

**Newsletter**  
**November 2023**

This is our monthly newsletter. The newsletter can be received by anyone who has an e-mail address. To subscribe to this service please send your e-mail address to: northstaffscircuit@hotmail.co.uk.

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, we are approaching a month full of remembering as we mark several notable dates.

Bonfire night 5<sup>th</sup> November, it has become a tradition to let off fireworks to remember Guy Fawkes plot to blow up Parliament.

Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, very significant dates in our lives, where we remember others who have put their lives on the line so we might live. In wars past and in present day conflicts.

Children in Need is fast approaching, with its focus on raising money to help children who have special needs.

A month of remembering is no bad thing. I wonder what memories do you hold on to, and which ones do you hold dear?

On Facebook recently I saw a video of the former prima ballerina Marta Gonzalez, sadly now suffering with dementia. Yet, listening to the music of Swan Lake, she remembered the choreography, a beautiful and moving thing to see.

When visiting nursing and residential homes, I have seen this power of music and ritual memory at first hand. People unable to converse, yet reciting the Lord's Prayer and singing hymns.

I wonder which memories we will hold onto this year?

Approaching Advent, and preparing our Christmas cards and gifts, and coming to the end of a year of uncertainty, I urge you to make spiritual preparations in your heart and mind, that ensure you will be ready to make the journey of Advent. You could make joining the Bible course part of your Advent preparations.

How about trying to write down three things you are thankful for at the end of each day for a month.

Every Blessing

Rev. Joy

				<b>November</b>				
				<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	
				31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Remembrance Sunday	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday Before Advent	
<b>Lectionary Year (A)</b>				Micah 3:5-12	Wisdom 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	
(Principal Service)				Psalms 43	Wisdom 6:17-20 or Psalm 70	Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12	Psalm 95:1-7a	
				1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23	
				Matthew 23:1-12	Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 25:14-30	Matthew 25:31-46	
Please Pray For:				St Luke's	Silverdale	Wolstanton	Audley	
<b>Baldwins Gate</b>				<b>A closing service was held on 16th July. We give thanks for the faithful service of all who have held office and worshipped in this church over many years.</b>				
<b>Wolstanton</b>	LS	10.30	<b>StF</b>		Singleton HC & Gift Day	Singleton	LA	N Jones
(95)		3.00	MWB					
<b>Cross Heath</b>	CL	11.00	<b>StF</b>	NV	Dyble T	Legge HC	LA	Davies T
(25)		3.00	MSB					
<b>Higherland</b>	CL	10.00	<b>StF</b>	MM	Barnett	LA	Singleton	Legge HC
(38)		6.00						Legge Messy Vintage
<b>Madeley</b>	CL	10.30	<b>StF</b>	SoF 1234	R Jones	I Perry	LA	Williams
(20)		3.00	MWB	NV				
<b>Silverdale</b>	CL	11.00	<b>StF</b>	MM	Café Church LA	Davies T	Legge HC	Emmaus
(48)		5.00						Refuel
<b>Audley</b>	JV	10.30	<b>StF</b>	SoF 1&2	LA	Ventom Cenotaph	Ventom MS	X
(35)		3.00	MWB	GNB	X	X	X	M Ventom Cameo
<b>Bradwell</b>	JV	10.00	<b>StF</b>	SoF 1&2	Ventom HC	LA	Barnett	Singleton
(37)		3.00	MWB	NV H&P				
<b>Halmer End</b>	JV	10.30	H&P	SoF 1&2	LA MS	US @ St. John's	Harrison T	Ventom HC
(24)		3.00	MWB	GNB				
<b>St Luke's</b>	JV	10.30	H&P	GNB	LA	Taylor HC	Irvine	Matthews
(20)		3.00	MWB					
<b>Printed Service for this week prepared by:</b>				Heap	Ventom	Singleton	Legge	
<b>BGMC</b>				Wednesday 15th November, 2.30 pm - Holy Communion - Ventom				

## Green Tips

Prepare now and give a bird a home in 2024. It might seem to be a strange time to be thinking about bird boxes, but this is the season in which many of our resident birds slowly begin the process of looking for nest sites for next year. Therefore, it is a really good idea to get as many new boxes up as you can, before the end of the autumn season, as it will make it more likely for boxes to be used next spring.

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**Foodbank** – please click on this link [here](#).

