

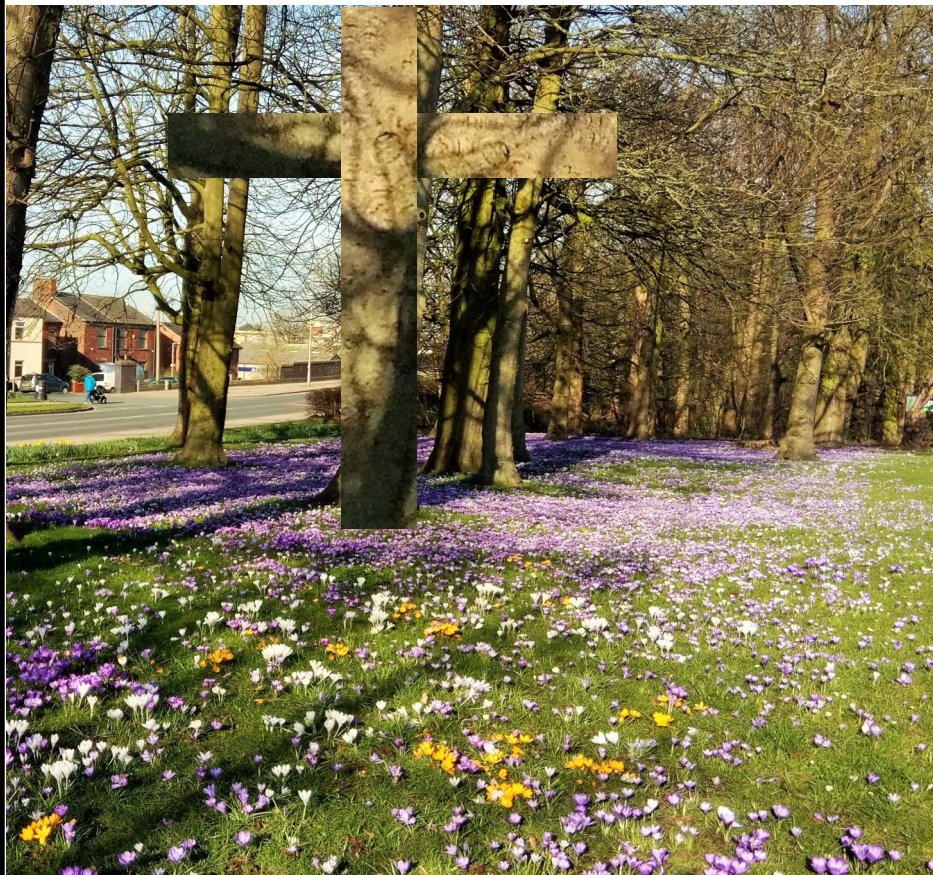


KIRKHAM METHODIST CHURCH



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South Fylde Circuit—Lancashire District



March/April/May 2019

My Dear Friends,

I start this letter with the words of the angel to Zechariah in Zechariah 4:6
“This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel:

‘Not by might nor by power,
but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty - Zechariah 4:6”

Partly because it is a book, I am reading at the moment but also because the words of the angel remind me of my faith. I am also reminded of a story I was told, apparently, A man dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter meets him at the pearly gates, and says to him, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay" the man says, "I attended church every Sunday"

"That's good, says St. Peter, " that's worth two points"

"Two points?" he says. "Well, I gave 10% of all my earnings to the church"

"Well, let's see," answers Peter, "that's worth another 2 points. Did you do anything else?" "Two points? Golly. How about this: I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans."
"Fantastic, that's certainly worth a point, " he says. "hmmm..." the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."

"That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points!"

"THREE POINTS!!" the man cries, "At this rate the only way I get into heaven is by the grace of God!" "Come on in!" Says St Peter .

Everyone has a motivating influence. We may not be conscious of it, but there is a force that drives us on to the realisation of our dreams. We may seek an easy life with all the added luxuries we can acquire; some will be driven by a desire to be successful in business; many will seek happiness at any price.

