

Woodfalls Methodist Church

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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 3** God’s Thanksgiving. We take time to offer praise and thanksgiving for God’s generosity. We give thanks for all that we have received ourselves and for all of the generosity that has come before which has made our churches what they are today.

Something to try over the next two weeks if you only have 15 minutes. Take time to stop over your morning tea or coffee. Effect on all that you are grateful for in your life and use this moment to give God thanks and praise for the blessings in your life.

Something to try if you have a little longer Think about someone who has been generous to you. It might have been financial generosity, hospitality or generosity with their time or attention. It could be recent or something in the past. Take time to write that person a thank you note, letting them know the impact their generosity had on you.

Something to try with friends and family. Start a gratitude jar, each writing something you are grateful for—big or small—on a slip of paper and putting it in the jar each day. At the end of the week read them all together and share prayers of thanksgiving for all you have received.

A few thoughts from a Methodist Webinar Christian faith should show through what you do. Be bold with your testimony. We need to move from minister and building and take church into the neighbourhood. The Church needs to exist for community and not itself, but it is hard for people to change. I thought how true these thoughts are, especially at the moment as some people are finding it hard to come back to any worship and others are finding it hard to worship at St Birinus or St Mary’s. Hopefully eventually we will all get used to the “new normal” and worship where ever the service is that week, or get used to worshipping on a Wednesday instead of a Sunday.

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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 or come to the Christmas Market.

Sunday	7th Nov	10.00am	Holy Communion led by Rev Margaret Jones	Methodist Church
		3pm	All Souls Service **	St Birinus
Monday	8th Nov	10.00am	Creation Station	Methodist Hall
Mon onwards			Setting up for Christmas Market **	
Thursday	11th Nov	9-11.30	Café and Food Exchange	Small Hall
		10.00am	Fellowship group starts **	Methodist Hall
Saturday	13th Nov	11-2	Christmas Market **	Methodist
Sunday	14th Nov	10.45am	Remembrance Service	St Birinus
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary’s
Monday	15th Nov	10.00am	Creation Station	Methodist Hall
	Onwards		Anita & Graham going in to check shoe boxes if you want a lift	
Wednesday	17th Nov	10.45am	Café Style worship Songs of Praise Plus lunch **	Methodist Church
Thursday	18th Nov	9-11.30	Café and Food Exchange	Small Hall
Saturday	20th Nov	10-2	St Birinus Christmas Bazaar	MV & W Hall
		5.30pm	Social Meal followed by Wogan’s Total Recall	Methodist Hall
Sunday	21st Nov	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary’s
		4.00pm	Christingle Reimagined	Grass at St Birinus
Monday	22nd Nov	10.00am	Creation Station	Methodist Hall
			Last Day for shoe boxes	
Tuesday	23rd Nov	2.30pm	Phoenix	Methodist Hall
	3rd-5th Dec		Nativity Festival	Methodist Church
Wednesday	8th Dec	Noon	Last post for Christmas Post & Last day for garden seat bids	**

** See further details overleaf .

**** All Soul's Service** A short service to remember those who have died. If you would like a name included in the service please contact Nancy Roles on 01725 511522.

****Shoe boxes** Rich's prayers were answered as we are checking boxes this year in St Martin's Church, Salisbury. They start on Monday 8th, but we aren't joining them until after Christmas Market.

You can help by:-

- 1) Filling a shoe box
- 2) Providing things for boxes
- 3) Donate money towards transportation.
- 4) Go in to Salisbury and help check boxes

**** Thursday 11th November** New Fellowship starts with coffee in the Café and then going through to the hall at 10.00am. For 5 weeks we are looking at 5 searching stories. Searching for the story teller—Emmaus, Searching for characters—the Good Samaritan, Searching for relationships—The two sons, Searching questions—The widow and the judge, Searching conversations—Zacchaeus. All are welcome. Future dates will be 25th November, 9th December, other dates to be confirmed.

****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 FROM MONDAY 8TH. (I realised Friday needs to be clear to make cakes !!) - PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU CAN HELP SO WE WILL BE THERE AS WELL.
- 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 decorations, books, gifts or bric a brac stalls.
- 7) Supply us with some carrier bags—Our supply is dwindling and we don't get so many now
- 8) Come along on the day and buy cakes, presents, cards and lunch etc etc.

**** Wednesday 17th November** Songs of Praise—please give your favourite hymns or songs to Anita, Graham or Valerie so we make sure we have words and music.

**** Wednesday 8th December** We are again doing Christmas Post as a fundraising event see Help needed leaflet for full details. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP DELIVER CARDS AFTER 13TH DECEMBER.

**** Garden Seat** Don't forget if you are interested in putting in a bid for it—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)

Members Update Quita would like to thank all the kind friends, who sent her get well messages and made phone calls. Two plastic surgeons removed the carcinoma from her shin. She has bandages from her toes to the knee, and has to wear one of Dave's size 9 hiking boots when she ventures out. Nothing else fits !

Quita had a text from Lisa to say when she is able to drive again she will bring her new baby boy Ernie, born on October 9th to meet us all.

Building update

The small hall We haven't found enough time yet to watch on line video for setting the heating.

Mixing Desk We are pleased that with a little help from Richard Avery we managed to connect back together the mixing desk thanks to Graham's labelling when he took it apart !! And get it working again. So we are very grateful to George Hadfield from Bemerton Methodist for repairing it for us. We now have to get a new clip for a radio mic and get them working.

I think it will be after Christmas now before we have time to tackle any more major jobs, as its Christmas Market, then shoe boxes, then Christmas Post, plus Graham's new shed arrives in pieces tomorrow !!

In the meantime if anyone has time to spare there are some ceilings and panelling in church which need painting, windows which need cleaning and the greenery along the side of the church could do to be trimmed, or there is always dusting !!

Recycling Next time we go into Salisbury we have another large box to take in of Crisp packets, biscuits and sweet wrappers.