

FORMBY
METHODIST
CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

November 2011

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This Church is in Covenant Membership with other Churches of Formby, Altcar and Hightown and with Trinity United Church in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada.

We give a warm welcome to all visitors worshipping with us. Please make yourselves known to the Church Stewards in the Entrance. The services for the month are listed in the Newsletter. We hope you will take the opportunity to worship with us. Coffee is served in the Hall after the morning service.

Hearing Aid System: An inductive loop system is in operation. This enables you to sit wherever you wish. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' position.

Sunday School meets from 10.15 am.

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Weekly Notices: items can be by phone but **PREFERABLY** by e-mail to Irene Watts by 4.00pm on the Wednesday.

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Dear Friends

As we watch news from around the world and try to absorb and understand the incredible variety and quantity that is broadcast we never know what particular event is going to have a significant impact.

How many remember Mohamed Bouazizi? Why is he and the 17th December 2010 significant? What has he got to do with Col Gaddafi's death on 20th October 2011?

Mohamed Bouazizi was the unemployed young man selling fruit and vegetables at a Tunisian market when police confiscated the produce, beat him and threw him out of the market. He had no way of seeking redress, no one to whom he could turn for justice, no one cared about him or the many thousands like him who had no work, no money and an uncertain future. On Dec 17th 2010 he returned to the market, poured petrol on himself and set himself alight: he died the following day. At first the Tunisian authorities made no comment about the incident and sought to quell protests by the use of police force: soon the protests spread and grew and became overwhelming. As images and word about Bouazizi spread over the internet and through Twitter protests and riots broke out in other Arab states. Egypt, Bahrain, Syria, Yemen and others struggled to stop the protesters. Governments toppled, and in the last few days Libya was freed from the tyranny of Gaddafi's reign. Bouazizi wanted people to know of his plight and those like him whose lives were subject to oppression and whose freedoms were denied them.

Freedom is an expensive commodity which has to be protected and cared for because it is easily lost. Even in a free society where there are safeguards and laws to protect the individual it can be eroded and devalued. This month we will remember the many that fought and gave their lives to preserve our freedom; include in that number the many more whose lives were devastated by terrible injuries and the cost is inestimable.

Bouazizi killed himself in a terrible way as a protest because there was nowhere for him to turn for justice, the wealthy ignored him and those like him, the police were the oppressors. It was the same in pre war Germany when the Nazis began their rise to power, those unaffected by their abuse and tyranny turned the other way as the minorities were excluded,

ostracised, thrown in prison: after the IIWW images of the concentration camps horrified the world.

When society begins to value human beings by their status, wealth, occupation, or anything else that is discriminatory, some will go to the bottom of the pile, where they will be forgotten or ignored. Scripture teaches that God looks carefully at society and particularly at that part where the poor and dispossessed are and cares much for what He finds there: for each human being carries the stamp of God's image.

Remembrance of the fallen must never become a passive activity but the fuel which drives us all on to engage in protecting the freedoms of the most vulnerable and weak.

John

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### Church Family News

We were sorry to learn of the death of Barbara Cavanagh last month. Barbara was a long standing and loyal member of our church, actively serving in many ways, perhaps most notably in the choir and Ladies' Fellowship. Our sympathy goes out to Stewart and his brother Duncan and his family. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Norah Peel following the death of her sister, Joan. Our sympathy is also extended to Gillie and Alan Hollway - Alan's mother died just recently.

It was lovely to meet Sarah Barnard in Formby village with her newly born son, Ben - the first grandson for Audrey and Geoff. - we congratulate them all. Congratulations also to the Payne family on the birth of Charlotte to Rachel and Craig. And more congratulations this time to Vicky and Bob Jenions on the birth of their first great grand child. Finally we congratulate Kari and John Huntley - Kari's daughter recently had a baby boy, Jack.

