

account or have given donations so we can continue to paying the bills.

### **Volunteers Needed Please**

- 1) We need a person to welcome people and asking them to sanitise their hands—standing or sitting in the porch.
- 2) Plus we need a person in the church showing people to their seats whilst keeping 2M away.

(Ideally we'd like several people to do these two jobs on a rota in case of holidays, illness etc.)

**Parish Councillors needed** I see in the Parish magazine they have one new parish councillor but they still have a vacancy and I believe this is a way the church can get involved in the community and find out what is needed so if you would like to find out more please contact Nicky Ashton (Details below under "If you need help")

**Reminders** Hopefully you will have seen in the Parish Magazine we are again supporting the shoe box appeal. You can help by doing a complete box, supplying things to go in a box, helping check them. Knitting hats or giving a donation which will help towards postage or buying things they are short of. There are leaflets now available in all three churches.

Don't forget Downton and Alpha India Recycling, All We Can Jars, Trussell Trust, Free Methodist prayer line, knitting hats, do let me know if you would like worship on a CD or DVD —see previous sheets for details.

**Methodist Year of Prayer** There is now 15 minutes of prayer and reflection every Tuesday from 12.45-1pm which can be access via the Methodist Website or the Methodist Live Facebook page.

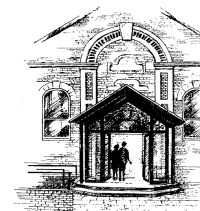
**If you need help** Nicky Ashton Clerk to parish council is coordinator, please contact her on 01725 513245 or e mail- clerk@redlynchparishcouncil.org

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

**HOPE YOU ALL KEEP WELL AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT A SERVICE WHEN YOU FEEL ABLE TO JOIN US**

## Woodfalls Methodist Church

2/10/2020



### **The Churches of Morgans Vale, Woodfalls and Redlynch**

### **10.00am Services**

4th October Holy Communion at St Mary's

11th October Woodfalls Methodist

18th October St Birinus

25th October St Mary's

1st November Woodfalls Methodist

*The services will follow Government and Church guidelines.*

*As we are now inside please ring the church booking line 07385 673249 to ensure a seat. If you come at the last minute you may find the church is already full. Apart from at St Mary's after 9.20 (As there is no mobile signal) you should be able to check there are free seats until the last minute.*

### **BEFORE THE NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL ON 19TH NOVEMBER AT**

**10.30AM.** We would be grateful if people could check that there is nothing in the small hall from the roof etc that should be kept. (Ignore the cardboard boxes inside the door and anything on a shelving rack.) The rest is in sections— the tip, to sell, and books. If you think anything is still needed please put a post it note on it saying what it is used for so we know where it should go e.g. worship cupboard. As we need 72 hours between visits please don't leave it till November to check.

**APCM** – the annual meetings for St.Birinus and St.Mary for y/e 31 Dec 2019 (delayed from April due to pandemic) will take place jointly on Saturday 24th October 3pm . The Methodist one isn't until next year.

### **All Souls Service St Birinus Church Sunday 1st November at 3pm**

If you would like a particular name included in the Act of Remembrance please contact Nancy Roles on 01725 511522 or write on the list in the front porch.

**Harvest Collection** – Thank you for all your generous food donations for the Trussell Trust it really was quite a collection. There were also financial gifts of £47.00 which will also be given to Trussell Trust.

**Private Prayer** – St.Mary's will continue to be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10am to 11am, with the exception of Mondays when they follow a service at St.Mary's ie 5th and 26th October.

**St.Birinus Gift Day and Sale on the Lawn** – The total, including Gift Aid, Tabletop sale and preserves amounted to £1980.

**Churchyard maintenance** – the hedge at St.Birinus has had a make-over! A small team met and have taken out the old wood and some of the brambles, this will enable the shrubs and the hedge roses to grow back.

**Sheila's Preserves** – Sheila has a good stock of preserves so if you would like some please give Sheila a call on 511554

**A message from Alabare** – The Big Sleep at Home is nearly here!

Please join us! World Homeless Day is fast approaching and we are getting excited about our Big Sleep at Home on Friday October 9th! We are encouraging as many of our supporters as possible to sleep out in their gardens, on their kitchen floors or anywhere else they can think of, and raise funds to support Alabaré's work with homeless and vulnerable people. It is a great way to bring people together (at a distance!) and raise money for a wonderful cause. If you are unable to take part yourself perhaps you could sponsor someone else to do it, and pray for us, for our fund-raisers, and for those who will be taking part, to ensure that it is an enjoyable event, which raises much needed sponsorship funds for our work. Please let me know if you would like to take part, either directly or by completing the form on our website. We will then be able to send out more information about what is happening during the evening. Helen - Church Engagement Officer - Alabare. WE ARE HAVING RETIRING COLLECTION FOR ALABARE AFTER THE NEXT TWO SERVICES TO SUPPORT THIS APPEAL.

**QR codes** - in line with guidelines there are now QR codes that can be used with the NHS track and trace app displayed in all three churches. However, in accordance with requirements we will continue to keep track and trace lists.

**Parish Magazine** – the October parish magazine was collated by volunteers using Methodist Church and hall, all socially distanced and in small separate groups in accordance with the risk assessment.

**Worship** It was great to see 35 people worshipping at the Methodist Church on 20th September after 6 months of no worship in the building. We had to use the hall as well, with a microphone in the church connected to a speaker in the hall. Our minister the Rev Paul Rees lead the communion service and Richard Bolton and Rosemary Hawley did the readings. Paul played his guitar and sang the hymns and Valerie played the organ at the beginning and end of the service and during communion. Communion is different at the moment with glasses being spaced out on the trays and wafers being used instead of bread. But please remember to wear warm clothes as those near the doors did find it a little draughty. !!

**Paying the Bills** Many thanks to those who pay into church bank