

# Dates for your diary



18<sup>th</sup> September – Table Top Sale - 10.00am to 1.00pm  
21<sup>st</sup> September – Second Brunch Club 10.30am until 1.00pm -  
26<sup>th</sup> September – J-Club Day & Harvest

5<sup>th</sup> October – Brunch Club - 10.30am until 1.00pm  
19<sup>th</sup> October – Brunch Club - 10.30am until 1.00pm

2<sup>nd</sup> November – Brunch Club - 10.30am until 1.00pm  
16<sup>th</sup> November – Brunch Club - 10.30am until 1.00pm

7<sup>th</sup> December – Brunch Club - 10.30am until 1.00pm  
21<sup>st</sup> December – Brunch Club - 10.30am until 1.00pm

\* Please let the newsletter team know of any dates you wish to advertise in this section.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION - KEEPING SAFE

As we are now altogether back to full worship, with guidance from Rev. Alan, the responsible committee have drawn up the following safe procedures.

1. We maintain the current entry system
2. We maintain the one-way system
3. Although not mandatory, use masks in the safe seats marked rear pews
4. Masks can be removed when seated in the unmarked safe seats
5. Singing with mask on - restrain volume
6. No physical contact during the service with anyone outside of your existing bubble.

For vulnerable visitors or unsure visitors, the marked rear pews will be 2m spaced.

## CONTACTS

Due to data protection issues should you need to get in touch with our Minister, Stewards, Pastoral Secretary, Pastoral Class Leaders, Church Council Secretary, Church Treasurers, Property Secretary, Property Steward, Prayer Chain Co-Ordinator, Preacher Liaison, Bookings, J-Club Secretary, World Church Secretary, Worship Mission & Steward Support, Committee Chairperson, Worship Group Leader, Worship Leaders, No Strings Attached- Puppet Ministry Co-Ordinator, Monday Fellowship Leaders, Newsletter Editors, Website Co-Ordinators, Audio & Visual Co-Ordinator please go to our web site,

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# Providence News Letter

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Services

	Today	Next Sunday
10.20am:	Songs Led By Chris	Songs Led By Chris
10.30am:	J-Club	J-Club
10.45am:	Martyn Filsak	Josephine Soon Holy Communion
4.00pm:	Community Memorial Service	
Door:	Linda	Wayne

### OFFERTORY

Collection Last Week = £320.00



## COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Later today at 4.00pm we will be holding a community memorial service for all those who have lost loved ones during Covid. The service will be simple and will involve opportunities to have the name of a loved one read out, to light a candle in memory of them.

**Thanks and bless you. Rev. Alan**

## SCREENS

Please read the screens up before the service, they contain the latest info and notices. Also, if you have a short notice to go up please let me know. **David P.**

## POLITE NOTICE

The kitchen has been deep cleaned ready for J club to serve drinks following morning services, the Brunch Club and the Table Top Sales.

It is asked that anything which is not used in the kitchen should be left out of the kitchen.

All cleaning materials are now in the wooden cupboard with all the brooms etc. **Thank you. Pat.**

## THE BRUNCH CLUB

Our first **BRUNCH CLUB** was held last Tuesday and proved to be very successful, with about fifty folk attending. Chris and her hard-working team served drinks, biscuits, cakes, breakfasts, sandwiches and jacket potatoes. The purpose of this venture, which will be held on the first and third Tuesday in each month, from 10.30am until 1.00pm, is to give safe space for people to meet up and chat over a drink and a bite to eat. Rev Josephine Soon is keen to be involved and will often be around for a chat and/or pastoral support. Our next **BRUNCH CLUB** will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, from 10.30am until 1.00pm.

Please try to support this initiative. **Thank you, from Pat and Chris.**

## TABLE TOP SALES

The good news is that from next Saturday (18th September), table top sales will take place again, albeit on a reduced scale. Please continue to support us. **Thanks Jules.**

## MOVEMENT TO MUSIC

After eight lovely enjoyable years of exercise classes, Covid arrived!

Now after much thought, Carole and I feel it's time to step back.

During a phone conversation with Suzy our trainer, I enquired if she might be willing to take on Movement to music, on similar lines as her Salvation Army group. She agreed but only when she felt it was safe to do so and restrictions are fully lifted. Suzy has provisionally reserved a Monday afternoon slot in the Church Hall. She will pay for room hire. **Carol Griffiths.**

## MOVEMENT TO MUSIC. A thank you from Providence.

Over the last eight years the two Carols (Barnard and Griffiths) have made a huge contribution to our church family and the Cradley community as a whole, with their Movement to music ministry. A huge thank you is due to the two Carols for their efforts. Not only has it been a valuable revenue stream for Providence but it has been so important for the members physical and mental health. The contribution of the two Carols to the lives of the members cannot be underestimated during the time they were involved in the organisation and day to day running of this ministry.

**Thank you to you both.**

## A PLEA FROM OUR STEWARD

With Frank leaving, it leaves a gap, I have a need for volunteer(s) for the tech desk to cover for work, holiday or when Puppets are out on tour, we need to have someone to help on the desk. Please think about if you are willing – full training will be given and it will be only occasionally.

**Thank you, David Paxton.**

## SAFEGUARDING

Due to COVID there have been no safe guarding meetings at circuit level.

Currently a large number of volunteers need to update their safeguarding training and to complete their DBS checks as they are out of date. If I have spoken to you, can you please follow up with Rev. Alan Combes as he will be able to assist and verify your application at the same time.

These are things that are required so it is important now that we can meet face to face that we put our “house in order”. **Thank you, Helen Humphries.**

## FOR REFLECTION: - “confidence” from Helen

Last week I challenged us all with the thought of being open. How open are we to God’s plan for our lives.

This week I read a piece that said - “Be so confident about God’s plan that you don’t get upset anymore when things don’t go your way”.

There are so many times aren’t there when we don’t understand why things happen and then later in life we can look back and we often hear ourselves saying “things happen for a reason”.

It’s not always easy when the way ahead is unclear or even scary or disappointing, we sometimes question don’t we why do things happen, I am not for a minute saying that things in our life will always be perfect as we all know from experience that they are not, but we can say that God’s hand will lead us and guide us if we let him and if we listen and the most important thing to remember throughout is that God has our best interests at heart.

To be honest I have probably used these bible verses before so that means I LIKE THEM!

**Jeremiah 29: 11** - For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**Proverbs 3: 5-6** - Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

So, this week acknowledge God with confidence, trust your life to Him and let Him lead you.

## This Week’s Providence Prayer

Dear Lord,

**God who created all things, we praise you.**

**We thank you that you know everything about us and care for us.**

**Help us this week to lean on you and be confident where you lead us.**

**Help us to listen and follow.**

**Amen.**

## Remember in your Prayers

Please pray for all our friends who are not well or who need our support and remember those who aren’t able to join us today including our folk in residential care.

Please pray for our stewards and those who help to maintain our church.

Please pray for the Barnard family.

Please pray for the Southall family particularly Dave and Sally.

Please pray for Barbara, Pat and Judith Chris and Amanda.

Please pray for Len, Elsie, Pat and Kevin, Barbara and Gwen.



