

set up and so paid whether he went to church or not as the bills still had to be paid! That made Graham remembered his brother telling him he had to pay over £1000 for his golf membership in advance. So it's a pity we haven't got room for a golf course in the car park or all my church financial worries would be over !!!!

MHA I have had an e mail from Sarah the circuit MHA representative to say she has 5 copies of the latest magazine to pass on if anyone would like one. But it is also available on line at mha.org.uk/ publications. So if you would like one posted to you and you are willing for me to give Sarah your address please let me know.

Volunteers Needed Please

- 1) We need a person to welcome people and asking them to sanitise their hands—standing or sitting in the porch.
- 2) Plus we need a person in the church showing people to their seats whilst keeping 2M away.
(Ideally we'd like several people to do these two jobs on a rota in case of holidays, illness etc.)
- 3) If you can get a Vodaphone mobile signal in your house! To take calls from the church mobile booking phone and allocate people seats on a plan you will be given, when we are away.
- 4) To sort a large pile of Sunday School registers into date order. (They have come out of the roof and it would be good if they could be kept in date order in our archive cupboard)
- 5) Combine several different piles of past chapel newsletters into date order and recycle duplicates.

Parish Councillors needed They need more Parish Councillors and I believe this is a way the church can get involved in the community and find out what is needed so if you would like to find out more please contact Nicky Ashton (Details below under "If you need help")

Reminders Don't forget Downton and Alpha India Recycling, All We Can, Trussell Trust, Free Methodist prayer line, knitting hats, spring cleaning, to let me know if you would like worship on a CD or DVD — see previous sheets for details.

If you need help Nicky Ashton Clerk to parish council is coordinator, please contact her on 01725 513245 or e mail- clerk@redlynchparishcouncil.org

If you have an e mail address we don't know about please e mail us so we can e mail you with any updates atanner.gtanner@btinternet.com Phone 01725512648, text 07816542204.

HOPE YOU ALL KEEP WELL AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT A SERVICE WHEN YOU FEEL ABLE TO JOIN US

Woodfalls Methodist Church

1/9/2020



The Churches of Morgans Vale, Woodfalls and Redlynch

Services in September 2020

Sunday 6th Holy Communion inside at St Mary's

Sunday 13th Harvest Service outside St Birinus on the grass (Bring chair, drink and umbrella)

Sunday 20th Holy Communion inside at
WOODFALLS METHODIST

Sunday 27th Praise and Thanksgiving inside St Birinus

The services will follow Government and Church guidelines.

Now we are moving inside please ring the church booking line 07385 673249 to ensure a seat. Please use this number as we are away on two Sundays in September so if you leave a message on our answerphone or send an e mail we might not get it. If you come at the last minute you may find the church is already full. Apart from at St Mary's after 9.20 (As there is no mobile signal) you should be able to check there are free seats until the last minute.

Bible Study Circuit have said we can hold bible study as it comes under same category as worship in buildings after 20th September as long as it is 72 hours away from worship & follows Covid 19 guidelines

Mask Trees We raised £88 at last Mask Tree at front of church in aid of Naomi House & Jack's Place. Because they are now getting quieter, we won't be hosting anymore. If you need a mask they are available at Lover Repair Café, Brambles, almost opposite Redlynch Village Hall from 10-12 on Wednesday and Friday mornings for suggested donation of £2 to Stars Appeal.

Church building Please remember if you enter church building please sign in register in back porch—this is part of new regulations for Covid 19 risk assessment—if someone else has been there less than 72 hours before you please wear gloves (Box in back porch)

The new vestry has been emptied and is ready to be cleaned. This morning I finished sorting stuff out in the hall and started cleaning in the boiler porch and church.

Thank you to those who have put cardboard in their blue bins. If any one books a trip to the council tip and has space in their car there is a lot of tins of dried up paint that need to go asap.

Church Council members and anyone else who would like to look ! Because we can't social distance in the small hall when we next meet, can members please **LOOK** at everything in the small hall which isn't in a cupboard (Except empty cardboard boxes just inside door on right and the green chairs)) **BEFORE THE NEXT CHURCH**

COUNCIL. We are suggesting it is all disposed of and have labelled areas accordingly—sell, books to sell or donate, pile to check with audio specialists, pile to take to tip or we may need a skip ! **BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE AREN'T GETTING RID OF SOMETHING VALUABLE OR SOMETHING THAT WE DIDN'T KNOW WAS USED.**

TO ALLOW 72 HOURS BETWEEN PEOPLE LOOKING AT THE STUFF AND SO PEOPLE DON'T MEET IN THE ROOM ETC CAN YOU PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOU ARE CALLING IN SO WE CAN CONFIRM IT IS OK FOR YOU TO VIEW THE ITEMS.

(We are away 4-6th and 21st-29th)

If you haven't got a church key we can unlock and do something in the rest of the building while you look round. Please do not leave it until November to call in or there won't be enough hours. If there is something you think should be kept please put a post it note on

explaining why it is needed so we can decide where it should be kept e.g. archive cupboard, housekeeping cupboard, worship cupboard etc

WHEN WORSHIP STARTS AGAIN ON 20TH SEPTEMBER

Please let me know if you didn't get a Parish Magazine with what to expect when worshipping inside and I will print you a copy. I think the main changes are :-

- 1) Book before you come
- 2) Wear warm clothes as the doors will be open
- 3) Wear a mask
- 4) Keep 2 M from people.
- 5) Sanitise your hands

A difference just applicable to Woodfalls Methodist is the toilet arrangements !! We are only using the disabled toilet and so that nobody meets in the passageway there is a vacant / engaged sign under the window as you leave the hall please check it before you leave the hall and turn it round to engaged, and then turn it back when you come back into the hall.

Methodist Year of Prayer There is now 15 minutes of prayer and reflection every Tuesday from 12.45-1pm which can be accessed via the Methodist Website or the Methodist Live Facebook page.

Paying the Bills Many thanks to those who pay into church bank account or have given donations so we can continue to paying the bills.

As it is the end of the financial year I have started looking at our figures and unfortunately our collections are down about £60 a week, we have lost about £500 in lettings and the utilities have gone up, so we are probably £1000 down, PLUS we missed out on a planned gift day / exhibition weekend and market stall which might have been another £1000 towards a new roof.

St Mary's and St Birinus use the Anglican Parish Giving scheme (Money paid by direct debit, Gift Aid dealt with and people asked annually if they would like to increase giving with inflation), but we don't have the exact equivalent in the Methodist Church. So while we are worshipping ecumenically, if you want your weekly collection to go to Woodfalls Methodist you either need to set up a standing order or ask us for a set of envelopes—dated or undated, number or unnumbered so that your collection will be kept separate.

I had a conversation with someone recently who said they looked on their church giving like others might look on their monthly gym membership or annual club subscription—he had his direct debit