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MISSION STATEMENT

We seek to be a people of worship, prayer, love and friendship, through which we will grow in God and serve the community.

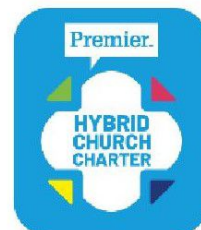


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**WE HAVE A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
– PLEASE DO ASK IF YOU NEED ANY MORE INFO.**

WHAT'S GOING ON ... SUBJECT-TO-CHANGE – ALWAYS CHECK THE WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR AN UP-TO-DATE LISTING OF WHAT'S HAPPENING & WHEN!

Sunday 14th January >>

10:15am = FREE Breakfast

Worship@11 = Christine Chadwick

Tue 16th Jan >>

9am = Messy Stars

12 midday 'til 2pm = booked by 'Everyone Health'

7pm = Bible Study (via 'Zoom') [ASK for the DETAILS of HOW to JOIN]

Wed 17th Jan, 5:30pm = KiDZ KLUB

Thu 18th Jan >>

10am = Prayer Walk (around the Village)

11:30am = Silver Service (ACTIVITY)

3:30pm = Energise

7pm = Leadership Team mtg.

Fri 19th Jan, 6pm = Ignite

Sat 20th Jan >>

11am = Family FUN

6pm = Saturday Night SOCIAL (a NEW initiative!)

Sunday 21st January >>

10:15am = FREE Breakfast

Worship@11 = Communion with Rev. Christine

Tue 23rd Jan >>

9am = Messy Stars

12 midday 'til 2pm = booked by 'Everyone Health'

7pm = Bible Study (via 'Zoom') [ASK for the DETAILS of HOW to JOIN]

8pm = HouseGroup [L&R] (via 'Zoom')

Wed 24th Jan, 5:30pm = KiDZ KLUB

Thu 25th Jan >>

10am = Prayer Walk (around the Village)

3:30pm = Energise

8pm = HouseGroup [J&L†] (via 'Zoom')

Fri 26th Jan, 6pm = Ignite

Sunday 28th January >>

10:15am = FREE Breakfast

Worship@11 = EMMAUS

5pm = ReFUEL

Mon 29th Jan, 12 midday = funeral (Eileen Bloomfield)

Tue 30th Jan >>

9am = Messy Stars

12 midday 'til 2pm = booked by 'Everyone Health'

7pm = Bible Study (via 'Zoom') [ASK for the DETAILS of HOW to JOIN]

Wed 31st Jan, 5:30pm = KiDZ KLUB

Thu 1st Feb >>

10am = Prayer Walk (around the Village)

11:30am = Silver Service (COMMUNION)

3:30pm = Energise

Fri 2nd Feb, 6pm = Ignite

Sunday 4th February >>

10:15am = FREE Breakfast

Worship@11 = café Church

12:30pm = Church Family SOCIAL

3pm = Circuit Service (Audley)

Tue 6th Feb >>

9am = Messy Stars

7pm = Bible Study (via 'Zoom') [ASK for the DETAILS of HOW to JOIN]

8pm = HouseGroup [L&R] (via 'Zoom')

Wed 7th Feb, 5:30pm = FAMILY FILM NIGHT

Thu 8th Feb >>

10am = Prayer Walk (around the Village)

3:30pm = Energise

8pm = HouseGroup [J&L†] (via 'Zoom')

Fri 9th Feb, 6pm = Ignite

Sunday 11th February >>

10:15am = FREE Breakfast

Worship@11...

Thanks to everyone who helped during Christmas – practically and/or prayerfully, everything helped to ensure that we were able to spread the Real Reason for Christmas. We estimate that we shared the Christmas Message, in various different ways, with over 2000 people of all ages – WOW! We had a great time during Christmas, busy but great, again, and God certainly honoured all that we did. Now it's on to 2024, and everything that God has already planned for us – we're excited...!

We've got an exciting new initiative starting on Saturday 20th January at 6pm – “Saturday Night SOCIAL”! It'll be on the 3rd Saturday of every month, at 6pm – posters will appear soon, and more details will be announced during Sunday Worship. All you need to do is put the dates into your Diaries and/or Calendars, so that we can join together socially and have some fun, and laugh with each other as well! Every month will be different, from Beetle Drives, to Quizzes, to Films, there'll be something for everyone during the year. Join with us – you'll enjoy it!

*There are some of us who might use the word “chapel” to describe the building, or even us, here at Silverdale – but do we know what the actual meaning of that word is? The Dictionary Definition of the word “chapel” is “..a small building or room used for Christian worship in a school, prison, hospital, or large private house..”. The main function of a chapel is to serve as a location for personal prayer or worship within smaller groups. Chapels can be a separate building, and not affiliated with a larger church. A chapel doesn't have a permanent Minister assigned to it. As you can hopefully see, Silverdale Methodist Church is none of these – whilst “chapel” may have been an appropriate word to use in years gone by, it no longer is, as we are not what the definition of “a chapel” is. The building in which we Worship Together is a **c**hurch, with a lowercase “c”, being “..a building used for public Christian worship..” – but remember that we are also, and more importantly, a **C**hurch, with a capital “C”, being “..the Church, the REAL Church, the people and not the building..”. Words matter, terminology matters, how we describe things matters, so let's make sure that we refer to who & what we are properly at all times, so that we stand a better chance of being understood by everyone, and to ensure that we have the best possible chance of building God's Kingdom in all ways and at all times!*