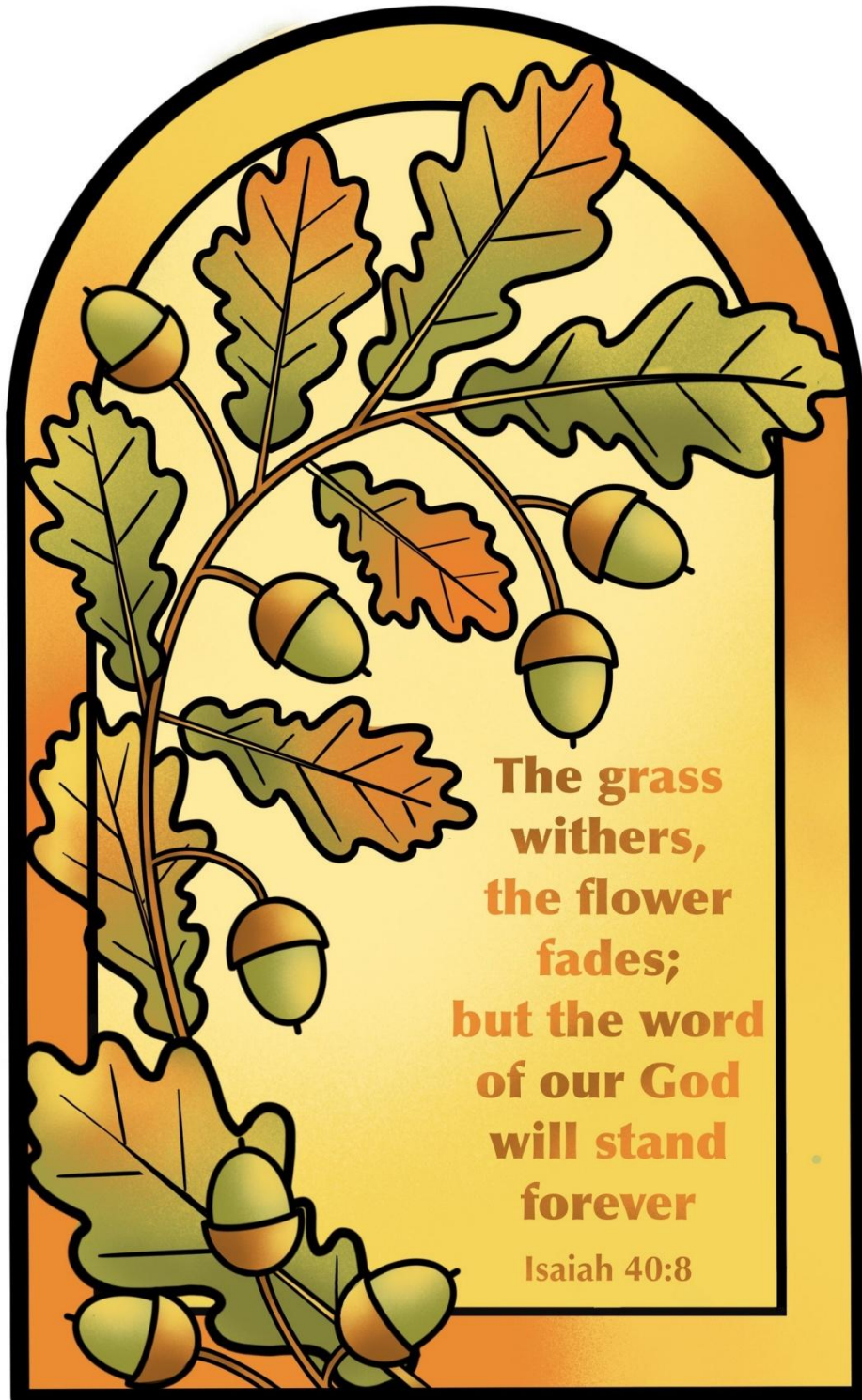
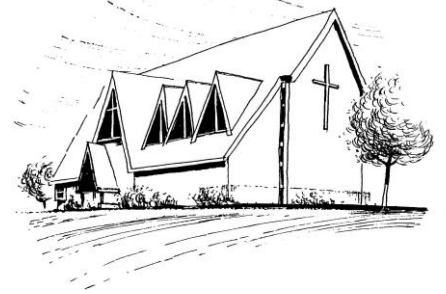


Prestbury Methodist Church

Contact

October 2025



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

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

For the zoom code (which remains the same), please email prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk

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

From our Minister

Nothing can separate us from God's Love

Last June, I went with my daughter Rachel to Wembley Stadium to watch Linkin Park (a rock band) in concert. It was great (and loud!) and there was a fantastic atmosphere with about 80 000 fans, who seemed to know all the lyrics.

It was also great having someone to share the experience with. Not just the concert – but getting to the venue in an oven hot tube train, the meal out with friends, the waiting around in a large crowd, taking an hour to get the short distance to the tube station. It's good to be with people.

