

now heard Revd Paul Rees suffered a massive heart attack on Friday 4th March 2022 whilst an inpatient at Salisbury District Hospital, & despite clinical staff doing everything they could, Paul was not expected to survive. It was to be a weekend like no other, starting with a message from Paul's wife Emma just after 6am breaking the news & asking me to meet her at the hospital. Paul's style of ministry was rather unique, his passion for the Gospel was second to none, & his faith was absolutely rock solid. He had been through a great deal during last couple of years of his life, & he was human, like rest of us; having times when he struggled, times when he wasn't able to fulfil his ministry as he would have liked, & times when he couldn't understand what on earth God was up to. But last time I visited, I was so pleased to hear that Paul was determined to make a full recovery & to return to ministry, although he realised that it would be a long journey ahead. It was such a huge pleasure to have been able to conduct Paul & Emma's wedding at Shrewton on 8th June 2018, & it was probably during our preparation for this that my wife Sharon & I got to know Paul & Emma really well. Paul loved life, he loved his wife (& his dogs) & above all he loved his Lord. He was also determined, & some might even say stubborn! Which is probably why he continued to fight, defying doctors & their predictions. Paul was surrounded by family & friends in his hospital bed but sadly never regained consciousness, & in addition to prayers & talking together, we also shared in Holy Communion one final time on Saturday evening, where I touched Paul's lips with wine using a sponge. Determined to the very end, Paul died peacefully in early hours of Sunday 6th March. There was a committal service at Charlton Park Crematorium in the morning of Tuesday 5th April, followed by a service of thanksgiving for Paul's life and ministry at 1pm at SMC. Steve Hawkes

**Gift Aid** As I have heard nothing from our Gift Aiders I am assuming no ones tax situation has changed. \_

**Don't Forget** Jobs that need doing on the church premises, Recycling, Knitting hats for shoe boxes. Please let me have any news to pass on to everyone else. Put money for flowers in an envelope with your name and if you wish to remember someone the name/names of those you would like us to remember.

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**(N.B. Next notices will be few days late)**

## Woodfalls Methodist Church 14-4-2022

13-16th	April	10-4	Stations of Cross Prayer Station**	Salisbury Methodist
Thursday	14th April	9-11.30	Café	Small Hall
		7.00pm	Shared meal, readings, reflection & communion	St Birinus
Friday	15th April	10.00am	Walk from St Mary's to WMC **	
		11.00	Service led by Rev Bryan Coates	Methodist Church
Saturday	16th April	7.00pm	Compline	St Mary's
Sunday	17th April	10.00am	Easter Celebration	St Mary's
Monday	18th April		<b>NO</b> Creation Station as Bank Holiday	
Wednes	20th April	10.45am	Café Style Worship of Easter readings and hymns + Lunch **	Methodist Church
Thursday	21st April	9.30-11.30	Café	Small Hall
Sunday	24th April	10.00am	Prayer & Praise	St Birinus
Monday	25th April	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Tuesday	26th April	2.30pm	Phoenix group	Methodist Hall
		7.00pm	PCC	Methodist Hall
Sunday	1st May	10.00am	Holy Communion led by Rev Bryan Coates	Methodist Church
Monday	2nd May		<b>NO</b> Creation Station as Bank Holiday	
Wednes	4th May	10.45am	Café style worship led by Rev Bryan Coates + lunch	Methodist Church
Thursday	5th May	9.30-11.30	Cafe	Small Hall
<b>Future Non Weekly events planned</b>				
Saturday	14th May	5.30pm	Social **	Methodist Hall
Thursday	19th May		Evening with Bishop Andrew	St Laurence
Saturday	21st May		Big Brekkie **	Methodist Hall
Tuesday	12th July		Salisbury Market Stall **	

\*\*See further details overleaf .

PLEASE PUT THE DATES OVERLEAF IN YOUR DIARIES

**\*\*STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRAYER STATIONS Wednesday, Thursday, Good Friday & Saturday morning 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am – 4.00pm (refreshments available) SALISBURY METHODIST, ST EDMUND'S CHURCH STREET. ALL WELCOME**

**\*\* Good Friday** Come rain or shine everyone is welcome to join a walk starting from St Mary's at 10.00am. Or join at various places on route for moments of readings and prayer —Bus shelter at Reeds Corner approx. 10.15, King's Head 10.30, St Birinus at 10.40, 11.00am Woodfalls Methodist for service of Worship at the Cross. Followed by coffee and hot cross buns.

**\*\* Wednesday 20th April 10.45am Easter Readings and Hymns.** Please bring your favourite Easter readings. If you have a favourite hymn please let us know beforehand so we can check we have words. Followed by lunch. I read recently that researchers have found that people eating with others whether family or friends can benefit physical and mental health.

**\*\*Social 14th May** Starting with meal at 5.30pm. Followed by "Outburst" An explosive !! game of lists of ten. Box for donations. To help with catering please let Anita know if you plan to come.

**Saturday 21st May Big Brekkie.** Please let us know if you can help cook, serve or load the dishwasher from 8-11am or for part of the time.

**\*\* Tuesday 12th July** Charity stall booked on Salisbury Market. If you can help for all or some of the time please let me know.

**Easter Offering Envelopes** Were given out on 10th April. If you weren't able to get to service & would like to give please ask for an envelope or put donation in envelope & label it Methodist Easter Offering & let us have it by May 15th. Cheques payable to "Methodist Church World Mission Fund". Easter Offering 2022 theme is "Tell Her Story,

Tell Our Story Each year". Methodist Church holds an Easter Offering dedication service. This tradition dates back to 1883, when women in Manchester collected £32 for missionary work overseas from 'Christmas pennies' at family gatherings on Christmas Day. In March 1884, the London Districts distributed Easter envelopes & collecting bags asking for a penny a head, & collected around £100. In 1900, Women's Work raised £1,655 for work of overseas missions. Since then, each successive Methodist women's movement has encouraged donations in support of God's mission. Recently, Methodist Women in Britain (supported by the Global Relationships team) have produced annual service of dedication, often used widely around Connexion as circuit service. All the money raised goes to World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain for work in our Partner Churches around world. For the last two year's we have not been able to share together at Easter time so it will be good to get together for 2022 Circuit Easter Offering Dedication service to be held at SMC on Sunday 22nd May at 6pm. Worship will feature stories of Biblical women who followed God's call & encourage us to reflect on & learn from their courage, loyalty & leadership. It will include dedication of our Easter Offerings, all of which goes to the World Mission Fund of Methodist Church in Britain, which are running very low due to the two years of lockdown. Liz Chick. Please let Anita know if you would like a lift to the service.

**Roads to God** In April we are praying specially for those who live & work in : **Lodge Drove, Little Woodfalls Drive, Forder's Close, Pine View Close, The Ridge (part), Tinneys Close, Forest Road, Telegraph Hill, The Drove, Princes Hill.** If there is anything or anyone you would like us to pray for, please contact us. [roadstogod1@outlook.com](mailto:roadstogod1@outlook.com)

**Jars of Grace** Please return the jars during the service on 1st May. If you haven't got a jar or haven't been able to collect any change you can send a cheque or paper currency in a jar or in an envelope labelled Jars of Grace. Money is going to All You Can for Ukraine.

**Church Family News** Sylvia Thomas is waiting for an assessment before she can be discharged from hospital.

**From the circuit.** Tribute to a friend and colleague the Revd Paul Rees (22nd August 1970 – 6 th March 2022) As everyone would have