

# Woodfalls Methodist Church

## 15-10-2021

the wooden seat which use to be in the back porch because with recycling and the food exchange there is no longer room for it. We have already had two people express an interest in purchasing it, so we thought the fairest way and the way of making the most money would be to accept sealed bids. So if you or anyone you know is interested in giving a donation for it in aid of the church please put Garden seat bid on an envelope and inside please put name, amount and contact details and give it to Anita or Graham by Wednesday 8th December. (That gives us time to put it in the parish magazine)

**Recycling** Next time we go into Salisbury we have another large box to take in of Crisp packets, biscuits and sweet wrappers. We also have our first box of ink cartridges ready to go off to MHA.

**Generous Giving Continuing** Diocese of Salisbury have launched a campaign called “Generous Giving” Although obviously produced for the Church of England principles can be applied to any church.

**Fortnight 2** God’s generosity. We serve a generous God who has blessed creation with abundance, even if it isn’t always equally shared. We reflect on this generosity and the impact it has on our lives.

**Something to try over the next two weeks if you only have 15 minutes.** Read some of the stories on [ilikegiving.com](http://ilikegiving.com) to get inspired by people putting God’s generosity into action. Maybe share with a friend. If you don’t have internet access look in your bookcase to see if you have something you could read to inspire you.

**Something to try if you have a little longer** Keep a note of stories of generosity you notice this week in your own life or in the news. Also look out for situations where generosity is needed. You could keep a journal or scrapbook to capture them. At the end of each week, take time to review them and respond in prayer.

**Something to try with friends and family.** Read the story of the feeding of the five thousand aloud together and discuss your responses. Who do you relate to in the story? What does it teach us about God’s character? What might the story mean for us now ?

**Contact us by e mail**—[atanner.gtanner@btinternet.com](mailto:atanner.gtanner@btinternet.com) or Phone 01725512648, text 07816542204. (We will be away 21st—29th October) **HOPE YOU ALL KEEP WELL & HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON AT AN EVENT**

**If you don’t think you can manage an hour in church why not try calling in for coffee at Creation Station on Monday morning or Café on Thursday morning.**

Saturday	16th Oct	10.30-12.30	St Birinus Parish Giving Presentation	St Birinus
Sunday	17th Oct	10.00am	Prayer and Praise led by Rev Bryan Coates	Methodist Church
Sunday	17th Oct	6.00pm	Service of Accreditation for Local Preacher Kate Newton	Salisbury Methodist Church
Monday	18th Oct	10.00am	Creation Station	Methodist Hall
Wednesday	20th Oct	10.45am	Café Style worship led by Rev Richard Avery. Plus lunch	Methodist Church
Thursday	21st Oct	9-11.30	Café and Food Exchange	Small Hall
Sunday	24th Oct	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary’s
Monday	25th Oct	10.00am	Creation Station	Methodist Hall
Tuesday	26th Oct	2.30pm	Phoenix Group— Speaker Jenny Avery on Open the Book.	Methodist Small Hall
Thursday	28th Oct	9-11.30	Café and Food Exchange	Small Hall
Saturday	30th Oct	5.30pm	Social—meal & Channel Island Cricket	Methodist Hall
Sunday	31st Oct	10.00am	Prayer and Praise	St Birinus
Monday	1st Nov	10.00am	Creation Station	Methodist Hall
Wednesday	3rd Nov	10.45am	Café Style worship led by Rev Bryan Coates. Plus lunch	Methodist Church

### Future Non Weekly Events for your diary

Thursday	11th Nov	10.00am	Fellowship group starts	Methodist Hall
Saturday	13th Nov		Christmas Market	Methodist Hall
Monday	22nd Nov		Last day for shoe boxes	
	3rd-5th Dec		Nativity Festival	Methodist Church
Wednesday	8th Dec	Noon	Last post for Christmas Post	

\*\* See further details overleaf .

For those of you not at church council :- We are very pleased the Rev Bryan Coates is going to be our minister for the next year.

The Church Council agreed with the PCC to change the rules regarding masks etc. Because most of the country no longer have any restrictions because of COVID, we should change our rules as well - Masks are now a personal choice, people will be told to tell the door stewards if they would like more space – at Woodfalls they would be given a “don’t sit here” sign to put next to them, in St Mary’s it was suggested they could put a kneeler next to them. But Door stewards should be aware that many people are still very worried about mixing and if they sense that to suggest people sit apart. But we should all still remember social distancing. Coffee will still be served outside when the weather is good, but if the weather is bad it will be served inside. (We assume those very worried won’t stay).

**Alf** A message from Quita—some of you may not have heard that Alf Roberts died on 27th September he was 93 and died on his birthday. Ruth, his daughter and her husband, met at my home to discuss Alf’s life and funeral arrangements. He wished to have the service at Downton Baptist Church, as that was where he last worshipped for several years. A Methodist hymn will be one of the three sung. The funeral will be The funeral is on Friday 29th October at 11.30am and all are welcome.

**Church in the Woods** We met in Tinney’s Firs Car Park at 4.00pm on Sunday 10th October. Luckily the weather was good. We walked just a short distance into the woods and stood in a circle while Veronica introduced Church in the Woods and read a few verses from Psalms. We closed our eyes and listened to the sounds of the wood. We then had to make a circle from pieces of dead wood to signify us all coming together in the world. We then had about 15 minutes to wander in the woods and think about how God speaks to us through his creation. When people came back together they shared experiences like seeing a leaf with a C eaten out of it, reminding them of Christ, seeing sunlight shining through the trees. We then had to use the wood from the circle we made to start with to make a cross to remind us that Christ died for the world on a cross. After saying the Grace together we all had tea or coffee and cake. We were very pleased to be joined by 3 people who we don’t see inside at services.

**Paying the Bills** Many Many thanks to those who pay into church bank or have given donations so we can continue to paying the bills. Thank you to those who supported the Gift Day we raised £513.

### **Building update**

**The small hall** We failed at our first attempt to set the heaters, Sian when she called at the Café got them to heat up, but we still have to get the timer set properly.

**Main Hall** Jim has repaired the floor board.

**Church** Jim fixed the loose edging on the platform.

**Shoe boxes** We have received leaflets so if you are not get to the church yet to pick one up and would like to support the shoe box appeal please let me know and I can drop one to you. Rich is working on a warehouse for this year’s appeal, he said “no news so far so prayer would be appreciated.” You can help by :-

- 1) Filling a shoe box
- 2) Providing things for boxes—toothpaste & sweets run out fast
- 3) Donate money towards transportation

**Fundraising** Thank you to Celia for helping me on the stall at the table top sale. And to Quita for helping me collect up. Unfortunately we didn’t do very well and only made a profit of £15.95. But it did give us the idea that we could do something similar on our premises in the spring as a fundraising idea. Just before Mothering Sunday and Easter. They didn’t have room for refreshments which we could add.

### **Saturday 13th November Christmas Market.**

Can you please let me know if you can help with the Christmas Market or sign up on the sheet on the fundraising board.

We need help in the following ways please:-

- 1) Setting up stalls Friday
- 2) Making cakes
- 3) Helping with last minute setting up on Saturday morning
- 4) Looking after a stall while we are open between 11-2pm
- 5) Helping in the kitchen
- 6) Contribute to Christmas decoration, book, gift or bric a brac stalls.
- 7) Supply us with some carrier bags—Our supply is dwindling and we don’t get so many now

**Garden Seat** Church Council have given us permission to dispose of