

Dates for Diary  
April

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> WMSS 7.45pm

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Table Top Sale 10.00am – 12.30pm

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Fellowship 10.30am Clare Biggs (my role in the church)  
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## Providence Newsletter Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

10.20am Call to Worship

10.30am J Club

10.45am Tina Gittens

Door Steward Doreen & Carol

Last week's Collection £206.60

Donation from Craft & Chat £80.00

This Week

Wednesday WMSS 7.45pm

Saturday Table Top 10.00am – 12.30pm

## Sunday 21st April

10.20am Call to Worship

10.30am J Club

10.45am Martin Filsak

Door Steward Linda

Our next Table Top will be this Saturday April 20th. 10.00am until 12.30pm.

Please come along to support in any way you can. As usual refreshments will be available. Help clearing away would be appreciated.

#### Monday Fellowship

If you are free on a Monday morning at 10.30 why not come and join us in morning Fellowship, or you may have a family member or friend who would also benefit from company and friendship. Our next meeting is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. when Clair Biggs will be our guest speaker.

Best wishes to you all. Judith

I have 2 tickets for Halesowen Choral Society next concert on Saturday 20th April which I can't use. If anyone would like them for a small donation to church funds please let me know. I have added the photo of the poster to my Face book feed as I can't seem to attach it here. There is also one on the notice board in the side chapel.

Regards Pat Cook

***Proverbs 3:5-6*** *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

In the trials and tribulations that test my faith, O God, be my strength and my shield. When challenges arise, and my vision becomes clouded by fear or worry, guide me back to the foundation of my faith in You.

Help me to remember that these trials are opportunities to grow stronger in my trust and dependence on You.

#### Prayers

Please remember all those in need of our prayers.

Also pray for our fellowship here at Providence, our congregation, our leadership and our buildings. That our decisions made will be God's will.

#### Prayer and Reflection

From Pat

#### ESCALATORS

I was at Merry Hill, sitting having a well earned coffee and watching people get off the escalator. I'm thinking how easy it is to get from one level to another via the escalator and vowing to use the stairs more for my health. Beryl always told me that I'd get 'bungalow legs' When I was a youth there was a song in the charts called either 'Stairway to Paradise' or 'Stairway to heaven' so I'm watching and thinking about how we journey through life.

Watching the escalator made me think about life. Some people seemingly start out in life and travel along effortlessly. Others struggle from the minute they are born.

Most of us journey through life as if we're climbing stairs. We all carry baggage. I.e. anxieties, burdens, illnesses, relationship or financial worries, and like climbing stairs, the more we've climbed the more world weary we get.

Is it easier with Jesus by your side? Well, you'll still have all your problems, but you can share them with Him, and that lightens the burden. Sometimes you'll find yourself going faster, others, struggling from day to day.

Another good thing about staircases is that you can, if you find you're on the wrong set of stairs, you can turn round, go down and go up a different set. If you're on an escalator, you can't get off.

I was telling the young folk in Club the other Sunday to be careful who they follow. In today's world of Facebook, Tik tock and all the rest of social media available it's really easy for them to get swept along with all their friends. There are so many temptations out there now, far more than when I was young.

I would encourage all of us, to take the way that Jesus leads us, even if it is sometimes more difficult and more tempting to take the easier option.