

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 & has already taken over our dining room table with piles for all different roads)

Shoe boxes Today we are going to be part of a group of six trying out social distancing checking the boxes. We will then go back after Christmas to finish. 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. Get in touch if you would like to help check after Christmas.

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 Thank you to who ever left their jar in our porch. If everyone else can either bring back your jars when you next come to worship in aid of 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.

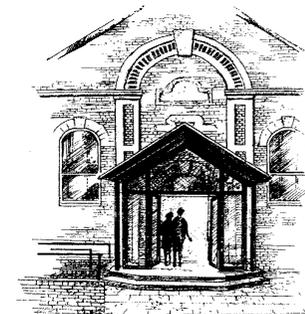
Reminders Don't forget Alpha India Recycling, Trussell Trust, Downton Green Group, Free Methodist prayer line, knitting hats, let me know if you want worship on a CD —see previous sheets for details.

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 15/12/2020



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

24th 4pm Zoom Crib Service Contact Peter Bishop for the link

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 if she is well enough. Please remember Veronica in your prayers as she has a bad back at the moment.

Front of the church If you have been by the church recently I hope you have stopped to look at the Advent calender on the railings and the nativity in the porch. We hope they show the village that the church is still here, even if we can't meet as usual yet.

I was pleased one day when I was changing the A board that a young man walked by and stopped to read the start of the story of the birth of Jesus on the railings board, I said hello and added we will have the whole story there by Christmas. Graham also saw people reading it when he was there another time.

I will try and remember to take a photograph for those of you not going out yet when it is complete.

Bad News When we went to put up the second A board for the Advent Calendar we found that the repair that Lover Repair Café had done, after it got damaged in the wind last year had broken again and Graham didn't think it could be repaired again.

Followed by Good News However the next day we received an email from the Methodist Women in Britain to say they were awarding grants of up to £200 to those churches facing additional unforeseen costs to assist their work and witness during lockdown and going forward. So we found a new board on line which we hope is stronger than the old one and applied for the cost of £140 explaining that at the moment we are having services ecumenically, so only using our building every three weeks and we use it to advertise where the services are and going forward we hope to do some outreach and will use it to advertise those events. I have now heard we have been given the grant, so we ordered the board and it can now be seen outside the church.

Worship 20th December If you plan to come to worship on 20th December please book as soon as possible on 07385673249.

Tablets If any one without internet access changes their mind about borrowing a tablet from the circuit so they can watch services on line please let us know as the circuit say they are still available, for a cost of £5-8 for the SIM.

Eating safely!!!! You will be pleased to know that during the second lockdown I spent half a day doing a Level 2 Food Hygiene and Safety for Catering course and passed, so when we can have meals together again you'll be safe for another three years !!!

Personal News as a lot of you have been asking I'm afraid we haven't managed to sell our house in order to buy one in Springfield with an annex for Emma, so we have taken it off the market and are gradually bringing the stuff we were storing at church back. We now have to decide whether to go for planning permission to convert the garage and build above or try to sell again in the spring when hopeful things might start moving again.

Church building Graham has started taking the photocopier to piec-

es so we will be able to lift it to go into the car to take it to the tip.

Motivation / Targets / Rewards Several of you have mentioned when I have had some door step chats that you find it hard at the moment to get motivated to do anything. This got me to thinking about what I do when I can't feel motivated to do something and I find the following helps:- To write a list of what I want to get done in a day, if that on its own doesn't work, I give myself a reward when I achieve something off the list (Last week it was a piece of left over marzipan!) it might be doing something you really like doing for half an hour. I've heard a talk about "FROGS" - frogs are the jobs you keep putting off, apparently you should do "FROGS" first thing in the morning—that means you get the worst job out of the way and it should make you feel better as you should feel a great sense of achievement and jobs for the rest of the day can only get better!!!

Paying the Bills Many thanks to those who pay into church bank 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 & 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. He now has two quotes for the moss removal and has to chase up the third quote.

Please remember to ask us if you would like envelopes so all your collection goes to Woodfalls Methodist and isn't divide into 3 or go to one of the charities we are collecting for on some weeks. (Please give separately to them) We have boxes of envelopes left from previous years so we don't need to buy any especially for you)

CHRISTMAS POST

We are going to 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.

TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IS THE LAST POSTING DAY.

If you can't get to us to post your cards please give us a ring and we will collect them from you.