

## Dates for your diary



### January

~~3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Fellowship 10.30am~~ – (Postponed until 28<sup>th</sup> February)

~~4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Brunch 10.30am until 1.00pm~~ - (Postponed until  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February)

10<sup>th</sup> Church Cleaning Fellowship – 10.30am to 12 Noon

~~15<sup>th</sup> Table Top Sales~~ (Postponed until Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February)

### 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.

### PROVIDENCE CONTACTS

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# Providence News Letter

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

## Services

### Today

### Next Sunday

10.20am: Songs led by Chris

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10.30am: J-Club

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10.45am: ~~██████████~~

Martyn Filsak

Door: Pat

Pauline and Derek

### OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Collection - 19<sup>th</sup> December = £260.00

Mince Pies = £12.50

Smarties = £12.50

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!  
2022**

## TABLE TOP SALE

Our table top sales have been postponed until the 19<sup>th</sup> February. **Thanks Chris.**

## MONDAY FELLOWSHIP

Due to the current covid situation the Monday Fellowship has been postponed until 28<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am. **Thank you, Judith Morris BEM**

## TUESDAY BRUNCH

There will be no Tuesday Brunch in January, but will recommence on a first Tuesday of the month and only a once- a-month basis from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. **Thank You Chris.**

## FUNDRAISING

Please don't forget to use 'TheGivingMachine' to generate free donations when shopping online. This has been very successful and will continue to generate funds if you sign up to it. **Thank You David Paxton**

## ACTION FOR CHILDREN – Christmas Day Collection

Due to the lower than usual congregation at our Christmas morning service, the collection for Action for Children will be held over until the 9<sup>th</sup> January, this will allow those not attending on Christmas morning the opportunity to contribute to the overall total. Please use the marked plate in the porch.

## AN INVITATION TO A BIBLE STUDY from Josephine Soon.

Big, complex, old ... just some of the words people use to describe the Bible. Sound familiar?

### The Bible Course

An eight-session course helping you explore the BIG story.

The course provides a birds-eye view of the Bible.

It will increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life.

Over eight interactive sessions, it combines video teaching, group discussion, personal reflection and daily readings.

### Key features

- The Bible Course helps you see how the books of the Bible are part of one big story
- Using a unique storyline, the Bible Course will show you how key events, books and characters fit together
- Video teaching, written guides (larger print available), diagrams and readings to help you grow in confidence as you read the Bible for yourself.

Course start: 21 January 2022, Wesley Methodist Church 1.30pm

Course fees: £12.00

Register: Revd Josephine Soon before 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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**God says, “For I know the plans I have for you” ... Do you know the plans?**

**IF you want to know God's plans for your life, join us to discover together.**

## STAIRLIFT

If you use the stairlift you must wait till it reaches the end and beeps. I have just had the engineers out to it because this was not done - we have had to have new batteries, as it could not charge them. **Thankyou. David Paxton**

## CHURCH CLEANING FELLOWSHIP

We hope you will be able to join us on the 10<sup>th</sup> January for our next cleaning session.

**Thank you, Chris and Pat.**

**Dates for Church Cleaning Fellowship.**

**February 14<sup>th</sup>   March 14<sup>th</sup>   April 11<sup>th</sup>   May 9<sup>th</sup>   June 13<sup>th</sup>   July 11<sup>th</sup>  
August 8<sup>th</sup>   September 12<sup>th</sup>   October 10<sup>th</sup>   November 14<sup>th</sup>   December 12<sup>th</sup>**

## FOR REFLECTION: “Blessed” from Helen.

Did you get everything you asked for this Christmas, did you feel favoured and blessed? This week I would like to share with you something I read and added a little about Mary. We talk about her being favoured or highly blessed.

How did this come over, did she receive what she felt was a blessing?

*She was highly favoured but nearly lost the man she loved*

*She was highly favoured but needed to travel miles whilst heavily pregnant*

*She was highly favoured but shunned by those in Bethlehem*

*She was highly favoured but had to give birth on the dirty floor of a stable*

*She was highly favoured but in the middle of the night she had to flee to a strange town.*

Favour or blessing may not look like it at first. Favour sometimes may involve and take you through frustration, failure and fear. We all want to be favoured by God but it may include being in a deep valley or in dark times.

It is here in the place where no one sees you and you feel like no one understands. Tell yourself “This is only the beginning not the end.” This will turn out for my good and His glory. This is because ..... I’m favoured. (Brent Carr)

Today and every day no-matter what you are going through remember you are blessed because of the birth of Jesus. Remember that if you trust – all things will work for the good of those who love Him. Consider yourself blessed in all things.

## THIS WEEK’S PROVIDENCE PRAYER

### Dear Father God

For all your blessings we praise you

For all your mercies we thank you

For all your love we adore you

Jesus meet with us afresh and bless us.

**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 & those who help to maintain our Church.

Please pray for Marjorie recovering from a minor operation.

Please pray for Lesley, Bob and the Girls.

Please pray for Russ Aston, Patsy and Beryl. Please pray for Pam.

Please pray for Len. Please pray for Dave Walker.

Please pray for Barbara she has unfortunately had another fall.

Please pray for the Barnard and Southall families.



