

another country.

Our churches have worked with the government to help shape the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Over 150,000 people have sought shelter in the UK. Our church members are well represented among the many who have provided accommodation, while many local churches have provided further support. Sadly still more people are being forced out of Ukraine today. Only an end to the conflict can provide the relief that the people of Ukraine so desperately need. Our prayers are for the people of both Ukraine and Russia, for peace and justice, and for an outcome that ensures the future security of all in the region.

Revd Graham Thompson President of Conference of Methodist Church.

A prayer for Ukraine God of peace and love, we turn to you and open our hearts again for the people of Ukraine as we mark the first anniversary of the war. We confess that we only know a little of the past and current suffering as we watch and listen to the news from the comfort of our homes. Yet, we dare to pray for the future and ask that you work among us to bring about a lasting peace for the Ukrainian people. And, as we do, we ask you to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable - even us - as we pray in the Name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Recycling I have read that the Cotswold Outdoor Shop are now recycling Outdoor Clothes, shoes and boots. Damaged or not, but they must be clean.

Don't Forget Puzzle checking

Cards for Sale in back porch,

Please let us have any news to pass on to the rest of the church family (Check person is happy for us to publish)

Jobs on the building—If you are able to do any small jobs whilst you can't work on your garden at home please let us know.

Knitted hats and other bits to go in shoe boxes.

Eileen is always grateful for donations towards flowers.

Save sweet or biscuits tubs for future Cake Sales

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Woodfalls Methodist Church 1st March 2023 ** Further details inside

Wed	1st Mar	10.45am	Café Style Worship led by Rev Dr Philip Luscombe + Lunch	Methodist Hall
Thurs	2nd Mar	10.-12.30	Café	Methodist Small Hall
		10	Talkabout Carol Watson—Robert Louis Stevenson Trail	Methodist Hall
Fri	3rd Mar	2pm	World Day of Prayer **	Methodist Church
Sun	5th Mar	10.00am	Holy Communion led by Rev Anna Bishop	Methodist Church
Mon	6th Mar	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Tues	7th Mar	10.00am	Lent Group **	Methodist Small Hall
Thurs	9th Mar	10.-12.30	Café	Methodist Small Hall
Sat	11th Mar	5.30pm	Social—TEAM Quiz **	Methodist Hall
Sun	12th Mar	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
Mon	13th Mar	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Tues	14th Mar	10.00am	Lent Group **	Methodist Small Hall
Wed	15th Mar	10.45am	Café Style Worship led by Mrs Gwen Leslie + Lunch	Methodist Hall
Thurs	16th Mar	10-12.30	Café	Methodist Small Hall
Sun	19th Mar	10.00am	Morning Worship	St Birinus
Mon	20th Mar	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Tues	21st Mar	10am	Church Council **	Methodist Small Hall
Fri	24th Mar	10am	Lent Group –NB CHANGE OF DAY	Methodist Small Hall
Sun	26th Mar	10am	Holy Communion led by Rev Anna Bishop	Methodist Church
<u>Future Non Weekly events planned</u>				
Tues	28th Mar	2.30pm	Phoenix	Methodist Small Hall
		7.30pm	Fundraising Talk by Anna Hardy	Redlynch Village Hall
Sun	2nd Apr	4pm	Wild Sparks	St Mary's Churchyard
Sat	22nd Apr	8.30-12	Stall at Lover Garage Sale **	

PLEASE PUT DATES OVERLEAF IN YOUR DIARY

****Friday 3rd March 2pm World Day of Prayer** Everyone welcome to join this service prepared this year by Women from Taiwan. Followed by tea and cakes.

**** Tuesday 7th March 10.00am Lent Group** We are using Rev David Bacon's Lent Series "Thy Kingdom Come" where we watch a video he has recorded, followed by some discussion questions.

****Saturday 11th March 5.30pm** Social starting with a meal, then followed by a TEAM Quiz. To help with catering please let Anita know if you hope to come.

****Tuesday 21st March 10.00am Church Council** Everyone is welcome to attend Church Council (Only members of the Methodist Church can vote) This is your chance to have a say about how the church is run etc.

****Saturday 22nd April 8.30-12 Stall at Lover Garage Sale** If you can help for an hour or two or have anything we can sell please let Anita know.

Building Update The kitchen gas water heater is being taken out about 12.30pm on 1st March. Then later that afternoon our builders are popping round to put a few bricks in the hole which will be left when the vent comes out.

Then on Wednesday 8th we will have a new circuit taken from the fuse board in the passageway over the top of the hall ceiling and down into the kitchen and a new electric water heater put in the kitchen. So hopefully after months of waiting we will again have hot water again in the kitchen !! But users must make sure it is switched off when they leave the building.

On 20th March we have Francis Hernandez and Son coming to clear out the gutters the day before Church Council for FREE. (I saw their item on Facebook asking for local charities which would like them to come and attend to their gutters, so I wrote and told them about the church and they got back to me, they have come

and looked at the building and are coming back – they are also helping Whiteparish hall and a school in the area. He explained because the communities give them work, they wanted to give something back, when they are quieter and just ask for a review etc.

Jars of Grace Will be available at the next Wednesday service i.e. 1st March and next Sunday service i.e. 5th March at Woodfalls. Instead of giving something up for Lent at each meal when you say Grace, please put some coins in the jar. This year the contents of everyone's jars will go to the Deanery Charity this year which we think is Christians against Poverty.

Family News We have received a card from Pat and Viv Cobern "To friends at Woodfalls Methodist Chapel. Viv and I would like to thank you for the card and best wishes sent to us. Also for the lovely flowers arranged by Muriel. To Anita with her visits with the newsletter. Thank you all."

Stay and Play Took place on the Thursday in half term. We had 22 children with their parents and grandparents. They enjoyed playing with cars, marble run, dolls house, doctors, animals, shops, cooking etc etc . Plus making things from the craft table.

Social As Saturday 18th February was a few days after Valentines Day we played Valentine Bingo, did a Valentines Scavenger Hunt, Valentines Wordsearch, Scattergories etc. after eating Meatballs in a tomato sauce, new potatoes, carrots and green beans, followed by Tiramisu which Rosemary kindly made.

Statement on Ukraine from the Methodist Website For the past year we have been horrified by the scale of the violence in Ukraine. Russia's invasion failed to depose the legitimately elected government in Ukraine. Tragically, it has been responsible for tens of thousands of deaths of Ukrainians and Russians, both civilians and military. Atrocities have been committed that will leave physical and mental scars on those living in Ukraine's war zones and no doubt on perpetrators as well. Our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones, those whose lives and dreams have been destroyed, families that have been separated and all those who have sought sanctuary in