Thank you to everyone across the Circuit who gives regularly to Foodbank through their church. Foodbank remains open through these troubled times and demand for food is high. Can I please ask you to all keep on giving by taking your donations to your nearest Foodbank.



Clayton St Luke's host a session  
on Tuesday morning. 10.00am – 12 noon  
All Saints, Madeley host a session  
on a Wednesday morning. 10.30 am - 12.30 pm  
Cornerstone, High Street, Knutton, ST5 6BX  
On Wednesday afternoon 2.00 pm – 4.00pm  
Chesterton Pentecostal church  
on Thursday Morning. 10.00 -12.00 noon  
Newcastle Congregational church  
on Thursday afternoon. 2.00 pm – 4.00pm  
St Thomas church Kidsgrove  
on Friday afternoon 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm  
or you can take your contribution to our warehouse on the Parkhouse estate on a Monday  
afternoon or Wednesday morning ... please give us a ring if you want details of how to get  
there, it is on the Aspire work complex.

Your gifts large or small are very much appreciated and are a lifeline to those sadly more vulnerable than ourselves.

*Please give us a ring if you want to drop your gift off at our house!  
Carol and Marion Reddish TEL 01782 613265*

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Newcastle Staffs Foodbank you can contact the Trustee/Treasurer Paul A Roberts for details: -  
tel: 0300 102 9088 or email him on [accounts@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:accounts@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk).

If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please visit the website or contact Paul A Roberts for details.

People can also contact [info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk) for details to donate food or money donations.

**At the present time Foodbank are short of the following items:-**

**Tea**

**Chocolate**

**Cold Meat**

**Male Toiletries**

**Sponge Puddings**

**Biscuits**

**Toothbrushes**

**Female Toiletries**

**Washing Up Liquid**

**Fruit Juice**

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Join us at  
Audley Methodist Church



Future Dates:

Wednesday 1st November 2023

Wednesday 14th February 2024

Wednesday 3rd April 2024

Wednesday 29th May 2024

Wednesday 24th July 2024

10:30am to 12:30pm

for more details contact:

Rev. Joy 01782 720267 joy.ventom@methodist.org.uk  
Sarah (office) 01782 722755 audleymethodist@btconnect.com

### Godly Play as Bible Study

Story is one of the most ancient forms of knowing. It is the way our Christian heritage has been passed down to us. And story forms the foundation of Godly Play. It invites you to sit as part of a circle and listen as the stories of the Bible are told through word and action. It allows you to immerse yourself in the stories as an act of meditation and prayer and ultimately to encounter God. As the stories are told you sit and listen and at the end of the storytelling you are invited to consider a number of 'I wonder questions'. Questions posed by the storyteller that ask you to reflect on what you have heard. Questions like:

I wonder what part of the story was most important to you?

Or

I wonder where you are in the story?

Or

I wonder if there is a part of the story we can leave out and still have all the story we need?

There are no right or wrong answers to any of the questions, they are a means by which you are invited to wonder deeply about the story and what it says to you. Then when the story is put away there is time to respond to all that you have heard and wondered about. It may be that you want to re-read the story again for yourself, paint, draw, model or write a response - the choice is entirely yours.

At the end of the response time we gather back together for refreshments before drawing our time together to an end.

If this is something you think you might like to try then our next Godly play session will take place on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**November 6.30-7.30 pm** and repeated on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**November 2.00-3.00 pm**. Both sessions will be held at

**Wolstanton Methodist Church**. Come and see, wonder, and reflect deeply about stories you thought you knew.

Karen Barnett

WOLSTANTON METHODIST CHURCH  
Invites you to  
**'ELDERBERRIES'**  
embracing all ages and various interests

MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER at 2.30p.m.  
**'MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE'**  
With Sally McMahon

MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER at 2.30p.m.  
**'CRAFTING'**  
With Karen Barnett

**COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT**  
An opportunity to renew friendships and make new ones

**Baldwins Gate Methodist Community**  
(Baldwins Gate, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 5DA)

**Mid-Week Service**  
on the third Wednesday of each  
month at 2.30 pm

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Holy Communion**  
– Rev'd J Ventom

**20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Service**  
– Mrs R Jones

**Please come and join us.**  
**All are very welcome .**

# CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET



**Saturday 18th November**

**10:30am to 12:30pm**

**Original Artwork, festive  
homemade gifts and  
more**

**AT AUDLEY  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**Refreshments available  
free entry & parking**



## The Bible Course



Explore the BIG story

*A journey through the Bible in 8 weekly sessions. Each session lasts approx 90 minutes with refreshments included at the end.*

