

Dates for your Diary

Sat. 02 Nov. - Modern-day Slavery Coffee - 10-11am
Mon. 04 Nov. – Craft & Friendship group – 10.30am
Mon. 04 Nov. – Bible Study 10.30am & each Monday term time
Sun. 10 Nov. - Miss A Rands 75 years LP & 100 Birthday, Bailgate 4pm
Mon. 11 Nov. - Craft & Friendship group – 10.30am
Mon. 18 Nov. - Craft & Friendship group – 10.30am
Sat. 23 Nov. - Christmas Fair – 10-11.30am
Wed. 27 Nov. - 1st Advent Study – in the lounge at 2pm
Thurs 28 Nov. - Men's Meeting – 7.15pm
Sat. 30 Nov. - Messy Christmas – 10.30am

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**Family News** – To our friends unable to worship with us we send our love and prayers. If you are unable to attend church please pray for God's work here, that the church will be a beacon of God's love in our community.

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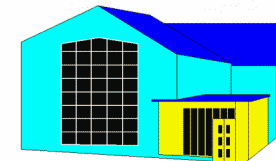
03<sup>rd</sup> - Revd Nowell, HC; 10<sup>th</sup> – Revd Nowell - Remembrance; 17<sup>th</sup> – Revd Nowell; 24<sup>th</sup> – Revd Nowell, Cafe

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Collections for October - 6th - £155.00; 13th - £177.05; 20th - £230.40;
Total so far this month £562.45.

We need £880 each month to cover our expenses and at this rate our October collections will not meet the total required. If each member gave £10 per week we would reach this amount. We realise not everyone can afford this and we understand that and we make some of the shortfall up with other events and Gift Aid for taxpayers but please consider your giving remembering all that God gives and especially as our treasurer told us at Church Council that our expenses are more than our income.

Shoebboxes – Thank you to everyone who contributed to the shoebboxes for HOPE and thank you to Heather & Phillip for delivering them. We sent 18 boxes which will be a great help to those who have little.

Deadline for December/January Newsletter – 24 November



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MONKS ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome to our church. If you are a visitor you are most welcome. We pray that everyone worshipping with us will receive encouragement and feel uplifted. We are surrounded by others who want to reflect the glory of God; we are being built up to give our lives in service and are trying to develop the fruits of the Spirit to benefit each other and those around us.

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**A Methodist Way of Life** Have you still got the slip of paper given to us by our minister a few weeks ago? Did you just fold it up and forget about it? If you still have it do you look at it and use it in your prayers? Hopefully it is being looked at and helping in your daily life. The paper covers "Our Calling" with the four headings we have tried to follow for many years now – Worship, Learning & Caring, Service and Evangelism. The *Methodist Way of Life* fills out all these headings and can be helpful in our daily prayers and life. Individually you have to pray daily and bring God into our daily experiences; and together we are encouraged to worship regularly. As a church we seek to Learn & Care week by week in our services, our coffee mornings, our homework club, our Christmas Fair, our Halloween evening and so on; we learn about our environment and how our efforts can make a difference and in all our events we seek to be welcoming and hospitable. In our Service we try to be good neighbours with those close by and those farther afield – support of local charities like Nomad, FiSH, Community Larder, Dementia Care, Barnado's, Action for Children and more, and overseas concerns - Christian Aid, Shoebboxes, Methodist Relief in many ways eg providing toilets, Leprosy Mission etc etc. Lastly we speak to others of our faith and all the above! All this because of our wonderful Saviour who fills our life with joy and wonder.

**Environmental Concerns – Christmas!** Christmas can be a plastic bonanza. We really need to consider what we buy. Wrapping paper and cards can be real contaminants. Plastic wrapping paper! and glitter on cards means they cannot be recycled so please don't buy them and don't contaminate your recycling bin with them. In fact our Church card is a really environmental way to wish your church friends a 'Happy Christmas'. Have you thought about Christmas crackers – they contain lots of plastic toys that can't be recycled? Can you do without crackers and think of another way to dress your table and welcome your guests?

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Women's Circle – Monday, 9th December – 6pm We welcome any women who would like to join a friendly group. Thanks to Lynne & Mick Breward who will be hosting our Christmas evening again. If you are coming please bring a Secret Santa that costs no more, or very little more, than £1. Everyone is invited also to bring a small plate of nibbles. As agreed at our AGM we shall not meet again until 7th April when we have decided to meet on Tuesday afternoons.

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**Men's Group** All men are welcome at 7.15pm on 28 November when the speaker will be Ken Chester. A variety of interesting speakers are invited through the year and all men are invited.

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Messy Christmas – Saturday, 30th November 10.30am
Come and enjoy some Christmas fun & crafts, learn and re-tell the true meaning of Christmas, sing Christmas songs and share lunch. Everyone is welcome.



Halloween Fun – After the two successful previous years, we'll be handing out goody bags & smiles on **Thursday, 31 October** as well as providing games & drinks. Helpers and donations welcome – we are aiming to spend £1 per bag if you can help and would like to hand out 100 bags.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – 29.09.19	£103.00
Women's Circle Coffee Morning -12.10.19	£ 76.90
Harvest Lunch – 06.10.19	£113.00
Jumble Sale - 19.10.19	£120.50

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported these events, all of which help us carry on our work here and also to support other vital causes.

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**Modern-day Slavery.** We have heard so much about this abominable activity on the news bulletins in the past few years. We have the opportunity to work against this and support **Sam Morton** who is doing a five-day run of about 300km to help this cause. So come to our -

**Coffee Morning – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 10-11am**

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Saturday 23rd November, 10-11.30am

Please come and enjoy the morning, buy some Christmas goodies that everyone has been working hard to create, have a coffee and a mince pie and start your Christmas here.

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**Advent Bible Study – Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November – 2pm**

Come and wait for the greatest gift of all and study what this gift means for you and the world. Everyone welcome.

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Coming up for your diary:

Beevor Band – Traditional Christmas evening, Sunday 15th Dec. - 6pm

Folk Carol service – Sunday, 22nd December – 3pm

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Pray for our Friday coffee drop, 9-10am and the Tuesday Homework club.