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MISSION STATEMENT

We seek to be a place and a people of prayer, Christian love, and friendship, through which we may serve God and the community.

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WHAT'S GOING ON ... SUBJECT-TO-CHANGE!

Sat 17th Jul, 1pm 'til 2pm = delivering "Craft Pack for Worship"

Sat 17th Jul, 4pm = Messy Church BBQ (BOOKING req'd.)

Sunday 18th Jul, "WORSHIPONZOOM", 11am >>

preacher = Rev. Christine Legge *

Sun 18th Jul, 12:15pm = COFFEE & CHAT (via 'Zoom')

Sun 18th Jul, 5pm = Leadership Team private prayer-time

Sun 18th Jul, 6pm = Circuit Service @ Wolstanton

Tue 20th Jul, 4pm 'til 5pm = litter-picking

Tue 20th Jul, 7pm 'til 8pm = Bible Study [Rev.

Christine; the Acts of the Apostles] (via 'Zoom')



Wed 21st Jul, 2:45pm 'til 3:45pm = Free Food give-away (main Car-Park)

Thu 22nd Jul to Wed 1st Sep = SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Thu 22nd Jul, 7pm = Young Adults HouseGroup – out-for-a-meal Social!

Fri 23rd Jul >>

2:45pm 'til 3:45pm = Free Food give-away (main Car-Park)

4pm 'til 5pm = Bible Study [Rev. Christine; the Acts of the Apostles] (via 'WhyPay?')

5pm 'til 6pm = delivering Food Parcels (wk B)

Sat 24th Jul, 5:30pm 'til 6:30pm = delivering "Craft Pack for Worship"

Sunday 25th Jul, "WORSHIPONZOOM", 11am >>

preacher = Sheila Heap

Sun 25th Jul, 12:15pm = COFFEE & CHAT (via 'Zoom')

Sun 25th Jul, 5pm = Leadership Team PRAYER

MEETING (@ Church!)

Tue 27th Jul, 4pm 'til 5pm = litter-picking

Tue 27th Jul, 7pm 'til 8pm = Bible Study [Rev. Christine; the Acts of the Apostles] (via 'Zoom')

Wed 28th Jul, 2:45pm 'til 3:45pm = Free Food give-away (main Car-Park)



Fri 30th Jul >>

2:45pm 'til 3:45pm = Free Food give-away (main Car-Park)

4pm 'til 5pm = Bible Study [Rev. Christine; the Acts of the Apostles] (via 'WhyPay?')

5pm 'til 6pm = delivering Food Parcels (wk A)

Sat 31st Jul, 5:30pm 'til 6:30pm = delivering "Craft Pack for Worship"

Sunday 1st August, from 11am 'til 11pm = 12HRS OF PRAYER FOR 'THE ALPHA COURSE'

Sunday 1st Aug, "WORSHIPONZOOM", 11am >>

CAFÉ CHURCH; informal & relaxed, all-age & interactive

Sun 1st Aug, 12:15pm = COFFEE & CHAT (via 'Zoom')

Sun 1st Aug, 5pm = Leadership Team private prayer-time

Tue 3rd Aug, 4pm 'til 5pm = litter-picking

Tue 3rd Aug, 7pm 'til 8pm = Bible Study [Rev. Christine; the Acts of the Apostles] (via 'Zoom')

Wed 4th Aug, 2:45pm 'til 3:45pm = Free Food give-away (main Car-Park)



Fri 6th Aug >>

2:45pm 'til 3:45pm = Free Food give-away (main Car-Park)

4pm 'til 5pm = Bible Study [Rev. Christine; the Acts of the Apostles] (via 'WhyPay?')

5pm 'til 6pm = delivering Food Parcels (wk B)

Sat 7th Aug, 5:30pm 'til 6:30pm = delivering "Craft Pack for Worship"

Sunday 8th Aug, "WORSHIPONZOOM", 11am >>

preacher = Christine Chadwick

Sun 25th Jul, 12:15pm = COFFEE & CHAT (via 'Zoom')

Sun 25th Jul, 5pm = Leadership Team private prayer-time

Tue 10th Aug, 4pm 'til 5pm = litter-picking

Tue 10th Aug, 7pm 'til 8pm = Bible Study [Rev. Christine; the Acts of the Apostles] (via 'Zoom')



The Leadership Team's Prayer Meeting, held every Sunday since Oct '20, has evolved further – they now devote the hour, 5pm to 6pm, to personal prayer, **STILL** praying for the Church, and various other matters, but instead of joining together to do it, they do it alone in their own way. They then take what God has said to them during these times to a face-to-face Prayer Meeting on the last Sunday of every month. As a result of this evolution, they would encourage **EVERYONE** to commit to praying – hopefully during the 1-hour from 5pm to 6pm every Sunday, or at some other time during the week if you can't make it then. **We need to commit to praying as a Church**, so that God can continue to guide us into the future, and plan for us, to enable us to continue to build His kingdom in the place where He has called us to serve.

