



# Perry Hall Methodist Church

**Growing Disciples | Building Community**

**Sunday 24th March 2019 - 10.45am**



*Perry Hall Methodist Church seeks to be a welcoming place within the community, open to all to come and find peace, and a sense of God's love.*

## Who's preaching today

**Sunday 24th March 2019 @ 10.45am**

Rev'd Deborah Humphries - Holy Communion

## Who's preaching next week

**Sunday 31st March 2019 @ 10.45am**

Rev'd Deborah Humphries - All age / Parade / Mothering Sunday

We pray for Deb as she leads our worship this morning, along with all those who enable our worship to take place.

## Thought for the day

### Understanding suffering

**Luke 13.1-9**

- What is your response to natural disasters?
- How do you cope with suffering in the world?
- How do you face up to your own mortality?



## Who's preaching this month?

**Sunday 3rd March 10.45am**

Liz Helliar

**Sunday 10th March 10.45am**

Joy Wadsworth

**Sunday 17th March 10.45am**

Gareth Davies

**Sunday 24th March 10.45am**

Rev'd Deborah Humphries  
Holy Communion

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## Upcoming events at Perry Hall Methodist Church .....

**Tuesday Club** - Tuesday 26th March 2019 - 2.15pm to 4pm

**Church Council** - Monday 1st April 2019 at 7.30pm

**Coffee morning** - Thursday 4th April 2019 10am to 12 noon

**Year 7+ Young Church led by Pat Rowley & John Townend**

Sunday morning group for our young people in school years 7+.

7th April & 19th May

**Word on Wednesday @ 7.30pm** - See note below about Lent 2019

**Monday Night Bible Study** - See note below about Lent 2019

## What we gave last week -

Sunday 17th March 2019 - £141.70

Monthly total of collections made by Standing Order £405.00

## Lent 2019

During Lent there will be no Monday night Bible study or Word on Wednesday.

Please join with our ecumenical friends for Bible study as we travel around different churches. Please let Deb know if you would like a lift.

This year we will be inspired by words and music from *The Greatest Showman* and seeing how they might connect to Scripture and our experience and discipleship.

Wednesdays 1.30 - 3pm & 7.30 - 9pm (choose a time to suit you)

## 27th March at Holy Name

'The Other Side: Revived', led by Brother Andrew

## 3rd April at St. Paul's

'From Now On: Forgiven and Freed',

led by Rev'd Deborah Humphries

## 10th April at Beacon Church

'Tightrope: Followers', led by Rev'd Andrew Brazier



## MWIB Quiet Day - Inspirational Woman - 28th March from 10.30am -3.30pm

Erdington Methodist Church. 1 Wesley Road, Birmingham B23 6TX

Speaker: Dr Jill Barber - Director of Englesea Brook Primitive Methodist Museum

## Circuit Assembly - Saturday 30th March 2019, 10am - 2pm, The Church at Carrs Lane

The Circuit Assembly is our bi-annual gathering of circuit trustees. Our trustees are made up of representatives from our thirty seven churches. This meeting is where important decisions about our circuit are made. This is an open meeting, if you're interested in attending as a representative of our church then please talk to Deb.

## Foodbank shortages - can you help?

The foodbank are short of the following items:

Long life milk, Sugar, Tinned fruit, Fruit juice, Tinned custard, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned meat.



## Methodist Conference 2019 Birmingham - Volunteers Needed

The Methodist Conference, 27th June - 4th July, is looking for volunteers.

Stewards, Collators and paper distributors, Creche, Drivers

If interested please email Deborah Webb - emailoffice@birminghammethodist.org.uk.

### In the Name of Love - Saturday 6th April 2019 from 10:00am to 4:30pm

Join Steve Chalke and other speakers as they make the case for the full acceptance of same-sex relationships and trans people within Christianity and the church.

£35.00 including light lunch.

Oasis Academy Woodview, Woodview Drive,  
Birmingham B15 2HU

Book at: <https://openchurch.network/name-love-birmingham>



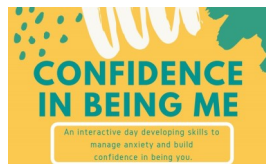
### Confidence in Being Me Workshop for Younger People

**Saturday 6th April 2019 from 9:30am to 3pm - Floor 8, 1 Colmore Row, B3 2BJ**

Birmingham Methodist Circuit in conjunction with The Church of England and the Jewish Synagogue have planned a 'Confidence in being Me' workshop for our young people from school years 9 - 13.

