

## A Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

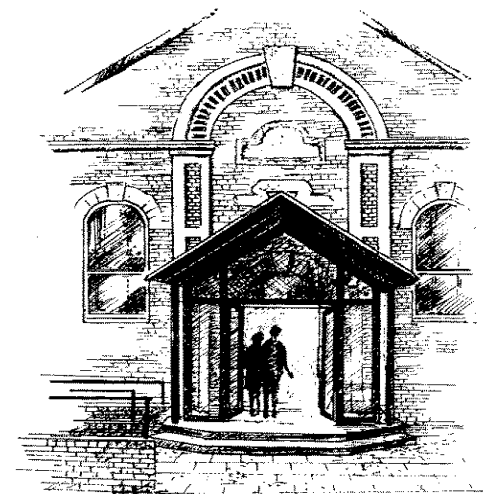
Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In Your name and in that love, I pray. Amen.

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**HOPE YOU ALL KEEP WELL**

## Woodfalls Methodist Church 15-4-2021



### Worship

The PCC's don't meet until 28th April so we aren't sure what is happening yet about worship restarting after 17th May.

**Zoom Church Socials** The next is Saturday 24th April at 7.00pm. As well as a chance to chat there will be a game of Bingo. Please let Anita know if you would like to join us so she will send you a Bingo Card and the zoom link.

**Garden chats** If the weather warms up you might like to think about inviting several of the congregation round for a chat in your garden, as we can now have up to six in our gardens.

**Church building** As I mentioned last time when they took off the roof the found several problems the major one being that the original lead between the church and hall wasn't cut into the brickwork. We have now had another estimate for the extra work of between

£4,000 and £6,600 depending on how long it takes to cut into the brickwork and what they find when they take the lead off between the hall and the back porch. We have contacted Bryan Coates and Ian Hardy who say they don't think we have any alternative but to have the work done and they hope none of you will object. They are recommending to the Circuit Leadership Team that the circuit pays half and we will pay the other half. Bryan says we don't need a full church council but for us to advise you all.

We are still waiting for the part to arrive from abroad to fix the light in the church so the tower scaffolding is still up.

### **GRAND SALE Saturday 3rd July**

To raise some money to replace our reserves we plan to have a sale on the church premises. Quita has come up with the idea that people will enter through the front of the church building and follow a one way system through the church and hall, socially distanced, leaving and paying at the back door. I'm collecting Amazon boxes so we can give them to people to put their purchases in on the way through the building.

**So please keep the date free in your diary** as we will need people to sit through the building to check people keep socially distanced and collect money at the exit. We have accumulated a lot of things that people have been turning out through lock down and the things we have turned out of the church roof and cupboards. Plus we thought we could have a cake stall and sell the cards we make. If anyone else has any ideas for stalls please let me know. We will be grateful for any contributions, plus help during the week before setting out stalls and pricing etc.

**Easter Creation Trail in St Mary's Churchyard** If you haven't already visited the trail don't forget we are collecting it up on Monday 19th. We will also take the Easter Garden away from the front of the Methodist Church as well.

**Reflection Roadmap** If I deliver this to you please find enclosed a copy the Reflection Roadmap which I found out about on line and thought you might find it helpful to use to reflect on the last year and begin to think about what we plan for the future. If I send this to you

on line I will drop a copy through your letter box. After 17th May we can start to meet outside as a church to discuss the way ahead.

### **Prayer for Prince Philip from Methodist Church**

Lord God

We give thanks for the long life of Prince Philip, for all that he has contributed to our nation and beyond, and for his support of our Queen. We pray that he will be at rest trusting in the grace of God.

We remember before you Her Majesty the Queen and her family praying that they will know your comfort and strength in the days to come.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Coins for Lent Giving Calender** If you have been totting up the coins for Lent Giving calender you can either give me the money when I deliver the notices, put it through our letterbox when you visit the post office or make a payment into the bank—please let me know if you do this so I add it to the total we send.

**Paying the Bills** Many thanks to those who pay into church bank or have given donations so we can continue to paying the bills. Please contact us if you need any information about contributing.

**Gift Aid** As the tax year has now ended. If your taxed status has changed and you can now gift aid or if you have been gift aiding and can no longer please let me know as I have forms to complete to claim gift aid back..

**Don't forget** Please remember Shoe boxes, Alpha India Recycling, Trussell Trust, Downton Green Group, let me know if you want worship on a CD, —see previous sheets for details or give me a call.

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