It is good to see Kath Dunwoodie in church again after not being too well recently. We remember all our friends who are not well at present and undergoing treatment at home or in hospital and our prayers are with Brenda Horton as she continues her treatment. Lillain Barton has not been well recently and we remember her, and all our friends who are unable to attend church for whatever reason. Please know you are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Happy birthday and congratulations to Jack Ritson on his 21st birthday on the 25th October.

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Sunday Services

November

6	8.30am	Rev J Ritson	HOLY COMMUNION
	10.30am	Miss M Shanks & Worship Leaders	
	6.30pm	Mr A Lewis	
13	10.30am	Rev D Bowker	HOLY COMMUNION
	6.30pm	Rev J Ritson	
20	10.30am	Rev J Ritson	
	6.30pm	Rev S Hill	HOLY COMMUNION
27	10.30am	Rev K Briddock	
	6.30pm	Rev J Ritson	

December

4	8.30am	Rev J Ritson	HOLY COMMUNION
	10.30am	Worship Leaders	Parade
	6.30pm	Rev S Hill	HOLY COMMUNION

"Food Bank"

Thank you for your donations for tea/coffee after church on 16th October - the sum collected was £27.21. May I take this opportunity to appeal for gifts of food ready for Christmas. It would be good to be in the position to help people who may find themselves in need then.

Thank you. Phil Morgan

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### Methodist Women in Britain

(Formerly Network)

On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 twelve of us from this Circuit attended the Autumn District Day at the Ecumenical Centre in Skelmersdale. In the morning we had the Service of Commissioning for Jenny Ashcroft as our new District President. Carole Booth, having served as President for 2 years, handed over the symbol of office and Jenny gave the address.

Last year's District Project was to help fund the Nixon Memorial Hospital in

Sierra Leone towards the cost of training community nurses. We were delighted that Miriam Roxburgh, who was born at the Nixon Hospital, came to be presented with the cheque for the grand total of £9760 by Monica Rhead, who had previously worked in Sierra Leone.

In the afternoon we had an excellent speaker, Lesley Paterson, from SWACA - Sefton Women & Children's Aid, this being our project for the present year. The charity is committed to eliminating violence and abuse against all women, children and young people, and to providing services which offer practical and emotional support for them.

Any of the services which are offered can be accessed by those in need at the charity shop at 166, Knowsley Road, Bootle, 0151 922 8606 or e-mailing at [swaca@swaca.com](mailto:swaca@swaca.com).

Janet Bowker

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THEATRE GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Theatre Group A.G.M. will be held on Sunday 13th November in The Circle Room at Noon.

Jean Allan, Secretary

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### **CHURCH WALK**

Saturday 12 November 2011

The walk on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November will be a 6 mile morning walk with lunch at a local hostelry at the end. Please meet at Church at 0900 with wet weather gear, *just in case*, no butties required. This will be a 'mystery' walk until we have had time to do a recce but will certainly be no longer than 6 miles max.

For more information contact Lin & Graham Marks and let us know if you are joining us on the day - confirming if you will do the walk and/or the lunch. Non walkers are always welcome to join us for lunch.

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AUCTION 2011

The Auction Working Group would like to thank everyone for their support, help and hard work prior to and during this year's Auction. Despite the bidding on the day being a bit slow an amazing £3,566 has been passed to the Church Treasurer to be spent on the installation of the sound and loop

systems in the Church Halls.

The most interesting, and very pleasing, thing to note is that Door/Catalogue Sales were up almost £50 this year - i.e. 50 more people attended. This, of course, impacted on the kitchen sales which were up considerably too.

Here is a breakdown of how the money was raised.

Auction Sale	£2,563.00
Kitchen	£373.00
Bargain Basement	£264.00
Large Items	£38.00
Door/Catalogue Sales	<u>£328.00</u>
	£3,566.00

And you guessed it, folks, start looking for items for next year! Keep an eye on any family/friends/neighbours moving house and suggest that if they have any unwanted and good quality items we shall be happy to have them.

The Auction Working Group

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### Christmas Lunch

Sunday 11 December 2011

The booking for the Christmas Lunch opens on Sunday 13 November after worship.