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We will be running another 'Alpha Course', beginning some time in September – but we need to saturate it in prayer (there's that need for prayer again!), so that God sends the right people to it, and so that they are open to hearing Him whilst they engage in the Course. So, we are holding two 12hr Days of Prayer, specifically for 'The Alpha Course' – one on the 1st of August, and one on the 31st of August, both from 11am 'til 11pm. So we need people to commit to praying, by signing-up for certain time-slots over the two days – be it half-an-hour, 1-hour, or more, we need you to commit to praying during a certain time. For further details, send an e-mail to Jayne at "northstaffschildrensworker@gmail.com", or call Lee on 07403 534575. Alternatively, simply let us know what times you will be praying, again via one of the two methods – or some other way if none of those are available to you! – and we will allocate the time-slots to you. A full timetable of names will then be distributed closer to the time – until then, let us know what times you want to commit to, so that you can be included on the timetable. Finally, remember that one of God's commands to us is to pray without ceasing... .

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A copy of the Minutes from our recent General Church Meeting are included. **PLEASE DO TAKE THE TIME TO READ THEM** – as we continue to re-imagine Church for such a time as this, and become the Church without walls that God is calling us to be, so that we can offer a Hybrid Church to all.

Silverdale Methodist Church

General Church Meeting - June 20 2021

Opening and welcome by Rev Christine Legge.

Rev Christine reminded us of the purposes of the general church meeting.

Prayer Rev Christine Day 20 Methodist Prayer Handbook.

The final verse of Lord for the years was read. Thanks for what has gone before and for the future take us. Live for Christ alone.

Lynda is stepping down as a church steward. Jayne presented flowers and card to Lynda via Zoom.

Thanks and congratulations to Lee for completing the Worship Leaders' course.

Re-election of Church Stewards: John, Elizabeth, Irene

Representatives to church council were nominated and agreed: Richard, Lesley Orrell, LaToya De Freitas, Nathaniel Leighton, Grace Eardley, Dawn Shuffletbotham and Lynda Trotter. Louise Williams was also agreed in anticipation of a positive acceptance of her nomination.

Margaret Hopkin - has shown no commitment to Silverdale Methodist church during the pandemic and was not nominated to continue to be a member of Church Council.

Reports on Ministry and Vision for the Church (Document available. 'Building for the Future'. Lee explained the main points in the document and the changes which will be made, including Live Streaming from the church.

Children and Youth work should begin in September, as should other activities but there is much to think about before these happen. Sunday experiences will come first. Others may return in a new format.

Practicalities of the building. Kitchen only assessable for Leadership Team, as it is unsafe as a working kitchen. Only the disabled toilet will be available.

Refurbishment needs to be undertaken. Rear entrance by the vestry is now decommissioned as more storage space is required. This helps with health and safety. Shutters will remain open and only closed when there are 2 separate activities. A less formal layout for Sunday services, in the church will be introduced.

11am start (background) was explained to Jürgen.

Senior Church Steward Report - Last 15 months unprecedented. This period of time could have been a right off but our report shows that we have continued to worship, care for the community, pastoral care. Zoom has enabled us to continue with events.

Team work of last 15 months has ensured that we continue.

Many thanks to Rev Christine and to Jayne and Lee for all the work that has continued during the pandemic.

Building for the future is exciting. More opportunities to build on the achievements of the last 15 months. 10 new members added to our list. Each member has gifts to contribute. God is faithful and has a plan for us.

Jayne will be employed on a full time basis from September. We are delighted with that. She has worked continually to keep in contact with families. Proceeds from Bethel Centre will be ring fenced to fund Jayne's work.

God will lead us on this amazing journey.

Jayne thanked everyone for support over the last year. Change has come in the way we have delivered. Now using the outdoors when we can. Praying and seeing where God is leading us in the future. Please continue to pray for guidance for us. Thanks to LaToya who has helped to access funding for litter picking in the community. Conversations during this time have been good. Alpha Course is planned for September. This is an opportunity for all to be involved in prayer and for group leaders.

Pastoral update from Rev Christine.

Rev Christine to be pastoral visitor for the 10 new members.

A few of our older members are finding some things challenging, at the moment. The last 15 months have taken its toll.

Finance report from Julie

Current account	£3,637.05
Extension fund (CFB)	£15,168.21
Society (CFB)	£22,991.44
Shuker Fund	£12,420.56

No questions were asked of the treasurer

Grateful to those who give by standing order and to all those who continue to give.

Property

Bethel Centre is still on the market and we have rejected the first offer. We are being guided through this process.

Quotes for the refurbishment are needed.

Chris explained about the changes in her personal circumstances and is standing down from this church's Safeguarding Officer and, in the next few months will also be standing down as this church's Secretary.

The Zoom meeting ended in prayer.