



OUTWARD LOOKING | WARM-HEARTED | JESUS CENTRED

3RD DECEMBER 2023

**SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE LED BY OUR REVD. AUDREY BROWNE AT
10.30AM
ALL WELCOME**

NMC REVIVAL PRAYER GROUP Wednesdays at 5pm – postponed until further notice

CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET, Sat 2nd December, 10am – 3pm, in the church hall.

From 10am the ladies in Oasis will be serving teas, coffees, delicious homemade cakes and scones, plus other light refreshments at lunchtime. In the market there will be lovely handmade Christmas decorations and great gift ideas. Also, Santa will be in his Grotto where the children can marvel at his magic tricks. MHA Communities will be there selling homemade jams, jellies and other festive fare and the Scouts will be selling Christmas cards which they designed.

FOOD BANK Thank you for recent contributions. **The final Sunday for donations will be Sunday December 3rd for delivery on Friday December 8th.** If you would like to give monetary donations, I will happily buy food on your behalf. Thanks to all those who support this.

QUIZ RESULT A sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone who played a part in making the Centenary Supper Quiz such a success. : Great varied quiz rounds from David and Marilyn, wonderful food supplied and served by Gill and Karen, teas and coffees by Cicely, and a great job done by Ben, Chris, Keith and David in setting up/ clearing away. Thank you also to those behind the scenes for Bakewell Tarts (guess who!) and an assortment of delicious puddings. Lastly, to all who came to support our celebration evening. A magnificent sum of £1,400 was raised to be shared between Karibuni and Kids4Kids. Thank you everyone. Shirley

A PRAYER FOR A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD Heavenly Father, thank you for the opportunity to have a new start.

**Too many times, I have strayed from my relationship with you. In times of distress and worry,
I chose to try and handle things on my own.**

**Moments of frustration, anger, and sadness have flooded my body. In those conflicting times,
I chose to stay away from you.**

I neglected to seek your help. Father, forgive me. You are the way, the truth, and the light.

I ask you once again to guide me on the path to a new start in life.

Please cover me with your love, protection, and mercy. Please allow me to show your love to others as I begin a new day.

Thank You, Father, for your love and forgiveness.

Thank You for searching and finding me again. (Deuteronomy 31:8)

Thank You for never leaving me alone. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

LITTLE ACORNS on Mondays, TERM TIME ONLY, from 9.30am at NMC for babies, toddlers and pre-school children. For more information contact Julia or Daphne.

DISCOVERY GROUP DETAILS Cheryl and Shirley's Discovery We meet fortnightly on zoom at 3 pm on Thursdays. This Thursday, November 16th, then November 30th, December 14th then January 14th & so on. New people welcome. Contact Cheryl or Shirley for zoom details.

For log in details contact asq28@icloud.com.

Sue & Daphne's Discovery Group runs on Thursdays fortnightly at 7pm on zoom. If you would like to join, please speak to Sue or Daphne for further details.

Prayer for Israel & Palestine

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have released a statement on the situation in Israel and Palestine. They have written to the UK Government to ask them to work for peace in the region and are asking you to join them in praying for those affected by the attacks. The Methodist Church has published resources, prayers, background and reflections.

Merciful God

We cry out to you, in anguish and horror, at the situation in Israel - Palestine.

The images we are seeing, the stories we are hearing, of homes, hospitals, places of sanctuary, healing and care, destroyed.

We know that there are so many more stories which have not yet been told, and perhaps never will be.

Of precious lives lost, of grief and trauma beyond that which most of us can imagine. Compassionate God, you came and dwelt among us; you know and understand the suffering of this world.

There is no place beyond your reach; you are everywhere, even in places where we fear there is no hope left.

Where we are tempted to despair, your spirit brings mercy, and justice, and healing. You call us, again and again, in times of conflict and destruction, to be attentive to those who are most vulnerable.

Give us the compassion to weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn. The discernment to recognize the limits of our own wisdom, and to avoid those actions and words which may cause further harm.

Inspire in us a renewed commitment to walk humbly with you, seeking the peace and flourishing which you desire for all of your beloved children,

Amen

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