I enjoy doing a lot of things with Gill, my wife. Like walks, eating out, holidays, doing projects together. And now we are back in England together, to start a new phase of our lives. We are facing opportunities and challenges of a new area, new jobs and new churches.

Through it all there is Jesus' promise that he will be with us and that nothing can separate us from his love.

The passage below is one of my favourite parts of the Bible. A place where St. Paul seems to get caught up in the thrill and wonder of the extent of God's love in his declaration that nothing can separate a believer from God's love.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present, nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

Now, Jesus never promised a trouble-free life as one of his followers, but he did promise that he would always be with us.

I have had many good and joyful times and God has been there with me through them, but I have also had my struggles, at times battling with anxiety and depression but I have felt that God has been there with me whatever I have faced. Helping me through and working with me. The promise that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ helps me in my faith journey with Jesus, with God.

I pray that you may know that love of God, - the length, breadth, height and depth of it (as St. Paul put it) and that he is with you always.

Prayer:

Loving God, thank you for the love that you show to us through Jesus. Thank you that you are there for us through thick and thin, whatever stages we are at in life.

Help us to trust you and have faith in you with everything that we have got.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

God bless, Steve



Church Weekend 2026

We are returning to Thornleigh Christian Hotel in Grange-over-Sands again to enjoy their hospitality and good food from 10th to 12th April 2026.

The cost is £246 per person to cover from Friday evening meal to after Sunday lunch.

Please advise Heather (Heathercann0104@gmail.com or Tel 07801751516) if you wish to book and pay a £50 deposit to secure your place.

Cheese & Wine Evening

Many thanks are due to Karen & Tim Lane for the wonderful evening at their house on 12th September. This was the fourth of our series of social events this year. 25 people were able to attend, one of our biggest attendances, and we enjoyed a fabulous spread of cheese, biscuits, chutney and French bread. It was great that Rev. Stephen was able to attend even before he was planned to lead worship at



Prestbury, and this was a good opportunity to meet him socially as well for members of the church family to meet each other. We had three or four new faces who haven't attended previous events, but will always welcome more – we'll deal with the number of seats needed if it ever becomes a problem!



Our next event (they're every 2 months) will be a Pudding Evening at Graham & Valerie Jones' on Saturday 22nd November – we expect you would eat a light main course at home and all bring a pudding to share. Do look for the sign-up sheet in the vestibule in the next 2-3 weeks. After that we have plans for January, March & May to look forward to. Apologies to you weightwatchers as they will all involve food!

Roger Bolton

PS I'm grateful to Audrey who was the only one of us who remembered to take pictures!

Prayers for October



Loving God, we want to know You more deeply. Help us to focus our time and attention on the things that matter most to You. May we see the world around us through Your eyes, so that we are less interested in getting, and more interested in responding to Your giving. For Your generosity and grace know no limits. Thank You for holding on to us.

We continue to pray for peace in all parts of the world, holding dear the words that Jesus spoke at the Sermon on the Mount: 'Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God'.

We pray for all those people known to us who are unwell or near to death.

October 10th is World Mental Health Day, and so we particularly pray for all those people who suffer from anxiety and mental distress. May they know God's peace and never forget that they are each precious in His sight. Loving Lord, guide the organisations that are working to make a difference in the lives of people who are troubled. Healing God, hear our prayer.

And we celebrate with all those who have birthdays this month.

May God richly bless each one of them:

- Sue Bower
- Jeremy Hiscott
- Helen Watkins
- Keith Mann
- Rob Ayerst
- Christine Leach



- Muriel Ayerst
- Matthew Oliver
- Anne Yoxall
- Gwen Jouannet
- Katie Hooley

We pray for our Circuit of Churches and give thanks for the friendship and fellowship in Christ that it brings. May your loving Spirit continue to fill us and overflow in abundance to the people around us in our communities.



'We offer you our hands, O Lord, to do your work; our lips to sing your praise; our life to proclaim your glory and our heart to serve you in our neighbour.

For Jesus' sake.

Amen. '

(Hildegard of Bingen 1098-1179, a German Benedictine abbess, who also composed sacred music, wrote on theology, challenged norms for women, and corresponded with popes and emperors.)

Macclesfield Salvation Army would like to warmly invite people to the following:

- Mission Mondays, including a free brew and toast - every Monday 9 am - 11 am
- Together the Table, free community meal - on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 12:30 pm (food at 1pm)
- Breaking Bread Praise & Worship - on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2:30 pm

The Friend at Midnight

One of the major themes in Luke's gospel is prayer. Jesus tells the *Parable of the Friend at Midnight* (Luke 11:5-8) in the context of teaching His disciples to pray (1).

Pray Shamelessly:

In the parable a man approaches his friend at midnight and asking: *'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'* (5-6). Despite the hour, the rules of hospitality mean that this is not an unreasonable request. Jesus says, *'though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will rise and give him whatever he needs'* (8). Jesus is telling us to approach our heavenly Father in *'shameless boldness'* with our needs. As adopted children we should have no hesitancy in coming to talk with our Father. It is not God who is reluctant to answer, but we to ask. Do we pray with shameless boldness?