50 free places available, book @

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/Cofebirmingham/>



### Birmingham Circuit Green Church Gathering

**Tuesday 9th April from 7.30 - 9pm at The Church at Carrs Lane**

The circuit would like a representative from each church to join a conversation about environmentally friendly churches. Assess how green our church is at present and to share good ideas and practice. Let Tom Milton know you're coming by phoning 0121 616 1800 or emailing [tmilton@birminghammethodistcircuit.org.uk](mailto:tmilton@birminghammethodistcircuit.org.uk)

### MWiB Quiet Day - Saturday 4th May 2019 - 10am- 4pm

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, 1046 Bristol Road, Birmingham B29 6LJ

Leader: Sandra Goodwin MWiB. Connexional President Cost: £32.50

To book: Mrs Craddock, The Meadows Cottage, Lichfield Road, Edial, Lichfield W57 0HU

### Rotary Shoebox Scheme 2019

Can you help by donating?

This month we are collecting soap and face flannels



### Contact us

#### Church

Perry Hall Methodist Church, Rocky Lane, Perry Barr, Birmingham B42 1QF

#### Minister

Rev'd Deborah Humphries

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Please email items for future editions to [colin@colinhumphries.co.uk](mailto:colin@colinhumphries.co.uk)

#### Lettings

David Blackwell

☎ Phone 0121 358 2612  
(with answerphone)

✉ email

### Twining visit with Kadoma District, Methodist Church of Zimbabwe

Between 10th & 20th May 2019, 8 friends from the Kadoma District will be visiting the Birmingham District.

#### **Wanted**

1. Hosts who can accommodate two people for five days, either 10th - 15th May or 15th - 20th May
2. Invitations to take part in worship on Sunday 12th and Sunday 19th May
3. People to offer transport for trips, e.g. Bristol and the Welsh coast
4. Invitations to experience something of the culture and life of the district mid-week.

#### **District celebration with our Zimbabwean friends**

Sunday 19th May @ 3pm at Stockland Green Methodist Church, Slade Road, Erdington  
Come and celebrate together in lively, multi-cultural worship

#### **A pilgrimage to Austria & Oberammergau**

Revd Rachel Hextall and Revd Farai Mapamula are leading a pilgrimage to Austria & The Oberammergau Passion Play from 13th to 20th May 2020.

Every ten years the people of Oberammergau fulfil their oath to God made in 1633 by performing a Passion Play. It is an act of faithfulness and we have the privilege of sharing in it. The familiar story is dramatically and powerfully retold during one day which you will spend in this beautiful Bavarian town.

The cost of this holiday is £1,565 per person sharing a double or twin-bedded room with private facilities. If you are interested see Colin for more information.

#### **The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have released the following statement in relation to the ongoing Brexit discussions.**

The Westminster Parliament continues to struggle with the Brexit process. Like no other issue of our time, Brexit has divided our politics, our society & our communities. The coming days and months harbour uncertainty and, for many, even fear.

We know that faithful Methodists hold a spectrum of views on Brexit, as they do on many other issues that shape our country and world. We do not minimise the challenge of responding to this hugely emotive issue. Yet we believe that, as Christians, we are bound to one another in Christ, whatever our differences. And we are called to serve our communities even, perhaps especially, in these troubling times.

Churches around the country have been providing safe spaces of welcome, reflection and conversation. Places where name-calling and abuse are not acceptable, but where differing views can be heard. Offering such a gift of welcome to our communities is not always easy. We hold each other in prayer as we try to serve others at this time.

We also pray for the politicians and civil servants, in this country and in the EU, who are at the centre of this storm and must make important decisions. We pray for those with whom we disagree as much as those who share our personal views.

While we may feel at sea, blown about by a chaotic political process, we believe that we have an assurance that flows from the faithfulness of God. And therefore we can offer love, practice compassion and speak justice to the communities we serve.