Our driving force, if it is positive and strong enough, will enable us to achieve our goal. I sometimes wonder if it is worth pausing from time to time to examine what drives us, what motivates us to act the way we do or to do the things we do.

When we have accomplished all, we have set out to do will it really give us the deep satisfaction for which we intuitively crave. Will we experience peace, satisfaction, joy and a sense of fulfilment in having reached our goal?

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Sometimes I wonder when we come to the end of life's journey will we be able to say that we have achieved our goals, or will we be full of regrets at the things we have not been able to do. Sometimes we lose our way or get diverted from our goals because we have allowed ourselves to be motivated by the wrong driving force. We may make our fortune, attain a high degree of respectability in society, but all these can count for very little when we look back along the road we have travelled and face the reality of Eternity.

Personally I believe that the only Power that gives real meaning to life is the Power and Wisdom that is imparted by the Holy Spirit. For me, that is what motivates and drives me. For when the Holy Spirit fills our spirit then our entire life is brought into focus and we are able to perceive and appreciate the values that are precious to God. Our outlook becomes balanced and we see things from the God's perspective because God's Spirit lives in us.

As we go forward striving to archive our goals, we need to ask ourselves what drives us, what motivates us? For only be the grace of God will we achieve the goals God has set for us such that at the end of life's journey we may hear those timely words "Well done good and faithful servant enter into your rest"

Shalom Sylvester



Lancashire Spring District Day

Will be held on
Wednesday 27th March
at Hesketh Bank Methodist Church.

The speaker is Sandra Goodwin
MWiB Connexional President.

Used Postage Stamps

Please continue saving postage stamps for Huntington's Disease (HD) and pass onto Gillian Womersley.

This is a simple but effective fundraising activity.

(Huntington's disease (HD) is a neurodegenerative genetic disorder that affects muscle coordination and leads to cognitive decline and dementia. It typically becomes noticeable in middle age.)



hunting for a cure - with care
Huntington's Disease Association
email: info@hda.org.uk tel: 0151 331 5444



Easter Offering 2019

**Circuit Easter Offering
Dedication Service
Sunday 12th May 6:30pm at
Fairhaven Methodist Church.**

The EASTER OFFERING 2019 dedication service Longer Tables, Lower Fences, features stories of shared hospitality across the world. The worship encourages us to consider how we might build longer tables, rather than higher fences, as we share whatever we have and connect with our neighbours.

Organ Fund

Just a reminder that Alessandra Durham is still collecting for the church organ fund. So any loose change would be very much appreciate.

Easter Services

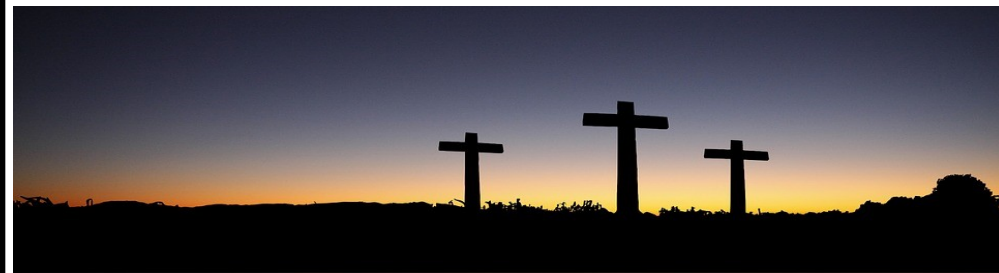
Maundy Thursday—18th April Communion Services will take place at:-
Church Road Methodist or Lytham Methodist at 7:30pm

Good Friday Service—19th April at Kirkham Methodist.
11:00am Led by Rev Sylvester Deigh

Easter Sunday—21st April at Kirkham Methodist
09:00am We share an Easter Breakfast together.

There will be a list in the church porch nearer the date.
Please put your names on the list so that we know how many to cater for.

10:30am Easter Sunday worship led by Rev Malcolm Maymand
This will include the service of Holy Communion.



