

Dates for your diary



January

- 10th Church Cleaning Fellowship – 10.30am to 12 Noon
~~15th Table Top Sales (Postponed until Saturday 19th February)~~
~~17th Monday Fellowship 10.30am – (Postponed until 28th February)~~
~~18th Tuesday Brunch 10.30am until 1.00pm - (Postponed until Tuesday 1st February)~~

TABLE TOP SALE

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

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP

Monday Fellowship has been postponed until 28th February at 10.30am. **Thanks Judith.**

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 1st February. **Thank You Chris.**

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

PROVIDENCE CONTACTS

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Providence News Letter

Sunday 9th January 2022

Services

Today

Next Sunday

10.20am:	Songs led by Chris	Songs Led by Chris
10.30am:	J-Club	J-Club
10.45am:	Martyn Filsak	Christine Perry
Door:	Pauline and Derek	Doreen and Carol

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Collection = £365.00

Donations in lieu Christmas cards = £ 75.00

JOHN ANSWERED THEM ALL;
“I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER.
BUT ONE WHO IS MORE POWERFUL THAN I
WILL COME, THE STRAPS OF WHOSE SANDALS
I AM NOT WORTHY TO UNTIE.
HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
AND FIRE.”

LUKE 3:16

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**

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 tomorrow 10th 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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Thank you for all those who turned up last Monday to help clear away the Christmas decorations and sweep and clean up.

Thank you, Chris and Pat.

CHURCH CLEANING FELLOWSHIP

Following the clearing away of the Christmas Decorations last Monday our church was swept and cleaned, so our planned cleaning session tomorrow will not now take place.

We do hope you will be able to join us on the 14th February for our next cleaning session.

Thank you, Chris and Pat.

Dates for Church Cleaning Fellowship.

February 14th March 14th April 11th May 9th June 13th July 11th

August 8th September 12th October 10th November 14th December 12th

STAIRLIFT

When using the stair lift it is important to go to the final stopping point at either the top or the bottom and listen for the beep which indicates that the batteries will be charging for the next user. **Thankyou. David Paxton**

MISSION BOXES

June 2021 - World Mission = £ 60.00, Home Mission = £ 53.66

December 2021 - World Mission = £ 40.00, Home Mission = £ 42.70

Thank you to all those who contributed. **Doreen**

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 today (the 9th 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.

FOR REFLECTION: "Travelling" from Helen.

Where do you want to travel in 2022?

I know a lot of us are hoping to be able to travel on holiday and possibly to warmer climates, whether restrictions allow we will have to see.

As this week has been epiphany, we think about the wise men travelling to see Jesus.

There are many ways to travel nowadays, by car, bus, train, foot, plane or by boat etc.

They are all different but all allow us to get from one place to the next, this reminds me that we all have different goals and different ways of approaching them.

With regards to travelling in your spiritual lives do you have any plans for 2022, do you have any goals. Sometimes we can drift away from where we should be heading, we drift away from God and his path forgetting where we are striving to be. It's very easy to lose sight sometimes and put God and his purpose last. Let's strive in 2022 to travel to be closer to God, to be closer so that we can follow the path that he has laid out for us. The one thing we can rely on is that if we ask God will travel with us.

Psalm 139: verse 8 NIV:

If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

THIS WEEK'S PROVIDENCE PRAYER

Mighty God,

Ruler of the heavens forgive us for turning away from you

Help us to draw closer to you to follow the plan that you have for our lives

Be with us every day in everything we face

And help us to feel your presence.

In your name Jesus

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.