*A choice of venue each week.*

*Accessible to all levels of Bible knowledge from none to lots!*

Limited number of places:

to book yours please contact Michelle 01782612648  
northstaffscircuit@hotmail.co.uk

### **AUDLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

Session 1 Wednesday 22nd November 7.30pm

Session 2 Wednesday 29th November 7.30pm

Session 3 Wednesday 6th December 7.30pm

Session 4 Wednesday 13th December 7.30pm

we then take a break until 10th January

### **WOLSTANTON METHODIST CHURCH**

Session 1 Friday 24th November 2.30pm

Session 2 Friday 1st December 2.30pm

Session 3 Friday 8th December 2.30pm

Session 4 Friday 15th December 2.30pm

we then take a break until 5th January



**Methodist Women  
in Britain**

CHESTER & STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT

## LOVE AND LIGHT

To be held at

**Wolstanton Methodist Church**

on A527, High Street, Wolstanton, ST5 0HS

On

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Drinks at 10am for 10.30 start.

Please bring your lunch, drinks provided

Please choose two workshops on the booking form

Suggested donation of £5 will be collected on the day.

There will be a short service after lunch, followed by tea and cake



### CHESTER & STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT MWIB

LOVE & LIGHT Monday 20 November 2023 at Wolstanton Methodist Church

10am	Meet for coffee, tea and toast
10.30	Welcome/opening/introduction
10.45 - 11.45	Workshops- Music, Bible Study, Journaling, Christmas for Everyone, Glass Painting, Christmas Crafts
11.55 - 12.55	Workshops- repeated
1pm	Lunch (please bring with you)
2pm	Service-incorporating activities from the workshops. Followed by Tea and Cake

We will try to give you your first two choices of workshops, but numbers in each are limited. If you are doing cards or crafts, it may be helpful to bring your own scissors.

#### Booking Form

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

PHONE/email.....

Please mark your choices below and send your form to Mrs Mavis Bailey, 185, Basford Park Road, Newcastle ST5 0PN (mavisab164@gmail.com) by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Please indicate your choices 1-6. Thank you.

1) Music	2) Bible study	3) Journaling
4) Christmas crafts	5) Christmas for Everyone	6) Glass Painting

The **Methodist Church**  
Chester & Stoke-on-Trent District

## Church at the Margins

To nurture  
new Christian  
communities  
amongst  
economically  
marginalised  
people

### Church at the Margins

**A day of exploration led by Deacon Eunice Attwood**  
(Church at the Margins Officer for the Methodist Church)

**Saturday 25 November 2023 from 10:00am to 3:00pm**  
**at Wellspring Methodist Church, Congleton, CW12 3AP**  
(Lunch will be provided)

Eunice brings over twenty years' experience of ordained diaconal ministry from a variety of contexts, including theological education and city and town-centred ministry amongst marginalised and vulnerable communities, where she helped start and grow many fresh expressions of church. Building on the Biblical connection between evangelism and social justice, Eunice is helping to start a movement of new Christian communities led by people experiencing economic marginalisation.

Please register to attend by emailing Rob  
chester.stoke@btconnect.com  
by 13 November 2023

ST LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**SATURDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER**  
**2.00 - 4.00 PM**

**MANY STALLS INCLUDING**  
**TEA AND COFFEE SERVED**

**All are very welcome**



Invite you to our

## Christmas Fayre

**On Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**12.00 pm until 2.00 pm**

### Various Stalls

Christmas Gifts, Cakes, Toiletries,  
Books, White Elephant & the Audley &  
District Family History Society.

### Light lunches served

All proceeds for Church Funds

[www.halmerendmethodists.org.uk](http://www.halmerendmethodists.org.uk) or on Facebook

## Monthly 6pm Coffee Bar Worship Time

*Songs, Craft, Prayers, Smiles, Coffee, Tea  
Biscuits, Chatter, welcoming, friendly.*

## Higherland Church

**Messy Vintage**

*Last Sunday  
in the month*

from The Bible Reading Fellowship 

**Come along @ 6pm Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**Higherland Methodist Coffee Bar**  
**12pm-2pm Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023**

## **'Get Together'**



**Come and join in the**

***Christmas Party***

**Cakes, coffee and craft.**



### **Prayer Request**

During December, we will be embarking on the Posada project. This involves people and businesses in the communities of Halmer End and Alsager's Bank. Offering their homes as an inn for a day, as Mary and Joseph make their journey to Bethlehem. The Posada will be taken to each home and handed over using some set words.

