver printed worship material to people you are caring for
- join a large or small coffee morning, prayer group or bible study by video link or phone
- join in a live reading of a play

Things we could offer

- you may be interested in some of the ideas we've mentioned but not be sure how to go about setting something up. We can help!
- reading of the daily office from the Northumbria community (perhaps early in the morning or in the evening)
- live or recorded midweek services
- sending out printed worship or devotional material by email or printed
- "Desert Island Discs" where someone we know talks about their favourite music, pictures, hymns or poems

If you'd like any of these things to happen or if you have other ideas, please let us know. Let us know too if you'd like help with anything, including how to do any of the things we've mentioned. Send requests, thoughts and ideas to the worship@AltrinchamMethodistCircuit.org.uk address and we'll pick them up. Kevin Jaquiss



Trafford South FoodBank would like to pass on thanks for fantastic support that it has received whilst we have all been in lockdown. The response has been amazing to the point where our food stocks are very high, and storage is becoming a problem. We would ask that you keep on giving where possible and there is still a need for 'non-food' items such as hygiene and cleaning products:

Soaps, shampoo, shower gel, personal feminine products, toothpaste and brushes etc.
Cleaning products eg washing up liquid, washing powder/capsules, hand wipes, detergent, cloths etc...

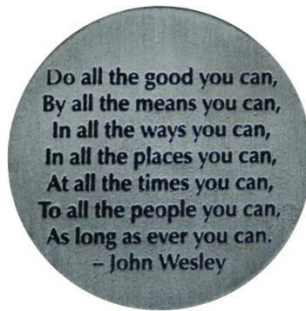
Items can be dropped off round the back of Timperley Methodist Church on Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9am – 12.00 noon. Shopping trolleys should be in the in the car park for people to empty into. This will save any unnecessary contact. Items can also be dropped off at: Sainsbury – Hale, Altrincham or Timperley; Asda or Waitrose – Broadheath

We continue to be grateful for the use of the Timperley Methodist Church premises at this time and send our thanks for the support received.

Message from the Trussell Trust: This is a challenging time for us all, and across the country food banks are working hard to maintain the provision of emergency food to those in crisis. We are committed to working towards an end to the need for food banks in the UK, but as things stand food banks are providing an essential service for people who have nowhere else to turn for support. We are doing all we can to ensure that they continue to do so at this time and thank you all for your support.



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All Things Hold Together

<https://www.allwecan.org.uk/all-we-can-1-17-programme-all-things-hold-together/>

Every day at 1.17pm All We Can is sharing positive and uplifting content on the theme of 'Colossians 1:17 – All Things Hold Together' – a series of encouraging

broadcasts that you can watch and join in with from the comfort of your home. You can catch them every day on our Facebook page.

Watch previous broadcasts again on our **YouTube Channel**.

Please continue to check our schedule for more uplifting and positive content throughout the week.

For those feeling anxious and isolated, All We Can have also developed a new devotional resource online to help you reflect, pray and stay connected.

Please know that everyone at All We Can is praying and thinking of you during this difficult time.

All We Can, as the official Methodist international development and relief agency, is closely connected with Mission Partners, partner churches and organisations around the world. Please do keep up-to-date with news from the global Church and continue to pray for mission partners around the world.

House Groups

If you would like the booklet 'Radically Changing the Story' for all your members which can be worked through either daily or as sessions. Alternatively, if you are unable to access a computer, we will be able to send one to you. Please contact pauline.roberts@AltrinchamMethodistCircuit.org.uk or 07525 911942.

Many thanks for your support towards the Circuit's £2000.00 target during this difficult year.

Pauline Roberts, All We Can Co-ordinator

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