



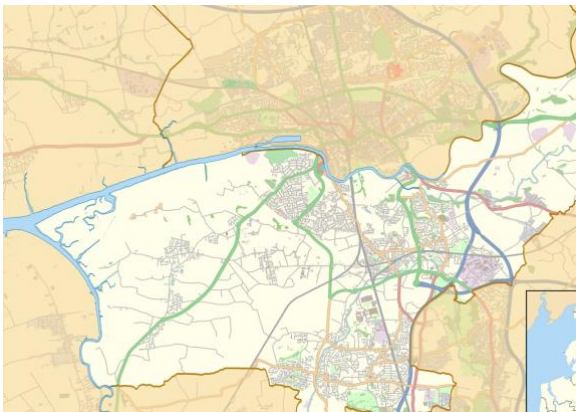
New Day Church – A Summary

Who we are

New Day Church is based at the heart of South Ribble, a borough described in 2017 as the “best place in Britain to live” (based on ten metrics in a Channel 5 documentary).



We are a family church with activities, ministries and services for people of all generations. In a significant period of growth for South Ribble, with many new homes and businesses being developed as part of “City Deal”, we are taking active steps to adapt to the changes and needs all around us whilst remaining true to our historic Christian faith and values.



Biblical

Our beliefs and practices are based on the Bible as God’s written Word, relevant to all. As an evangelical church our core beliefs are encapsulated in our Statement of Faith. Jesus Christ’s divine incarnation, His life, teachings, ministry, miracles, substitutionary death, resurrection and promised return are central aspects of that foundational statement. We are part of the Evangelical Alliance and would describe New Day church as evangelical and charismatic.

Worship

We are made to worship and whatever we worship can be recognised by the time we devote to it. Our worship of God our Father is centred on His Son, Jesus Christ, both in our public services and activities and also in private. We choose to style our worship services in ways that are informal, contemporary and relevant to the cultures of our day and our community.

It is important to us to be real and to connect with people in both the joys and the sorrows of life. Authenticity is key. We share communion together on at least one Sunday each month and on other occasions in large and small groups. We also have a monthly family service on the second Sunday of the month where we all share food together afterwards.

Prayer

Prayer is integral to all we do as a freely given means of communication and relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We encourage all kinds of prayer: praise, intercession, thanksgiving, confession and for healing; spontaneous, written and led; in large meetings and small and in private. We are committed to a culture of prayer at New Day Church.



Mission and Ministry

We believe that the church is called to serve and minister, not just to its own members but to the community beyond and ultimately to the whole world. We share, with all who will listen, the message of wholeness through Christ, forgiveness of sins and spiritual and physical wellbeing in this

life and the next. We want people to know that each new day is an opportunity for a fresh start and a secure future in Christ.



We recognise that Jesus came first to the poor and marginalised and His ministry was largely spent with ordinary people who were particularly responsive to Him. We seek to follow this example but also, as He did, take the Gospel to all people of all backgrounds including those in high positions of leadership and responsibility.



Locally, we run a weekly Foodhub Community Grocery for referred clients. We also run a charity shop, New Day Homes and Hope, in Leyland, which helps fund our international missions' partners. There is a more comprehensive list of our current ministries at the end of this document.

We share, in practical and relevant ways, both Christ's love and His teaching; these go hand in hand and are not mutually exclusive. We pursue new ventures with enthusiasm and faith whilst seeking to be wise so as to ensure that our ongoing support is sustainable over the longer term.



International

Jesus commanded His followers to go to the whole world and this applies as much to us as to the first disciples. Therefore, we value highly our international missions' partners. These are uniquely formed on the basis of genuine mutual relationship. Much of our ministry supports children and young people and those most vulnerable in this world. See the church website for further details.

Welcome and Belonging

We have always been a church of all generations and we welcome people of all backgrounds. We encourage people to join our Thrive groups and other ministry activities as places where they can belong in their journey towards faith in Christ. Belonging to our church family means that people can be involved with integrity in serving God and others in many practical ways as they move through stages of discipleship. We work to make our church "a place where everybody gets to play and where disciples make disciples".

We do not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, age, gender or orientation in who can meet with us for worship and find a place of belonging in our church community.



It is often said that we are all on a journey, and as a church that journey is all about becoming more like Christ, following His teaching and obeying His Word. This journey is for everyone who is willing to make it and it involves a willingness to change and be changed by the Gospel and the Holy Spirit in ways that are unique to each individual. Such changes involve a change of mind and heart, turning away from sin, commitment to Christ and filled with the Spirit, being baptised in water, and seeking to live lives of holiness and good character.



We encourage people to a deeper level of commitment as church members and run membership courses to this end. Currently we have 91 listed members with numerous others who attend on a regular basis but have not yet committed to membership. We also have between 5-10 youth (11+) and 10-15 children (0-11) who attend frequently.

