

Hailsham Methodist Church Update

Week beginning Sunday 4th October 2026

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This Sunday, our Morning Service at 10.00am will be led by Christine Sweet. The Sunday Evening Zoom/Telephone Service at 6.00pm will be led by Rev'd Barbara Evans-Routley.

(For Zoom and telephone access details see below)

The following Sunday, 11th October, the Morning Service will be led by Rev'd Roger Leslie. The Evening Service on Zoom will be led by Rev'd Sheila Foreman.

Lectionary Readings, Hymns and Psalms

Here are the lectionary readings for each day of this week, along with a reading from the Psalms and a hymn from Singing the Faith, as listed in this year's Methodist Prayer Handbook. *The Week's Theme: The Eternal Son*

Sun 4 th	Matthew 21:33-46	StF 247	Psalms 80
Mon 5 th	Hebrews 1:1-6	StF 14	Psalms 135:1-7
Tues 6 th	Hebrews 2:5-18	StF 542	Psalms 135:13-21
Wed 7 th	Hebrews 3:1-6	StF 107	Psalms 136:1-9,23-26
Thu 8 th	Hebrews 3:7-14	StF 502	Psalms 138
Fri 9 th	Hebrews 4:1-11	StF 498	Psalms 139
Sat 10 th	Hebrews 4:12-13	StF 482	Psalms 141:1-5

Prayer for Peace:

Almighty God, let there be peace in our hearts and peace in your world. Amen

Thought for the Week: Doing No Wrong

Those who follow God's paths "do no wrong".

This does not mean we never make mistakes. It means sin is not our main habit or direction of our lives.

As righteous people, we actively choose to align our daily actions, choices and lifestyle with God's directions. (*Psalms 119 v3,9*)

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The Week Ahead:

Mon 5th: Toddlers Group meet in Church Hall, 9:30-11:30am
Bible Study on Zoom, 7:00-8:00pm (see below)
Wed 7th: Afternoon Tea & Chat on Zoom, 3:30-4:00pm (see below)
Sat 10th: Welcome Space in main Church Room, 10:00-12:00noon (see below)
'Knit & Chat' within Welcome Space, 10:00-12:00noon (see below)
Memorial Service for Audrey Hunt in Church at 2:30pm (see below)

Bible Study Zoom Group

Our on-line Bible Study group meets on Monday 5th from 7:00-8:00pm.

Led by Rev Barbara, each session looks at some of the Lectionary readings for the following Sunday, so you can join any session, without feeling that you have to sign up for every meeting.

Lectionary Readings (for Sunday 11th) include: Exodus 32:1-14; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14 and related reading Isaiah 25:1-9

Zoom Meeting ID: 413 058 0228, Passcode: barbara (all lower case)

Wednesday Afternoon Tea and Chat

Our social Zoom meetings continue each Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.00pm. There is no formal agenda or planned content but there is the opportunity to see one another and exchange any news we may have. You can access the meeting with the same Zoom ID and Passcode every week:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72398358201?pwd=cEVjZFI5cGR2eUw5MGdsT1BnNnNGUT09>

Meeting ID: 723 98358201, Passcode: 9Yp0Sk

Welcome Space with 'Knit & Chat'

From this Saturday, 10th October, our summer-time monthly 'Coffee & Chat' sessions have transformed into a twice-monthly 'Welcome Space' session. We keep the coffee, the biscuits and the sincere welcome for all; and we add in toast! Pop in with a friend (or come and make some new ones).

And as this is the second Saturday of the month you will also find our 'Knit & Chat' group in the 'Welcome Space' space! They will be knitting, possibly crocheting, certainly chatting. Whatever your level of skill with a needle you will be made welcome.

Memorial Service for Audrey Hunt

There will be a Memorial Service for Audrey in our Church on Saturday 10th October at 2:30pm. This will be followed by refreshments with Audrey's family and friends in our Church Hall. All are welcome.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Anita Killeen is delighted to report that the Coffee Afternoon she held in her garden last week raised a total of £1,224.85 in aid of MacMillan Cancer Charity. Anita passes on her grateful thanks to all those who attended and also to those who contributed so generously to the amount.

Pastoral Visitors Meeting

A reminder to our Pastoral Visitors – there will be a meeting for Visitors in the Church Hall on Tuesday 13th October at 2:00pm. Please let Peter Gilbert know if you will not be able to attend.

Church Council Meeting

And a reminder to us all – there will be a Church Council Meeting in the Church Hall on Thursday 15th October at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend and take part in discussions, but only Members of the Church will be able to vote on any issues that arise at the meeting. The Agenda and Minutes of the last meeting were emailed to Church members earlier this week. Reports from Church Officers will be circulated closer to the date.

Keeping In Touch

If you have any news or up-coming events you want to share via this Update sheet, you can phone John O' on 01323 486961, or email johnoreilly876@btinternet.com

On-line and Telephone Worship Access Details

Sunday Evening Service at 6.00pm

Each week on Zoom:

Meeting ID: 413 058, 0228, Passcode: barbara (all lower case)

Each week by telephone:

Dial any of these numbers and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode (given below) when prompted:

0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240, 0203 901 7895 or 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 413 058 0228, Passcode: 419861