

# Weekly services

Sunday 9am Holy Communion plus hymns in church  
Sunday 10am Genesis children's group (most Sundays)  
Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship in church (HC 4<sup>th</sup> Sun)  
Mon, Tue, Wed 9am Morning Prayer on Zoom  
Wednesday 10.30am Midweek Communion in church

# Weekly Growth Groups

Sunday 6.30pm Rob's E-100 group on Zoom  
Monday 8pm Tim's group, mainly on Zoom  
Monday 8pm Rob's group, nearly always on Zoom  
Tuesday 7pm Exodus for 11-17s church hall  
Tuesday 8.15pm Rob's monthly group on Zoom

# Church Officers

Churchwardens: Jayne Weaver  
Assistants: Yvonne Janvier, Peter Cotton, Charlotte Webb  
Church Treasurer: Trevor Jenkins  
Genesis leaders: Fiona Pulle, Jayne Cawood, Karen Cragg  
Exodus leaders: Rachel Copley, Rob McLaren, Steve Walther  
Safeguarding Officer: Allan Whiston  
PCC Secretary: Janet Chettle  
Comms Team: Steve Smith, Trevor Jenkins, Alan Rickards  
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# Link

*Dear Friends,*

We welcome many local leaders to the Civic and Community Service today and we look forward to seeing a crowd of all ages at Harvest on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Then for 10 days our services are in the church hall, while we transform church and churchyard (thanks to the Yarn Bombers) for the Knitted Bible Experience. For 12 days we welcome all of the classes from The Heritage Primary and some of the classes of Holmes Chapel Primary, plus sessions open to the public. In the coming weeks, our main Sunday teaching is from Galatians, a letter written by the Apostle Paul to churches in the area of Turkey where Celtic peoples had settled. It addresses the big issues of Authority (how do we know which Christian leaders to listen to?) — Salvation (how are we put in a right relationship with God?) — and Holiness (how do we live holy lives?).

*Yours in Christ,*  


## Teaching Series

Our main Autumn Teaching Series is from the Letter to the Galatians in the New Testament. It had important things to say to the Celtic churches of 1<sup>st</sup> Century Turkey and it has similar important things for the churches today.

## Genesis Children's Group Sundays

Genesis meets 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 8<sup>th</sup> Oct, 15<sup>th</sup> Oct starting at 10am in the church hall, before joining the service in the church. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct is a family service.

## Exodus new time on Tuesdays 7pm

Exodus for 11s-17s now in the Church Hall from 7pm til 7.45 on Tuesdays.

## Early Birds Toddler Group

A new weekly termtime parent & toddler group in the church hall, called 'Early Birds', between 9am and 10am on Thursdays. There are teams for craft table, music & singing, storytelling, serving drinks, admin. Wendy MacDonald is our team leader. The changeover with the Community Coffee Morning means a slight change of habits for those serving and helping, and the team is committed to finishing on time, to enable both community enterprises to work well.

## Harvest Thanksgiving and Parade 1<sup>st</sup> Oct

10.30 family service to say a big Harvest Thankyou, and welcome many from Holmes Chapel Guiding. A.L.S.O bring one bread roll for the sermon.

## A list of good items to bring to Harvest

The recent list of needed items at The Storehouse Foodbank in Congleton includes:  
TINNED ITEMS: Beans, Rice Pudding, Custard, Fruit, Tuna, Soup, Tomatoes  
NON-TINNED ITEMS: Sugar, Tea, Jam, Biscuits, Packet Pasta, Shower Gel.  
Do bring a bagful on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October and help needy local households.

## Moroccan Earthquake Appeal

You're very welcome to donate to our Appeal on behalf of Barnabas Aid. Use the bucket in church, or the Card Reader or QR code with a note or email to [treasurer@stlkhc.uk](mailto:treasurer@stlkhc.uk) to make sure it goes to the right cause.

## Knitted Bible 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Oct

We are welcoming all of the classes from The Hermitage Primary on the afternoons of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. We are welcoming back some of the classes from Holmes Chapel Primary too, visiting for an 50 minutes each. We shall also open to everyone, as below. Do you know other groups who might like to visit? Tell Rob. Do you want to help? Tell Fiona.

## Knitted Bible Church Open for all

We have open church public visiting on:

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 10am-1pm, and 2pm-5pm

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2pm-5pm

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 6pm-8pm,

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 6pm-8pm

## Harvest Supper Tearfund Quiz 6<sup>th</sup> Oct

Everyone is welcome to buy a ticket to this church social committee event. 7pm til 9pm on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> October in the Church Hall. Food (Hotpot and Apple Slice) and drink (wine & soft drinks) and a friendly Quiz provided by Tear Fund (the Christian development and relief agency). Tickets available now from Bridget, Judy and Barbara S. £10 per adult, £4 per child, £25 a family

## Focus at the Methodists 13<sup>th</sup> Oct

Jean Bond will present 'Gladys Aylward and China' at 8pm on Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct in the Methodist Church Hall. Refreshments are provided. Jean will bring some original correspondence between Gladys and her mother for display.

## Service to Remember 4pm 29<sup>th</sup> Oct

A thoughtful service for all who are missing loved ones who have died.

## The Church Membership list

To help our pastoral work and to qualify you to vote in the Annual Meeting, we have a church membership list called the 'Electoral Roll'. If you have become a regular at church, we'd be glad to help you fill in a short electoral roll form? Tell Rob or one of the Churchwarden's team.