

NEWPORT METHODIST CHURCH

28th November NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 28th November 2021 service:

Advent Sunday

10-30 a.m. Mrs B Burns

Sunday 5th December 2021 service:

10-30 a.m. Rev J Izzard (Sacrament)

Hymns and Reading for Sunday Morning Service:

SthE 15 The Splendour of the King, 343 All my days, 337 There is a higher Throne, 350 I cannot tell
Luke 21:25-36

Let's Pray Together!

Prayers for this week. Pray without ceasing.

Come thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee
Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

Pray for the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators, and for Janet Souster in her new role with the organisation.

Pray for all affected by the spread of covid19 throughout European countries.

Pray for young people around the world who are speaking up and leading with courage on climate change, that they will be blessed with boldness, wisdom and impact.

Pray for all who are coping with many difficult health and other challenges at the present time.

Prayer Network: Please contact Keith and Anne Marston with any prayer need. Prayer requests can be included in the newsletter.

It is with great sadness that we let you know that Fred Burt passed away on Saturday morning after a period of ill health. Please remember Jackie, Anita, Jonathan, Timothy and family in your prayers at this time.

Covid Update I'm sure none of you need reminding that Covid is still very much with us. The government lifted most restrictions some months ago but that doesn't mean to say that we can throw caution to the wind. Gradually we have become more relaxed during our services with face coverings and social distancing. During the warmer months we were able to have the building well ventilated. This is more difficult now with the drop in temperature. During the next few weeks and months, we have several services and events where the numbers of people attending are likely to increase. The covid team has met and discussed the various issues facing us and would like to pass on our thoughts and recommendations:-

Face coverings are not mandatory and the wearing of them is down to individual choice, however, the government and the Methodist Church are still advising that they be worn in enclosed spaces. It will be necessary to ventilate the church and although the heating will be on there will be a draught! Please bring layers to keep yourself comfortable. Please use the hand gel on entry. We know it is natural for us to meet and greet each other on arrival and to form huddles following a service. We would still advise caution and suggest that where possible you do it in a well ventilated area. For ease of contact we ask that you give your name and telephone number on arrival at church. These precautionary measures are designed to keep us all as safe as possible and to allow us to continue with indoor communal worship including singing. They are not designed to be dictatorial, and we certainly hope that you accept our thoughts and recommendations in the context in which they are meant. Thank you.

Bill Bates, Covid Team Coordinator.

Monday 29th November 5-30 to 7 p.m. Boys' Brigade for all Sections.

Tuesday 30th November 9-30 to 11-30 a.m. Quaytots.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Eileen Fallick will be held on Wednesday, 1st December, at 11 a.m. here at Newport Methodist Church.

Wednesday 1st December at 2-30 p.m. Ladies Fellowship Talk on Nurse Training in the 60s by Marilyn Osbourn.

Wednesday 1st December at 7 p.m. Choir Practice.

A Christmas Card for Everyone!

For many years, Newport Methodist Church has supported Action for Children (formerly the National Children's Home) via our Christmas postbox. The cards, to regular members of the congregation, were sorted and distributed after the carol service. Donations to Action for Children were given in lieu of postage. It isn't possible to have the Christmas postbox this year because of Covid precautions, but a different way of sending Christmas greetings (and a donation to Action for Children) is being offered for those who would like to take part. A large Christmas card has been constructed (by reusing cards from previous years!) and there is the opportunity to add your greeting to this. The 'front cover' of the card will be displayed in the foyer and greetings added week by week as they are received. Self-adhesive labels (5cm by 8cm) will be available to collect on the way into the service on 5th, 12th, and 19th December. There is space to add a greeting and your name, so it would be helpful to bring your own pen. Put the labels back into the box which will be available, together with a donation if you would like to make one. The labels will be attached to the card before the following week and the card displayed for all to see! For more information on the work of Action for Children, have a look at their website [Action For Children | Children's charity | For safe and happy childhoods](#) Donations can also be made via this website.

Christmas Fayre: Saturday 11th December 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

A range of festive stalls, festive refreshments and festive music. This will take place in the Hall, with access via the side gate.

Calling all Cake Makers: As you know we have Christmas Fayre on Saturday 11th December from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. We shall, as usual, have a cake stall and I would be most grateful to anyone who would be willing to bake a cake or cakes for the stall. Large, small or cupcakes, whatever you can manage would be fantastic. Thank you for your help Dorothy

Items for Christmas Fayre: 'New or Unused Stall'

If you wish to donate any items for the 'New or Unused' stall, then please place them in a bag or box and mark them up 'New/Unused items for Christmas Fayre'. Please place them neatly in the corridor opposite the church office from now onwards - before Friday 10th December.

As you know we are having a Christmas Fayre on the 11th December. We are having a Tombola stall and are in need of things to wrap up as prizes. If you have anything surplus to requirements could you please donate for this stall. Any leftover Christmas presents that you have packed away in a drawer and forgotten about would be brilliant. Also if you would wrap them in a piece of Christmas paper that would be even better. Then let me have them, or if I am not at church, Kay, Marian or Rebecca or failing that Dorothy. Thank you for your help. Margaret.

More Suggestions for Living Lightly on the Planet. This week's ideas, in connection with transport.

Travel less or walk or cycle

Holiday locally

Eco friendly car.

Car sharing.

Use bus services.

Use power assisted bikes on cycleways.

Please support the Isle of Wight Foodbank by placing donations in the vestibule. They currently have the following items on their urgently needed list: biscuits, long life milk, tinned potatoes, sponge puddings, washing powder, custard.

Please note: All items for the Newsletter to Marilyn by 12 noon on **Thursday** please – by email newsletternmcior@gmail.com by telephone 293476 or by a written note.