Family—AMBLE & MUNCH Beach Walk

RSPB Fairhaven Lake to St Annes Pier (and return)
Distance—Approx 4 miles all flat terrain.

After so many enjoyed the walk last year Gillian and I have decided to organise another this May. The plan is to meet at RSPB Discovery Centre, Inner Promenade at Fairhaven Lake at 11am. (maybe have a look round the centre and shop or hire a pair of binoculars whilst waiting for everyone).

Complete the walk along the beach to St Annes pier where we will have refreshments (supplied) and maybe a chance for the children to have a go on the activities around the pier.

Then walk back to Fairhaven Lake where we will share a picnic (supplied) before returning home.

Meet at RSPB Discovery Centre
Inner Promenade, Fairhaven Lake
11:00am Saturday 25th May 2019

Refreshments and Picnic Lunch will be provided.

Booking Required

Contact Ian or Gillian —Tel 01772 684640

There is no charge for this event but any donations will be put towards sending KMC children to 3Generate.



Weekly Activities At Kirkham Methodist Church

Sunday Services

Morning Worship	10:30am
Sunday School and Creche	10:30am

Group Family Meetings

Ladies Monday Group (1st Monday in Month) 7:45pm

Prayer Meeting	
1st Monday of Month	9:30-10:00am
2nd Sunday of Month	9:30-10:00am
3rd Monday of Month	9:30-10:00am
4th Monday of Month	9:30-10:00am

Steps4Fun Children's Dance & Fitness Classes

Zumba Fitness	Monday	5:15-6:15pm
	Monday	6:15-7:00pm

Yoga Tuesday 7:15pm

Nogal Players Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm

Rainbows	Thursday	6:00pm
Brownies	Thursday	6:15pm
Guides	Thursday	7:30pm

Pre School Monday-Friday 9:15am-3:15pm

Dance Group Saturday 9:00am-2pm

Bible Study House Groups (Two Groups)

Group 1	Tuesday	3-4:30pm	Fortnightly
Group 2	Tuesday	7:30-9pm	Fortnightly

The Methodist Church
Kirkham



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Our Calling

Vision statement:

That every person has a relationship with God through Christ.

Mission statement:

To live as a people of **faith**, to share **God's love**, and to be a **voice of hope**.

Missional Goals:

To encourage every person through the missional activities of our church to develop their relationship with God.

To encourage and enable every person to develop their faith through Christian interaction and the study of the bible .

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**Our next Messy Church will be on
on Friday 15th March 2019 5-7pm
and Friday 26th April 2019 5-7pm**

**Families welcome, all children need to be
accompanied by an adult Mums & Dads,**

Grannys & Grandads

Let's make it a family affair.

*Please let us know if you are
coming for catering purposes.*

***Further information will be issued in the Church Weekly
notices nearer the date.***

Contact Tel: 01772 499543

Rule, Britannia!

Whatever the outcome of B--x-t, I'm sure that come the next season of Promenade Concerts at the Albert Hall, there will still be an enthusiastic outpouring of patriotism during the traditional final item of the final concert of the series.

I've had my taste of it already, on 1 January 2019, when my daughter, Rebecca, kindly took me to the Philharmonic Hall in Liverpool for a New Year's Day Prom performed by the Manchester Concert Orchestra - pretty much the size of a full-blown symphony orchestra - with 5 French horns, 4 trumpets, 4 double basses, a line of percussionists, a row of trombones and a tuba. There was also a tinkling celeste, and a harp, for the delicate glissandos of parts of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite.

It's quite a while since Barbara and I were regulars at the monthly Liverpool Phil concerts at Preston's Guild Hall, and it was wonderful to hear and feel again the power of this live performance. The programme comprised some 20-odd shortish pieces - varied in mood, tuneful, memorable, with an ice-cream break at half-time. There were a few vocal items by an elegant soprano and a powerful tenor. Union Jacks were free if you bought a programme and most managed not to wave them until the right moment, guided by the conductor - an unlikely stand-up comedian, but who gave us some smiley moments when introducing items.

