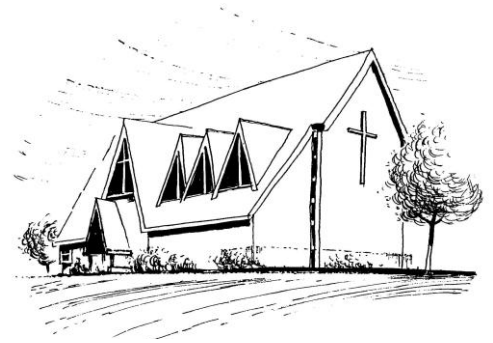


# Prestbury Methodist Church

*Contact*  
*June 2026*



We extend a very warm welcome to you and invite you to join us for worship. If you are just visiting we will be happy to greet you, and hope that we may meet you again on your next visit. If you have recently come to live in the area, we hope that you will feel at home amongst us and that we may have the opportunity in the future to welcome you to our services and other events in the Church programme.

**Our Services** are usually held weekly at 10.30am, although occasional Circuit Services elsewhere will mean we do not have a service at Prestbury on those days. *See the back page of this edition of Contact or our Church website for current details plus lots more at [www.prestburymethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.prestburymethodistchurch.org.uk)*

**The District On-line Services** are normally held on the second Sunday of every month at 6.30pm. The Zoom link is

<https://zoom.us/j/97923125645?pwd=L656LDUauCGtv46fg2PoKXxwI24E8a.1>

Meeting ID: 979 2312 5645

Passcode: 543701

**Church website**

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e-mail: [admin@prestburymethodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@prestburymethodistchurch.org.uk)

**Minister: Rev Stephen Dallin**

Tel: 01625 872060

e-mail: [stephendallin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stephendallin@yahoo.co.uk)

**Enquiries for funerals, baptisms and weddings  
to the Minister please.**

# Our Prayers for June

**What a God we have!**

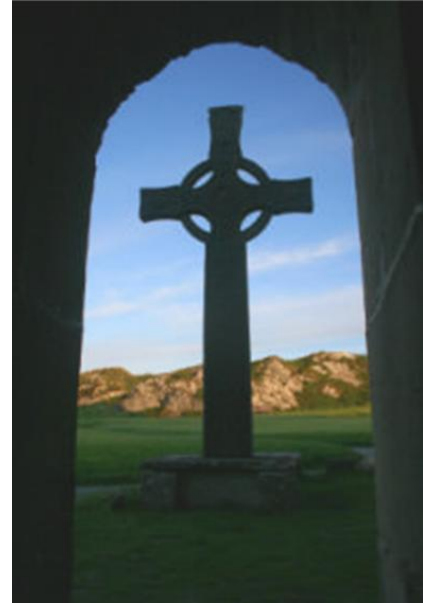
**And how fortunate we are to have him,  
this Father of our Master Jesus!**

**Because Jesus was raised from the dead,  
we've been given a brand-new life and  
have everything to live for, including a  
future in heaven—and the future starts now!**

**God is keeping careful watch over us and  
the future. The Day is coming when**

**you'll have it all—life healed and whole.**

**(1 Peter 1 v3-5 The Message)**



**Redeeming God**, we thank you that you have stepped in to save us from our own weaknesses and faults, and that a never-ending life with You is ours from the moment we accept Jesus as our Saviour. May we hear the call of your loving Spirit to worship you and to help our neighbours near and far. May we obediently follow that call. Amen.

**God of Peace**, we pray for peace throughout this world, thinking especially of the situations in Iran, Palestine & Lebanon, Ukraine, Sudan and Myanmar. May the leaders of all nations know your wisdom and commit themselves with new energy and insight to working closely with others to make important decisions affecting people's well-being and the rest of your beloved Creation. We pray for all those charities and aid agencies who are trying to make a difference to the lives of people who are suffering. And strengthen us so that we may play our part in changing the world to reflect your loving and glorious nature. Amen.

**Playful God**, we give thanks for the hobbies, and leisure pastimes that enthrall, delight and challenge us. We pray that all the major sporting events that are happening this summer are occasions that celebrate the good nature of humankind – creativity, respect, endurance, humility and grace. And that your spirit of goodness will be seen in the people taking part and watching. Amen.