Our Posada will be a model stable with statues which will be travelling from Halmer End Methodist on 30<sup>th</sup> November with a 'Posada launch' at 7pm (All Welcome) to Audley Methodist Church on Christmas Day for Worship at 10am.

More details from: Rev Joy, Helen Tripper or David Rowley



**Thank You! You just did something inspiring.**

Your contribution means a lot and will be put to good use in making a difference.

Help spread the word by sharing your support with your friends and followers!

**Donor Details THIS GIFT IS FROM**

**North Staffordshire Methodist Circuit**

**CIRCUIT HARVEST SERVICE**

**DONATION TOTAL £ 76**

# Nativity Festival

@ Baldwins Gate  
Methodist Community

1st Dec 6 - 8pm

2nd Dec 10am - 12 noon

Refreshments

Kids activities



**Festian**  
Featuring  
**Musical Misfits**  
**Christmas Sing-a-Long**

**6pm Start - Saturday 2nd December**  
**Tickets £5 incl. light refreshments**  
**Call Kev: 07988 532738**  
**Higherland Methodist Church**

Cross Heath Methodist Church

## Christmas Fayre



**Saturday**  
**2nd December**  
10:30-1:30

Various Stalls  
Cakes, Tombola, Raffle etc.

Admittance only 50p.

Various refreshments available



Come and join us at our ...

## Circuit Advent Service

on  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

at  
6.30 pm

at  
Wolstanton Methodist Church



Christian Resources for Life  
@ Methodist Book Centre

Support your local, independent  
Christian bookshop



## In Store

## Online



[www.crfl.co.uk](http://www.crfl.co.uk)

Gitana Street, Hanley, ST1 1DY

01782 212146



**Madeley Methodist Church**  
invites you to join us at our



## Warm Space



## Elevenes

On Wednesdays at 11am



## Everyone Welcome

Senior Moments  
St. Luke's Methodist Church  
Severn Drive  
Clayton  
ST5 4BH



**SENIOR MOMENTS**

**FREE ENTRY**

Crafts

Activities

Quiz

Art Talks

Games

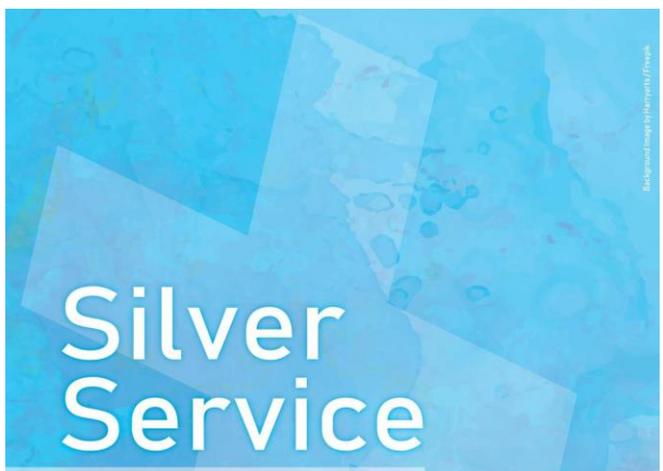
Stories

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits

10.30am - 12.30pm, last Thursday of every month, starting Thursday 27th October.

Fun, explore together in lots of creative, interactive and fun ways.  
A great opportunity to enjoy some time together.

For more information please contact Phil or Jeanette Hodges  
on 01782 634766 or look on our Facebook page.



# Silver Service

..on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of every month..  
..beginning at 11:30am..

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday = Communion Service : 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday = Activity Service

at Silverdale Methodist Church,  
Earl Street (behind the Chip Shop!)  
ST5 6NF

Find us on FaceBook:  "Silverdale Methodist Church"  
Visit our website: [www.silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.silverdalemethodistchurch.org.uk)

**SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH**

There's nothing like a good cuppa coffee  
and a friend like you to share it with!



Let's catch up!

