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For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Psalm 33:4-5

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](#).

- Sound system issues

We are aware that some are finding it difficult to hear what is being said during Sunday services.

Hearing aid users

There is no hearing aid loop this week. Please continue to use your hearing aid as usual without changing to the loop setting. New equipment has been ordered and will be installed as soon as available. Thank you for your patience

- Big Christmas Card

The amount donated to the REACH Winter Crisis Fund through our Big Christmas Card totalled £305.66

Thank you to all who donated so generously. This gift will greatly help those REACH clients who struggle with paying energy bills this winter.

Covenant Service 9th January 10.30am

This Sunday we renew our covenant relationship with God during a service of Holy Communion.

The Covenant Service is a Methodist annual rededication of our lives to God, but it may not be familiar to everyone.

On Christmas Day in 1747, and at other times, John Wesley strongly urged the Methodist people to renew their covenant with God.

Since then it has been held as a precious time to receive what God offers us, be challenged to trust God with our all and respond by pledging ourselves to live for God.

You may like to read these words of the Covenant Prayer which we shall say together on Sunday.

As you read, what jumps out at you? What would you find easy or difficult to say?

In 2022, what things might God be asking you to stop or continue with?

And what new things may God place in your life?

I look forward to seeing you at church on Sunday.

God bless,

Peter

I am no longer my own but yours.

Your will, not mine, be done in all things,

wherever you may place me,

in all that I do

and in all that I may endure;

when there is work for me

and when there is none;

when I am troubled

and when I am at peace.

Your will be done

when I am valued

and when I am disregarded;

when I find fulfilment

and when it is lacking;

when I have all things,

and when I have nothing.

I willingly offer

all I have and am

to serve you,

as and where you choose.

Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
May it be so for ever.
Let this covenant now made on earth
be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.

- Church Membership

If you would be interested in exploring Church Membership, please speak to our minister Peter and he would be pleased to have a conversation with you.

- Requirements on Face Coverings

It is now a legal requirement to wear a face covering in a place of worship and ancillary buildings (i.e. in church, in the church hall and church premises).

We shall continue to wear face coverings when singing, except for those leading the singing or leading worship.

Face coverings are not required in Next Door as it is a cafe, but customers and staff may still choose to wear a face covering when not eating or drinking.

Exemptions apply - for example children under 11, people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability, people for whom putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause severe distress.

Full details can be found on the Methodist Church website on the link below

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/property/coronavirus-guidance-for-property/>

- Prayer Diary for January

20th Church/Circuit Meeting

Extra Prayer Topics

Peter, Jo and family - Pray for Peter as he continues to lead us through this time of considerable change and uncertainty. Pray he will be guided by the Lord to bring us hope and to deepen our faith

Give thanks for the support he receives from Jo and ask the Lord to bless them as a family.

Church & Circuit Steward & Local Preachers – Pray for those who support Peter in the practical and spiritual running of this Church especially in this challenging time of change. Pray for those bringing the Word of God to us each Sunday that we may all be blessed and our faith will deepen. Pray for the need for an extra Circuit Steward.

Volunteers needed – There are many areas of church life where volunteers are needed:-

- *Next Door* – to assist in café
- *Lantern* – helpers needed
- *Sunday Club* – more leaders needed
- *Illuminate* – Illuminate has new members. Ages range from 11-18 years. More leaders needed so that this group can be split into smaller age groups. Also God's guidance is needed to know how to meet the needs of the 16+ group.
- *Coffee rota* – to assist making coffee after morning worship
- *Town Pastors* – More pastors and prayers are still required.
- *Open mind*- Give thanks for those who have offered to be helpers. Open Mind meets each Wednesday from 10am - 12noon
- *Reach* – Volunteers needed to assist in various aspects of this work. Give thanks for recent funding promised. Pray the staff will not be overwhelmed as the workload increases and that the right staff will be found to fill new posts.

Please pray for the right people to come forward to fill each of these positions.

Revival - 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.

- Dates to remember:

January		
7 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
9 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Covenant Service with Holy Communion Flowers: Mrs G Wadeson
11 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
12 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
14 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
16 th	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade Flowers: Mrs W Franklin
18 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
19 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
21 st	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
22 nd	5.30-8pm	Church New Year Party in hall
23 rd	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mrs J Rinaldi
25 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
26 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
28 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
30 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mrs K Cohen
February		
1 st	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
2 nd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
4 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
6 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell - All Age Worship Flowers: Mr C Smith
8 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
9 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
11 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
13 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Holy Communion Flowers: Mrs K Strowger
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20 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mr & Mrs M Etheridge

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