

If you can't get to a church or us to post your cards please give us a ring BEFORE 16TH DECEMBER and we will collect them from you.

Cards will be stamped delivered in aid of Woodfalls Methodist Church.

**PLEASE ASK FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS TO SUPPORT THIS  
FUND RAISING ACTIVITY AS WE HAVE HAD TO CANCEL ALL  
OUR OTHER FUNDRAISING THIS YEAR.**

**If you are able to help deliver cards after 16th please let us know.**

This year because of COVID 19 we won't be able to meet together to do the sorting and stamping. (Luckily Emma enjoys that job!)

**Shoe box** checking has been postponed until January, so you can still continue knitting hats or change to mittens, gloves or scarves instead. Plus we can take boxes or contributions for them until after Christmas. Please see previous notices for full details of what to put in the boxes.

**Questionnaires** Thank you to everyone who has completed the questionnaires. Even though Church Council has been postponed we would still like them back so we know how people feel about worshipping ecumenically, worship midweek etc.

**Jars of Grace for all We Can** When we open again can you please bring back you jars of Grace for All we can which we were going to collect at Easter. Or you can give them to us when we deliver your next notices or leave them in our porch if you go to the Post Office.

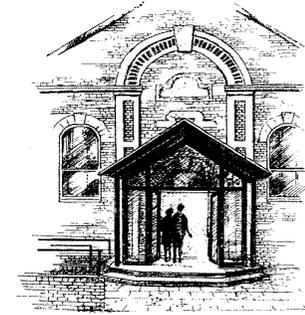
**Reminders** Don't forget Alpha India Recycling, Trussell Trust, Downton Green Group, Free Methodist prayer line, knitting hats, do let me know if you would like worship on a CD or DVD —see previous sheets for details.

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

**Contact us by e mail**—atanner.gtanner @btinternet.com or Phone 01725512648, text 07816542204.

**HOPE YOU ALL KEEP WELL**

## Woodfalls Methodist Church 16-11-20



**Unfortunately due to the government lockdown there  
will be no more worship until after 2nd December.**

**If the government allow us December services are as follows :-**

6th 10.00am St Birinus (Collection will be for Children's Society as no Christingle)

13th 10.00am St Mary's (Collection will be for Clic Sargent which supports children with cancer, as no concert this year)

20th 10.00am Methodist—Christmas readings and Carols led by Rev Philip Luscombe

24th 4pm Zoom Crib Service

11pm Holy Communion at St Birinus

25th 8.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.00am Family Service at St Mary's

27th 10.00am St Birinus

Apart from 20th December all services led by Rev Veronica Batchelor.

## Enclosed

I enclose letters from the President of Conference, Rev Richard Teal and from our Superintendent minister Rev Bryan Coates, both of which are fairly depressing reading. But I think we have to concentrate on the last paragraph of Richard's letter "Therein lies our hope. The God who is with us in the worst of situations, even when the flame of hope seems very weak. Such is our faith and hope in the risen Christ. Not a hope which ignores the shadows of suffering, but a hope strong and secure in the assurance that love is at the heart of all things, that the eternal God is our refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. The best of all is, God is with us."

Hopefully on the 2nd December things that had started opening will be able to start up again. In the meantime please continue to keep in touch by telephone or meet one person in the park or church car park !!

Apart from Eileen who has been in hospital again, but is now home, everyone is keeping as well as expected in these different times. Although a lot of people say their mobility isn't as good as it was before the first lockdown.

**Paying the Bills** This is one thing that worries Bryan in his letter. Many thanks to those who pay into church bank account or have given donations so we can continue to paying the bills. If you haven't done this yet but have been saving up your collection, if you can't drop it through our letter box, please ring us and we will collect.

Like most churches our fund raising and lettings have stopped and our weekly collections are down PLUS we have quite a few essential jobs Graham has started getting quotes for to do for our quinquennial inspection so I can see why Bryan is worried.

Please remember to ask us if you would like envelopes so all your collection goes to Woodfalls Methodist and isn't divide into 3.

## Church building

Between us we cleaned the inside of the churches windows—although it showed us we need to somewhen take the secondary glazing off and clean inside. It was a combined effort. Graham did the top half of the windows, Emma stood on the bottom of the ladder and I cleaned

the bottom half from the steps.

I have nearly finished spring cleaning the kitchen. I forgot to take the oven cleaner and need help moving the fridge out.

I have changed things round a bit, so :-

1)there isn't so much on the worktops—the dishwasher baskets are now in the mobile unit and ground coffee is in the cupboard near the machine.

2)the things which were in the corner cupboard near the car park have been moved elsewhere as the crumb trays in the toasters had gone rusty and the grills had gone mouldy. I think because that is the coldest corner.

3)Tins under handwashing sink were going rusty so have been moved to under the hatch which is drier.

All the cupboards are now labelled so hopefully when we start using the kitchen again you will be able to find things again. By then I'm hoping you will have forgotten where things used to be and so won't be confused!!

I am a couple of days later typing this so I could tell you that this morning Ben has been to the church to get the two back lights working, PAT tested everything (I wrote the labels to save him time) and new lights on the ramp. Because when we can meet again, if we want to use the building in the evening people now have to enter up the ramp.

## **CHRISTMAS POST**

As long as lockdown is lifted we to plan to collect and deliver Christmas post in Woodfalls, Redlynch, Morgans Vale, Lover and Hale for a cost of 30p a card in aid of the Methodist church. As there is no Scout post coming out from Salisbury there will be a lot less to deliver than last year.

There will be a box to post the cards and money in at the service at St Birinus on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December and at St Mary's on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you can't get to either then please post them through the letter box of Rosslyn, Slab Lane, Woodfalls (3<sup>rd</sup> on left)  
**after 2<sup>nd</sup> December and before Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**