Rev Michaela Youngson, President of the Methodist Conference  
Mr Bala Gnanapragasam, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference

### Walk for Peace

£2,500 is needed to help prevent knife crime and support the walkers of the Sutton Park Methodist Circuit on their pilgrimage to Westminster.  
If you can, please donate to the JustGiving Crowdfunding Page & help make it happen:  
[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/walk-for-peace?utm\\_id=2&utm\\_term=Aek6wG9jJ](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/walk-for-peace?utm_id=2&utm_term=Aek6wG9jJ)

### Care for the Family - Raising Faith Event

**Thursday 9th May 7.30pm - 10pm - Harvest Fields Centre, Sutton Coldfield B75 5TJ**

Just 50% of children growing up in Christian homes will keep their faith as adults. As Christian parents, we desire that one day our children will develop a faith in God – and whilst they're young, we are the biggest influence on their lives. So where do we start? With so many demands on our time, energy and attention, keeping God at the centre of our everyday life isn't always easy.

Join Katharine Hill & Andy Frost as they explore how we can bring God into everyday life at home, so that our children can discover for themselves a faith that lasts.

Standard ticket £7 | Concession ticket £4

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/other-events/raising-faith#booking>

### The Birmingham Passion Play 2019

This will be performed on 16th, 17th & 18th April 2019 by Saltmine Theatre Company along with a volunteer cast of community actors and musicians at 12:30pm each day in Birmingham City Centre.

This visceral, dynamic, moving and celebratory production will start at The Bullring and process to Victoria Square before finishing in the grounds/inside St Philip's Cathedral. It will be a contemporary evangelical retelling of Jesus' journey to the cross and resurrection. They need a further £17,412 to cover the cost.

To donate online visit: [www.thebirminghampassionplay2019.co.uk](http://www.thebirminghampassionplay2019.co.uk); or send a cheque to Saltmine Trust, 61 The Broadway, Dudley, DY1 3EB; or make a bank transfer to Barclays Bank, A/C Saltmine Trust, sort code 20-27-17, account number 60784788 using the reference 'Passion Play'.

### Circle the City 2019 - Birmingham. Saturday 18th May 2019 - 9.30am to 4.00pm

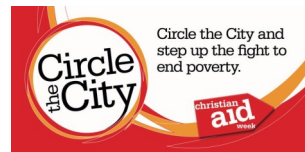
Join Christian Aid for this unique fundraising challenge on a sponsored bus ride around Birmingham. Circle the City is a family-friendly fundraising event launching in Birmingham in Christian Aid Week.

13 churches along the famous number 11 bus route will have their doors open and activities for you to take part in. This is a great chance to visit 13 diverse churches across the city, find out what they get up to in their local communities, take part in activities while raising money for our sisters and brothers across the world.

You can either start at Bournville Quaker Meeting House (B30 1JT) or Erdington Six Ways Baptist Church (B24 8AD). Registration begins at both venues at 9.30am and there will be short ecumenical service starting at 10.00am.

You do need to register, but you can sign up as an individual or as a group.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christian-aid-circle-the-city-birmingham-2019-tickets-50523860226>



### What happens during the week?

Day	What	Time		Contact
Monday	Rainbows	5pm - 6pm	5 - 7 years	Maggie Jones 07505 364125
	Brownies	6pm - 7.30pm	7 - 10 years	
	Guides	7pm - 8.30pm	10 - 14 years	
	Bible Study	8pm to 9pm	Once a month	Rev'd Deborah Humphries 0121 554 2338
Tuesday	Art Group	10am to 12 noon	Community Activity	
	Tuesday Club	2.15pm to 4pm	Friendship, games, activities & a cuppa	Olive Townend 0121 360 0225
	Weight Watchers	6pm to 8pm	Community Activity weightwatcherslocal.co.uk	0345 677 7788
Wednesday	Baby Sensory	10am to 11.00am 11.30am to 12.30pm	Community Activity birmingham-north@babysensory.co.uk	Leanne 07882 168495
	Word on Wednesday	7.30pm	Bible study and singing	Rev'd Deborah Humphries 0121 554 2338
	Karate	7.30pm to 8.30pm	Community Activity	
Thursday	Coffee morning	1st Thursday of the month 10am to 12 noon	Friendship, refreshments and a varied programme	Jean Clarke 0121 358 3162
	Beavers	6pm - 7.15pm	6 - 8 years	Roy Smith 0121 357 6064
Friday	Cubs	6pm - 7.30pm	8 - 10½ years	
	Scouts	7.45pm - 9.30pm	10½ - 14 years	
	Explorer Scouts	7.45pm - 9.30pm	14 - 18 years	