Pray Persistently:

Like children we should be persistent in our requests: *'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.'* (9). All three verbs indicate a continual habit: *'Keep on asking ... seeking ... knocking'*. We will not be content simply to ask once and then move on. Jesus tells us to bring our prayers to God persistently. Do we give up too easily in prayer?

Pray Expectantly:

'For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.' (10). Are we expectant in our prayers, believing that God delights in meeting our requests? Why not begin this adventure of prayer today!

Autumn Glades

1. We stroll through leafy autumn glades,
An amber carpet 'neath our shoes;
As Nature's summer beauty fades
She clothes herself in golden hues.

2. The stillness of October days,
The chillness of a frosty dawn,
Yet autumn sunshine's slanting rays
Caress us with their glowing warmth.

3. They also warm the southern breeze,
Which comes upon us, as it may,
Releasing crispy, ochre leaves
To gently patter on our way.

4. Soon, soon comes winter's icy grip,
Of freezing wind and driving snow,
But, just for now, we'll gladly slip
Through gentle autumn's golden glow

By Nigel Beeton

Smile Lines

Sign on a door in Istanbul: American dentist – 2nd floor. Teeth extracted by a new Methodist.

Two young tourists went into a Quaker Guest house in Lakeland. As they were strangers, the warden approached them and asked, "Are you Friends?" The answer came back politely, "Oh no, not now, we are married."

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president, and 50 for Miss America?

Three little boys were bragging about how tough they were. "I'm so tough," said the first boy, "that I can wear out a pair of shoes in a week."

"Well," said the second little boy, "I'm so tough, I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day."

"That's nothing," said the third boy. "When my parents take me to see my grandma and grandpa, I can wear them out in just one hour."

Our lay preacher is from France and occasionally amuses us with using words slightly out of context. One morning, coming to the end of a long sermon, he solemnly assured us: "Just a few more words, and then I will definitely de cease."

A lady was describing the small attendance at her local church. "We were so few last Sunday that when the vicar began 'Dearly beloved,' I blushed."

Asked to name one of the Ten Commandments, one little girl quickly replied: "Do not admit adultery."

A little boy was pestering his parents for a baby brother or sister. They kept telling him 'maybe one day, but we can't afford one yet.' Then one Sunday the little boy dragged his parents over to the notice board at the back of church. It was advertising a coming sale at the church and announced: 'Children: free'.

Parish Pump

New Activities at the Hope Centre

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Every Wednesday

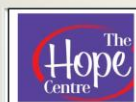
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Thursday Morning House Group



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 will meet in October & November on:

October 9th at Roger & Pat's

October 23rd at Roger Hulme's

November 6th at Norman Leather's

We shall finish our study of the book of Ruth in the Old Testament on **October 9th** and then start looking at the Book of Micah.

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

COFFEE MORNINGS

Our church coffee mornings are held in the Village Hall on the last Saturday of the month (excepting June and December), from 10am - 12 Noon. If you've not yet joined us you can be sure of a friendly welcome, a shared cuppa, and plenty of stalls to browse. We ask just £2 entrance which includes your refreshments. Proceeds from the last one on 27th September raised £272.40 for **'Macmillan Nurses'**.



Our next Coffee Mornings are on 25th October when we shall be supporting the **'Home Missions'**, and then on 29th November.

We hope to see you then!

What's On in October

Every Tues	10:00am	Cancer Help Centre
Every Wed	7.30pm	Prestbury Choral Society
Thurs 2 nd Oct	7.00pm	Women's Wellbeing
Sun 5 th Oct	10.30am	Harvest Festival with Holy Communion led by Rev Stephen Dallin
Mon 6 th Oct	12.30pm	Faith Lunch
Thur 9 th Oct	10.30am	Thursday Morning House Group at the home of Roger & Pat
Sun 12 th Oct	10:30am	Circuit Service at Macclesfield led by Revs Deborah Lucas & Stephen Dallin No Service at Prestbury
Tues 14 th Oct	7.00pm	Church Council
Sun 19 th Oct	10:30am	Morning Worship led Ruth Gunning
Wed 22 nd Oct	2pm	Reading Group at Jo Nadin's home
Thurs 23 rd Oct	10.30am	Thursday Morning House Group at the home of Roger Hulme
Sat 25 th Oct	10:00m - 12 Noon	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall supporting Home Missions
Sun 26 th Oct	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Alan Rashleigh
Fri 31 st Oct	2-4pm	Methodist Families Light Parade
Sun 2 nd Nov	10:30am	Morning Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Stephen Dallin

Please send items for November's edition of **Contact** to Rob Ayerst by **Tuesday 21st October**, or c/o the church e-mailbox admin@prestburymethodistchurch.org.uk

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Please remember to visit the website regularly to find out more, and for updates