I find that of all the art-forms, music, especially orchestral, is the one which reaches emotions most profoundly - into one's very soul, in fact. On this occasion, although I was ready to be moved by a passage from Grieg's "Peer Gynt" Suite, I was taken by surprise by Debussy's quiet, reflective "Clair de Lune".

I readily admit that most pop music seems to have passed me by (although I still have a warm affection for some of the light music and popular songs of childhood days, on the wireless). But there's no difference, really, between the response of the New Year's Day audience and that of another generation to their preferred genre of music, especially when encountered in a huge gathering. One group waves their flags and sings; the other, their arms and screams. It takes all sorts!

Eric Wolstenholme

Flower Mission

Flowers Donated by

3rd Mar Chris Scragg
10th Mar Wendy & Alan Pate
17th Mar Freda & Barry Hall
24th Mar ———
31st Mar Eric Wolstenholme
7th Apr Irene Pugmire
14th Apr McCondichie Family
21st Apr Chris Scragg
28th Apr Jennifer & Ray Jones
5th May ———
12th May ———
19th May Ian & Gillian Womersley
26th May David & Doreen Bird

Flowers Arranged by

Jennifer Jones
Helen Ball
Irene Pugmire
Gillian Womersley
Va Vatanimoto
Tima Tamaiqelo
Dominique Durham
Lesley Nicholl
Karen Wolstenholme
Wendy Pate
Diane McCrae
Jennifer Jones
Helen Ball

Donations received from:-

Vatanimoto Family, Helen & Peter Ball.
Tamaiqelo Family, Miriam Harnett.

Many thanks to everyone for their kind donations and also to the Ladies who arrange the flowers in church week by week.

If you would like to donate or feel as though you could help by arranging the flowers in church then please see Lesley Nicholl.



Serendipity - Happy Chance

I had a few serendipitous moments recently. It came about thus: my daughter, Jo, called to see if there was any shopping to do and as it was a nice day, suggested we might take a walk (on the level these days). Where? Fairhaven Lake, the Wyre Country Park at Stanah, round Preston Dock or Haslam Park? Or what about the path by the creek at Freckleton? Neither of us could remember how long ago it was since we were there - for me it must have been 3 or 4 decades. At that time, I remember, there was a shed processing tubs of food waste from school kitchens for pig-swill and in the middle of a tangle of brambles, the decaying remains of an old car - about a 1930s Morris Minor or the like. It would be interesting to see how it all looked now.

So, off we went to Freckleton, down Preston Old Road and looked for somewhere to park. Easier said than done. Oddly, Bunker Street at the bottom of the village and the Ship Inn car park were quite full. And although this was just an early mid-week afternoon, there were lots of people about, many crowding the terrace overlooking the creek and across the marsh. What was it all about? Bird watchers? Not enough equipment nor the right "uniform" and too many noisy half-term children for that. We went down the short cobbled path and along the rough roadway alongside the deep tidal channel of the Dow Brook and asked a passerby what was the big attraction. He seemed surprised at the question and explained that a fly-past of a group of RAF Tornados was due - four minutes late, in fact, making a final visit over the planes' former bases before being taken out of service.

Almost on time, over they came, three of them, very low, very fast, in very close formation and making the most incredible noise. Then away eastwards and on towards their next airfield, Samlesbury. What a terrifying experience it must have been for the enemy in conflicts where these aircraft were deployed. Suddenly this serendipitous moment was past; silence returned and we continued our walk down the path towards the Naze where the Dow Brook flows into the Ribble.



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It was pretty much as I'd remembered it, with a boatyard, sheds and rickety landing stages. There was also more than a whiff of fibreglass resin and cellulose spray-paint in the air around two big new workshops, and some newish dwelling houses with fine views across the marsh towards Preston. But the general impression was that the area needed a good tidy-up and when we came to a gate with a warning sign about a dog, we decided it was time to turn, go up the bank and take a pleasant footpath back towards the Ship Inn and Bunker Street.

