

NEWPORT METHODIST CHURCH

23rd August NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 23rd August 2026 service:
10-30 a.m. Mrs B Burns

Sunday 30th August 2026 service:
10-30 a.m. Rev N Aplin

Hymns and Readings for Sunday Morning Service:-

StheF 65 Sing of the Lord's goodness, 175 Light of the world, Soff 1184 Beautiful Lord, wonderful Saviour,
StheF 690 The church's one foundation.
Exodus 1:8-2:-10. Matthew 16:13-20.

Pray Together!

Prayers for this week. Pray without ceasing.

Think of a world without any people, think of a street with no-one living there,
Think of a town without any houses, no-one to love and nobody to care.
We thank you Lord for families and friendships,
We thank you Lord and praise your holy name.

Pray for the work of the Revive Team. At this time they are particularly asking for prayers for all the young people they meet each week, the team and volunteers, God's provision and funding opportunities.

Pray for all who are struggling to survive in forgotten crises. With so many challenging situations around the world, the need is great. Many places where people are in dire circumstances are forgotten as their place in the news slips to make way for newer stories.

Pray for families and children, that all will remain safe during the Summer holidays, and for families for whom this can be a very difficult time.

Pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

Pray for all who are coping with many difficult health and other challenges at the present time, including those concerned about loved ones who are ill.

Prayer Network. Please contact Pat and Andy Carpenter with any prayer need. Prayer requests can be included in the newsletter.

Thursday 27th August Coffee and Chat at Forest View Nursey Café from 10-30 a.m.

Saturday 29th August 9-40 to 10-20 a.m. Praying Together for the life of the church and beyond via Zoom. If you would like to join us request the Zoom link from nmctogether@gmail.com

In September, the Circuit Meeting will need to make an important decision about ministry provision (presbyters and local lay-pastors) from September 2027 onwards. In order to prepare people for that, and give a space for questions and conversation before the Circuit Meeting, anyone who wishes to come is invited to one of the following meetings:

1. Monday 24th August at Bembridge Methodist Church 7 p.m.
2. Wednesday 26th August at Wroxall Methodist Church 2 p.m.
3. Tuesday 1st September at Wootton Bridge Methodist Church 7 p.m.
4. Thursday 3rd September at Freshwater Methodist Church 2 p.m.

Each meeting will cover the same ground, exploring those ministries and roles which share pastoral responsibilities in Methodism currently. The decision to be made in September is likely to affect every church in the Circuit in some way or another, so please do come along and find out more.

Annual Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors: Right at the beginning of the new Methodist year in September, we are going to include the Annual Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors in our service on September 6th. This is a time when the Pastoral Visitors re-commit themselves to the work to which God has called them and the Church Council has appointed them. It's also an important occasion for those of us who aren't Pastoral Visitors, to give thanks for their work among us, and to pray for them (and commit to praying for them throughout the year). If it doesn't seem all that long since this happened last, that's because Newport has included this in the Covenant Service in recent years (at the beginning of January). While there isn't a set time of the year for the Annual Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors, it seemed to me important to move it away from the Covenant Service, which has a different focus! Please pray for your Pastoral Visitor in particular as we approach September 6th. *Jane Craske*

Week commencing the 7th September work is due to begin repairing the roof above the main entrance to the church. The duration of the repair is uncertain and is dependant upon what the contractors find up there when they commence. The scaffolding will be erected the preceding week, date as yet unknown. On both occasions they will be using the car park. Please exercise due care and attention when moving around in the area whilst works are underway.

The new list of items very much needed at the Food Bank, particularly at this time of holidays is: puddings, rice, fruit juice, tinned vegetables, tea, baked beans, which can be donated at supermarkets. Or donate online at <https://isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk> or send a cheque to Isle of Wight Food Bank, Love Lane, Cowes.

Setting up a regular monthly gift to Newport Methodist Church. To set up or amend a standing order, log in to your online banking or visit your local branch with Newport Methodist Church bank account details:

Name: Newport Methodist Church **Sort Code:** 40-52-40 **Account:** 00011976 **Reference:** Your own name
Please arrange for Standing Orders to commence on the 1st of each month. Many thanks.

Please note all items for the Newsletter to Marilyn by 12 noon on Thursday please by email newsletternmciow@gmail.com or by a written note.

Church Stewards:

Keith Marston, Anne Marston, Lesley Vaughan, Bill Bates