



Perry Hall Methodist Church

Growing Disciples | Building Community

Sunday 31st 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 31st March 2019 @ 10.45am

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

Who's preaching next week

Sunday 7th April 2019 @ 10.45am

Janice Martin

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

Coming home

Luke 15.1-3,11b-32

- What feelings does this image convey to you?
- How would you celebrate a homecoming or reconciliation?
- How can we help people be reconciled with each other, and with God?



Who's preaching next month?

Sunday 7th April 10.45am

Janice Martin

Sunday 14th April 10.45am

Rev'd Deborah Humphries

All age /Parade

Sunday 21st April 10.45am

Easter Sunday

Rev'd Deborah Humphries

Holy Communion

Sunday 28th April 10.45am

Rev'd Neil Johnson

Holy Communion / All age



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Upcoming events at Perry Hall Methodist Church

Church Council - Monday 1st April 2019 at 7.30pm

Tuesday Club - Tuesday 2nd April 2019 - 2.15pm to 4pm

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 24th March 2019 - £181.90

Benevolent Fund £9.07

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)

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



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

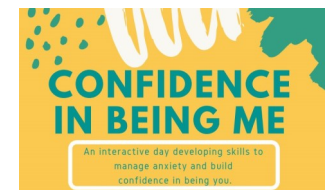
The Church of England and the Jewish Synagogue have

planned a 'Confidence in being Me' workshop for our young people from school years 9 - 13.

An interactive day of developing skills to manage anxiety and building confidence in being themselves.

50 free places available, book @

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



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

Circuit Farm Trip - Sunday 14th April 2019 1:30-3:30pm

All welcome to our circuit farm trip for cream tea's, tractor rides, donkeys & lambs! Event is free so please come along and bring a picnic! A coach will be leaving Perry Hall, to book spaces on the coach email Sian at finance@solihull-methodist.org.uk as soon as possible.

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

Easter Offering Service

This year's Circuit Easter Offering service will take place on Sunday 5th May @ 6.00pm at Acocks Green Methodist Church

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.

Rotary Shoebox Scheme 2019

Can you help by donating?

This month we are collecting soap and face flannels



Contact us

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Minister

Rev'd Deborah Humphries

☎ Phone 0121 554 2338
(with answerphone)

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Lettings

David Blackwell

☎ Phone 0121 358 2612
(with answerphone)

✉ email

Please email items for future editions to colin@colinhumphries.co.uk

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

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>

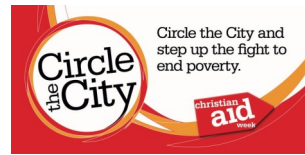
The Birmingham Passion Play 2019

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; 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
	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
Friday	Beavers	6pm - 7.15pm	6 - 8 years
	Cubs	6pm - 7.30pm	8 - 10½ years
	Scouts	7.45pm - 9.30pm	10½ - 14 years
	Explorer Scouts	7.45pm - 9.30pm	14 - 18 years
			Roy Smith 0121 357 6064