

Hope you can join us. It would be helpful to know you are coming so we know how many chairs to put out, and who to e mail the link to if it rains.

**GRAND SALE Saturday 3rd July 8.30-NOON** We have decided although it clashes with Lover Garage Sale, hopefully if people are out for a bargain they will visit us as another garage before or after Lover !! I think we are bound to get some clashes of dates this year as people are fitting a years events into 6 months !! We need to raise some money to replace our reserves plus get rid of a lot of stuff we have from the roof and have acquired during lockdown **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. Plus we will need some help the week before to set up.

**Church Building Update**. The roof is finally finished. The church is having a Smart Meter fitted for the electricity on 18th May so we will no longer have to go and let the meter man in as it will be set remotely. I'm waiting to hear when they are coming to do the five yearly electrical inspection, then some time in June we have our quinquennial inspection.

**Coins for Lent Giving Calender** I'm sending the money off for the Christian Blind Mission on Friday 14th otherwise they will miss out on the Government doubling the donation.

**Representative to Invitation Committee** Thank you to Ruth for offering to do this job.

**Paying the Bills** Many thanks to those who pay into church bank or have given donations so we can continue to paying the bills. In this new tax year if you now find you can Gift Aid, please contact us as a £10 donation becomes £12.50 at no cost to you, but can make a big difference to the church.

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

**Methodist Free phone lines** Prayer: 0808 281 2514

**Pastoral message** from President & Vice-President: 0808 281 2695

**Methodist Podcast**: 0808 281 2478

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

**HOPE YOU ALL KEEP WELL**

# Woodfalls Methodist Church

## 13-5-2021

### **Worship**

#### **During Stage 2 Before 17th May**

16th May 10.00am Celebratory Open Air "All Together Once Again" at St Birinus (Please bring a chair)

#### **After 17th May Government Stage 3 back to 3 week rotation**

23rd May 10am St Mary's Holy Communion

23rd May **4pm** Woodfalls Methodist All Age Church Family Pentecost Celebration—Inside and Outside—so we can sing !

30th May 10am St Birinus Church Family Praise a service for all

6th June 10am Woodfalls Methodist Holy Communion and MHA Sunday.

Please ring Anita or Graham on 07385673249 to book seats

**Thy Kingdom Come** May 13th - May 23rd 2021, join the global wave of prayer calling Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ. Use the Prayer Journal we've given you.

The Methodist Website has five ways to pray :-

#### **1) Pray throughout the day -**

While some people enjoy a dedicated time of prayer at the same time every day, others may prefer shorter, more frequent prayers.

Set reminders on your phone to pray throughout the day.

Put sticky notes around your home on objects remind you of each person you're praying for.

Put two bowls on your table. Fill one bowl with pebbles and move a pebble to the second bowl every time you pray for someone.

Think of a number of moments across the day where you connect with God – like when your feet touch the ground first thing in the morning or when you go for a walk – and dedicate them to praying for your five people.

Change your phone background to feature the names of the five people you're praying for, or a photo of them.

**2) Take time out in prayerful reflection** The Holy Spirit is already working in people's lives. Rather than asking God for things, you may

wish to simply reflect prayerfully on the people you are praying for and lift them to God in thanks. Trust God to act.

Centre yourself with a simple prayer, such as a single line of Scripture. Say the name of each person you're praying for, leaving space to hear from God, and reflect on what the person means to you. Trust God to act in their lives.

Pick something small that represents each of the people you're praying for. Carry them in your pocket or put them on your desk, and every time you touch/see them, place that person in God's hands.

Recite the names of the people you're praying for each time you wash your hands for 20 seconds.

Create a [daily examen](#) (a simple, prayerful review at the end of your day) and finish each day by thinking about why you're grateful for the people you're praying for.

As you walk down the street, envision God stretching a hand to the people behind each door you pass, and them reaching out to take it.

**3) Tell people you're praying for them** It's encouraging to know someone is praying for you, so why not contact the people on your heart, let them know you're praying for them and ask if there is anything they would like a prayer for? Although the Thy Kingdom Come movement is about people coming to know Jesus, we know God is already working in people's hearts, and cares about everything going on in their lives.

Write (or create) prayer cards to send to people.

Call the people on your mind for a general chat and find out how they're doing. Ask them what they're longing for in their lives right now.

Use your church – a bulletin board, or an empty car park – to let the community know you're praying for them. This could be a simple A4 poster, or something more creative.

Send people you're praying for an encouraging Bible verse, such as John 6:37, 1 Peter 5:7 or Psalm 23:1.

**4) Be artistic and creative** Prayer doesn't have to be about words! Art, jewellery, dance, music – it can all be a form of prayer. Use your artistic gifts to pray differently this year.

Create a simple 'colour-in' sheet and send it to others in the church to use as part of their prayers.

Create a bead or knotted bracelet, with a bead or knot representing each person you're praying for.

Draw/paint something that represents the person you're praying for. Add to it throughout the ten days.

Create a visual display in your church that people can add to throughout the ten days.

**5) Pray together** Praying with others can be a powerful experience. You could pray with others in your church every day during Thy Kingdom Come. Finish by commemorating Aldersgate Day, when John Wesley's heart was "strangely warmed", and pray together that all those you've prayed for will have their hearts warmed by God. Dependent on Covid guidelines, hold a with other churches in your area, to come together to pray. You could go on a socially distanced prayer walk, collect prayer stones for a cairn in the church car park, or use street chalk to write or draw your prayers.

Post your prayers on [the Methodist website's Prayer Wall](#).

Hold a short daily Zoom or Facebook Live intercessory prayer service for people to pray together. Ask people to write (first) names in the chat.

Share your prayers in a confidential WhatsApp group with others in your church.

Pray with a friend via phone or video call each day.

On Aldersgate Day, invite the whole church to remember the people they've been praying for, so that you can pray together for all their hearts to be warmed by the Holy Spirit.

**Monday 17th May** Coffee and Chat in Methodist Church Car Park. 10.00am All welcome. If you like bring a picnic lunch to finish with. We can provide take away drinks. As at last more than six of us can meet up for a socially distanced chat since lockdown. If you can't make 10.00am join us when you can. It would be great to hear what you have all been doing since we all last met together. You are welcome to bring anything good you have read to share or bring anything you have made to show or we would just like to see you in person! If it is wet we will have to postpone until Wednesday 19th. Any doubt about the weather please ring us before you leave home.

**Church Socials** The next is Saturday 22nd May at 5.30pm.—As long as government Stage 3 comes in on May 17th, Starting with a bring your own picnic in the Methodist Church car Park. Take away drinks provided. Followed by Minute Challenge (Choice of very easy mental or physical challenges!) If it rains we will meet on zoom and I will e mail the link out.