

Newsletter

November 2024

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Dear Friends

Danny Dutton, from Chula Vista in California, was eight years old when he was asked to write an assignment for his homework. It was to be titled 'Explain God'. This is what he wrote:

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way, he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mum and dad's head asking for something they've already said you can't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and Jesus said they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK. His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road any more, he could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to hear you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time. You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy it's God. Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong! And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway. If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know he's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim very good and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And that's why I believe in God.

*Out of the mouths of babies and infants.....!
God bless you and all whom you love and care about.*

Liz

North Staffordshire Circuit (11/22)

Preaching Plan – November 2024

					November			
					3	10	17	24
					31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Remembrance Sunday	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday Before Advent
Lectionary Year (B)					Ruth 1:1-18	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17	1 Samuel 1:4-20	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
(Principal Service)					Psalm 146	Psalm 127	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Psalm 93
					Hebrews 9:11-14	Hebrews 9:24-28	Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25	Revelation 1.4b-8
					Mark 12:28-34	Mark 12:38-44	Mark 13:1-8	John 18:33-37
Please Pray For:					Wolstanton	Audley	Baldwins Gate Community	Bradwell
Cross Heath	LS	11.00	StF	NV	Singleton HC	LA	B Harrison T	N Jones
(24)		3.00	MSB					
Silverdale	LS	11.00	StF	MM	Café Church LA	Davies T	Singleton HC	Emmaus
(44)		5.00						Refuel
Wolstanton	LS	10.30	StF		N Jones	Singleton	Chambers HC	Chadwick
(90)		6.30	MWB					
Audley	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1&2	X	Ventom Cenataph	X	LA
(29)		3.00	MWB	GNB	Ventom HC	X	Ventom MS	X
		6.30						
Bradwell	JV	10.00	StF	SoF 1&2	Ventom MS	LA @ 10.15 am	Parkes HC	Matthews
(33)		3.00	MWB	NV H&P				
Halmer End	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 1&2	E Perry HC	10.00 am Barnett & Cenataph	LA	Davies T
(23)		3.00	MWB	GNB				
Madeley	JV	10.30	StF	SoF 1234	Chadwick	R Jones	LA	Parkes HC
(24)		3.00	MWB	NV				
St Luke's	JV	10.30	H&P	GNB	LA	Pritchard	Ventom HC	Irvine
(22)		3.00	MWB					
Higherland	JP	10.00	StF	MM	Rowley	LA	Pritchard HC	Singleton
(38)		6.00						Pritchard Messy Vintage
Printed Service for this week prepared by:					Singleton	Ventom	Pritchard	Heap
BGMC					Wednesday 20th November, 2.30 pm - Holy Communion - Revd Joy Ventom			

Eco Tips

Green your home... Combat climate change and reduce heating costs by identifying and sealing drafts around your home. Find the gaps that let the cold air in and warm air out (think keyholes, letterboxes, cracks around the edges or bottoms of windows and doors, loft hatches, floorboards, etc.) and fix these gaps using the correct materials and online tutorials. Additionally, place foil or radiator panels to reflect heat into your room. Pray for those who might be experiencing the cold this winter.

From A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips 2024 Calendar

Foodbank – please click on this link [here](#).

Thank you to everyone across the Circuit who gives regularly to Foodbank through their church. Foodbank remains open through these troubled times and demand for food is high. Can I please ask you to all keep on giving by taking your donations to your nearest Foodbank.



Clayton St Luke's host a session
on Tuesday morning. 10.00am – 12 noon

All Saints, Madeley host a session
on a Monday morning. 11.00 am - 12.30 pm

Cornerstone, High Street, Knutton, ST5 6BX
On Wednesday afternoon 2.00 pm – 4.00pm

Chesterton Pentecostal church
on Thursday Morning. 10.00 -12.00 noon

Newcastle Congregational church
on Thursday afternoon. 2.00 pm – 4.00pm

St Thomas church Kidsgrove
on Friday afternoon 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

or you can take your contribution to our warehouse on Unit 18 Brock Way, Silverdale, ST5 6AZ (Opposite the Post Office Sorting Office). on a Monday afternoon or Wednesday morning .

Your gifts large or small are very much appreciated and are a lifeline to those sadly more vulnerable than ourselves.

Please give us a ring if you want to drop your gift off at our house!

Carol and Marion Reddish TEL 01782 613265

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Newcastle Staffs Foodbank you can contact the Trustee/Treasurer Paul A Roberts for details: -

tel: 0300 102 9088 or email him on

accounts@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk.

If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please visit the website or contact Paul A Roberts for details.

People can also contact info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk for details to donate food or money donations.

