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As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him.

Psalm 18:30

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 150 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.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will re-open on September 6th, 1-3pm in the Church Hall.

Come along and meet friends, play games, do some craft or just have a cuppa and a chat.

All Welcome!

Sponsored Bike Ride Saturday 9 September

The annual sponsored bike ride will take place on the second Saturday in September.

Half of the money raised returns to our church funds and half goes to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

Sandra and John have sponsor forms for anyone who would like to ride or walk between churches. You can sponsor the Brittens in person or via their "Just Giving" page online (see below).

We are also looking for volunteers to welcome cyclists to our church on the day, to sign their forms and offer refreshments. Please let us know if you can help for a one or two hour session.

Thanks, Sandra and John Loader

We, Abi, Stuart, Luke & Jake, will be taking part in Ride and Stride again this year, walking rather than cycling due to Jake's recent arm fracture.

I have set up a just giving page for anyone who would like to sponsor us.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/abigail-britten-1690992060889 Many thanks. Abi

Bring & Share lunches

There will be no Bring & Share lunches until November 5th.

September 10th – Sunday Club Anniversary picnic on the Rec October 1st – Harvest Lunch

Worship at the Meadows Care Home

The following dates have been confirmed: Sunday 24th September Sunday 29th October Sunday 26th November

If you would like to join in with this, please meet at 2.45pm in the foyer of the Meadows.

Talk to Alan Carney for more details.01284 735214/07713 597956

• Wanted:

Sunday Club are in need of some more helpers willing to join our team. We aim for helpers to be on the rota once a month. There is no preparation beforehand, just supporting the leaders on the day. We have spaces in all 3 groups - Splash (3-7), XStream (7-11) and Grid (11+). Please speak to Claire if you would be interested or would like more information.

Sunday Club would also appreciate any donations of rolls of wallpaper.

• EDI Training - reminder

The Methodist Church is committed to justice, dignity and solidarity. A new online Methodist training programme on equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) is now available and open to all. The 2021 Methodist Conference agreed that this *EDI training would be mandatory for those holding certain key roles in the church, including ministers, local preachers, safeguarding officers, circuit stewards, church stewards and pioneers.* Those expected to complete the training are required to do this before December 31st 2023. More information, including how to register for the training can be found on the Methodist Church website. Here is the direct link https://mcb.theologyx.com/course/equality-diversity-and-inclusion-foundation-module/

For those who are undertaking EDI training, please note that Jacqueline Stewart has agreed to keep a local record of those in our church who have completed this training.

It will be necessary to give Jacqueline a printed copy of the certificate of completion which is issued at the end of the online EDI training. Thank you.

Prayer Diary

Apart from the Sunday services here are some other dates to pray for:-

September

- 3 All Age Worship
- 6 Young at Heart re-opens
- 7 Church Council/Circuit Meeting
- 9 Ride "n" Stride
- 10 Sunday Club Anniversary followed by picnic on Rec.
- 24 Afternoon service at The Meadows

Extra Prayer Topics

Peter, Jo and family – Please pray for Peter and Jo and family as they settle into their new position in Jersey.

Church & Circuit Steward & Local Preachers Pray for those who have responsibility for leading us in the practical and spiritual running of this Church especially at this challenging time..Pray for the Rev. Andy Burows as he is our titular Superintendent Minister. Pray for those bringing the Word of God to us each Sunday that we may all be blessed and our faith will deepen.

Invitation Committee – We give thanks for our Stationing Committee and pray for them as they continue to serve our Church.

Worship Band – Give thanks for those who lead our worship each Sunday through music. Please pray for more musicians to come forward to join the band.

Sunday Club – More helpers are still needed. Give thanks for the growing numbers of Sunday Club youngsters.

Property Committee – Pray for the property committee as they prioritise the work needed to keep all the property in good condition and as they explore the possibility of selling the manse and purchasing a more suitable property

YFC-Pray for the work of Sarah through YFC as she is involved in lessons, clubs, mentoring and chaplaincy work. Pray also for the work of Illuminate.

Next Door- Now open 4 days a week. Please pray for the future work.

Reach – Please pray for all those involved in the work of Reach as it tries to alleviate the suffering of so many at this time of financial challenge.

Open Mind – Please pray for the ongoing work of Open Mind. More volunteers needed especially men.

Revival – Give thanks for the new people coming into our Church. Pray for the Lord's visitation upon this Church in power as He has promised.

Our Fellowship - Pray for those in our fellowship who are going through difficult times. Pray the Lord will meet them at their point of need. Pray for peace and healing.

Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: kathy.cohen@btinternet.com . Please try not to leave it to the last minute to send things.

• Dates for your Diary

27 th	10.30am	Preacher: David Frost Flowers: Mrs M Thake/Mrs A Turner
		Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
29 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
30 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
September		
3rd	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell – All Age Worship
		Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
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4 th	7.30-9pm	Open Mind in the Church Hall
5 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
6 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart re-opens after the summer break
7 th	7pm	Church & Circuit Council Meeting
9 th	All day	Ride & Stride – ride or sponsor riders or welcome visitors
10 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sunday Club Anniversary – All Age Worship
		Followed by picnic on the Rec Flowers: Mrs P Hall
		Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
12 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
13 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
17 th	10.30am	Preacher: Ken Nicholls – Holy Communion Flowers: Vacant
		Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
19 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
20 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
24 th	10.30am	Preacher: David Frost Flowers: Mr & Mrs D Payne
		Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
	3pm	Service @ The Meadows Care Home – meet 2.45pm in foyer
26 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
27 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
October		
1 st	10.30am	Preacher: Henry Wilson – Harvest Festival, All Age Worship
		followed by Harvest Lunch Flowers: Church Harvest Flowers
		Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
2 nd	7.30-9pm	Open Mind in the Church Hall
3 rd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
4 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall