



November 2022

Dates for your Diary

- Tues. 01 Nov. - Wm's Circle & Men's Meeting – 2pm, Kate Brumby-Ellis
- Fri. 04 Nov. - Warm Space – 9-11am
- Fri. 11 Nov. - Warm Space - 9-11am
- Mon. 14 Nov. - Craft & Friendship, Lounge off Walmer Street, 10.30-noon
- Fri. 18 Nov. - Warm Space – 9-11am
- Fri. 25 Nov. - Warm Space - 9-11am
- Sat. 26 Nov. - Christmas Fair – 10-11.30am
- Mon. 28 Nov. - Craft & Friendship, Lounge off Walmer Street, 10.30-noon
- Wed. 30 Nov. - First Advent bible study, There is Room – 10.30-11.30am
- Fri. 02 Dec. - Warm Space - 9-11am

- Sun. 18 Dec. - Folk Carols - 3pm



Family News – To all our friends unable to worship with us we send our love and prayers. Your prayers for the work of our church strengthens all we seek to do in our Father's name, thank you and may God bless you.

Worship at 10.30am for November - 6th – Revd Terry Nowell, HC; 13th – Revd Terry Nowell, Parade; 20th Revd Terry Nowell, Cafe; 27th – Revd Jennifer Matthews.



Thank you to everyone who has given donations for the heating fund. The system is now working and we shall be much more comfortable in church with efficient heating through the new boiler and piping that should save us money.



Proverbs 4:6-7

Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. (NIV)

Lord God, As we work for peace, give us wisdom, As we strive for justice give us courage, As we care for those in need give us compassion. Amen

Deadline for December/January newsletter – 26 November

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.



What was Your Bible Reading about this morning? If we read regularly and reflect on our Bible readings that's where our wisdom comes from and how we learn to follow God's promptings. The Russian writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn when considering the 60 million Russians lost in the country's troubles and world wars concluded that all these travails and problems came about because people had forgotten God! We might think this applies to others but not to ourselves. However, when things are going well we often forget to thank God for all His blessings. When we omit reading God's word and thinking on it and what it is saying to us in our lives, when we forget to pray, then we too could be said to have forgotten God. Often when we are in distress or suffering because of illness, with family difficulties, with finances, then as a last resort we might remember to petition God to help in our troubles. We often flounder when we don't have the wisdom God's book provides for us. Use the guidebook provided for Christians and grow stronger in your faith. God's wisdom will then be in you and guide you whether in sunny times or difficult times. There are many Bible guides both in paperback as well as on your computer or your smartphone. We also have a Bible Study at church. We also follow blocks of teaching during the seasons of the church such as Advent and Lent. Join us on Wednesday, 30th November for our first session in Advent. Engage with God's Word and each other and grow in God's wisdom and power.

Care for our Environment – Christmas is Coming!! How we can have a plastic-free Christmas so we don't add to the mountains of un-recyclable stuff? Christmas, when loads of gifts and toys are wrapped in plastic that cannot be recycled. We can endeavour to buy thoughtfully – don't buy cards with glitter on unless they say they can be recycled, use bio-degradable paper tape and paper to wrap gifts. Many people are struggling with the cost of living, perhaps this is the year to be more frugal with gifts. You could limit the amount you spend so you are more able to give to a charity that needs your help. Many families buy charity gifts for family members rather than giving a personal gift. If you arrange this with your family members you will still be able to give the gift card that shows the charity you and they have benefitted. If that makes you feel uncomfortable that you haven't given a personal gift you can always see what you can give for the smallest amount that will cause a bit of fun or enjoyment

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### **Christmas Fair - 26<sup>th</sup> November, 10 – 11.30am**

Our Christmas fair is back! Invite your friends and family; come and buy from our stalls – beauty & craft, cakes, raffle, tombola, good quality bric-a-brac, drinks & biscuits and lots of fun and friendship.

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The Women's Coffee Morning on 15 October raised £98.75. Thank you to everyone who supported this event for our church.

Thank you also to everyone for the support of the Community Larder at our Harvest Festival. The large amount collected was gratefully received.

You are all invited to a very special afternoon

On Tuesday - 1st November at 2pm we have a local preacher coming who is also a Christian writer and poet. Her name is Kate Brumby-Ellis and she lives in Sleaford. Kate will be sharing her writings with us and bringing along some of her work. Please come and enjoy this interesting afternoon and invite your friends. Drinks will be provided and the Women's Circle and Men's meeting are sharing this event together.

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**Our Warm Space begins on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November from 9 to 11am and every Friday through to the end of February.** As the cost of energy rises many people may find the cost almost impossible to manage. We are hoping to share with the other churches along Monks Road as each church opens one morning a week for two or three hours to provide a warm space for those who need one. We may not be needed but we believe we have to offer to provide a warm space for those in our community who might need help through the colder months of the winter. If we are to offer this we need help. Please sign the form at the back of church so we can offer a friendly welcome, drinks & biscuits.

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Saturday - 10th December – 10.30-noon

Christmas Crafts for children aged 5 to 11 along with a parent or carer.

We are hoping to build on the work done by Messy Church and Rachel, Thea & Caron with families who have come in the past. If you know of children who would like to come along and share in Christmas Crafts then please invite them. We have specified ages 5 – 11 to ensure they can all make something to take home and enjoy time together. If you are able to help please speak to Terry or Irene so we can open our church again to those around. Drinks and biscuits will be provided.