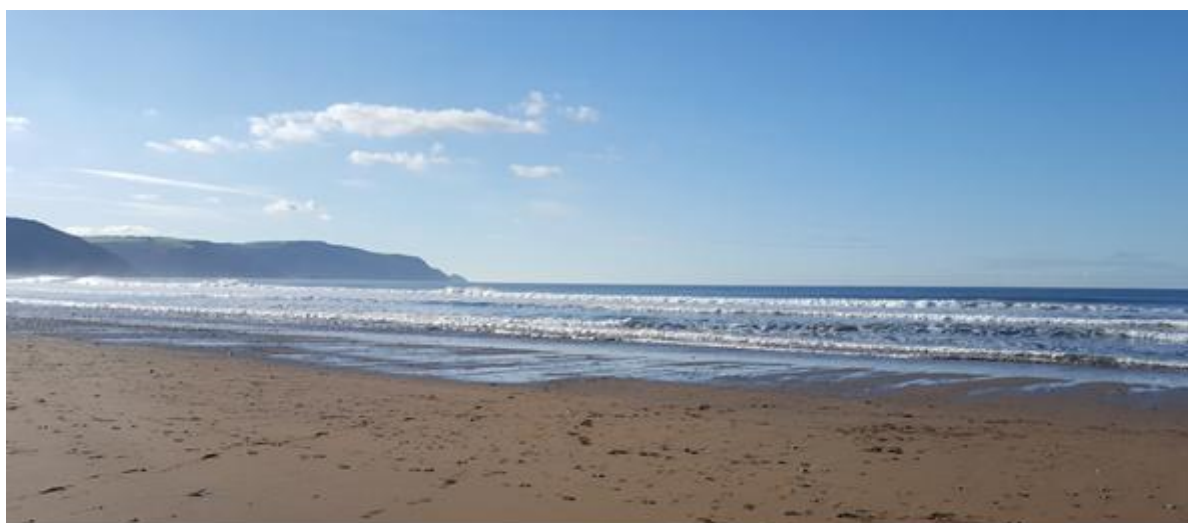
We celebrate with all those who have birthdays; may God richly bless each one of them:



Father's Day is on June 21<sup>st</sup>, and so we particularly thank you for all the people in our lives who have looked over us and provided for us with fatherly love and selflessness. Amen.

**Compassionate and Healing God**, we thank you for friends.... in our church family and beyond, and we ask for your touch on all who are suffering through anxiety, sickness or bereavement. Amen.

And finally, Lord, we ask for rest, relaxation and your restoring peace for all those currently on holiday, or planning a holiday or in need of a holiday. May they experience so deep an intimacy with you that all the worries and pressures of daily routines and challenges are scattered. Amen.



**“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”**

**Matt 11.28 NIV**

## Coffee Mornings

Join with us at our monthly coffee mornings on the last Saturday of each month from 10-12 noon. Each month funds are raised for a different charity. There is no coffee morning in June – the next one will be on **July 25<sup>th</sup>** when the proceeds will go to the **East Cheshire Hospice**.



Our April coffee morning raised £321.52 for **Methodist Women in Britain** while our May event is supporting **Christian Aid**.

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## Social Events



### *Afternoon Tea at Audrey's*

**Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm to 5pm**

*If you wish to attend please add your name  
to the list on the notice board  
by **Sunday June 28th***

The Hope Centre



# CHARITY MARKET DAY!

Join us for a fun-filled day of bargain hunting! All proceeds go to The Hope Centre.



**SATURDAY,  
MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> & JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

The Hope Centre,  
16-18 Park Green,  
SK11 7NA

**You'll find:**

- Gifts
- Cards
- Books
- Clothes & Knitwear
- Toiletries

Hot and cold drinks and cakes available to purchase from the cafe counter.



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AT  
PEAKS AND PLAINS HOUSING TRUST.

**UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA  
AT  
THE HOPE CENTRE**

16-18 PARK GREEN, MACCLESFIELD  
SK11 7NA

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
1PM UNTIL 3PM

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK ON PLEASE**

**RING/TEXT**

**07580977001**

**OR EMAIL**

**[JAYNE.SHAW@PEAKSPLAINS.ORG](mailto:JAYNE.SHAW@PEAKSPLAINS.ORG)**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

PEAKS & PLAINS  
Housing Trust



**Jeff Richards has sent the following to us:**

## **MUSINGS ABOUT THE CHURCH WEEKEND AT THORNLEIGH**

As two newcomers, what should we expect? Friendly greetings –yes.

Fellowship and attentive staff looking after us – again yes. We have visited Grange over Sands many times, usually staying at Merlewood. An era ago, my lovely Father-in law, Rev Walter Lawrence lived at the Westerley Care Home, right next door to Thornleigh.

A pleasure to visit him and try to race his electric buggy along the Promenade. No chance even with my running shoes on!

One downside, Heather asking me to write this. Little did she know that I failed English 'O' level not once but twice. But she did put a dressing on my elbow in her capacity as first aider, so I owed her one.

What a lovely approachable bunch, aptly demonstrated by Saturday's talent show which featured live music, a duet, unaccompanied singing, poetry reading and comic session. To name but a few.

The spiritual side concentrated on comparisons and differences between Matthew, Mark, Luke and John's Gospels. Orchestrated by Stephen and Gill. Lively discussion was forthcoming.

We now come to the last day with a well organised service and communion followed by a roast dinner for lunch with Yorkshire puddings. Apologies from us that we had to leave early.

Here's to next year with the same tried and trusted format.



**NB: 2027 Weekend will be Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April.**

Advance Notice

# Bible Month June 2026

## Philippians

During June we shall be following the Methodist Church scheme for Bible month, looking this year at Paul's letter to the Philippians.



