



A Beacon of God's Kingdom in Birchwood


Welcome to our morning service led by **Rev Kevin Johnson**

Theme: Is God in touch?

Readings: Job 23: 1-9, 16-17 & Hebrews 4: 12-1

Church Services and Live Streaming

Attending Church

- **For your own protection and the protection of others we advise that you continue to wear masks** during church services if you are able, to keep them on when you are singing and to sing quietly.  If you do not wear a mask, please continue to social distance from those who do.
- The church will be laid out in three sections, the section on the right hand side will be laid out for those who prefer to maintain social distance.
- The other two sections will be for those who are happy to sit closer together.
- Please respect those who wish to remain socially distanced, remember this might be because they have an underlying health condition and are advised to take extra care in indoor gatherings.
- Toilets will now be open as normal.

Live Streaming

- The YouTube livestream will be accessed in the same way as it was through the last 18 months – the link will appear on the service listing on the website or you can just go to the **Thomas Risley YouTube** channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY1pnrttIJ234kLBTdeOO9g> (please subscribe!) or you can use the short URL <https://bit.ly/TRCsunday> or just search for “Thomas Risley” on Youtube.



Credit / Debit Cards

If anyone would like to use a debit or credit card, instead of cash, to give money to church we now have a card reader. If you wish to use this method please see Colin Watts, the church treasurer.

Prayer Group – Thursdays 7.00pm



This will continue on the church Zoom over the winter months - Usual Zoom ID 919 800 8000 <https://zoom.us/j/9198008000>

16.10.21 (Saturday) TRotters walk

Meet at church for departure at 9am.
5 miles around Styal and Twinnies Bridge, passing Styal Mill.
Footwear/clothing suitable for the weather is advised.
Newcomers always welcome. Don't forget your packed lunch!
Please let Diane know if you will be attending.
Next walk 27.11.21



17.10.21 Harvest Service (Sunday)



We are collecting tins and dry food for the **Food Bank in Oakwood and Room at the Inn** – Tinned meat, vegetables, fruit, rice pudding, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar, UHT milk, fruit juice, jam, cereal bars, washing up liquid, child and adult toothbrush and toothpaste.

We are also supporting **Care UK Charity, who are helping Afghan families** settling in this area. They distribute Hygiene Packs and are in need of:
Shampoo and Conditioner– For men, women and children
Body wash – For men, women and children
Razors and Shaving Foam
Roll on deodorants (not spray please)
Baby Products, e45 cream, Face moisturiser and hand cream



21.10.21 (Thursday) 7.30pm Mersey Synod Ministerial Deployment Meeting

This meeting will be held in church and all are invited and welcome to attend. The attached document shows the format for the meeting and the questions that will be asked. Synod is asking those attending to have sight of it before the meeting so that they can reflect and pray on their answers. It is a space for churches to speak and be heard. Jenny will not be attending any of these meetings across the pastorate, in order for people to feedback honestly and feel at ease, Jenny felt it would be best that their minister isn't there. Jenny will be praying for all the meetings.



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30.10.21 Neon Disco Party (Saturday)



Click on the link below or use the QR code to book for your free place in the Neon Disco Party for primary age children (max 20 places).



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../neon-disco-party-tickets>.

6.11.21 Birchwood Blokes Men's Breakfast (Saturday)



We're pleased to announce that the Birchwood Blokes Men's breakfast is back. It'll be on Saturday 6th November at the Encounter Centre, starting at 9am. For more info please contact Stuart at

Birchwoodminister@urcmerseysynod.org.uk or see the Birchwood Blokes Facebook page.

13.11.21 Muddy Church (Saturday)



We are pleased to announce that Muddy Church will be starting soon. Our first session is planned for **3.30pm** on Saturday 13th November at Forest Park and hopefully every 2nd Saturday of the month after that. Please pray for the team as we plan and start this new venture in Birchwood. For more info please contact Stuart at

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14.11.21 Remembrance Sunday

Bible readings for the week ending 17.10.2021

- Job 38:1-7, (34-41) and Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
- Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalm 91:9-16
- Hebrews 5:1-10
- Mark 10:35-45



SEPTEMBER ACCOUNTS

Income:	£ 5,089.60
Expenditure:	<u>£(9,536,91)</u>
	£(4,447.31)



Church Duties on 17.10.2021 – Harvest Festival

Minister:	Mr Colin Burrows
Welcome:	Fiona Wakefield & Pam Evans
Prayers for others:	Helen Bennett
Readings:	Derek Tabor & Helen Nixon
Tea & Coffee:	Anne Skinner & Elaine Watts
Prayers after Service:	Ron Gemmell



It may sound early but Christmas is fast approaching and the church has already had its first Christmas Planning Meeting and we are looking for volunteers again to help ensure our Christmas celebrations go without a hitch. So please consider the following list of jobs and me know if you can help in any way. Thank you. David Searle.

1. A volunteer is needed to arrange five readings and five readers for each Sunday in Advent.
2. A volunteer to decorate the Advent ring.
3. Volunteer group to decorate the foyer tree.
4. A volunteer to decorate foyer notice board for church Christmas cards to be displayed.
5. Help in assembling Christmas trees and nativity scene.
6. For Christingle making a) a volunteer needed to provide cocktail sticks, foil and red ribbon.

b) a volunteer to obtain 150 oranges.



If you have any news or items that you want to let people know about, this is how you do it – just send an email to news@thomasrisley.org – or you can ring Maggie on 07952 246668 **before Thursday afternoon please.**

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