

( Obviously just hot water and cooking) to nearly £100. We have bought a CO2 monitor so we can tell if we need to ventilate the rooms to help prevent the spread of COVID.

Whilst we had space in a skip at the front of our house we turned out the Shed in the car park and have got rid of the barbecues and as they had rusted through. We tried to sell the basketball stand on Downton Deals but without success. But a scrap metal lorry came along and took the barbecues. We had space because our barbecue and the metal desk we couldn't give away had already disappeared from the skip !!

Because we no longer have a photocopier at church and do all the printing at home we have taken the paper from the old office (now room 7) home and filled the space with some stuff from old creche (Now room 6) so we have more room to collect items to sell. There was a metal shelving unit that had some paper on it which is no longer needed and is at the moment in the ladies toilets. We don't want to get rid of it if it belongs to someone or if someone donated they might want it back, so please let us know if you know it's history.

If anyone else has time to spare there are some ceilings and paneling in church which need painting, windows which need cleaning or there is always dusting !!

**Recycling** We haven't had time yet to take another large box of Crisp packets, biscuits and sweet wrappers into Salisbury.

**St Birinus Bazaar** Raised £1200 for church funds. I learnt from the way they had their tombola set up we need to make our tombola a lot prettier !! So if you get any shiny bows on your Christmas presents please can you save them for us to use on a future tombola.

**Contact us by e mail**—atanner.gtanner@btinternet.com or Phone 01725512648, text 07816542204. **WHEN TYPING THIS OUR LAND-LINE IS NOT WORKING SO IF YOU WANT TO RING US AND CAN'T GET THROUGH PLEASE RING MY MOBILE. 07816542204**

**HOPE YOU ALL KEEP WELL & HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON AT AN EVENT**

# Woodfalls Methodist Church

## 1-12-2021

	3rd-5th Dec		Nativity Festival **	Methodist Church
Sunday	5th Dec	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Birinus
Monday	6th Dec	10.00am	Creation Station / Coffee	Methodist Hall
Tuesday	7th Dec	10.00am	Stamping post	Methodist Hall
Wednesday	8th Dec	10.00am	Stamping post	Methodist Hall
		NOON	Last post for Christmas Post & Last day seat bids**	
Thursday	9th Dec	9-11.30	Café and Food Exchange	Small Hall
		10.30	Fellowship Group **	Methodist Hall
Saturday	11th Dec	5.30pm	Christmas meal and Social **	Methodist Hall
Sunday	12th Dec	10.00am	Prayer and Praise	St Mary's
Monday	13th Dec	10.00am	Creation Station / Coffee	Methodist Hall
Tuesday	14th Dec	2.30pm	Phoenix Christmas Party	Small Hall
Wednesday	15th Dec	10.45am	Café Style worship with poems & carols **	Methodist Church
Thursday	16th Dec	9-11.30	Café and Food Exchange	Small Hall
Sunday	19th Dec	10.00am	Holy Communion and Carols led by Rev Dr Philip Luscombe	Methodist Church
		4pm	Carols with the Band	St Birinus lawn
Monday	20th Dec	10.00am	Creation Station/Coffee—plus bring & share lunch	Methodist Hall
Friday	24th Dec	4pm	Crib Service	St Birinus lawn
		9pm	Candlelight Communion led by Rev Bryan Coates	Methodist Church
Saturday	25th Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Birinus
		10.00am	Family Service	St Mary's

\*\* See further details overleaf .

**\*\*Café and Food Exchange** Would love to see more people on a Thursday morning, plus it would be good for the people on the rota to get to know some members of the Methodist Church. Why not arrange to meet a friend there for coffee and cake.

**\*\* Fellowship Group 9th December** starts with coffee in the Café and then going through to the hall at 10.30am. Richard Boulton will lead the next session on Searching for relationships—The two sons.

**\*\* Nativity Festival** Please let me know if you can help and please encourage your friends and family to come along. Please ring my mobile.

We are open—Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Open 3.30pm – 8.30pm  
Plus Coffee and Cake etc

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December Open 10 - 7pm  
Plus soup at lunch time & cream teas and cake in the afternoon

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December Open 12 - 7pm  
Plus Ploughman's lunch time & cream teas & cake in afternoon.

**\*\* 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 as we have had some interest from outside Woodfalls Methodist)

**Saturday 11th December 5.30pm Christmas meal followed by party games.** If you don't mind coming early we can arrange transport. To help with catering please let Anita know if you hope to come.

**\*\*Wednesday 15th December** Thank you to those who have already given us poems and readings. If anyone else has any it would be helpful if we could have them beforehand so we can put them in a logic order beforehand—we don't want the shepherds arriving before Jesus is born !! We can copy them and let you have the book or paper back. You can read them yourself during worship or someone else can read for you.

**Shoe Boxes** Many thanks to all those who supported the shoe box appeal. About 7800 boxes were checked and are ready to go, but Rich is waiting to hear if he can take them out. Apparently COVID is worse in South Eastern Europe at the moment and he is afraid the groups where they distribute boxes may be closed by the time he gets there. This year for the first time we did some large family boxes and bags because there are a lot of families they support. Because people aren't shopping like there were we had more gifts of money and items for boxes rather than filled shoe boxes this year. As usual Graham spent a lot of time covering boxes, as some some in uncovered or completely wrapped, instead of the lid wrapped separately so you can check the contents so they have to be unwrapped and then the box rewrapped.

**Building update** We have had the emergency lighting updated and the observant among you may have noticed that the emergency lights above the outside doors now have to glow all the time—regulations obviously don't help save the planet !!

We still await estimates for fitting a sink and units in the small hall.

We have had an estimate of £810 for painting the main hall from the same painter who painted the outside of the church. For the outside of the church he was a lot cheaper than the other quotes and we were happy with his work. **HAVING SPOKEN TO BRYAN WE PROPOSE TO USE HIM UNLESS ANY OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL GET BACK TO US IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WITH ANY PROBLEM WHY WE SHOULDN'T USE HIM.** Because people don't want to have a painter in their house just before Christmas he can fit us in from 20th December otherwise we will have to wait to March or April.

Now the heating is on our gas bill has gone up from £30 month