



**Shildon Methodist Church**



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# The **Messenger**

*All Are Welcome  
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In This Place*

## **June/July 2024**

**Church Office Email**

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**Church website**

[www.shildonmethodistchurch.org](http://www.shildonmethodistchurch.org)

## Coffee Morning in aid of



**Thu, 30 May 2024 10.00am  
to 12 noon in the Community Hall**

Come along and support the work of Christian Aid

Cake and Gift Stalls - Free entry - Everyone Welcome

## Circuit Finances

There was a discussion on the financial problems in the Circuit at the Circuit Meeting in March. On current projections there will be a £50,000 deficit in the Circuit budget by the end of the year. This is not sustainable.

We will not be able to rely on funds from property sales to meet budget deficits for much longer. In order to appoint a new minister to the Circuit we need to show we have 5 years funding.

The options are to raise more money from Circuit churches or reduce to one minister.

If churches feel the money can't be raised, we will need to talk to the District.

The Circuit Leadership Team were asked if they could produce more details which could be taken to Church Councils, it would be easier to have a discussion if there were figures/a proposal.

When the Circuit Treasurer has received

all the church accounts there will be a clearer picture, however at the present time it seems around 50% more per year is needed from the church assessments.

There is concern that if the churches are paying more it will put them in a position that they have to close, but it was felt it would be better to know this.

We are awaiting more information from the Circuit, which will then be discussed at a Church Council meeting.

## Church Worship

There was a discussion at the last Church Council Meeting about the variety of Church Worship. Some Church Council members thought we had gone backwards in our Worship with most services following the same format.

We did not want something different every week but it would be good to vary the format. The Chair said local preachers were there to meet the needs of the congregation and it was always possible to ask preachers for a different format of Worship.

The meeting suggested the local preachers' meeting should be informed that Shildon would welcome a variation in Worship format.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions about Worship please speak to the Church Stewards who can inform local preachers.

## NEW AGE KURLING CLUB



Mon at 10.00am.  
We meet in the  
Community Hall and  
anyone can join. For  
further information  
please pop in.

## Crafty Chatty Café

Every Tuesday, 1.00-3.30pm

Join us for a cup of tea and bring your knitting or whatever your hobby is. Or just come and have a cuppa and a chat. Donation usually £1

### Crafts and Games

- Card Making
- Knitting and Crochet
- Hand Sewing
- Painting/Sketching
- Colouring in
- Dominoes
- Scrabble
- Jigsaws
- Pool
- Curling

*If you wish to participate in a craft please bring your own materials.*

Coffee morning



Why not join us for  
our open Coffee  
Morning?

Every Thursday at 9.45am in the  
Community Hall.

Meet new friends and have a chat.  
Everyone welcome.

0800 804 8044  
DailyHOPE

A free phonenumber of hymns,  
reflections and prayers



Faith in Later Life

The next premises cleaning  
days are on 10 June and 8 July  
starting at 12 noon. All  
help gratefully received!



New volunteers  
always welcome!!

Our Calling

The Calling of the Methodist Church  
is to respond to the gospel of God's love  
in Christ and to live out its discipleship in  
worship and mission

It does this through



The Methodist Church

[www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk)

Methodist Central, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200

Friday, 26 July 2024

@ 7.00pm

In the Community Hall



QUIZ NIGHT

Tickets £6.00 includes  
refreshments



## Notice of Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Church Council will take  
place on Thu, 18 July 2024 starting at 2.00pm in the  
Church.

All reports or papers to be discussed at the meeting  
should be in writing and sent to the Church Council  
Secretary by 8 July 2024, to ensure they can be  
circulated with the final agenda prior to the meeting.

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## Worship at this Church

26 May	Morning Worship - 10.30am - Revd B Hutchinson
2 Jun	Morning Worship - 10.45am - Revd D Payne (Holy Communion)
9 Jun	Morning Worship - 10.30am - Mrs J Hird

### Note

The full plan for this quarter is not available at the time of publication and only the first two dates are known.

The full plan will be published in due course and members of the congregation will be able to pick up a copy when they are available in the entrance-way. The Church Stewards will also announce who preachers will be as additional notices during Worship.



**A gluten free option is available for those wishing to take Holy Communion.**

**If you would like to take advantage of this please speak with a Communion Steward and they will arrange it for you**

All Church activities and events are in our online Church Calendar, which can be accessed from the Church website:

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