Then came a second moment of happy chance. We met an old acquaintance of mine from Carr Hill governor days, a resident of Freckleton and we had an interesting chat. He mentioned the former activities of what had been a busy little port, earlier than Preston's Victorian commercial dock. Coal was brought from the Wigan area, down the River Douglas which joins the Ribble on the bank opposite Freckleton, then across the Ribble by barge, up the tidal creek for unloading and distribution across the Fylde. My friend told us to look for a house on the corner where Bunker Street joins Preston Old Road. This house, Ivy Cottage, apparently gave lodgings to the captains of ships moored in the dock and a small square window high up of the gable end allowed them to see what was going on in the harbour as they waited their turn to cast off and set sail again.

So, if you go down there, look for this piece of evidence of local history. But it's no use looking for the Tornados - they're long gone into the wide blue yonder!

A few days later, I decided to take the 78 bus to the village and make a sketch of Ivy Cottage. I'd three quarters of an hour to wait for the bus back to Kirkham, but Barnacle Bill's was open, so I bought fish and chips and ate them on a form in a sunny spot in the peace of Holy Trinity churchyard. Magic!

Eric Wolstenholme





Worship



Learning and Caring



Service



Evangelism

How do we respond to God 's Love?
 through our worship?
 through our Learning and Caring?
 through our Service?
 through our evangelism?

Starting

Wednesday 13th March – Wednesday 10th April

Time: 14:00 pm @ Lytham Methodist Church

Time 19:30 pm at the following churches

13 th March	Kirkham
20 th March	Kirkham
27 th March	Fairhaven
3 rd April	Fairhaven
10 th April	Fairhaven

The above is a study that KMC is sharing with Fairhaven Methodist Church over the next five weeks during Lent.

The first two sessions will be held at Kirkham and the following three at Fairhaven.

This is one of the actions we are called to do during the season of Lent. All are welcome to come along and find out more.

LMG

What a lovely season we are in, Spring, it's a time when we welcome lighter evenings and buds in the garden bursting into life, so with those thoughts in mind, we were very pleased at our March meeting to welcome a young man from Lytham.

Greg Anderton, I would say is one of the most enthusiastic and passionate young person about plants and flowers that I have ever come across. He brought a beautiful display of flowers, gave a demonstration on how to plant up a Spring bowl, and spoke about how his love of gardening had been sparked at three years old, by encouragement from his grandparents.

Greg told his story of growing up with this passion for growing and cultivating seeds and plants, and also the business side of being able to raise money, initially for his school, as well as earn money from an early age.

The memorial garden at Lytham High School is one of Greg's projects from when he attended that school, and he still maintains it today.

Having been to university he has remained in Lytham, and has gone on to be involved in garden design and Lytham in bloom. When an opportunity arose to have his own nursery in the grounds of Lytham Hall he was delighted. The Garden Hub is situated near the cafe, and is becoming a thriving business.

Greg ended his talk by recommending gardens to visit in Lancashire, Cheshire and Cornwall, his love of gardens as well as cake was forefront in these particular venues.

It was a lovely evening, so interesting and encouraging, thank you to all who came, it was an open meeting and we had twenty one people there including four men.

