

Stay and Play. We had 23 people attend this in half term and plan to hold another on 11th April. (We can't do one on 4th as its Talkabout)

Sunday 3rd March Cream Tea to say good bye to Anna and Jackie

Weddell We had 64 people sit down for a cream tea and cake to say Thank you & Good bye. It was nice to see friends from Salisbury, Bemerton, Martin & Winterslow as well as from the three local churches. Thank you to our team of wonderful ecumenical helpers.

Building Up Date We have had the gas boilers and hob serviced. They have fitted a new Smart Gas meter. Last week we had the new windows and door fitted so hopefully it will make the building slightly warmer. On Monday we had LED's fitted on the rail at the front of the church, a new emergency light fitted over the boiler house door as the cover came off, a new ceiling light in Room 3 so we don't hit it will boxes and the lights down the side of the church fixed.

St Mary's, St Birinus and Woodfalls Methodist Churches At your local churches we continue to pray for those who live or work in the community. During the month of February, we are praying for: **Pine View Close, Tinney's Close, and Quavey Road.** If there is anything or anyone you would like us to pray for, please contact us.. (Sorry URL removed as BT doesn't like it) Also, you can place a written prayer in one of our Roads to God prayer boxes in the porches of St Birinus and St Mary's churches or outside Redlynch Village Hall. Thank you.

Help needed I'm afraid I've only just got around to working my way through a list of non urgent jobs and one of them was to produce a list to go at the front of the church for people to sign up if they are willing to take a turn welcoming people at the door, read on a Wednesday or Sunday or lead prayers of intercession. I have realised we will have more of a problem with the new worship pattern because Emma who sometimes helps out on the door for me to collect Margaret goes to Café Church at St Laurence so won't be around to help out. So if you are willing to do any of these things please sign up or have a chat if you want to know more. Thank you.

Tombola and Raffle prizes If you have any unwanted gifts or say buy something and get something free during the year please remember we are always grateful for things for the tombola and raffle.

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School Book Trail If you are walking around the village next week you should notice that people have things in their windows depicting stories based on animals. The church is again taking part, so we wait to see if you can guess our book title. We have tried it out on a couple of people and they have guessed it right.

New Service Pattern After the success of Café Church last October to encourage families to continue to come to services and for outreach we are trialling a different service pattern for 6 months from the beginning of April. 1st Sunday St Birinus. 2nd Sunday Woodfalls Methodist, 3rd Sunday Café Church in Morgans Vale and Woodfalls Hall, 4th Sunday St Mary's, if there is a 5th Sunday it will either be a team service or something different like a picnic and service. One month it will be communion in a church and the next month it won't. It will be reviewed at the worship planning group in July.

Rev Dr Mark Cheetham's Sabbatical starts after Easter and he returns in July. His plans for what he will do have changed because he had planned to go to Israel.

Gift Aid As we are coming up to the end of the financial year, please let me know if you currently Gift Aid but your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax, or if you have now started paying tax, please consider gift aiding, so the church can get an extra 25% at no cost to you.

Weekly Collections You will see from the accounts produced for Church Council that unless things change the weekly collections will be down by £2000 this financial year, so please consider increasing your giving, paying through the bank, having a weekly envelope or a non dated envelope or organising a fund raising event for the church. See Anita if you would like an envelope.

Book Fair Special thanks to those who helped sort books and helped on day. We were delighted by the generosity of local community in donating books to us, so a big thank you to them too. Then on the day we had a steady stream of people through the building. We will have made £477.62 when we have claimed Gift Aid back on refreshments donations. Today we had 5 boxes collected that we are selling online, so we wait to see what goes into church bank for them.

Dates for your diary

Wed	6th Mar	10.45am	Café Style Worship led by Rev Richard Avery followed by lunch	Methodist Hall
Thurs	7th Mar	10-12	Café	Methodist Small Hall
		10.00am	Talkabout –Dave Cates talks about the Hospital Stars Appeal	Methodist Hall
Fri	8th Mar	9.30-3.30	Drop and Go	Methodist Building
Sat	9th Mar	5.30pm	Social **	Methodist Hall
Sun	10th Mar	10am	Holy Communion	St Birinus
		6pm		St Mary's
Mon	11th Mar	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Tues	12th Mar	9.30am	Church Council	Methodist Small Hall
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Thurs	14th Mar	10-12	Café	Methodist Small Hall
Sun	17th Mar	10am	Morning Worship	St Mary's
Mon	18th Mar	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Wed	20th Mar	10.45am	Café Style Worship lead by Mr Michael King + Lunch	Methodist Hall
		7pm	PCC	Methodist Small Hall
Thurs	21st Mar	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
Sun	24th Mar	10.00am	Holy Communion led by Chairman of the Methodist District Rev Andrew DeVille **	Woodfalls Methodist
Mon	25th Mar	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Tues	26th Mar	2.30pm	Phoenix	Methodist Small Hall
Thurs	28th Mar	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
		7pm	Last Supper meal	Methodist

SEE PARISH MAGAZINE FOR EXTRA SERVICES OVER EASTER PERIOD. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU DON'T RECEIVE THE PARISH MAGAZINE AND WOULD LIKE DETAILS.

Sun	31st Mar	10 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
Mon	1st Apr		NO Creation Station as Bank Holiday	
Wed	3rd Apr	10.45am	Café Style Worship on the Easter theme lead by ourselves + Lunch**	Methodist Hall
Thurs	4th Apr	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
		10am	Talkabout	
Sun	7th Apr	10am	Holy Communion	St Birinus
		4pm	Forest Church	St Mary's Churchyard
Thurs	11th Apr	10-12	Stay and Play	Methodist Hall
Sat	13th Apr	5.30pm	Social	Methodist Hall
Sun	14th Apr	10.00am	Morning Worship	Woodfalls Methodist

Future Anniversary Year events planned please put these special dates in your diary

Sat/ Sun	11th/12th May	Flower Festival & Village Singers Concert	Methodist Church
	7th-9th June 2024	Anniversary Weekend	Methodist Building
	27th-29th September	Puzzle Festival	Methodist Building
	Sat 9th November	Christmas Market	Methodist Building
	6th –8th December	Nativity Festival	Methodist Building

Saturday 9th March Social Meal followed by “House of Games”. To help with catering please let Anita know if you hope to come.

Sunday 24th March Chairman of the District's Visit. As Anna has especially arranged for the Rev Andrew DeVille to come during our 150th Anniversary year it would be nice if we could have a full church!

Wednesday 3rd April It was decided a while ago by the Wednesday congregation that to celebrate Easter on 20th March was too early and instead we would have an Easter theme on 3rd April. So if you have any Easter poems or readings or have a favourite Easter hymn, please give them to Anita by Monday 25th March. (She is away over Easter so needs to sort things before she goes)