

of holidays, illness etc.)

Thank you To Laurel and Philip for volunteering to sort the registers and newsletters. The trouble is I haven't had time to deliver them to them yet.

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.

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.

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

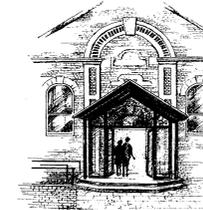
Apologies I am a few days later in sending this out and haven't got around to phoning people recently — We have seen a bungalow we like in Springfield Crescent with an annex for Emma, but of course now we have to sell our house or we can't move. So we have been very busy getting our house and garden ready to go on the housing market. This included removing Emma's furniture and some of our stuff !! Graham started looking into a storage unit but then we decided that there was space at the church not being used, and we could pay the church instead, so I phoned Methodist Insurance and they said it didn't need a church council decision, just approval of the people who make decisions so we discussed it with steward and ex stewards and Church member everyone happy, so I then had to send an e-mail to Methodist Insurance and tell them the value of what we had taken round. So if you see some stacked items in the building it will be our belongings !! The estate agent came and took photos this afternoon and so now I have a few days to catch up with everything else !!!

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

17/9/2020



The Churches of Morgans Vale, Woodfalls and Redlynch

10.00am Services

20th September Holy Communion at METHODIST

27th September St Birinus

4th October Holy Communion at St Mary's

11th October METHODIST

18th October St Birinus

25th October St Mary's

1st November METHODIST

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. 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.

Worship As we still haven't got many Methodists joining us for worship yet—only 3 at each of the last three services we are continuing to join St Mary's and St Birinus each week—now we are moving indoors we are rotating between the three churches, so there will be a service at Methodist church every 3 weeks.

All Souls Service St Birinus Church Sunday 1st November at 3pm

If you would like a particular name included in the Act of Remembrance please contact Nancy Roles on 01725 511522 or write on the list in the front porch.

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.

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)

Quita has cleaned the new vestry and the church. Emma helped me tidy the craft / game store. Jim put the missing ceiling tile back and then Quita and I cleaned the hall. Graham cut a piece of wood to go on the bottom on the boiler porch door and Jim screwed it on for him.

We are hoping to go to the tip next week with the old paint tins. Ben is coming soon to repair the lights which aren't working and to do the PAT testing.

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 which has come out of the roof and some cupboards (Except empty cardboard boxes just inside door on right and anything on a shelving unit) **BEFORE THE NEXT CHURCH**

COUNCIL ON 19TH NOVEMBER AT 10.30AM. I HOPE YOU HAVE THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY. 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.** I am checking with Nick Rutt about some of the audio things as we don't know what they are. **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.

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

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 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 !!!!

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