As in past years we are restricted to the number of people who attend the meal to 72 and tickets will cost £10 per person, payable when booking please. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate advanced bookings so if you are unable to be in Church on 13 November please ask a friend to book for you.

Please tell the team if you have any dietary requirements at the time of booking your meal.

The proposed menu is as follows, and choice(s) should be made on the day of booking:-:

Starters:- Celery Soup; Fan of Melon; Prawn Cocktail

Main Course:- Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Boiled New Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert:- Christmas Pudding & Sauce; Fresh Fruit Salad; Tarte au Citroën

Lin/Margaret/Jean/Susan

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'Year of Continuous Prayer 2011' 6th - 13th November

This year, Children and Young People are the focus of our prayers.

There will be small display areas in the Church depicting Early Years, Primary, Secondary and Special Needs, Uniformed Organisations, Youth Work and Young Adults. We invite you to come along to support and pray for the children, young people, and their families.

Sunday 6th

10.30am **Youth Service - collection of Christmas Shoe Boxes**

Monday 7th

12noon-1pm Schoolchildren welcome

1.00-2.00pm Church will be open for quiet prayer

7.30-8.30pm **'Action for Children' and 'The Dove Trust'**

Tuesday 8th

12noon-1pm Schoolchildren welcome

1.00-2.00pm Church will be open for quiet prayer

7.30-8.30pm **' Street Pastors' with Nick Tissot**

Wednesday 9th

12noon-1pm Schoolchildren welcome

1.00-2.00pm Church will be open for quiet prayer

7.30-8.30pm **' Y Kids' with Claire Morgan**

Thursday 10th

12noon-1pm Schoolchildren welcome

1.00-2.00pm Church will be open for quiet prayer

7.30-8.30pm **Ian Sarginson - Our School's Worker**

Friday 11th

12noon-1pm Schoolchildren welcome

1.00-2.00pm Church will be open for quiet prayer

Saturday 12th

11.00am **Meet in Church for a Prayer Walk around Formby**

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## Open House

On Tuesday 15th November at 8.00pm there will be a talk given by Alan Hayhurst entitled "Hilarious Events - Banking in a Gentler Age".

An illustrated talk on very early flight history from the Formby coast line will be given by David Davies on Tuesday 29 November at 8pm entitled "Freshfield Flying Machines - 1910".

All meetings will take place in the Maple Leaf Room and members and friends are most welcome - please support our visiting speakers.

Alan Tulley

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Contemporary Worship Songs

The Worship Leaders would like to invite anyone interested in learning some new worship songs to join them in Church on Saturday 26th November 10-11.30am for another 'sing-along'. The plan is to listen and join in with CDs so musical ability is NOT a requirement! If you enjoy singing and are able to join us for all or part of the time, just come along. The puppets will also make an appearance for anyone who would like to 'have a go'.

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## THEATRE GROUP

Booking will open on Sunday 6th November 2011, for The Formby Little Theatre's production of "CASH ON DELIVERY" a farce written by Michael Clooney. We visit on Thursday 26th January 2012. Tickets £8.00. Curtain up at 7.45pm.

If you wish to book for this show please see Roy or Jean Allan, Ken Yarnell, Margaret Carleton or David Blundell.

Roy Allan

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Mothers & Toddlers Group

The Mothers & Toddlers meet every Thursday Morning during term time. On 29th September the Mums organised a Coffee Morning in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Charity, raising a grand total of £180. For the second year running we were pleased to welcome a photographer from the Champion newspaper to record the event.

Janet Bowker

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## Grandfather Clock submitted by Mabel Walsh

Prior to the travels of an American songwriter called Henry Work in the 1870s, the imposing weight and pendulum eight-day clocks in tall cases, were known predominantly as 'floor clocks'. The change in name came about because Mr Work was told a story while staying at an hotel in North Yorkshire. The pub had been owned by two brothers who owned a floor clock that kept remarkably good time for many years. When one of the brothers died the clock started losing time and finally stopped once-and-for-all (although fully wound) when the second brother died at the age of ninety. Henry Work was so inspired he wrote a song based on the story that includes the lines:

"Oh, my Grandfather's Clock was too tall for the shelf, so it stood ninety years on the floor. It was taller by half than the old man himself, though it weighed not a pennyweight more."