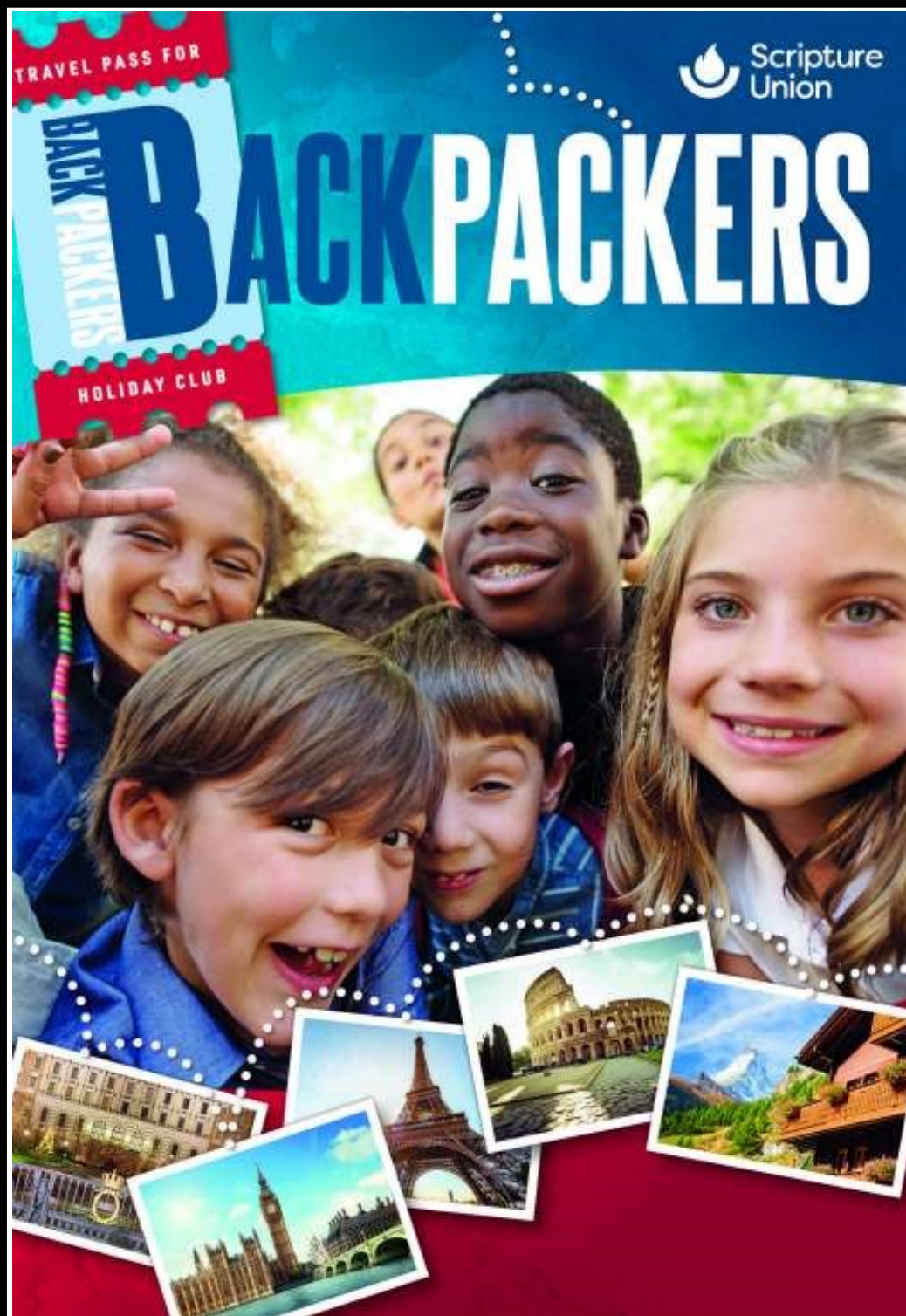
I must also not forget to thank Irene for leading the February meeting, which again I believe was most enjoyable, I still don't know what Zen drawing is, but I do know those who came on a dark February evening really enjoyed it.

Our next meeting is on Monday 1st April our speaker is Alan Banes and his title for the talk is ' Remembering 1963 'Ready Steady Go' should be good!

May13th speaker Deacon Jane Harper the Lancashire District MWiB President who will be speaking about her project Action for Children. All ladies welcome 7.45pm in the coffee lounge.

Jennifer





KMC Holiday Club 2019

Based on Jesus' final week with his friends.
The Backpackers will travel with him to Jerusalem
and explore what his death and resurrection mean to
people everywhere:

Music, Sports, Crafts, Stories.
Refreshments provided.

29th July - 2nd August

Daily from
9am to 12 noon

For children 5-11 years of age.

Pre Registrations Dates to be confirmed:-

Contact Gillian on:-
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For further information