Sunday 29th October 2023 Toothill Church Newsletter

'To Know Christ and to make him Known'



10.00 **Partnership Service at Westlea Church in Westlea School**



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Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today; for those who have difficulty hearing we have a loop system in operation. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Next Sunday Mrs Gayle Bryon

Activities in Toothill Church

ivionday	10.00 – 12.00 The Hub	Every week
Monday	14.00 - 16.00 U3A History Group 1st & 3rd Mondays	Next 6 th November
Monday	17.00 - 19.00 West Swindon Youth Club Mondays	Every week term time only
Tuesday	10.00 – 12.00 U3A Travel Group	Next 7 th November
Wednesday	12.30 – 15.30 Welcome Space every week	Every Week
Thursday	10.00 – 11.30 Toothill Tinies	Every week
Thursday	12.30 – 13.45 Bible Study in the church	Every week (See Below)
Friday	10.30 – 12.00 Music Group every 2 nd and 4 th Friday	Next 10 th November
Friday	17.00 – 19.00 Friday Club	Every week term time only

Val Hemmens Memorial Service and Funeral

Memorial 10.30 at Holy Trinity Shaw.

Funeral 13.30pm at Kingsdown Crematorium.

Volunteers

The Worship and Stewards subcommittee are seeking volunteers to be on the rota to help with worship on Sundays.

We are looking for people who would like to read the bible passages or to do intercessional prayers. Also, we are looking for people who would like to welcome people to the church on Sundays and give out any Hymn books and service sheets if required. We also need help in the kitchen serving teas and coffees. No experience is necessary, and training will be given to all volunteers.

If you feel this might be something you would like to try, please contact David Hoar and training will be arranged.

Bible Study Thursday afternoons 12.30 – 13.45

The series includes discussion, activity and colouring.

- 4 Blessed Are Those Who Mourn 16th Nov.
- 5 Blessed Are the Meek 23rd Nov.
- 6 Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst 30th Nov.
- 7 Blessed Are the Merciful 7th Dec.

Advent/Christmas activity - TBA

8 Blessed Are the Pure in Heart - 11 Jan

9 Blessed Are the Peacemakers - 18 Jan

10 Blessed Are Those Who Are Persecuted - 25 Jan

11 Blessed Are You When - 1 Feb

12 Coming Down the Mountain - 8 Feb

Dates may need to be flexed, but the objective is to complete the sessions before Lent 24.

Thanks

Rachel

Prayers for today

Do please let us know if you would like to add someone to the list for prayer, remembering that we must have the permission of the person for whom we would be praying.

Don't forget that it is also helpful to receive updates about those being prayed for and to know when things have improved.

<u>Please pray for:</u> Alan (Emma's brother in law) Diana, Eileen and Tony Hendry, Emma's friend Kate Storer having completed a round of Chemotherapy, Ruth's brother James Horton, Carly and all the Burns family, Steph, a friend of Sarah's, Debbie, Jan and Gordon, Norma, Rhoda, Ann Beaumont, Sarah, Hazel, and all those you know in need of God's special love, care and healing.

We also pray for

Our ministers Clive, Trevor, Mark, Som and Joseph,

Our children's and worship leaders and their families across the Partnership,

Welcome Space in our churches,

Our home congregation,

The continuing work with children, young people and families in West Swindon.

May God bless us all with wisdom and strength to face each day's challenges as we continually give thanks for his great Love and Faithfulness.

From the Treasurer

Dear all

At the end of 2021 we were truly blessed to receive a legacy from the late Cynthia Dowdeswell's estate. Cynthia was a wonderful servant of Our Lord, and of His Church. Today, we finished spending her legacy. The breakdown is as follows:

Piano and fittings	613.99	
Christmas 2021 hampers	195.33	
Hymn books	502.99	
Kitchen	13,068.33	
Sound system	11,326.16	
Armchairs	1,526.40	
Nest controller purchase and installation 304.87		
	27,538.07	

Let us give thanks to The Lord for His, and Cynthia's, wonderful generosity!

Yours in His service

Mike

(Toothill Church Treasurer)

Messy Church Christingle, Sunday 10th Dec 4pm-5.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Shaw

We are looking forward to it and would welcome any help people are able to give, especially with the following:

Service Planning: to join Mary and Heather to plan and help with (or lead) the celebration(service). We hope to meet the morning of Tuesday 14th November.

Crafts/activity and food planning: will meet the week after on Tuesday 21st November at 7.30pm. If this is something others would like to join in with (and bring ideas) they would be very welcome. Additionally we welcome (DBS checked) helpers on the day to help with craft/activity tables and food preparation whether or not they are able to attend the planning.

We also need a Publicity Coordinator: to invite people from across the churches and schools - I have ordered an "invitation" poster from The Children's Society and could write a short paragraph for churches and schools to include in their newsletters to help with this?

If people could email their interest to h.j.benn@gmail.com or chat to a member of The Messy Church Team in church (myself Heather Benn, Mary Poole, Marie Chorley, Christine Rogers, Janet Clarke) that would be wonderful.

With thanks,

Heather

For Members who are unable to get to church.

For those unable to get to church here is the link for you to worship online with words and hymns included https://devotions.urc.org.uk/ By using the same link you may also receive daily devotions which are sent out 6.00 am each day

Friday Morning Prayers at 9.30 via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87105668938?pwd=OERYZ0FEUndjcnVpRUJxaVhrOWswUT09

Meeting ID: 871 0566 8938

Passcode: 6pPH0J

LYDIARD PARK, SWINDON - FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

Please join us as we Honour and Remember those who sadly lost their lives while Serving in our Armed Forces.