At the present time Foodbank are short of the following items:-

Pasta Sauce

Jam

Tinned Rice Pudding

Sponge Pudding

Tinned Cold Meat

Tinned Hot Meat

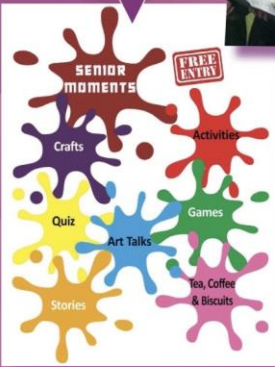
Washing Up Liquid

Custard

FORTHCOMING EVENTS
at St.Luke's Methodist Church, Clayton

Senior Moments

Last Thursday of every month
starting Thursday 31st October
10.00 a.m - 12.00 noon
A great opportunity to enjoy some time
together in lots of creative, interactive
and fun ways.



Songs and Carols by
The Dougie Mac Choir
Saturday 14th December @7.00pm
Admission: £5.00 per person - Children free of charge
Tickets available or pay at the door.
Refreshments to be served at the interval.



ALL WELCOME

St.Luke's Methodist Church,
Severn Drive, Clayton,
Newcastle-under-Lyme

Godly Play as Bible Study

Story is one of the most ancient forms of knowing. It is the way our Christian heritage has been passed down to us. And story forms the foundation of Godly Play. It invites you to sit as part of a circle and listen as the stories of the Bible are told through word and action. It allows you to immerse yourself in the stories as an act of meditation and prayer and ultimately to encounter God. As the stories are told you sit and listen and at the end of the storytelling you are invited to consider a number of 'I wonder questions'. Questions posed by the storyteller that ask you to reflect on what you have heard. Questions like:

I wonder what part of the story was most important to you?

Or

I wonder where you are in the story?

Or

I wonder if there is a part of the story we can leave out and still have all the story we need?

There are no right or wrong answers to any of the questions, they are a means by which you are invited to wonder deeply about the story and what it says to you. Then when the story is put away there is time to respond to all that you have heard and wondered about. It may be that you want to re-read the story again for yourself, paint, draw, model or write a response - the choice is entirely yours.

At the end of the response time we gather back together for refreshments before drawing our time together to an end. If this is something you think you might like to try then our next Godly play session will take place on **Monday, 4th November at 6.30 pm at Wolstanton Methodist Church.** Come and see, wonder, and reflect deeply about stories you thought you knew.

Karen Barnett

WINTER CAFÉ



EVERY MONDAY* AT THE
METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTRE BALDWIN'S GATE,
10AM - 12NOON

As the days grow shorter and colder,
Whitmore Parish Council warmly invite you to our
Monday Morning Winter Café, commencing
4th November.

Residents of all ages are invited to our cosy space for
FREE hot drinks and biscuits, along with friendly
company and conversation.

**We look forward to welcoming you
this Winter!**

*Commencing Monday 4th November through to the end of February 2025.

Cross Heath Methodist Church
COFFEE MORNING and FLOWER SHOW
Saturday 9th November
@ 10:30am



Free Entry!

**Experience the Four
Seasons in one day in
our beautiful Chapel!**



You are warmly invited to a Memorial Service at
Audley Methodist Church
 17th November 2024 at 3pm

There will be an opportunity to light candles as we remember our loved ones who have died.

For more information, please contact the office:
 01782 722755
 or email audleymethodist@btconnect.com



**Baldwins Gate
 Methodist Community**
 (Baldwins Gate, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 5DA)

Mid-Week Service

on the third Wednesday of each month at 2.30 pm

Wednesday, 20th November 2024 –
Revd Joy Ventom
Holy Communion Service

Please come and join us.
All are very welcome.



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 23rd November
 10:30am to 12:30pm

at Audley Methodist Church
 refreshments available

Higherland Church Coffee Bar
 2pm - 4pm Monday 25th Nov



Everyone welcome to come and join in the chatter & laughs.

Free cake & drinks.



Café Church
 6pm Higherland Church Coffee Bar

On the last Sunday in every month

*Friendly Chatter, welcoming smiles,
 Songs, Prayers, drinks & biscuits.*

Come along @ 6pm on Sunday 24th Nov.



Cross Heath Methodist Church

GRAND CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 30th November

@ 10:30am

Bric-a-brac, Gifts, Books, Cakes, Raffle, Tombola, Refreshments

Free entry!