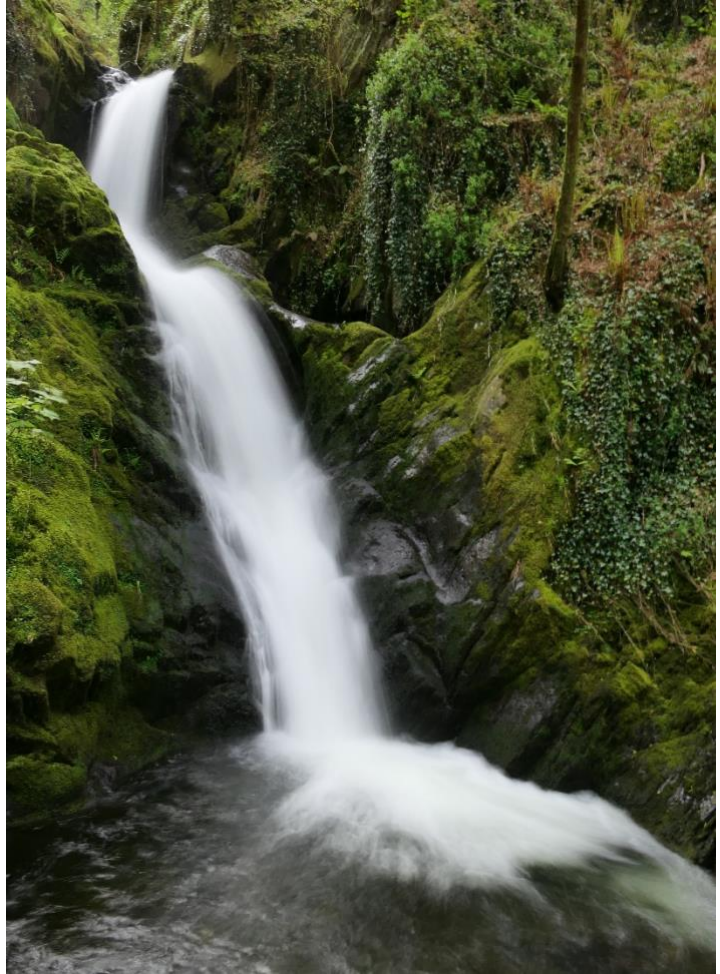


Leadership is open, by invitation, to those who are seen to be making this journey to spiritual maturity, whose vision and calling is being recognised and who are developing the relevant gifts to lead others. Our principal leaders, the Elders and Trustees, are voted for by the church members.

Vision

We believe that the kind of church the Lord would have us build is one like a river.

- When we look at rivers, we see that they impact everything they touch, they bring change, they bring life!
- They shape the land, cutting through the landscape and simultaneously moving with the contours of the landscape always refreshing, renewing, reshaping, redeeming, bringing life.
- Rivers sustain life - settlements and cities are built upon them.
- Rivers serve communities, often visibly but equally often unwittingly - some don't even know they benefit from the river.
- Rivers move forwards but are equally capable of changing direction.
- Either way they are not static, if they were the river would be stagnant.
- The very fact that a river flows, shows it has life - the river is renewed as it moves along.
- Likewise, the church that remains in the river of the Spirit is constantly being renewed in His presence as it moves its course. The river that moves is a healthy river.
- We want to be a church like a river 'whose streams make glad the city of God.' **Psalm 46:4**



Ministries

- Beehive (Friday AM toddler group)
- Surf (5-11s club fortnightly Friday evening)
- Talk & Tucker (youth club fortnightly Friday evening)
- Foodhub (Community Grocery & Café every Wednesday)
- SALT (for older people, monthly Thursday lunch)
- LIGHT (Introduction to Christianity for older people, Wednesday morning)
- The Well Community café and outreach
- New Day Homes and Hope Charity Shop
- We also have a range of Thrive Groups (midweek small groups) meeting regularly for bible study, prayer, worship and community formation.



As many other evangelical churches do, we have adopted the Evangelical Alliance statement of faith.

Statement of Faith

We believe in:

1. The full inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, their authority and sufficiency as not only containing but being in themselves, the word of God; the reliability of the New Testament in its testimony to the character and authorship of the Old Testament and the need of the teaching of the Holy Spirit to a true and spiritual understanding of the whole.
2. The unity of the Godhead and the divine co-equality of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; the sovereignty of God in creation, providence and redemption.
3. The total depravity of human nature in consequence of the Fall, and the necessity for regeneration.
4. The true and proper Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; His virgin birth, His real and perfect manhood; the authority of His teaching, and the infallibility of all His utterances; His work of atonement for sinners of mankind by His substitutionary sufferings and death; His bodily resurrection and His ascension into Heaven; and His present priestly intercession for His people at the right hand of the Father.
5. The justification of the sinner solely by faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
6. The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration, conversion, and sanctification; also, in ministry and in worship.
7. The Universal Church, the body of which Christ is the Head, embracing all the redeemed, called by God through the gospel, born of the Spirit and justified by faith; the local Church comprising such believers as the expression of the Universal Church; and fellowship between such Churches, manifesting the unity of the body of Christ.
8. The ordinances of Believers' Baptism and the Lord's Supper as being instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, but not in baptism as conveying regeneration grace, nor in the Lord's Supper as being a sacrifice for sin nor involving any change in the substance of the bread and wine.
9. The personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ in glory.
10. The resurrection of the body; the judgement of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked.