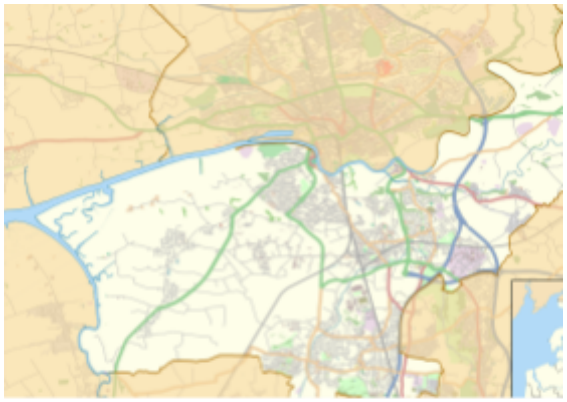
New Day Church – A Summary

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.

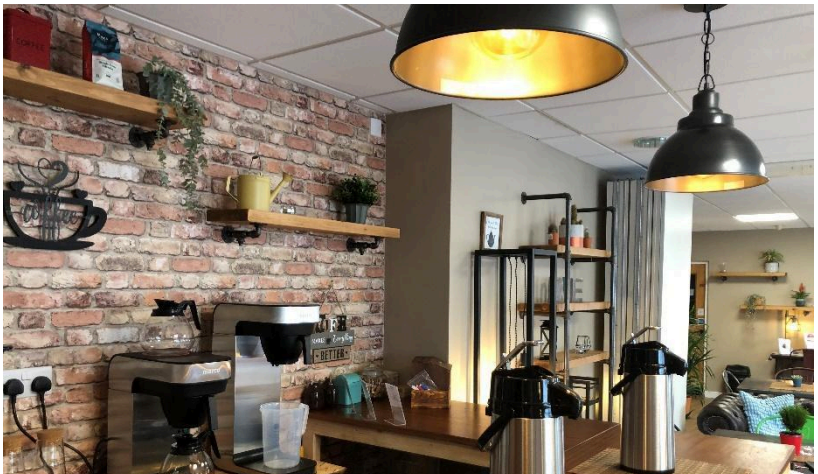
It is important to us to be real and to connect with people in both the joys and the sorrows of life. Authenticity is key. We share communion together on at least one Sunday each month and on other occasions in large and small groups. We also have a monthly family service on the second Sunday of the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

Locally, we run a weekly Foodhub Community Grocery for referred clients. Up until April 2026 we ran a charity shop, New Day Homes and Hope, in Leyland, which assisted our international missions' partners with over £60,000. 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, filled with the Spirit, baptised in water, and seeking to live lives of holiness and good character.

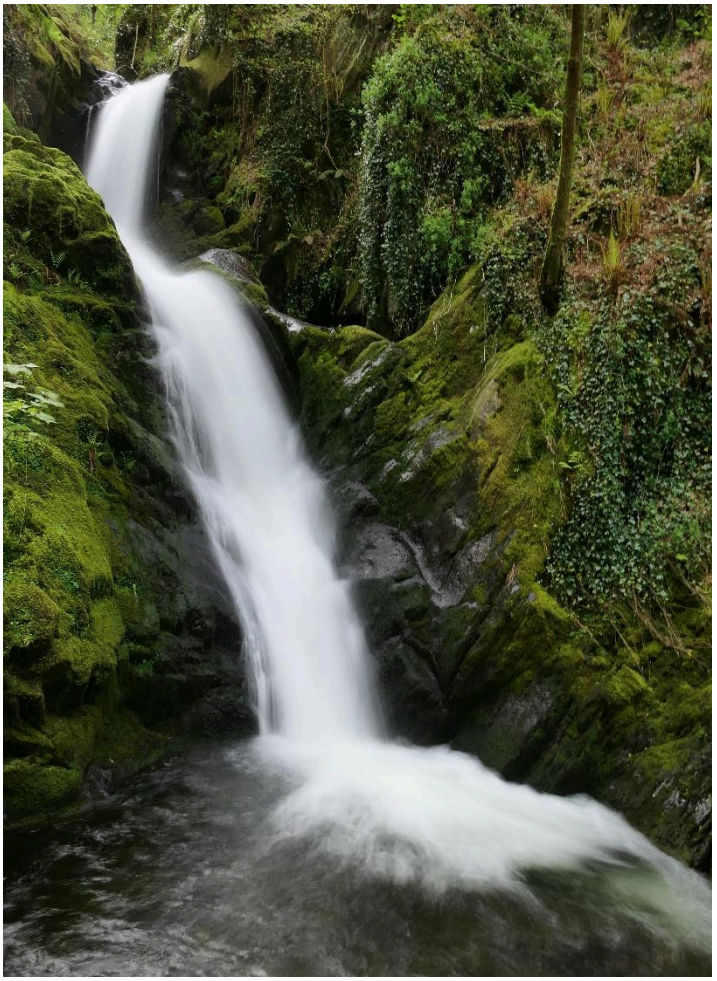
We encourage people to a deeper level of commitment as church members and run membership courses to this end. Currently we have around 80 adult members with many others who attend regularly but have not yet committed to full membership. We also have between 15-20 youth (11+) and 10-15 children (0-11) 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 the river in ***Psalm 46:4***.

- Rivers refresh, renew, redeem, bring change; they bring life!
- Rivers sustain life & serve communities
- Rivers move forwards but are equally capable of changing direction.
- We want to be a church like a river that sends out streams to reach new people and places.



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)
- The Well Community café and outreach
- Repair Café
- ABIDE (Gen Z informal bible/apologetics discussion)
- We also have a range of Thrive Groups (midweek small groups) meeting regularly for bible study, prayer, worship and community formation.

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

Basis of Faith

We believe in:

1. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
3. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written word of God - fully trustworthy for faith and conduct
4. The dignity of all people made male and female made in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
5. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ - born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
6. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross; dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
7. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only saviour of the world.
8. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
9. The ministry of the Holy Spirit who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
10. The church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers - given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
11. The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and a new earth.