



SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS!

WELCOME TO ASPULL
METHODIST CHURCH



Notices

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Sunday 12th September 2021
Service will be led by Allen Howarth

HAND MADE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ATRIUM, NEXT TO THE PRAYER TREE. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO LOOK AT THESE BEAUTIFUL CARDS.

IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL OCCASION AND CANNOT FIND A SUITABLE CARD, PLEASE SEE SUSAN SHARPLES, WHO WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO DESIGN ONE FOR YOU.

A DONATION OF £1 TOWARDS CHURCH FUNDS WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED, HOWEVER, PLEASE PAY WHATEVER YOU CAN AFFORD FOR THESE INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED, HAND CRAFTED CARDS.



It is with great sadness that we heard of the death of Joyce Statton who passed away on Wednesday morning at Wigan hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joyce's family at this sad time.



**Parent and Toddler group
begins again on Monday 13th
September from 9:30am to 11am**

**Golden Circle starts again on
Thursday 16th September from
2pm to 3:30pm**



Our regular Monday morning Coffee Stop will resume on Monday 13th September 9:30am to 11am during term time.

If you are able to donate any of the following items, please bring them into Church and pass them to Agnes Houghton.

ITEMS NEEDED: Fairtrade tea & coffee, long-life semi-skimmed milk, packets of assorted biscuits, double concentrated orange & blackcurrant squash, individual portions of butter/margarine, individual jam/marmalade portions (*Hygiene rules mean that we are not able to use full size tubs of butter or large jars of jam/marmalade*)

THANK YOU

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



**Aspull Methodist Church
on Friday 24th September
from 9am to 12 noon.**

**Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy in
aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.**

**Everyone is welcome.
Please come along and support
this worthy cause.**

Taster Session for Worship: Leading & Preaching

Monday 20th September 7:30pm to 9pm via Zoom

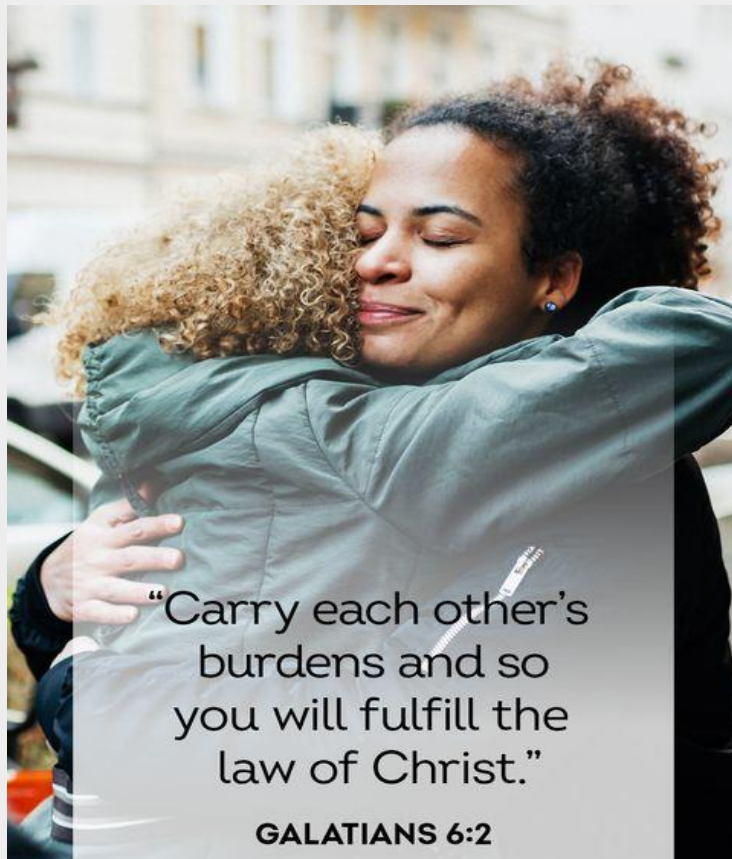
Wondering if Worship Leading and/or Preaching is for you? Have you had a nudge from God (maybe via the people you know)? Come along to this taster session for conversation with accredited Worship Leaders and Local Preachers.

To book your place email Rob Glassonbury:

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If you, or someone you know, would like to receive the weekly Notices by email, please contact Allen Howarth on the following email link:

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A Prayerful Reflection

Take time to sit quietly and ask Jesus to be present with you in a new way this week. As we prepare to pray, let's remember to praise God for all his goodness in and through Christ Jesus our Lord.

CMP 151

*For I'm building a people of power
and I'm making a people of praise,
that will move through this land by My Spirit
and will glorify My precious name.*

*Build Your church Lord,
make us strong Lord,
join our hearts, Lord, through Your Son,
make us one, Lord, in Your body,
in the kingdom of Your Son.*

A WORD FROM SCRIPTURE - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-26

¹² Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²² reject every kind of evil. ²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. ²⁵ Brothers and sisters, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all God's people with a holy kiss.

Paul, in these verses, instructs believers to warn those who are, 'idle and disruptive' to encourage those who are easily discouraged, assist those whose faith is weak, and exercise patience with everyone. Furthermore, believers should keep on doing good to everyone and rejoice, keep on praying and offer thanks in every situation, for this is God's will for us all in Christ Jesus.

Encouragement is a real gift. It's a gift from the Holy Spirit for the edifying and building up the church of God, through our faith and love for one another, as we work together for God's kingdom in the places we live, to build each other up, to encourage them to be all that they can be in Christ Jesus.

- Encouragement makes it easier to love as Jesus loved.
- Encouragement gives Hope.
- Encouragement helps us through times of discipline and testing.
- Encouragement nurtures patience and kindness.

Who needs encouragement in our lives today?

Prayer

Lord, this is the day You have made, we will rejoice and be glad in it! As You encourage us, let us be an encouragement to those around us. **Proverbs 16:24** - 'Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones'. God's word is full of encouragement,....pleasant words indeed.

Prayer of Intercession

Let us pray:

God our protector, we remember before You all who work or live in dangerous places or a hostile environment, all who are suffering at this time from storms and disasters, all who are caught up in strife and warfare. We pray for all refugees who are seeking a better life away from hostilities and violence. Lord help them in their time of need. We pray for all who are seeking peace and well-being for the world and for the peace keeping forces.

God of compassion and mercy, we come before You in our prayers as we bring to You the needs of the world and ourselves. We often feel overwhelmed by the needs around us, but You are a great God and we put our trust in You. Show us what we can do to make this world a better place.

- Where there is poverty, may we share our riches.
- Where there is war, may we bring peace.
- Where there is division, may we bring unity.
- Where there is despair, may we bring hope.
- Where there is apathy, may we challenge and stimulate people to action.
- Where there is hatred, may we show love.

Guide us into the ways of life and peace

We pray for our government and those who make important decisions on behalf of the people, especially in times of this pandemic, lead them and guide them in all their decision making.

We pray and ask You to be with all who walk in darkness, may Your love and light protect the depressed and despairing, may Your strength and hope be known to the discouraged.

We ask Your blessings upon all who are ill at home or in hospital. We pray and give thanks for all those who care for the many who are sick or ill, the NHS, Care Home staff, and all medical personnel who serve us.

Guide us into the ways of life and peace

Finally....take time out to pray for loved ones, family,... friends or neighbours who are on your heart.

Guide us into the ways of life and peace

Pray the LORD'S Prayer

Peace

*Lord God, grant Your peace to us,
for You have supplied us with all things,
the peace of rest.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

A prayer of blessing

*The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to Himself;
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in His service;
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **AMEN***