

raffle or tombola prizes. Things can be left in the back porch or Room 1.

**Building Up Date** The gas appliances are being service tomorrow.

We are waiting for Jim Butt to come and replace some tiles blown off in the last storm.

Woodfalls Care are using the small hall for training on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon during January.

**TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE WE NEED ...**

Following on from the Talk about Ukraine, we now have a box in the bottom of the recycling cupboard in the back porch to collect:-

Food

Toiletries

Medical supplies such as painkillers, lotions, first aid, dressings  
(no PPE please)

LED Torches and batteries

Powerbanks

Candles

Generators

Sleeping Bags

Seasonal clothing and shoes (women's and children's most urgent)

Heavy Duty Boots and socks

Hot water bottles < 2 years old (see bottle neck)

Portable gas cookers e.g. camping stoves (no gas canisters please)

Clean Duvets, Pillows and Blankets

Laurel is kindly taking these to the collection point so speak to her if you have too much to go in the box.

**Eco Church** We are now recycling corks. It would be helpful if we could find a volunteer to regularly sort the recycling cupboard and either take things to various places or ask our volunteers if they could take things.

**Reminder.**

Our knitters have started making hats for 2025 Shoe Boxes. If you would like to join them we can supply wool, needles and a pattern.

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

**Shoe Boxes** We have received this letter which Rich asked us to share with you.

Dear Friends,

9th December 2024

The House of Opportunity team would like to thank the members of Woodfalls Methodist Church for generously giving us the use of the church building for our Christmas Box Appeal in November. The Christmas Box Appeal receives thousands of presents every year, and since every present needs to be checked before being packed for shipping to Southeast Europe, we need somewhere suitable to host this activity. It was great that we could use the church and hall for this! The volunteers loved the space as it was warm and light and the parking was easy (always a benefit!). It made a change for us not being in Salisbury, which had its own benefits for the vans bringing in boxes from all over the country, which were able to avoid the usual traffic problems... We are very grateful indeed for your giving us the space at the church, and to those of you that came and helped with checking, packing and tidying up. All in all it was a real blessing.

Thank you so much!

Yours gratefully, on behalf of all at House of Opportunity.

Rich Parsons

**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, **During the month of January we are praying for: Lodge Drove, Little Woodfalls Drive, Forest Road and Telegraph.** 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.

**Circuit Prayers** The Salisbury Circuit are also going to be telling us different people/events/ etc which need our prayers.

At this time we are asked to pray for the next Stationing Round, that Salisbury might be matched with someone to meet the Circuits Needs. (Rev Steve Hawkes is leaving and we need a new minister in his place.)

## Dates for your diary

Wed	15th Jan	10.45am	Café Style Worship led by Rev Dr Mark Cheetham + Lunch	Woodfalls Methodist Hall
Thurs	16th Jan	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
Sun	19th Jan	9.45am	Breakfast served	Woodfalls Methodist Church
		10.00am	Café Style worship led by Rev Veronica Batchelor	
		6pm	Evensong and Communion	St Mary's
Mon	20th Jan	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Wed	22nd Jan	10.30am	Last Bible Study of the series	Methodist Small Hall
Thurs	23rd Jan	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
Sun	26th Jan	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
		4pm	Circuit Service—Zambia Link **	Salisbury Methodist
Mon	27th Jan	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Tues	28th Jan	12.30	Phoenix Meal	Kings Head, Redlynch
Thurs	30th Jan	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
Sun	2nd Feb	10.00am	Morning Worship led by Mr Steve Irish	Woodfalls Methodist Church
		4pm	Forest Church	St Mary's Church yard
Mon	3rd Feb	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Wed	5th Feb	10.45am	Café Style Worship led by Rev Richard Avery + Lunch	Woodfalls Methodist Hall
Thurs	6th Feb	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
		10.00	Talkabout **	Methodist Hall
Sun	9th Feb	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Birinus
		4.30pm	Special Valentines service	St Mary's
Sat	15th Feb	5.30pm	Social	Woodfalls Methodist Hall

## Fundraising Dates for the year \*\*

Fri	21st Mar	3-7pm	Book Fair	Methodist Building
Sat	22nd Mar	10-5	Book Fair	Methodist Building
Sat	28th June	Morning	Lover Garage Sale	Lover
Fri	10th Oct– Sun 12th		Puzzle Festival	Methodist Building
Sat	8th Nov		Christmas Market	Methodist Building

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

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

**\*\* Circuit Service Sunday 26th January 4pm** A special service at Salisbury Methodist Church to Celebrate 60 years of Zambian Independence and 60 years of The United Church of Zambia. Preacher: Reverend Dr Teddy Kalongo Former Principal of the United Church of Zambia Theological College and Former General Secretary of the United Church of Zambia. Currently the Superintendent Presbyter of the Bristol Methodist Circuit All welcome Salisbury Methodist Church St Edmund's Church St Salisbury, SP1 1ED Parking available at Salt Lane, Salisbury, SP1 1ED Pay and Display £1.90 all day on Sunday.

**\*\* Talkabout** .Thursday 6th February Sandra Simmonds comes back to speak on a Day in Iran as a Housewife.

**\*\* Social 15th February** Starting with a meal. Followed by .Team version of "Worse Case Scenario" Game. The Game of surviving Life !! To help with catering please let Anita know if you can come.

**\*\* Our fundraising group** met last Thursday and have planned the events listed above, please put them in your diary so you are free to support them. We also hope to do a Market Stall. We now have three people kindly making puzzles up for us for the next Puzzle Festival. Please start saving us things to sell, books, puzzles, bric a brac etc. Any Christmas Presents that you can't use and would be suitable for