

Malcolm to the three churches first.


**\*\* Social 14th September** Starting with a meal at 5.30pm, followed by Our version of "The Best of TV and Movies" Game.

**\*\* Puzzle Festival** We hope this will raise a little money as well as be a Community Event. If you have been into Room 1 you will see we have a lot of puzzles for both adults and children to sell. Please encourage family, friends and neighbours to come. Even if people don't like making jigsaw puzzles they can look at some made up with interesting subjects to discuss, reminisce and ponder over, buy new puzzles for friends presents plus have light refreshments.

If you can help set up (Time to suit you) or help steward, sell or serve refreshments over the weekend please let Anita know.

**Dear Sisters and brothers in Christ,**

As the new Methodist year begins there is a change to ministerial staffing that I wish to share with you. Following stationing conversations with Rev Steve Hawkes it has been agreed that Steve will leave his Circuit appointment in August 2025. This is to follow an opportunity to take up full time hospital chaplaincy. As part of the conversation Rev Steve asked to be released from some of his Circuit responsibility from Sept 1<sup>st</sup> this year (2024). This has been agreed and Rev Steve will drop to 50% time in the Circuit, retaining oversight of Bemerton and Bourne Valley. For this connexional year (2024/25) Rev Denise Binks will hold pastoral responsibility for Shrewton with Jacqui Saunders continuing to work there as pastoral assistant. I will look after Amesbury with some assistance from Jacqui. Each of the four churches are involved in the stationing process as we look to bring appropriate and stable ministry to the different communities. And finally, a reminder, there is a Circuit Service at Bell Street, Shaftesbury on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at 16.00 to celebrate the change of Circuit boundaries which sees us become a larger Methodist family now including Bell Street, Motcombe and Tisbury. Hopefully you'll be able to come along for this special moment in time.

Best wishes, 

**Contact us by e mail**—atanner.gtanner@btinternet.com/Phone 01725512648, text 07816542204 Anita and Graham.

**St Mary's, St Birinus and Woodfalls Methodist Churches** At our local churches we continue to pray for those who live or work in the community, in **Orchard Road, Downton Hill, Bohemia and Loosehanger**. If there is anything or anyone you would like us to pray for, please contact us. [roadstogod@outlook.com](mailto:roadstogod@outlook.com) Also, you can place a written prayer in the Roads to God prayer boxes in the porches of Woodfalls Methodist, St Birinus and St Mary's churches or outside Redlynch Village Hall. Thank you.

**Building Up Date** The eagle eyed might have noticed we have fitted a key safe on the small hall. We thought at one stage that both ourselves and Valerie were going to be away at the same time, when we had an outside booking and so thought it the easiest option.

Our boiler engineer has been and flushed through the pipes to try and get the radiators in room 1 to work. She found the pump wasn't working, although she got it working, we will probably need to replace it in the future.

Ed has been back and fitted a new part in the ladies toilets and the horrible noise when the toilet cistern fills up has now stopped!

**WE ARE HOPING SOME OF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO COME ALONG TO JOBS DAY ON 14TH SEPTEMBER TO HELP GET A FEW OF THE OTHER JOBS DONE.**

**Ring Found** When cleaning behind the radiator in front of the kitchen hatch in the main hall whilst the covers were off for the flushing we found a ring, it has a band of green stones across the centre. Please let us know if you have lost a ring, It could have been there for a long time.

**Stay and Play** Has varied over the last five weeks from three to ten families. Those who came appreciated having some where FREE they could meet up with friends and their children.

**New Worship pattern** Don't forget to give Graham any feedback or ideas about service pattern by 8th October.

**Eco Church** We have bought recycled toilet rolls and Eco toilet cleaner to start when our current ones run out. The fairtrade chocolate bars we have found so far are much more expensive than our current ones so we need to do some more research.

**Landford Craft Fair** We raised £22 selling some cards and other craft bits and pieces.

## Dates for your diary

Wed	4th Sept	10.45am	Café Style Worship led by Mrs Sue Holmes + Lunch	Woodfalls Methodist Church
Thurs	5th Sept	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
		10	Talkabout **	Methodist Hall
Sun	8th Sept	10.00am	Holy Communion led by Rev Bryan Coates **	Woodfalls Methodist Church
		4pm	Forest Church	St Mary's Churchyard
		4pm	Methodist Circuit service	Shaftesbury Methodist
Mon	9th Sept	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
		7.30pm	Village Singers start back **	Methodist Church
Tues	10th Sept	7pm	PCC	Small Hall
Wed	11th Sept	9.30am	BCP HC	St Mary's
Thurs	12th Sept	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
Sat	14th Sept	10.00am	<b>Jobs Day **</b>	Woodfalls Methodist
			<b>Ride and Stride **</b>	Whole Country !!
		5.30pm	Social **	Methodist Hall
Sun	15th Sept	10.00	Café Church led by Rev Veronica Batchelor	Methodist Church
			Breakfast from 9.45am	
		6pm	Evensong	St Mary's
Mon	16th Sept	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Wed	18th Sept	10.45am	Café Style Worship led by Rev Dr Mark Cheetham + Lunch	Woodfalls Methodist Church
Thurs	19th Sept	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
Sun	22nd Sept	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
Mon	23rd Sept	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Tues	24th Sept	2.30	Phoenix—Quiz	Methodist Small Hall
		7.30pm	Team Council	Methodist Small Hall

Wed	25th Sept		Setting up for puzzle festival **	
Thurs	26th Sept	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
			Setting up for Puzzle Festival **	
Fri	27th Sept	3-7	<b>Puzzle Festival open **</b>	
Sat	28th Sept	10-4	<b>Puzzle Festival Open **</b>	Woodfalls Methodist
Sun	29th Sept	12-4	<b>Puzzle Festival Open **</b>	Woodfalls Methodist
		6pm	Harvest Supper and Praise	Redlynch Village Hall
Mon	30th Sept	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Wed	2nd Oct	10.45	Harvest Service + Lunch	Methodist Church

### Future events planned please put these special dates in your diary

Tues	8th October		Worship Planning Group	
Tues	22nd Oct	9.30am	Church Council	
Sat	9th November		Christmas Market	Methodist Building
	6th –8th December		Nativity Festival	Methodist Building

**\*\* Further details below and overleaf.**

### **PLEASE PUT THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY**

**\*\* Talkabout Thursday 5th September** The speaker has changed. Now Brian Margetson will speak on The search for his Great Grandmother's Farm. Spurred on by his mother's childhood memories, in 2017 Brian travelled to the former East Germonoany to search for the farm she rembered so fondly. Join us to hear the tale of his journey.

**\*\* Sunday 8th September** We have invited Rev Bryan Coates back as part of our 150th anniversary celebrations.

**\*\* Monday 9th September Village Singers** Would love to see some new faces when they start back on 9th September. They have asked us to "spread the word" so please mention to anyone you know who likes singing.

**\*\* Saturday 14th September Ride and Stride and Jobs Day 10-4.** There are lots of things which we never get time to do, so we are hoping people will come along and help with cleaning, painting, sorting out memorabilia etc etc, I'm sure we can find jobs for all mobilities and abilities. We won't mind if you want to walk with Veronica and