Glenfield Methodist Church

Sunday 11th October 2026

Today's Lectionary Bible readings:

Exodus 32: 1-14; Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4: 1-9, Matthew 22: 1-14

"Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice." (Philippians 4:4)

'Rejoice in the Lord' always means anchoring your joy in the One who doesn't change, even when everything else does. And then he repeats it – 'I will say it again: Rejoice!' – because joy in Christ isn't fragile or shallow. It's a steady, bold gladness that rises from knowing God is near, God is faithful, and God is at work even in the moments that don't feel joyful at all.

Today's services:

10:15am – led by Richard Keen
6:00pm – Taizé service at Markfield Methodist Church

Please note that most of our services are streamed via YouTube.
If you do not want to be on camera, sit nearer to the rear of the church.

Please pray for all those leading worship today, especially Richard, Joy, Andy and Tom. For Greg, following a stay in hospital, and for Indra. For those feeling lonely or anxious, and anyone facing difficult decisions or uncertain times. For our local community, that we may be willing to look out for one another and offer kindness to those in need. For peace in places where there is conflict and suffering, and for all those whose lives have been affected by war and violence.

What's on this week? (11th-17th October 2026)

Sunday: Morning Worship, 10:15am in the Chapel, followed by refreshments.
Sunday: Taizé service, 6:00pm at Markfield Methodist Church, 42 Main Street, LE67 9UU.
Monday-Thursday: Playgroup, 8:30am-3:00pm in the Hall.
Monday: Coffee & Chat, 10:00am-12:00pm in the Lounge.
Tuesday: Girls' Brigade, 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Hall.
Tuesday: Crochet & Stitches, 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Lounge. Bring your crochet, knitting, cross-stitch or other stitch projects and join us for a cuppa and lovely chat. *Siew Hoon and Kathryn*
Wednesday: Bible Study, 2:30pm-3:30pm in the Lounge. Our monthly Bible Study continues as normal with Tom Limb. We will look at Philippians Chapter 3.
Wednesday: Church Council, 7:00pm in the Chapel.
Friday: Toddler Group, 9:30am-11:00am in the Hall and Lounge.
Saturday: Prayer Meeting, 10:00am-11:30am in the Chapel.
Saturday: Ghana Evening, 6:30pm in the Hall.

Twenty years ago, Geoff and Wally visited Akuse in Ghana, at the invitation of Revd Emmanuel Wooley, Irene Arthur's father, who was the minister there. Early next year, Revd Joy Langford will also be visiting Akuse on her sabbatical in Ghana, to see the results of the projects we sponsored there. Next Saturday, 17th October, we will be showing the film of our expedition and hearing from Joy about her visit. Come and join us at 6:30pm for an entertaining evening, which includes snack refreshments Ghanaian style, prepared by Iris Amoah. Please put your name on the form at the back of church if you can come.

Faithful God, thank you for the light that never fails even in seasons of darkness.
You know all that we carry, especially the moments when hope feels thin,
yet you continually meet us with gentleness and love.
Where relationships are strained, bring healing.
Where hearts are weary, breathe strength.
Where joy has faded, spark it back to life.
Help us notice the quiet gifts in each day – the people who stand with us, the love that shapes us, the grace that restores us.
May gratitude rise within us, and may we journey forwards held by your enduring love. Amen.
(Helen Kirk, Chair, Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District)

Our **Charity of the Month** is **Samaritan's Purse**, raising money for their **Operation Christmas Child** Shoebox Appeal. This is a way to bless children in need across the world by sending them shoeboxes filled with toys, gifts, school supplies and toiletries. The project aims to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children around the world. Samaritan's Purse works with the local church worldwide in order to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations. Please refer to this month's newsletter for information on how to make a donation.

Room Bookings 12th-17th October
Monday-Thursday: 8:00am-3:15pm: Playgroup (Hall)
Monday: 9:30am-1:00pm: Coffee & Chat (Lounge)
Tuesday: 5:00pm-7:30pm: Girls' Brigade (Hall); 6:30pm-9:00pm: Crochet & Stitches (Lounge); 7:45pm-9:45pm: Bradley Dance (outside booking; Hall)
Wednesday: 2:30pm-3:30pm: Bible Study (Lounge); 4:00pm-6:00pm: Little Voices (outside booking; Hall); 6:00pm-6:45pm: Little Voices (outside booking; Lounge); 6:30pm-9:30pm: Church Council (Church); 6:30pm-9:30pm: Drama Group (outside booking; Hall and Lounge)
Thursday: 4:00pm-5:30pm: Little Voices (outside booking; Hall); 7:30pm-9:00pm: Tap Dance (outside booking; Hall)
Friday: 9:00am-11:30am: Toddler Group (Hall and Lounge)
Saturday: 9:00am-1:30pm: Dance Group (outside booking; Hall); 10:00am-11:30am: Prayer Meeting (Church); 6:00pm-9:00pm: Ghana Evening (Hall)

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