The official opening (led by our ministry team) of the 2023 Swindon Field of Remembrance takes place on Wednesday 1st November at 10:45 am (please be in place in the Lydiard Park Walled Garden by 10:30 am).

We will be supported by the singing of the Military Wives choir and poetry reading from Oliver Tomkins school.

The service will finish at around 11:25 am followed by light refreshments in the Lydiard Conference Centre. Whilst the field is open, there will be a short reflection including a two-minute silence at 2.00 pm each day. Opening times are

10.00 am to 3:30 pm.

The Field will close on 19th November with a closing service at 2:30 pm.

To reserve your place at the Opening Service and also to join us for refreshments after the Service please visit the Lydiard Park event page

https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/remember-a-loved-one/fields-of-



SPOTLIGHT 'Contemplative approach to scripture'

Next Meeting WEDNESDAY 01 NOVEMBER 2023

Come and renew your 'spiritual batteries'! Many of us find that Sundays are a 'high' as we come to church, hear the Bible explained and sing praises together. But as our week gets busy, we find ourselves feeling low and struggling to keep a positive faith outlook. That's where Spotlight comes in! Just for an hour on the occasional Wednesday evening, those of us who have taken part already find it a valuable opportunity to pause and reflect as we shine a 'spotlight' on a short Bible passage.

Anyone is invited to share their thoughts, but it's fine to just listen, and we learn a bit more how to hear God's voice more for ourselves in our daily lives.

You don't need to pre-book or do any preparation as the Bible verses will be shown on screen. Just bring yourself (and a cuppa?) and we look forward very much to 'seeing' you at one or any of the meetings below. The link works for all of them. If you would like to come, but lack the technical knowhow, please contact Susan and we'll try to help - all you need is a digital device such as an iphone, tablet or laptop. The Zoom Room will be open from 7.15 pm onwards, so come along if you would like to chat a bit more before the main session starts at 7.30 pm.

Nov 15, 29

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85054218765?pwd=OGNES0c5VVVING5tZkV5VDJzSXVIdz09

Meeting ID: 850 5421 8765 Passcode: 049004

Susan, Lis and Julian (Susan: white1family@talktalk.net or tel 01793 878334)

DG4J - Day Group for Jesus - Autumn Programme Sep to Dec 2023

Meeting on Zoom - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

5. Monday 06 November 2023 Romans Study 5 Host tbd

6. Monday 20 November 2023 Romans Study 6 Host tbd

7. Monday 04 December 2023 Romans Study 7 Host tbd

8. Monday 18 December 2023 Romans Study 8 Host tbd

Ethos – 'All' are warmly welcome to join our meetings.

For further details contact:

Edward Glennie – edglennie@hotmail.com - 07769874146

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Zoom Details:

Click on link below to join meeting:

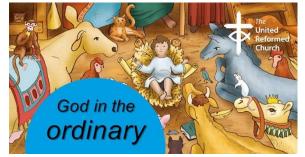
https://zoom.us/j/92404636497?pwd=bFJLbFM5TFdsalppekdRV2o1QzJEZz09

Meeting ID: 924 0463 6497 Passcode: 181042

The Armour of God - Ephesians 6: 10 to 11 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his

mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, .

URC Advent resource God in the ordinary' – the URC Advent resource for local churches to give away to



families. Following the success of the 2022 resource, we are producing an Advent pack with a huge poster, four minibooks and things to make and do to help families find God in ordinary, everyday life. As previously, this will come in an unsealed envelope so churches can add an invitation to their Christmas services and events. Please pre-order by emailing the Children's and Youth Work Team with the quantity you would like to ensure you don't miss out. Cost £2.50 per pack

+p&p. They should be available for despatch from 1 November.

November Services

Sunday 12th 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey Remembrance Day Service

Sunday 19th 10.30 Rev Joseph Ribeiro

Sunday 19th 18.00 Circuit Service at Toothill celebrating Rachel Dowling's 40

years as a Local Preacher.

Sunday 26th 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey

December Services

Sunday 3rd 10.30 Mr Joseph Musungo Advent Sunday

Sunday 10th 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey & Deacon Som Okonkwo 2nd Sunday of Advent

14.00 Memorial Service at St Mary's

16.00 Messy Church Christingle Service at Holy Trinity Shaw

Sunday 17th 16.00 Mr David Hoar Carols by Candlelight 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday 24th 10.30 Rev Joseph Ribiero Christmas Eve 4th Sunday 0f Advent

18.00 Invited to the Village Inn Shaw to sing Christmas Carols.

23.30 Rev Mark Tidey Midnight Communion Service.

Christmas Day 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey Christmas Morning Service

Sunday 31st To Be Decided Possibly no service at Toothill Church

Peace begins with a smile and a few Railway jokes from Jess'



1 What's the use of you having a timetable if your trains never stick to it?' demanded Paul of the stationmaster.

'Well, sir,' rejoined the railwayman to Paul, 'how would you even know they were running late if not for the timetable?'

2 Young Gordon was with his parents, and they were taking refreshments in the bar at Reading Station when they heard a whistle. The three of them rushed out of the bar onto the platform only to discover that they had just missed the train.

'The next train is in one hour,' intoned the stationmaster.

The three went back into the bar. The parents had another drink, Gordon had a coke. Again they heard a whistle, rushed out and discovered the train pulling away.

'Next one is sixty minutes from now,' grunted the stationmaster.

An hour later, Gordon, with his mum and dad, raced out onto the platform, and his parents leaped onto the train as it pulled away. The boy was left standing on the platform and began to laugh uproariously. 'Your parents just left you,' said the stationmaster. 'Why are you laughing?'

Gordon smiled, 'They only came to see me off.'

Newsletter

Please let me have any items for inclusion in the Newsletter before 12.00 Noon on Wednesdays Thank you.



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