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## Connect Issue 90

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*By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me –  
a prayer to the God of my life.*

*Psalm 42:8*

**Prayer Chain:** If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email [kathy.cohen@btinternet.com](mailto: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

- 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.

- Lantern

Lantern is currently taking a 3 month break while its future is considered. Please pray for the leaders to be able to discern the right way forward for this group.

- 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 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

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

- Prayer Diary for January

20<sup>th</sup> 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
- *Sunday Club* – more leaders needed
- *Illuminate* – Illuminate has new members. Ages range from 11-18 years. 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 home pray-ers (praying for the pastors in your own home) 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.

- REACH

A HUGE thank you for your support this Christmas. Thanks to you, so many more local families who are struggling will now get the help they need. In the coming months, we'll be sharing the heartwarming stories of some of the people whose lives you have helped to transform through your generous donations. So do keep a lookout for those - a little bit of sunshine to inspire you!

Thank you again for supporting families in need!




**Henry Wilson MBE**  
CEO, Reach Community Projects

- District News

- Grapevine magazine

The theme of the next edition will be 'Transformations that inspire'.

It would be good to have articles that share examples from around the District where there have been imaginative refurbishments of church property - where risks have been taken and resources used well - in order to make places fit for purpose and attractive places for fellowship, mission and worship. This could include ones from other denominations.

We would welcome stories that focus around transformations that have inspired you; this could be around the use/adaptation of buildings or land (imaginative refurbishments of church property - where risks have been taken and resources used well in order to make places fit for purpose and attractive places for fellowship, mission and worship) that you may have encountered on your travels around Britain or it could be a personal transformation that you yourself have gone through (perhaps related to the pandemic) that you think might inspire others.

If you would like to contribute an article on this theme please send it to [office@eangliamethodist.org.uk](mailto:office@eangliamethodist.org.uk) Articles should be around 400 – 500 words and photos may be included (sent separately from the text). The deadline for articles is **Sunday 27th February** 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

Ms Danielle Gravestock  
District Administrator

- Partnership link between East Anglia District & Harare West District

The launch event for this will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 11 am (GMT), on Zoom and in person at Chapelfield Road, Norwich and in Zimbabwe. This will be a celebration of the two Districts embedded in an act of worship. There is a flyer attached to this email with all details and a clickable link for the zoom meeting. There is also a video attached with more information.

➤ Learning Opportunity

A new short-course being run by **The Revd Dr Paul W. Chilcote**, Director of Global Wesleyan Theology at Wesley House, throughout March 2022. There is an **Early Bird Registration offer until 31 January**.

Paul has produced a short invitational video which you can [VIEW HERE](#)



Based on Paul's book *Active Faith* - that you receive e-access too - this four week course helps participants learn how to resist the dangerous ideologies and toxic forms of faith in our age that sap energy and create barriers between God and people.

It introduces four Wesleyan practices that help renew and restore truth, joy, peace, and love to the soul.

**Further details and registration can be found here:**

<https://bit.ly/3y9mxA3>

Please feel free to forward this information to anyone you think might be interested.

If you have any queries don't hesitate to get in contact.

With best wishes,

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- Dates to remember:

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| <b>January</b>   |          |  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | 10pm-2am | Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am  | Preacher: Charmaine Slade                      Flowers: Mrs W Franklin               |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | 11am-12  | Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)                                   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | 10am-12  | Open Mind in the Church Hall   |
|                  | 1-3pm    | Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!                                    |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | 10pm-2am | Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 5.30-8pm | Church New Year Party in hall  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 10.30am  | Preacher: Peter                                      Flowers: Mrs J Rinaldi          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | 11am-12  | Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)                                   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | 10am-12  | Open Mind in the Church Hall   |
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| 28 <sup>th</sup> | 10pm-2am | Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am  | Preacher: Peter                                      Flowers: Mrs K Cohen            |
| <b>February</b>  |          |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 11am-12  | Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)                                   |
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| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 10pm-2am | Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am  | Preacher: Sarah Glasswell - All Age Worship<br>Flowers: Mr C Smith                   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 11am-12  | Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)                                   |
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| 13 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am  | Preacher: Peter – Holy Communion      Flowers: Mrs K Strowger                        |
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| 27 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am  | Preacher: Peter Barton – <a href="#">Adopt-a-Child</a><br>Flowers: Mr & Mrs J Loader |

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