

GOD LOVES YOU!



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You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

Psalm 86:5

Prayer Chain: If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email kathy.cohen@btinternet.com (or phone 01440 762536) and your message will be forwarded to all those on the prayer email list (about 80 people).

Prayer Ministry: This is available after morning service each Sunday. Please approach someone wearing a lime green lanyard which has the words Prayer Ministry Team printed on it. Please remember our Churches Together online Prayer Wall [here](#).

Hearing Loop: We have a hearing loop, switch your hearing aid to the T position if available.

Mobile Phones: Please make sure your phone is off or set to silent before the service begins.

- [Prayer-Time before Sunday morning worship](#)

We are reinstating a time of prayer before Sunday worship, starting on Sunday 5th February.

The church lounge next to the vestry will be set aside from 10am every Sunday for anyone to meet to pray.

The prayer time is not led but a time of open prayer.

It is a time to cover the church service in prayer and it is a peaceful way to prepare for our collective worship at 10.30.

You are invited to join in when you can.

In this year of pray23.org it provides a further opportunity for us to pray together.

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- Bring & Share Lunch

The Next Bring & Share Lunch will be on Sunday 5th February after Morning Worship.

- February Fun – 18th February, 7.00pm

Come along to the Church Hall for soup and pudding then dance the night away to Rinaldi Express!

This is a free event but donations will be gratefully received.

Please sign up on the list in the church foyer if you're coming.

Donations of puddings would be appreciated.

Further details from Janet, Mick or Dave Rinaldi.

- Meadows Care Home – next service

The next service at the Meadows care Home will be on 19th February at 3pm. If you would like to go along to support Peter & Alan, please let Peter know and meet at the home reception at 2.45pm.

- Lent Prayer Meetings in the church lounge

Join us as we set aside time and space to pray together in Lent.

This will include prayers for our stationing situation as we seek the Lord's will and way for us.

➤ Thursday 23rd February 8-9pm

➤ Wednesday 1st March 8-9pm

➤ Thursday 9th March 8-9pm

➤ Thursday 16th March 8-9pm

➤ Tuesday 21st March 8-9pm

➤ Thursday 30th March 8-9pm

➤ Date for your diary - General Church Meeting

➤ Our next General Church Meeting will take place after our morning service and refreshments on Sunday 12th March and will be held in the church.

We shall celebrate the work of God through our various church organisations and activities. We shall also appoint our church officers for the coming year and look to the future.

All are invited and encouraged to stay for this meeting. Please make a note of the date. Thank you.

- Prayer opportunity

I have just (today Wednesday) received a Christmas card and letter from a presbyter in Sevlievo in Bulgaria. I trained with her for the ministry at Wesley House, Cambridge. She included a letter in which she told me of all the struggles she and the Church are going through in particular in respect of having to find new ways of communication, raising money for the Church to continue its ministry, the corruption in public life and especially all the difficulties in providing for refugees from the war in Ukraine. Her name is Rev Margarita Todorova.

People might like to pray for her and the Bulgarian Methodist Church and if anyone wishes to read her letter they can ask me. God bless.
Ken

- Church Garden

The small group charged with looking to improve the state of the Church gardens would like to invite you to join with us in making a difference – but without too much effort.

We have devised a list of the tasks that need to be undertaken. These can be done at one's own speed and in one's own time. Perhaps a family or group of friends might like to work together! Make it a funday!

Could you please sign the list for 1 (or more) of the small tasks? You do not have to be a great gardener just keen.

Any questions? Talk to Ken.

Also

In the future we would like to develop the gardens further and perhaps link them under a common theme. Any suggestions for a theme? Please add it to the list. This could be something like peace, creation, the senses, wildlife etc.

Welcome into Church Membership

There is the opportunity to be welcomed into church membership during our morning service on Sunday 19th February.

If you would like to become a member of our church please speak to Peter.

- Grapevine Magazine contributions

The title of the next edition of Grapevine magazine will be 'Pray 2-3'. It would be good to have articles that share experiences of different approaches to praying, this can include how your church approaches prayers, your own personal experience with praying or how you might be joining in with the Pray 2-3 District initiative this year (www.pray23.org).

We would also welcome any prayers that you might like to share with the District in our prayer page.

If you would like to contribute an article that relates to this theme, I would be grateful if you could let me know. Articles should be around 400 – 500 words and photos may be included (sent separately from the text) if they are available. *(If you're not on email but would like to contribute please speak to Kathy.)* The deadline for articles is **Friday 10th March** but it would be great to receive them before then!

We really appreciate all the contributions we receive, and I shall look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks and kind regards

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Meadows Care Home services

Sunday February 19th 2023

Sunday March 19th 2023 – Mothering Sunday

If you would like to join in any of these events, please meet in the foyer of the Meadows at 2.45pm – also please let Peter know to expect you.

Advance Diary Dates To Note

Music Exams 22-24th March

Mothering Sunday 19th March

Palm Sunday 2nd April

Maundy Thursday – 6th April Service of Holy Communion 7pm

Good Friday 7th April – details to be confirmed

Easter Sunday 9th April 8am Holy Communion

Easter Sunday Breakfast

Easter Sunday All Age Service 10.30am

King's Coronation Weekend – 6/7 May – Coronation Big Lunch after church on Sunday 7 May