More than a million copies of the sheet music were sold and thereafter floor clocks became generally known as 'Grandfather Clocks'.

Grandmother Clock is the common name for the shorter, pinch-waisted version of a Grandfather Clock.

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<p>Formby High School Choral Concert in our Church on Tuesday 22nd November at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 adults and £3 children.</p>
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## Wednesday Morning Coffee

9 November: At the home of Jean Crompton, 7 Page Court

23 November: At the home of Brenda Domville, 64 Monks Drive

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Sunday Morning Crèche Rota

November

6 Jenny & Mo

13 Lynda & Karen

20 Janet & Sybil

27 Margaret & Kari

December

4 Karen & Mo

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be published on **SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER**. Items to the news team by **MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER**. N.B. This will be a **DOUBLE ISSUE**. Please include with each item submitted for publication your name and telephone number.

Newsletter Contribution E-mail:

Newsletter@formbymethodistchurch.org.uk

Hard copy items, for inclusion in the next issue on the Sunday prior to the deadline may be given to Jean Horne or Olva Clayton.

N.B. Each newsletter costs AT LEAST 32p PLEASE TAKE AN ENVELOPE AND BECOME A SUBSCRIBER. Thank you.

Church Diary Edna Gilmour

November

Week of Continuous Prayer for Children and Young People 7th to 13th

Monday	7	12.00-2.00pm	Church open for schools and public - displays
		3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (CR)</i>
		7.30pm	Craft group (SMR)
		7.30-8.30pm	Action for Children and other Youth Organisations
Tuesday	8	12.00-2.00pm	Church open for schools and public - displays
		1.30-3.30pm	<i>Jewellery Making (CR)</i>
		1.30-3.30pm	<i>Flower Arranging (MLR)</i>
		7.30pm	Street Pastors
		7.30pm	<i>Sefton Ladies Choir (CR)</i>
		8.00pm	Bible Study (Church)

Wednesday	9	12.00-2.00pm	Church open for schools and public - displays
		12.00-2.00pm	<i>Getting Started (CR)</i>
		3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (CR)</i>
		7.30-8.30pm	Y Kids with Churches Together Youth Workers
		7.30pm	<i>Emotions Anon (SMR)</i>
Thursday	10	9.30-11.30am	Toddlers (Hall & CR)
		12.00-2.00pm	Church open for schools and public - displays
		2.30pm	Ladies Fellowship- 'Monologues'-Mary Banks (CR)
		7.30-8.30pm	Southport & Formby Schools Worker
Friday	11	12.00-2.00pm	Church open for schools and public - displays
		2.00-4.00pm	New Carers Support group (MLR)
Saturday	12	9.00am	Church Walk
		11.00am	Prayer Walk round Formby - meet in Church
Monday	14	3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (CR)</i>
		7.00pm	House group
Tuesday	15	1.30-3.30pm	<i>Jewellery Making (CR)</i>
		1.30-3.30pm	<i>Flower Arranging (MLR)</i>
		7.30pm	Badminton (Hall)
		7.30pm	<i>Sefton Ladies Choir (CR)</i>
		8.00pm	Open House-Hilarious Events-Banking in a Gentler Age-Alan Hayhurst (MLR)
Wednesday	16	12.00-2.00pm	<i>Getting Started (CR)</i>
		1.45-4.45pm	<i>Sefton PCT Creative Alternatives (MLR)</i>
		3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (CR)</i>
		7.30pm	<i>Emotions Anon (SMR)</i>
Thursday	17	9.30-11.30am	Toddlers (Hall & CR)
		2.30pm	Ladies Fellowship- 'The Leprosy Mission'-Derek Hartley (CR)
		8.00pm	House group
		8.00pm	<i>Cub Meeting (SMR)</i>
Friday	18	2.00-4.00pm	Carers Support group (MLR)
Saturday	19	10.00-4.00pm	<i>North West Lancashire Lace Makers (MLR)</i>