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**WHY NOT CATCH  
WITH FRIENDS OLD  
AND NEW**

**BRADWELL METHODIST  
CHURCH  
THURSDAY'S 10 - 12**



**SILVERDALE  
METHODIST  
CHURCH**



# REFUEL

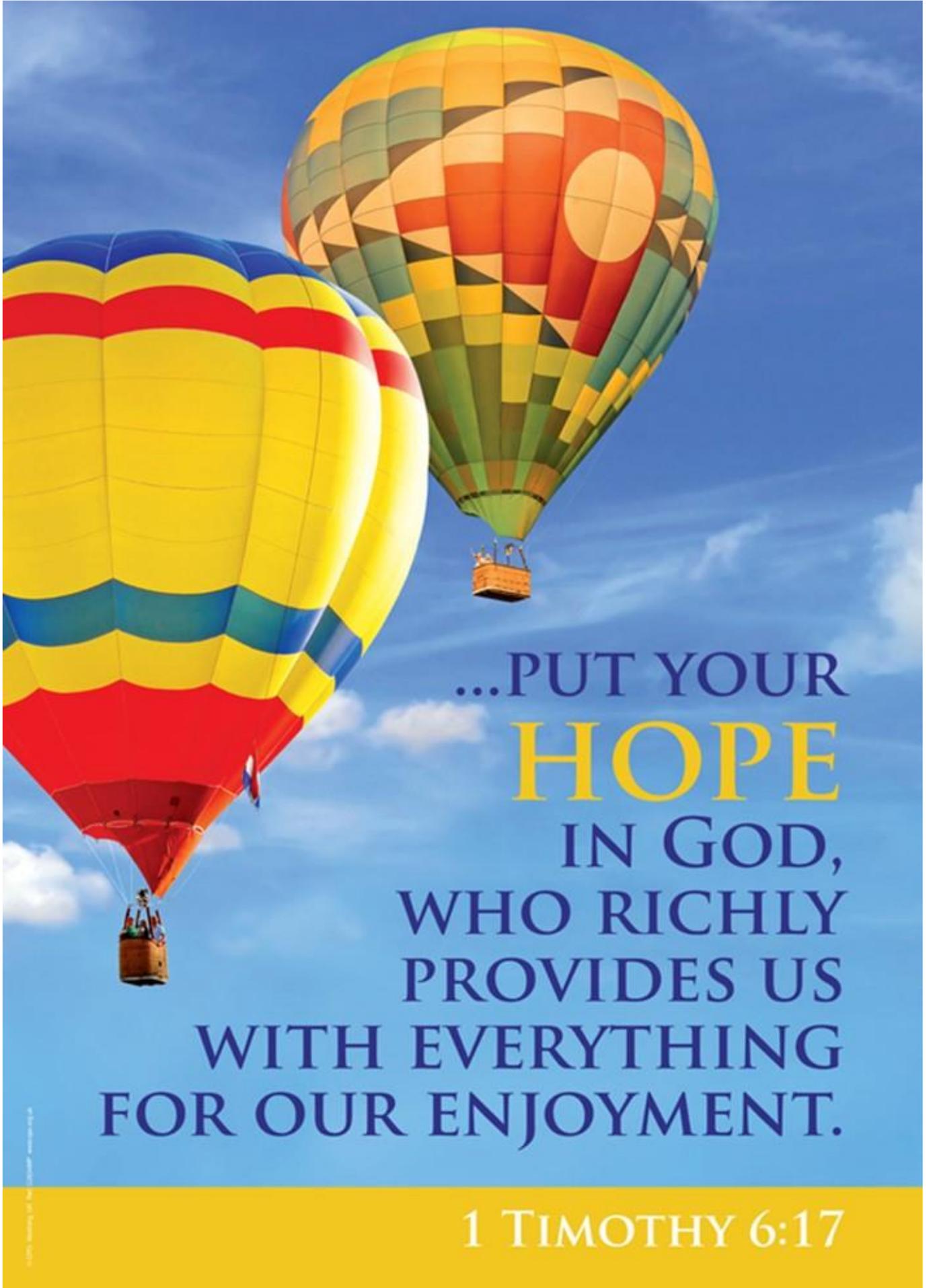
worship & the word  
**FOLLOWED BY FOOD!**

Join with us on the **LAST SUNDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH**, at **5PM**, for 1-hour of..

# PRAISE & WORSHIP

..and then stay to share food together.  
all-age & interactive, informal & relaxed – a Worship Experience for all

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...PUT YOUR  
**HOPE**  
IN GOD,  
WHO RICHLY  
PROVIDES US  
WITH EVERYTHING  
FOR OUR ENJOYMENT.

1 TIMOTHY 6:17