

NewsShare

Good news, thoughts and reflections from our churches

Leyland Schools : 150 Years

Although Methodism in Leyland began in the late 1700's, the plot of land on Turpin Green was acquired by LMC in 1868, when the Sunday School on Golden Hill had 400 children on its books and most of the children had no Mon-Fri education. The Church believed the best way to serve these children was beyond Sunday, and so the first thing they did was to build a school. June 2018 marks the 150th Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the school which opened in the autumn of 1868 (a church building was built in 1876).

To mark this significant occasion, we are planning a whole host of events, to help promote, and celebrate our witness, mission and impact in the community - and we'd value your prayerful support. Friends from across the Circuit are welcome to come and join in the events, too.

We have designed a badge and logo (through a well supported competition) for the 150th year, including a strapline of: CELEBRATING the past : BUILDING the future : SHARING the vision.

We are building up to a BIG WEEKEND in June (Fri 8th-Sun 10th), when we are delighted to have this year's President of Conference, Rev'd Loraine Mellor sharing with us over the weekend. With a big open air day of celebration on the Saturday, and open-air worship on the Sunday, on the grounds of our Methodist Schools.

We are hosting a Carols & Comedy evening, on Sat 16th December, 7.30pm at Euxton Cricket Club. Tickets (£10) available now.

On Sat Jan 20th, we are holding a New Year Ceilidh Dance at Leyland Cricket Club, tickets available soon.

Proceeds from the above events will go to a new church charity we're linked to called ACTS 435. They seek to help local churches respond directly to genuine urgent needs within their local community.

Other hopes for this 150th Celebration year include the recording of a new cd of worship songs written for us in schools & churches and the design of a local history walk / pilgrimage for children, families and all ages, plotting the path of Leyland Methodist Church through its more than 240 years of existence.

We hope you will all feel part of what we celebrate, build and share this year.

Trinity Buckshaw Update



We've had an exciting start to the academic year at Trinity Church of England Methodist Primary School as we have expanded to two school sites. Our existing building on Unity Place, Buckshaw Village now houses our older children, Years 3-6 and our new Brookwood Way site houses our Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children.

It has been an amazing experience for me as Headteacher and Carol Corrigan as my Deputy to lead our school as it has grown and grown and grown over the last 7 years and now we have 512 children on roll and over 60 staff. A hectic summer ensuring the new building was ready, moving furniture from one building to another and ensuring all aspects of school life were fully resourced and ready for action seems a distant memory already.

Our whole school team ensured all of the classrooms were ready to welcome the children back and we have had fantastic responses from those who have seen our new site. Everywhere, over both sites now feels calm and settled and we are finding our feet with trying to be in two places at once !

Our aim as we go into 2017/18 is to ensure our children are experiencing 'Life in all its Fullness' and that as we are on two sites we are still acting as and seen as one school. We are grateful for the prayers and support which we have received over the last seven years growing our Christian school. *Jill R Wright , Headteacher*

Empowering the 1000



Empowering the 1000 is a circuit initiative to help individuals in our local churches grow as disciples.

The “**Growing Leaders**” course is

now underway with a variety of people signed up from a number of our congregations. Perhaps you could identify those who are participating from your church - and ask them about it?

Can we also suggest that you include those who are leading, (Deacons Sylvie & Ellen), and those who are taking part, in your prayers. Their commitment to the course is appreciated and although it's too late to join for this year, we're sure that it will be repeated in future years.

The task group taking this circuit priority forward are planning a further **circuit event** (like the afternoon tea at the Farington Lodge last May) with a inspiring speaker followed. This will be followed by themed worship throughout all our churches during the Spring.

The challenge before us all is to deepen our commitment as followers of Jesus Christ and to see how our faith impacts not just a handful of hours a week during **Sunday worship** and in doing church related tasks, but prompts us to serve and witness throughout the whole week. Watch out for details of the theme and opportunities for **study groups** to join.

New Appointments

Two important circuit appointments have been made in recent months:

Tim Melling has taken over from Angela as **Circuit Treasurer** and **Frank Robinson** is the new **Local Preachers' and Worship Leaders' Meeting Secretary**. We thank them for the crucial work they do on the Circuit's behalf.

Christmas Angels at Midge Hall



Christmas Angels – This year for our Christmas outreach, instead of the Messy Nativity Sheep Trail, Midge Hall Messy Church and Leyland Messy Church are going to be knitting Christmas Angels that we will then put out all over town to share the love at Christmas.

Christmas Angels are small knitted angels with a tag attached that shares the Christmas message and has Facebook and Twitter addresses for people to respond on. They are free and people are encouraged to take them home as an encouragement at Christmas.

This is our first year of doing this project so please pray for all the knitters, distributors and those who will be touched by the love shared by these angels.

If you have any questions or would like to help in anyway please contact Deacon Ellen.

Pioneer Ministry

In September, the circuit received the wonderful news that the Lancashire Methodist District has approved a grant towards our Pioneer Mission Enabler post based primarily on Buckshaw Village, for a five year period.



We are advertising the post and hope to Interview in December for an appointment in early 2018.

Thank you so much to the Circuit Leadership Team, Circuit Meeting and others who have been instrumental in bringing this post to birth, and we pray for the right individual to join us in our Circuit Team to help promote 'Contagious Pioneering' across the whole of Chorley and

All these mini articles, and much more, can be found in full on the circuit website:

www.chorleyandleylandmethodists.org