Monday	21	3.00-6.00pm	Kumon (CR)
		7.30pm	Guiders' meeting (MLR)
		7.30pm	Craft group (SMR)
Tuesday	22	1.30-3.30pm	Jewellery Making (Circle)
		1.30-3.30pm	Flower Arranging (MLR)
		7.30pm	Sefton Ladies Choir (Circle)
		7.30pm	Choral Concert with Formby High School
Wednesday	23	12.00-2.00pm	Getting Started (Circle)
		1.45-4.45pm	Sefton PCT Creative Alternatives (MLR)
		3.00-6.00pm	Kumon (Circle)
		7.30pm	Pastoral Committee meeting (Church)
		7.30pm	Emotions Anon (SMR)
Thursday	24	9.30-11.30am	Toddlers (Hall & Circle)
		2.30pm	Ladies Fellowship- 'Down Memory Lane' (Circle)
Friday	25	2.00-4.00pm	Carers Support group (MLR)
Saturday	26		Stamp Fair (Hall)
Monday	28	3.00-6.00pm	Kumon (Circle)
		7.00pm	House group
Tuesday	29	1.30-3.30pm	Jewellery Making (Circle)
		1.30-3.30pm	Flower Arranging (MLR)
		7.30pm	Sefton Ladies Choir (Circle)
		7.30pm	Badminton (Hall)
		8.00pm	Open House- 'Freshfield Flying Machines- 1910-David Davies (MLR)
Wednesday	30	12.00-2.00pm	Getting Started (Circle)
		1.45-4.45pm	Sefton PCT Creative Alternatives (MLR)
		3.00-6.00pm	Kumon (Circle)
		7.30pm	Local Preachers Meeting (Choir Vestry)
		7.30pm	Emotions Anon (SMR)
December			
Thursday	1	9.30-11.30am	Toddlers (Hall & Circle)
		2.30pm	Ladies Fellowship Christmas Party (Circle)
		8.00pm	House group
Friday	2	2.00-4.00pm	Carers Support group (MLR)
Saturday	3	10.00-Noon	Sports Club Dickensian Coffee Morning (Hall)

Flower Rota
Vicky Jenions

November

6 Mr & Mrs Barbara
13 Mr Sullivan Eve
20 Mr & Mrs Bromiley Margaret
27 Mr & Mrs Simpson Vicky

December

4 Mr & Mrs Cant Barbara

Door Duty

Roy Allan

November

13 Ken Yarnell & David Blundell
20 Brenda Domville & Brenda Horton
27 Jack & Marion Bromiley

December

4 Colin Shewring & Janet Ashton

Flower Distribution
Margaret Tate

November

6 Ron Taylor
13 Margaret Tate
20 Janet Bowker
27 Christina Clarke
4 Ron Taylor

Sunday Refreshments

Margaret Carleton

November

6 Badminton
13 B & K Giles, W Lunt
20 Riding for the Disabled
27 S & B Howden and P Warren

December

4 Open House

Sunday Morning Refreshments Rota

The Rota for serving refreshments on Sunday mornings throughout 2012 is now available for collection from the Church Porch.

Most Sundays require that there are three/four people 'behind the hatch' and we are now in need of more volunteers and/or current volunteers doing more Sundays. If you are new to the Church and would like to help serve tea/coffee after worship please let me know and I will ensure you are placed with "experienced" kitchen users. This is also a good way of getting to know people.

Many thanks

Margaret Carleton



**FORMBY
METHODIST
SPORTS CLUB
DICKENSIAN
COFFEE
MORNING**

Saturday 3rd December

10.00—12.30

Various Stalls & Raffle

Admission 75p

Includes coffee and mince pie



FORMBY HIGH SCHOOL

SOUNDWAVES

TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

FORMBY METHODIST CHURCH

7.30PM

Tickets £5 / £3
available from the
church & school