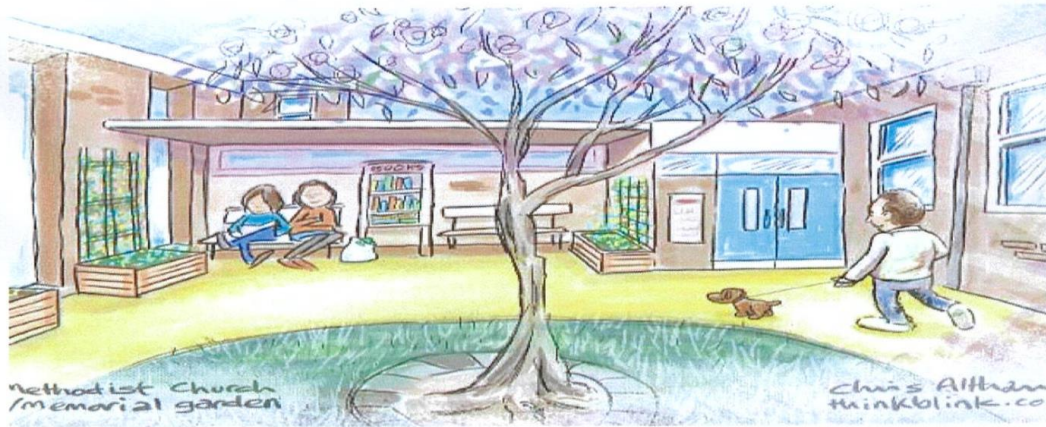
CIRCUIT ADVENT SERVICE

Sunday, 1st December

at 6.30 pm

at Wolstanton Methodist Church

Bradwell Methodist Church



Co-op community funding will help establish our community garden and help to bring the community together, enabling us to aid those struggling with modern life. We have started by providing a community free book swap library and this has made us realise how the community would appreciate more involvement. The area would then be used to provide further support with a toy swap area and eventually a food pantry. There would be quiet reflection areas and raised beds with herbs and vegetables. We hope that children can learn about self-sufficiency and older people would be more active in the community, gaining friendships and interests. All of this would improve the community's health and wellbeing, and also reduce landfill with the recycling of unwanted toys and books.

Scan the QR Code below to select.

Bradwell Methodist Church as your chosen cause.



BUSINESS USE

**Book Swop
at
Bradwell Methodist Church**

There is a new free book swop library outside Bradwell Methodist Church. Please take a look and if you have any unwanted books please pop them in.



The Methodist Conference
Telford 2025



Taking place @ Telford International Centre

26th June – 2nd July 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

An exciting opportunity to support
The **METHODIST** Conference
Conference Needs

Stewards/Help Desk

Collators and paper distributors

Creche

Memorial Service Chaplains

Please make initial contact with **YOUR** District's PA

Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury admin@wsmethodist.org.uk

Birmingham office@birminghammethodist.org.uk

Chester and Stoke chester.stoke@btconnect.com

Be part of the team that makes The Methodist Conference work!



Christian Resources for Life
@ Methodist Book Centre

Support your local, independent
Christian bookshop



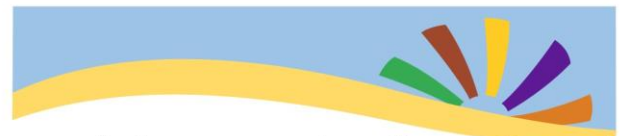
In Store

Online



www.crfl.co.uk

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Madeley Methodist Church
invites you to join us at our



Warm Space



Elevenses

On Wednesdays at 11am



Everyone Welcome

Senior Moments
St. Luke's Methodist Church
Severn Drive
Clayton
ST5 4BH

FREE ENTRY

SENIOR MOMENTS

Crafts

Activities

Games

Quiz

Art Talks

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits

Stories

10.30am - 12.30pm, last Thursday of every month, starting Thursday 27th October.

Fun, explore together in lots of creative, interactive and fun ways.
A great opportunity to enjoy some time together.

For more information please contact Phil or Jeanette Hodges
on 01782 634766 or look on our Facebook page.

Silver Service

..on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of every month..
..beginning at 11:30am..

1st Thursday = Communion Service : 3rd Thursday = Activity Service

at Silverdale Methodist Church,
Earl Street (behind the Chip Shop!)
ST5 6NF

Find us on FaceBook: "Silverdale Methodist Church"
Visit our website: www.silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk

SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH

There's nothing like a good cuppa coffee
and a friend like you to share it with!

Let's catch up!

WHY NOT CATCH UP
WITH FRIENDS OLD
AND NEW

BRADWELL METHODIST
CHURCH
THURSDAY'S 10 - 12

SILVERDALE
METHODIST
CHURCH

REFUEL

worship & the word
FOLLOWED by FOOD!

Join with us on the **LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**, at **5PM**, for 1-hour of..

PRAISE & WORSHIP

..and then stay to share food together.

all-age & interactive, informal & relaxed – a Worship Experience for all

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The God of *peace*
be with you all.

Amen

ROMANS 15:33