There will be four Sundays of themed preaching & worship:

The four weekly topics will be:

7<sup>th</sup> June Philippians 1: "A Harvest of Joy"

14<sup>th</sup> June Philippians 2: "Shine Humbly"

21<sup>st</sup> June Philippians 3: "Press On"

28<sup>th</sup> June Philippians 4: "Grace be with you"

*In support of our Sunday worship there will be four study groups held on the following **Thursday mornings in our Chapel meeting room at 10:30. June 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Led by Rev. Stephen, Steve Oliver and others. Coffee will be served. Each session will close by 12:00***

*We hope that these study sessions will enrich the corresponding worship service. No special knowledge is required. All are welcome! No advance booking is required – just come along.*



## Thursday Morning House Group



The group meets on alternate Thursdays. We meet at **10.30am** for cake and a cuppa, followed by a time of fellowship, usually finishing around 12 Noon. Venues vary.

We meet next on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at Pat & Roger's when we shall discuss the next session in our study "Listening to the Music of the Soul", which is entitled "Violence"

Then we shall take a break in order to follow the Studies for **Bible Month** which will be looking at Paul's letter to the **Philippians**. Meetings will take place weekly throughout June at 10:30 on Thursdays at the Chapel. (See the separate notice)

For any further details about the group, including venues, please contact Roger Bolton, directly, or via the church email. All are warmly welcome to join us for any of the sessions. Please bring a Bible

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### Be the Power of All Things Within us

O God the Holy Ghost who art Light unto Thine elect,  
Evermore enlighten us.

Thou who are Fire of Love,  
Evermore enkindle us.

Thou who art Lord and Giver of life,  
Evermore live in us.

Thou who bestowest sevenfold grace,  
Evermore replenish us.

*By Christina Rossetti (1830-94)*

# Action for Children



Once again it is the time of year when I am asking for all the faithful and loyal folk who have Action for Children collection boxes to bring them into church **by the end of June** so that I can empty them before our celebration of the work of the charity which is  
Sunday July 12.

This charity which was originally known as Methodist Children's Homes was formed as a result of the concerns of some leaders in the church being horrified and concerned about the sight of abandoned or orphaned children seeking to exist under the arches underneath railway lines or near the railways. They eventually managed to set up safe places in some homes so they could be cared for. These eventually resulted in homes being purchased and converted to homes for children hence the title 'Methodist Children's Homes'.

Some of the homes began to offer schooling as well because mainstream schooling was not always appropriate due to the deprivation and damage they had experienced. I did visit one such in Congleton as we assessed whether a placement in our day school would meet the needs of a boy of 12 who was being fostered by a family nearby. We soon discovered that when he had been in mainstream school he had become very skilled at registering his attendance in the morning but never arriving in any lessons! Rather he wandered around the corridors all day until the bell went for the end of the day – then he went home- not very hungry because he had had lunch using his dinner money! He was with us for a while but our structure did not give him those opportunities. He was a very pleasant bright lad. We often wondered what happened to him as he changed foster parents so moved away.

As society changed over the decades the need for these 'homes' changed as more children were able to access foster care and in-house education was less important as schools became more inclusive.

After much discussion it was eventually agreed that the 'Methodist Children's Homes' title would be changed to 'Action for Children', a much more dynamic one. The links with the Methodist Church would remain but more in the background in order to include those of other faiths or none. A lot of emphasis now is on family work in order to help families to care for their children in their own homes. They also work in schools and colleges to support children and young people. There are one or two residential schools run by Action for Children and I have attended a couple of workshops led by staff teams and I was very impressed by the very caring innovative methods they were using to engage reluctant learners.

So, I hope I have been able to give you some of the background to the work you support through your generous collection.

Thank you on behalf of Action for Children.

Joan Pritchard, Action for Children Secretary at Prestbury

## What's On in June

Every Tues	10:00am	Cancer Help Centre
Every Wed	7.30pm	Prestbury Choral Society
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am - 12 Noon	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall supporting <b>Christian Aid</b>
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> May	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Rev Frank Bishop
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	12.30pm	Faith Lunch
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10.30am	Thursday Morning House Group at the home of Pat and Roger
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Richard Baker
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10.30 am- Noon	Bible Month Studies in the Meeting Room
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Alan Rashleigh
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Jun	2.00pm	Reading Group at home of Sandra Bruce
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10.30am- Noon	Bible Month Studies in the Meeting Room
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun	10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Steve Dallin
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10:30am- Noon	Bible Month Studies in the Meeting Room
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Gill Dallin
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	10.30am- Non	Bible Month Studies in the Meeting Room
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30pm	Afternoon Tea at Audrey's home
<b>Next Coffee Morning is 25<sup>th</sup> July in aid of East Cheshire Hospice</b>		

Please send items for the **July/August** edition of **Contact** to Rob Ayerst by **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** or c/o the church e-mailbox [admin@prestburymethodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@prestburymethodistchurch.org.uk)

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