

Family News Quita is recovering well after surgery for removal of multiple gall stone and also her gall bladder. She thanks those friends who supported her over the last few months.

There are a lot of colds, flu and viruses about at the moment so if you aren't 100% at the moment we hope you are well soon.

Recycling A box of empty ink cartridges sent off just before Christmas, raised £27.60 for MHA.

Don't Forget

- Puzzle checking—If you want something to do during the long cold winter evenings you could take a puzzle or two to check that all the pieces are there before we sell them at the next sale.
- Cards for Sale—We haven't sold any over the past few weeks so if they aren't need we will stop making them. Please let us have any comments before we stop—when we first put them in the porch we made a few pounds a week which was extra income for the church.
- church family news—Please let us have any news to pass on to the rest of the church family
- 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.
- knitting hats to go in shoe boxes—please let us know if you would like any wool. Plus please start saving bits for this years boxes.
- money for flowers—Eileen is always grateful for donations towards flowers.
- Save sweet or biscuits tubs for future Cake Sales

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Happy New Year

Woodfalls Methodist Church 4th January 2023 ** Further details inside

Wed	4th Jan	10.45am	Café Style Worship led by Rev Cecil King followed by lunch	Woodfalls Methodist
Thurs	5th Jan	10.-12.30	Café	Methodist Small Hall
Sun	8th Jan	10am	Prayer and Praise	St Birinus
		6pm	Evening Prayer	St Birinus
Mon	9th Jan	10.00-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake Deadline for Medicines for Ukraine **	Methodist Hall
Tues	10th Jan	7.30pm	Village Singers	Methodist Church
Thurs	12th Jan	10.-12.30	Café	Methodist Small Hall
Sat	14th Jan	5.30pm	Social **	Methodist Hall
Sun	15th Jan	10.00am	Christian Covenant Service and Communion -Rev Anna Bishop	Woodfalls Methodist
Mon	16th Jan	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Tues	17th Jan	7pm	PCC	Methodist Hall
Wed	18th Jan	10.45am	Café Style Worship led by Rev Anna Bishop + Lunch	Methodist Hall
Thurs	19th Jan	10-12.30	Café	Methodist Small Hall
		10.30	Fellowship Group	Room 1
Sun	22nd Jan	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
		4pm	Wild Sparks **	St Mary's Churchyard
Mon	23rd Jan	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Tues	24th Jan		Phoenix New Year Meal **	
Thurs	26th Jan	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Sun	29th Jan	10.30am	Team Service for Candlemas	St Laurence

Future Non Weekly events planned

Thurs	16th Feb	10-12.30	Stay and Play	Methodist Hall
Sat	18th Feb	5.30pm	Social on theme of Love as it's in the week of Valentine Day.	Methodist Hall
Tues	21st Mar	10am	Church Council	Methodist Small Hall

PLEASE PUT THE DATES OVERLEAF IN YOUR DIARIES

****Wednesday 4th January 10.45am** Café Style Worship led by Rev Cecil King. **Vintage Adventure** - To start the New Year - new prayer times, new ways of giving/helping, new songs/hymns, and/or thinking about the old and familiar in new ways.

****Tablets and Medicines needed BY 9TH JANUARY** If you have any paracetamol, ibuprofen, throat or nose sprays or mucolytics (Mucolytics are a class of medications that are used to thin mucus in the airways.)you no longer need, even if they are out of date, there is a local collection being made to go out to Ukraine where they are badly needed. Or you could buy some new ones to go. **PLEASE LET ANITA HAVE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS BY MONDAY 9TH JAN**

****Saturday 14th January 5.30pm** Social starting with a meal, then followed by our version of Blankety Blank. To help with catering please let Anita know if you hope to come.

**** Sunday 22nd January 4pm Wild Sparks St Mary's Church yard.** Anna and Veronica will lead this outdoor service on the theme of light. Please wear suitable clothing and bring a torch. If you're unable to wander round the churchyard yourself, please encourage families and friends to go. The craft will be making candles, we will finish with Hot Chocolate and marshmallows round the firepit..

****Tuesday 24th January** Phoenix are going out for a New Year Lunch Time Meal at the Wooden Spoon. If you would like to go please contact Quita. We can help with transport.

If you haven't been to Socials or Phoenix before why now make a New Years Resolution to start going. A chance to make new friends, have a chat and have a meal cooked for you at the socials and drink and biscuits at Phoenix.. Why not invite a friend to come with you. You don't have to belong to a church to come.

Café Style Christmas Worship As we were using the TV and it was in the church, plus we were eating cold party food rather than a cooked meal we met in the church instead of the hall. It was lovely to

welcome some new faces. Thank you to everyone who brought and read poems and readings and thank you to Anna for her seasonal thought and prayers.

Stay and Play Everyone was obviously very busy getting ready for Christmas as we only had 5 children attend, compared with 16 in October. We plan to hold another one in February Half Term, when hopefully we hope people won't be so busy.

Christmas Services It was good to see the crib service and Christmas morning services well supported and back indoors this year. Holding Christmas Eve **Candlelight Communion** an hour later didn't increase numbers. But it was a lovely service.

Four of us from Woodfalls went to the Circuit Service at Bemerton on 1st January. It was good to see the church full with people from Sandleheath, Winterslow, Woodfalls and SMC. The service was led by Rev Mark Cheatham.

Roads to God We continue to pray for all those people who live or work in our local parishes. If there is anything or anyone you would like us to pray for, please contact roadstogod1@outlook.com

Building Update As everything stops for Christmas we haven't got any further with the kitchen water heater or the PAT testing.

When we went to put the candles up ready for Candlelight Communion we found water dripping in through the roof vent in the church—something I have never known before—please let us know if you have known it happen before—we presume the wind was blowing in a different direction to normal. Luckily it wasn't pouring in and we moved the chairs underneath and put the sand trays down to catch the drips.

Room 1 is nearly straight now apart from a few boxes of stuff people have kindly donated to us.

On Wednesday afternoon we have a surveyor from Methodist Insurance coming to meet us and look round the building.

Village Singers Have been in touch and have found a new conductor and they are having a FREE trial meeting on Tuesday 10th January at 7.30pm if anyone would like to join them. The new conductor can't meet on Mondays at the moment. Due to a prior commitment. But eventually would like to change back to Mondays.